

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

May 2011

Calendar

May 19, 2011
OHS General Meeting
Potluck Picnic at the
Ensor House
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

June 4, 2011
Mahaffie Sunflower Wickets
9 a.m. – Noon
Heritage Center at Mahaffie



June 13, 2011
OHS Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Center

December 3, 2011
Holiday Homes Tour

Congratulations
Greg Sheffer!

The Bricklayer

Best Short Film Documentary in the
Heartland

If you would like to receive your
newsletter by email, please contact
Maureen Donegan at
modoneg@hotmail.com.

Picnic in the Park at Ensor

Join us for our May picnic potluck at the Ensor Park and Museum on Thursday, May 19, 2011, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The property is on the National Register of Historic Places and will be open for tours during the picnic. Don't miss this chance to visit the home of Marshall and Loretta Ensor, pioneers in the field of amateur radio in the first half of the twentieth century. The property includes the Ensor's radio station and equipment along with many of the remarkable home furnishings made by Ensor while he was an industrial arts teacher for Olathe High School. The home is located at 18995 W. 183rd Street, Olathe, KS 66062.



Please bring a dish or two to share based on your last name as follows:

A – H = dessert, I - P = main dish, and Q - Z = side dish. Drinks will be provided by the Olathe Historical Society. Don't forget your table service and a lawn chair. The event will be held rain or shine!

Sunflower Wickets

Dust off your croquet mallet and join the Olathe Historical Society at the second annual Sunflower Wickets Croquet Tournament in support of preservation, programming, and promotion of the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site. No experience necessary - this event promises to be fun for everyone! For more information contact Dick Holdman at 913-764-5076 or Beverly Wittenborn at 913-269-6302.

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING

HERITAGE CENTER

April 11, 2011

ATTENDING: Jayne Jones, Ann Johnson, Bob Courtney, Maureen Donegan, Anne Seitz, Lisa Karstetter, Margaret Endecott, John Andrade, Susie Nightingale, Mary Cochran

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 7th, 2011 Board Meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Business Meeting and Election of Officers held March 10, 2011 were read and approved.

FINANCIAL

Jim Morris has been asked and agreed to Audit the Financial Records for the year 2010.

Notice of yearly Membership dues will be noted in the Newsletter. Membership forms are available at the Heritage Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Items for donation to the Olathe Historical Society may be left in the Research Room at the Heritage Center. Index cards on the table need to include the name, address and phone number of the giver.

STATUS OF JOHNSON COUNTY HERITAGE FUND GRANTS

Funds from previous grants have been allocated and used for the purposes intended.

Additional grants have been submitted for help with funding for future Exhibits in the Heritage Center as well as the Film series. Notification of distribution of monies of Johnson County Heritage Fund Grants will come later in the year.

MAHAFFIE CROQUET TOURNAMENT – JUNE 4TH

The Olathe Historical Society will again sponsor a field. All interested persons are invited to participate in this fun event. Spectators are needed and welcome to attend. The plans are to make this an annual fundraising event for the benefit of the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm to help in the funding of the “special events” planned for each season.

MAY PROGRAM

A “Spring Picnic” is planned at the Ensor Museum and Farm, Thursday evening, May 19th, 6:30pm. Bring a side dish or two and your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. We plan to include a tour of the home and out buildings. In case of adverse weather we will meet at the Heritage Center for our “Picnic”.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMEMORATIVE PLATE

Numbered and Limited Addition Commemorative plates of the Old Settler’s 100th Anniversary will be available at the Heritage Center Gift Shop.

Two books “Mayors of Olathe” and “Windows to the Past”, both written by James C. Lee, will be available for purchase at the Heritage Center Gift Shop for \$15.00 each.

PUBLICITY – JOHN ANDRADE

John Andrade has volunteered to Chairman a committee to promote the “activities of the Olathe Historical Society”. Note that all members are committee persons by word of mouth. We are thankful for your” Volunteer Spirit” John!

OLATHE – THE CITY BEAUTIFUL FILM SERIES

The “Indian Jim” film owned by the Historical Society and written, filmed, edited by Greg Sheffer of Olathe was recently entered in the “Living Mysteries” category of the Kansas

City Arts Foundation showing of many short films and won **FIRST PLACE FOR THE BEST SHORT FILM DOCUMENTARY IN THE HEARTLAND** . Congratulations goes to Greg Sheffer for the fine work he has done!

It was proposed that the four (4) completed films be put on DVDs and be ready for sale by this year's Old Settler's event. A motion was made, seconded and approved. "Indian Jim the Bricklayer", "Marshall Ensor", "Lucinda Mahaffie" plus another short film from the Heritage Center Historical Society Exhibit will be added to make a total of four and will be available on DVD at this year's Old Settler's celebration.

A DONATION has been given for three (3) addition films for our series. Those selected are "**Origins of Olathe**", "**J. C. Nichols**", and "**Railroads in Olathe**". Funding has also been given for "**The Kansas State School for the Deaf**". Work on these four films will begin in the year 2011.

OLD SETTLERS BOOTH AND THE OLATHE SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By unanimous decision it was approved to combine the Olathe Historical Society and Olathe School District Alumni Association booth for the Old Settlers celebration. This has worked well for both organizations.

HOUSE TOUR - DECEMBER 3, 2011

The Bi-annual **OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOMES TOUR** will take place the first Saturday of December. One home has presently been secured...if you know of others who would like their home on the tour or you would like to nominate to be placed on the tour please contact Bob Courtney (913) 764-2494.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Many suggestions were made and will be investigated for our coming year's bi-monthly meetings.

It has been suggested that a sign be placed over the Research Room door in the Heritage Center designating this as the Olathe Historical Society Research Room. All in attendance agreed.

THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY

A meeting was held March 16th in Grandview, Missouri concerning the first "Transcontinental Highway" running from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada named "The Jefferson Highway", 1916 - 1926. This highway ran through the City of Olathe and after reading material and doing some research Bob Courtney determined that it was probable that it is now a part of 69 and 169 Highways. We hope to have a program at a future time...so keep your eyes and ears open.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

MAY 19TH, 6:30 PM "SPRING PICNIC" AT THE ENSOR MUSEUM AND FARM.

In case of adverse weather conditions our meeting and dinner will be held at the Heritage Center.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - HERITAGE CENTER

June 13th, 7:00 PM

ADJOURNED

Olathe Historical Society

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