

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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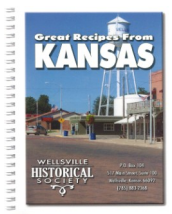
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Oh, How We Are Changing!

Cards 'N' Books

Did you know the Wellsville Historical Society is selling cookbooks and replica postcards as a fundraiser?

The cookbooks feature a picture of Wellsville's Main Street on the cover and is filled with Kansas recipes.



The postcards feature old pictures of Wellsville. Some of the pictures featured include; the old school, old City Hall, Main Street, the inside of the old Depot and several other Wellsville scenes of the past.

These items can be found in several locations including; the City Hall, Auburn Pharmacy, Wellsville Historical Museum and Wellsville Bank. Please support our Museum through your purchases before they run out.



We are delighted to show off new donated memorabilia and

*We have received a few wonderful showcases as well!
Come check us out!*

Annual Membership Renewal

2010

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. It is time to send in your tax deductible annual dues.

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



Thank You Saturday Volunteers

- Nancy Lytle
- JoAnn Massengale
- Pam Phares
- Jim Wright
- Linda Klamm
- Shirley Phillips
- Janet Smith
- Charlie Moore
- Gail O'Connor
- Emaline Guy
- Karen Childs
- Dawn Berry
- Mike Holtwick
- Sandra Hausler
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- Dick Raugewitz
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- Don Hrabe
- Diana Lawrenz
- Jackie Ware
- Jill Antoine
- Kelly Jerred
- Carol Taylor
- Linda Broers

The Museum

is open to visitors every Saturday between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Weekday tours can be arranged by contacting Nancy Lytle at 785-883-4255.



Replicas Built by Allen DeGarmo



This John Deere 55 combine and silo with Gehl unloader were built by Allen DeGarmo. Allen was married to Betty Lytle and lived in and around Wellsville in the early 1950's. While living in the Wellsville area, Allen farmed and drove for Chanay Truck Lines. Later the family moved to Richmond where he farmed with his father. He later worked at Olathe John Deere until his retirement.

Cemeteries in Pictures

Soon the Historical Society Museum will have picture files of area cemeteries' headstones for research and genealogy purposes.

The Wellsville City Library currently has picture files of area cemeteries headstones on CD's. Linda Broers took the pictures and Robin Avers has named all the files for the library. Copies of these pictures will be available for a small fee. "We are unsure of any additions that have been made to the cemeteries since the original time the photos were taken this past spring," Becky Dodd commented

The library has notebooks that offer Wellsville history and some cemetery history. The Library and City Hall have maps of the Wellsville Cemetery plots. These items are to be viewed on site only.

The cemetery names are: Wellsville Cemetery, Walnut Creek, Rock Creek, Black Jack, Clearfield, Prairie City and Mount Calvary.

To have grown wise and kind is real success.
Anonymous

Did You Know?

- The first visible marker in the Rock Creek Cemetery was of Maria Cramer, wife of John Cramer, who died in 1861. The bulk of the markers date from before the turn of the century.
- The Wellsville Cemetery Association was organized in 1882 and was granted only a 20 year charter. It wasn't until 1925 that the Perpetual Fund was started.
- The Walnut Creek Cemetery was known as the Hostetter Cemetery for many years. The cemetery originated in 1875 on L.W. Hostetter's property.



Early 1960's Wellsville
Marching Band

Proud Past, Growing Future Celebrating 140 Years The Theme for Wellsville Days 2010

Imagine celebrating our 140th celebration with a glimpse of what Wellsville was like in the 1800's when times were much simpler. Our "Frontier Town"- staged between 6th and 7th on Main Street- will show our modern day society the different activities our townspeople were involved in during this period. Here you can observe our "Frontier Craftsmen" as they carve beautiful wood pieces and spin wool for garments, blankets and other such necessities.

You can also experience the art of making soap and lace as well as building your own rope.

Mountain men, in period dress, will be on hand to share stories of their way of life. Many of these crafts persons will offer their goods for sale as well as some hands-on opportunities. During your visit to our "Frontier Town", you can enjoy fresh popped kettle corn and plenty of bluegrass music. There will be an amateur historian to discuss the role this area played in the underground railroad movement.

We are continuing to search for artisans and demonstrators to assure that our "Frontier Town" will provide an enjoyable and entertaining experience for the entire family. Please contact Jeanine Berrier (883-2559) or Lil Sanders (883-4113) with questions regarding possible involvement with our "Frontier Town".

Many previous attractions will be returning as well. The *Fun Zone* will be better than ever with new attractions including a rock wall. We have also invited a chain saw artist to demonstrate his talents and create some sculptures for auction.



The *Petting Zoo, Dog Show, Sweet 16, 5-K Run, Quilt and Art Shows, 3-on-3 Basketball* and the *Parade* are some of the events you can look forward to!



Many donations have made our museum what it is today. We thank you for your continued support!

Kansas Power and Light donated the fireproof file cabinet for safe storage of memorabilia. KCP&L also donated much needed office supplies to numerous to list.



We have a few needs and welcome all donations.

- We are interested in an old large clock of Wellsville significance.
- Larger memorabilia holds great interest for the Wellsville citizens as well as photos.

Wellsville Globe in History

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PG. 1 Aug. 3, 1961

McConnell Machinery Co. Friday completed a transaction whereby the company purchased the Nieder and Wichman Implement Co. in Lawrence. This is an Allis-Chalmers equipment outlet located at 1230 East 23rd St., which is on Highway No. 10 just east of Lawrence.

The Lawrence firm will be known as McConnell Machinery, the same as the Wellsville Business. They are now owner of the location, the building and business. McConnell Machinery is owned and operated by Gilbert McConnell and his two sons Elmer and Raymond. Gilbert has handled Allis-Chalmers machinery here for twenty-five years.

His two sons have been with him for several years and three years ago the three formed a partnership business arrangement.

Gilbert will continue to manage and operate the Wellsville implement business. One of the boys, it has not yet been decided which one, will move to Lawrence soon, and be in charge of the Lawrence business, and the other son will divide time between the two places, possibly moving to Lawrence later. McConnell's took over operation of the new business the first of this week.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to meet and visit with people visiting the area or our own community. For information contact Nancy Lytle.

*The Wellsville Historical Society
is affiliated with
The American Association for
State and Local History*



*We are about the business of
Preserving,
Presenting, and
Promoting our community.*

Please join us Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 P.M. for the Annual Meeting! All members and perspective members are welcome!



Join us at

SMOKEY'S BBQ

FEB. 6th,

4 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Thanks to the generosity of Smokey's, our members will be waiting on patrons, bussing tables and washing dishes to raise funds for the Society and Museum.

Plan now to support this fun event!

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