

Logan County Historical Society Membership Newsletter

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A look ahead

Greeting LCHS members,

To kick off this season the LCHS will be hosting a *Preserving Your Family Treasures* workshop on February 19th, 6:30 pm at the Guthrie Public Library. The presentation will be open to the public at no cost. Participants are encouraged to bring family items for review.

Looking for something your children or grandchildren to do over Spring Break? Check out our Spring Break Series featuring children's programming at five county attractions during the week of Spring Break. Each day's session will be from 10:00-noon. Details and registration form inside.

Craving fried chicken? Join us on March 28th as we visit the Mulhall Methodist Church, have lunch at Lucille's, and explore the Mulhall area sixteen years after the tornado.

Looking to get more involved? A clean-up day is being planned to help cleanup the Seward Memorial Cemetery on April 25th starting at 9:30 am. Help trim branches and provide basic TLC, while learning about tombstone care.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the LCHS Foucart Awards Dinner on May 14th.

Interested in what else I have been up to in Logan County? More stories and photographs are available on my new blog at experientialhistory.blogspot.com

Happy Exploring!

Amy Loch, Executive Director/Coordinator

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The mission of the Logan County Historical Society is to conduct its activities in a manner which shall serve to preserve and perpetuate the history of Logan county and its people.

Mulhall Exploration

Join us on Saturday March 28th as we explore the past and present of the Mulhall area. The trip will include an inside look at the historic United Methodist Church, a look back at a downtown that once was, a peek into the come back story of the Roselawn Cemetery, followed by lunch at Lucille's. The trolley will leave from the Publishing Building at the corner of 2nd and Harrison in Guthrie at 10:00 am. The experience will be \$12.50 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Lunch is not included in the price. A minimum of 12 participants is needed for the trip, pre-registration is required by March 25th. Call 405-282-6000 ex 4.



Preserving Your Family Treasures

Do you have family heirlooms that you are not sure how to protect or display? Come join us at the Guthrie Public Library on February 19th at 6:30 pm to learn the basics of preserving your family treasures. Dr. Mark Janzen, Director of the Museum Studies Program at the University of Central Oklahoma will be presenting the program. Attendees are welcome to bring items for specific advice.

Trolley Holiday Baskets

First Capital Trolley gives back this holiday by providing holiday meal baskets to several deserving families in our service area, including Logan County. Donations were collected from various businesses in the community to help provide the baskets, including the Guthrie Housing Authority, Martin's Automotive, Benton's, Gus's, and Heritage Collections.

Logan County Spring Break Series

We know that spring break comes around and suddenly children are home claiming to be bored. This year the Logan County Historical Society has partnered with the Frontier Country Museum, Territorial Capital Sports Museum, Drug Store Museum and Apothecary Garden, Guthrie Art Center, and the Melvin B. Tolson Black Research Library, Langston University to create five days of fun for children ages 7-12. Programs will be held on March 16th-20th from 10:00 until noon. Space is limited. To reserve your spot return the enclosed form to amy.lchsok@yahoo.com or PO Box 1512 Guthrie, Ok 73044. Questions 405-282-6000 ex 4.

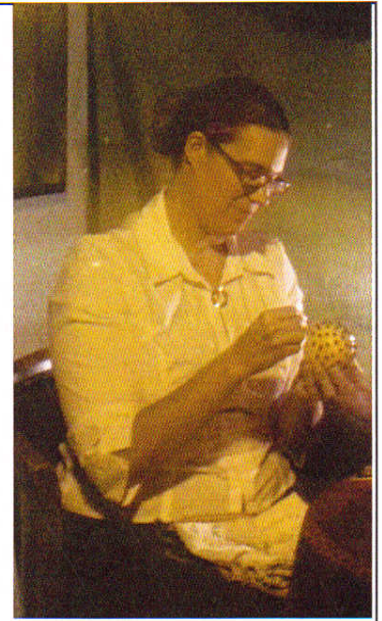
Logan County Happenings

History Essay Contest

The University of Central Oklahoma's History and Geography Department is sponsoring a essay contest open to high school seniors and Community College attendees. For each category there will be a \$100.00 prize winning essay and two runner-up essays will receive commendations. The essays, of up to 1,500 words, must be on a specific topic. Deadline for entries is March 31. For topics and contest details email jolmstead@uco.edu.

Continuing a Holiday Tradition

This year the LCHS participated in the Victorian Window Walk Evenings with a Victorian parlor scene of two people getting ready for the holidays. Orange pomanders (oranges decorated with cloves) were made and nuts were shelled.



Intern and Student Volunteer Opportunities with LCHS

This fall our LCHS intern from UCO, Michelle McBride, helped to refresh to the Olympic section at the Territorial Capital Sports Museum. She also worked on developing activities for our upcoming Spring Break series, conducted some basic research and posted to our Facebook page. Over the winter semester break, James Gregory, another UCO History Student helped with microfilm research for the Excelsior National Register Nomination process. Know someone interested in history? Volunteering is great way to get involved and learn more. Volunteers are needed for Spring Break 405-282-6000 x4.



Logan County Spring Break Series Registration Form

Children's Names: _____ Ages: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Circle which day or days your children will be attending.
Each session runs from 10:00-12:00.

March 16th	March 17th	March 18th	March 19th	March 20th
<i>Inner Artist</i>	<i>Going for Gold</i>	<i>University Exploration</i>	<i>Pioneer Fun</i>	<i>Garden Adventure</i>
Art Center	Sports Museum	Langston University	Frontier Country	Apothecary Garden
108 E. Oklahoma	315 W. Oklahoma	Black Heritage Center	500 N. Grand Ave	214 W. Oklahoma
Guthrie	Guthrie	Langston	Crescent	Guthrie

Comments/Special Needs/Allergies: _____

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Seward Memorial Cemetery

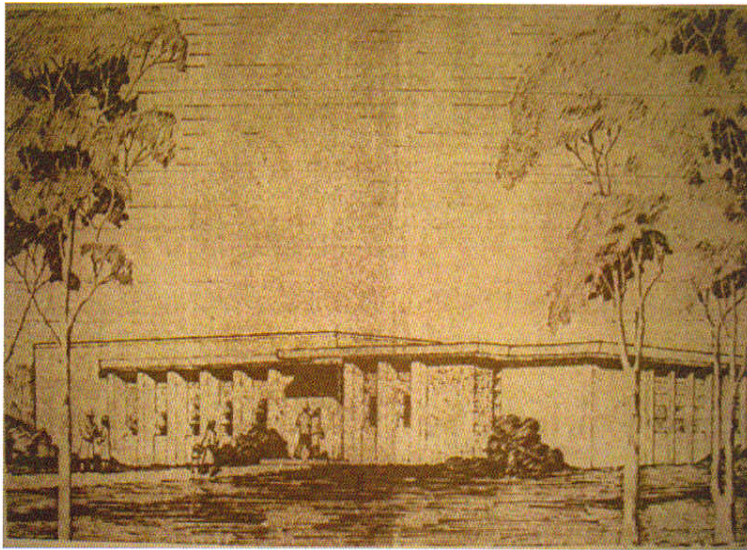
Mrs. Vickers contacted me for help with the Seward Memorial Cemetery on Broadway between Guthrie and Edmond. There are two cemeteries at this location one across the road from the other. Seward Cemetery was historically a white cemetery, Seward Memorial (Free Will) Cemetery was created as a African American Cemetery for the Free Will Baptist Church . Over time, another section was added on the other side of a wood fence for any African Americans. Today the Seward Memorial Cemetery is operated by a non-profit board. Like many of the 90 cemeteries in Logan County the cemetery itself is showing its age as time and vandalism has taken a toll on the area.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barber Vickers grew up in the town of Seward. She took me for a tour of the town she remembers. Like the two cemeteries on Broadway, Seward itself was once segregated with blacks being unable to live on Mason Street. She showed me the house she grew up in, the spot of her grandparents house which burned down years ago, the location of the grocery store, an old school, the building that was once the post office, and an old church that had completely fallen in. While little remains of Seward today, her memories remain firmly connected to the town that her family grew up in.

Her parents were a part of the Seward Memorial Cemetery Association and Mrs. Vickers has continued the family tradition. The cemetery needs some basic clean-up including tree trimming, sign painting, and some stone cleaning and repair. Like many older cemeteries some of the records have been lost and grave stones are now near impossible to read. She is seeking resources to help clean up and better document the cemetery. A clean up day is being planned for April 25th starting at 9:30 am.



- This was the original artist rendering for the Excelsior Library.



- The Excelsior Library was completed in 1955.



- The Excelsior was later used for teen town.

The Excelsior Library, my what a time, what a time, so much fun. Back in the 60s, We had "Teen Town" every Friday night. Just think it was 10 cents and those good old fashion cokes for 5 cents. We begged our parents for all week for 15 cents. And then at Teen Town we danced from 8 until 10:30 sometimes Mrs. Dixon would let us stay till 11 pm. I have had so many birthday parties there, I used to pack the house....Teen Town is where we met the little boys (our classmates). Wow we had so much fun, listening to good Old Music. I'll never forget the library for Teen Town and parties. Margert M. Williams

LCHS Members Appreciation Evening Foucart Award Presentation

On December 2nd members and board members gathered for the LCHS membership appreciation evening. Attendees got a inside glimpse of the year ahead. Dr. Peterson and Mrs. Tillman from Langston University attended the event to receive the annual Foucart Award for Langston's efforts in the restoration of the Indian Meridian Marker in Langston. The marker was created to mark the divide between Oklahoma and Indian Territory in 1870.



Logan County Historical Society Members Thank you for your support!

Individual

Cynthia Baker
Linda Balsiger
Mary Beth Craven
Jeannette Hartman
Richard Hendricks
Chris Hirzel
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Myron and Betty Janzen
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Charles and Marla Walker
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Business

Interbank
Old Arts

Lifetime

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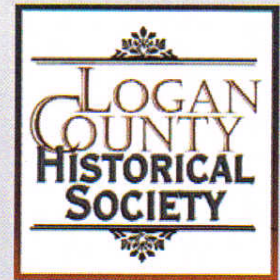
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Benches & trash receptacles, 200 Block W. Harrison
Donated by the Logan County Historical Society 2014.

Why Join the Logan County Historical Society?

- Show your support for Logan County historical activities
- Receive quarterly newsletters
- Name recognition on yearly Membership Newsletter
- Invitation to premier actives and events
- Support community collaboration
- Support historic programming and local historical awards
- Individual Memberships are only \$25 and Family Memberships are \$50 a year
- Business Memberships are \$100 a year
- Inquire about additional membership levels and sponsorship opportunities



Logan County Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____ Business Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Preferred Communication Method: Email _____ Mail _____

Membership Level: Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$50) _____ Business (\$100) _____

Payment: Make checks payable to Logan County Historical Society
PO Box 1512 Guthrie, OK 73044

LCHS Board Members

Chris Hirzel, President
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Mary Beth Craven
Jeff Hirzel
Kay Wade
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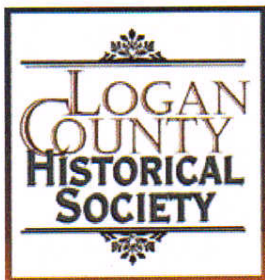
Interested in become a board member? Contact Mary Beth Craven 405-282-1466 for more information.

Advertise with the Trolley

Have your message seen around Guthrie or around Logan, Payne, Lincoln and Oklahoma Counties. Advertising space is available in various sizes on several vehicle locations. Prices start at just \$25.00 a month. Contact Melissa.trolley@yahoo.com or 405-282-6000 for complete details.

Logan County Museum and Historic Activity Directory

Drug Store Museum, 214 W. Oklahoma Guthrie 405-282-1895
Frontier Country Museum, 500 N. Grand Crescent 405-969-3660
Historic Trolley Route, 301 W. Harrison Guthrie 405-282-6000
Oklahoma Territorial Capital Sports Museum, 315 W. Oklahoma Guthrie 405-260-1342
Oklahoma Territorial Museum 406 E. Oklahoma Guthrie 282-1889
Owens Art Place, 1202 E. Harrison Guthrie 405-260-0204
Scottish Masonic Rite Temple, 900 E. Oklahoma Guthrie 282-1281
Tolson Black Heritage Research Center, Langston 405-466-3346



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