

The "BRICKS AND MORTAR"

newsletter

Highlighting Stories as told by the artifact collections of the Wellsville Historical Society

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Wellsville

Historical Society

Mission Statement

Preserve* the history of the area through the collection and maintenance of records and artifacts.

Present* Wellsville's history to the public by means of a museum, educational programs and presentations.

Promote* cultural tourism by communicating the history of Wellsville and surrounding communities to visitors and local citizens.



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Kansas Day Events in Wellsville



The Wellsville Elementary School was honored to have Mayor Bill Lytle as guest speaker on Kansas Day, 2011 in celebration of Kansas's 150th birthday. Mr. Lytle shared many pictures, articles, posters, and artifacts from the Wellsville Historical Society.

Students and Staff members were especially impressed and interested in the quilt made by Becky (Self) Potter, and donated back to the Wellsville Historical Society by Ruth Fleming. The quilt patches picture many local businesses and landmarks.

The same day, each Wellsville Elementary student signed a quilt block to complete their own W.E.S. quilt! Students were interested in seeing a completed quilt, after signing their own quilt piece.

The school appreciates the time Mayor Lytle donates to the school. He has been a great representative of the Historical Society, which has become an interesting addition to downtown Wellsville, Kansas.



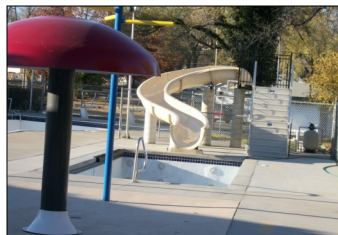
The Wellsville Library and Friends of the Library celebrated the birthday of

Kansas with a chili cook-off and carry-in lunch. The event began by singing Happy Birthday to Kansas. Almost 80 attended, enjoying food, friends and judging. The 1st prize went to Harry Peckham for the "Best Chili", the "Wimpiest Chili" Award went to Kathy Reddy. Some drawing winners of the "Free to Read" reading program for adults were, Jo Ann Massengale and Kathy Reddy, to name a few, with prizes of coffee cups, t-shirts and various other awards. In addition, many of the Wellsville authors were on hand to talk about their books, as well as autograph purchases. Standing, Left to Right; Kevin Jones, Bob Cramer, Cindi Moore, Diane Speer, and Bev Knapp. Seated, Left to Right; Bob Kleier and Lenise Eddings.

Wellsville Park and Pool Today

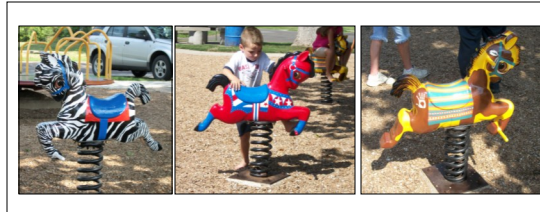


2011; The City Pool Improvements include a separated pool for toddlers and young children. The area includes the sprinkling mushroom, pint-sized slide and water mister. These improvements were made possible by a donation from T.J. Bivens in memory of his wife Pat to demonstrate her love of children.



Wellsville Days Museum Volunteers

- Gail O'Connor
- Kelly Yaw
- Sandra Hausler
- Barb Saner
- Linda Klamm
- Janet Smith
- Roger Thorn
- Don Hrabe
- Janet Broers
- Barbara Baker

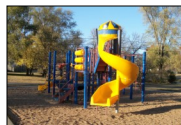


2011; Mayor Lytle worked with City Superintendent, Christopher Cross to acquire and restore 4 Spring Ponies for the children. Local artist, Lenise Eddings volunteered her time to design and paint the Spring Ponies.



Christopher Cross described a little about what it takes to continue the upkeep of the Pool and Park, saying; "Any funds left over annually, go back into the care and upkeep of our Park. The Pool deck is new and the west side improvements are due to another anonymous benefactor. Care and improvements are always ongoing."

So many take advantage of our lovely park today: from the smallest and youngest to the oldest; mom's and grandparents with stroller's to area art students drawing. Rarely is the Wellsville Park empty of activity. There is often a basketball game on the court or picnics or swimmers enjoying the summer sun. For more than 100 years, many individuals have worked tirelessly so we may benefit. It is important to remember the sacrifices that were made, so we may enjoy our park.



Thank You

Don Caruthers: for bulletin board installations and building the poster display mounting.

Wayne Linder: for replacing the cord to large clock from the Crist and Son Grocery Store. The clock was included in the purchase from the Cozy Corner Store in 1953 and donated by the Crist family.

Poster Revamping

Carole Haxton Janet Smith, Nancy Lytle, Jill Antione, Sandra Hausler, Dustin Donovan, & Amanda Lytle



I spy a day in Wellsville town,
A brick, a light, a something round;
A flower, a tree, a boat and a B.
I spy a dog, a log, a school and a pool;
A nickel, a banker, a pickle and a tanker.
I spy a ball, a bat, City Hall and a cat.
I spy a shop, a sign, a stop and a 9.
These are in our little ville.
We're located in Kansas so we're not on a hill.
I spy many things inside and out,
But the best place is the Library without a doubt.
Becky Dodd



2012 Membership Levels

The support of our membership has allowed the Historical Society to open our museum and preserve the many artifacts and memories of the Wellsville community. Please consider us for your Memorial and Honorary gifts.

Please make checks out to :
The Wellsville Historical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 104, Wellsville, Ks. 66092

Membership Levels

- Student \$2.00
- Individual \$15.00

- Family \$35.00
- Bronze \$100.00
- Silver \$250.00
- Gold \$500.00
- Conservator \$1000.00
- Lifetime \$5000.00

Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteering is a great way to meet and visit with people visiting the area or our own community.



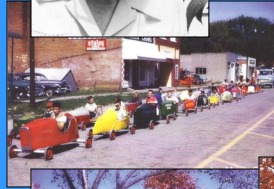
Preserving,
Presenting,
and
Promoting our
Community.

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is affiliated with
The American Association
for State and Local History

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Post Cards by Mary O'Neil
AKA: The Bird Lady
Amateur Photographer

\$1.25 each or
5 for \$5.00



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