



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Meet the new Mahaffie Livestock Manager

Calendar

May 18, 2017

OHS General Meeting

Program: Meet Jordan Hewitt

Heritage Center

7 p.m.

June 2, 2017

Mahaffie Wickets

Fundraiser for the

Mahaffie Foundation

June 15, 2017

OHS Board meeting

Heritage Center

5:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend the meeting and are in need of a deaf interpreter, please contact Bob Courtney by email at bobandlilacourtney@att.net at least 48 hours in advance.

Olathe Historical Society

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<http://www.olathehistoricalsociety.org>

Join us on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center to meet Jordan Hewitt, the new livestock manager for the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farmstead. Jordan will share information about her experiences prior to coming to Olathe and what her job at Mahaffie looks like. Learn what it takes to be a livestock manager in both the 19th and 21st centuries!

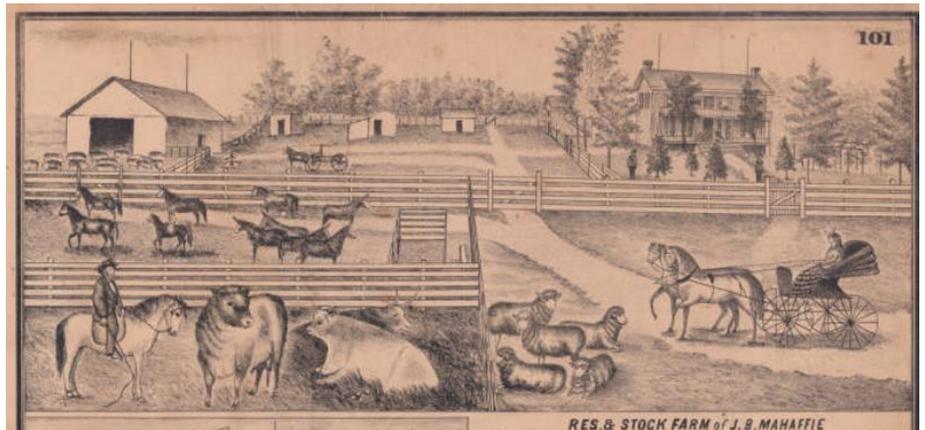


Image from the 1874 Atlas of Johnson County, courtesy of the Johnson County Museum

"Sheep were raised both for wool and for meat. It took twelve or more hogs a winter to provide enough hams, bacon, sausage and lard, butchered, processed and smoked at home. Sheep and beef were slaughtered at intervals to vary the menu, while the butter was churned in the kitchen along with the cheese making. Sausage was made by cleaning the entrails of the hogs and receive the ground meat as it came through the spout from the grinder turned by a hand crank." *Excerpt from Ella Mahaffie's Recollections as told to Jessie Benton*



Congratulations to Bob and Lila Courtney for receiving the city of Olathe's Cathedral Builders Award in recognition of their contributions to preserving the city's history. Bob and Lila received the award at the annual Mayor's State of the City luncheon on March 3, 2017.

Olathe Historical Society Board

MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017

Margaret Endecott, Bob Courtney, Mary Cochran, Anne Seitz, Vicki Holdman, Ann Johnson, Max Beets, Karen Sutton Beets, Ken Roberts, Maureen Donegan, Mary Jo O'Brien

MINUTES

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIALS

Ken Roberts reported on information from Cindy Von Feldt of the Olathe Schools Foundation about the advantages of joining the Greater Kansas City Foundation. Discussion followed. Ken moved: As certain OHS CDs mature, the money will be held in the checking account until OHS can make a significant investment in the Greater Kansas City Foundation. Motion seconded by Max Beets. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Vicki Holdman, Treasurer, gave a detailed financial report. Report is attached to the minutes. Financial report was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information was read from Mary Center regarding a plaque given to Helen Voights and now donated to OHS. The plaque shows many historical sites of Olathe history. The plaque seems to have been given by the Olathe Chamber of Commerce. Ed Redinger may also have received one of these.

A letter has been received regarding the recent history of the Church of the Brethren written by Larry Minnich.

A letter was written by OHS Board Secretary Margaret Endecott to the Olathe Board of Education about the Board of Education's policy regarding the former John P. St. John Memorial High School, which is now known as Mill Creek Center Campus. Ways to honor the history of the building will be included in the planning.

OLD BUSINESS

Film Series: If "Rails to Roads" is finished in time, it will be a companion to the "Trails to Rails" which will premier at the July 20 membership meeting.

The Display Case will feature historical Olathe businesses. Work is progressing.

Ann Johnson and Karen Sutton Beets are working on the table for the Olathe Library fundraiser, "Novel Tea" to occur on April 22.

Houses for the upcoming OHS House Tour are still under consideration.

COLLECTIONS REPORT

Projects at the rate of one per week have been worked on since March. Items and information from Mary Kay Rendelman Johnson have been received. It was noted that Tom Rendelman passed away recently.

NEW BUSINESS

The program for the May 18 membership meeting will be given by Jordan Hewitt, Livestock Manager at Mahaffie Farm and Stagecoach Stop.

Four teams have been fielded by OHS for the Wickets croquet competition to be held June 2.

OHS will again share a booth at Old Setters with Olathe Schools Alumni Association. Sign-ups will be requested at the next meeting.

A discussion was held of the possibility of sponsoring a volume of Olathe photographs (about 400 needed) for the Images of America series produced by Arcadia Publishing Co. A sample volume was shared.

A discussion regarding the value of joining the Olathe Chamber of Commerce was held.

Possible new programs were discussed.

The next general meeting will be Thursday, May 18th, 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center. The next Board meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 5:00 p.m., at the Heritage Center.

Olathe in Rhyme

The next Olathe Historical Society display in the Heritage Center will be featuring historic Olathe businesses. Enjoy the following poem from a collection of "A Few of Its Leading Businesses" by F.S. Mickey from the November 16, 1905, *Olathe Mirror*. Look for more poems and pictures in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Photo courtesy of the Johnson County Museum.



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The Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Foundation invites you to play in our eighth annual Sunflower Wickets Croquet Tournament Friday June 2, 2017.

This event raises money for the support and enhancement of public programs at Mahaffie.

Events are held at the Olathe Community Center, 1205 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061



- Registration: 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Olathe Community Center.
- Croquet Play: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Final Round of Croquet Play: 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Great Lawn of the Olathe Community Center.
- Wicked Wickets Happy Hour: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community Rooms with presentations beginning at 4 p.m.
- For more information, please contact Tim Talbott at 913-971-5111.

Croquet Play Overview

- Eighteen teams of two
- Five twenty-minute rounds or first team to earn five points
- Five rounds of play
- Croquet play will be "Golf Croquet" This style is a reduced field with six wickets. The object of the game is to play your ball through the wickets with the least amount of strokes. Once you drive the croquet ball through the wicket, your team will be awarded one point. The first team to six wickets wins the round. Each team is guaranteed two rounds of croquet play.
- Thank you to the Midwest Croquet Association for coordinating play and providing equipment.

Sponsorship Levels

\$1000 Field

- Banner at Croquet Field
- Tickets for eight at Wicked Wickets Happy Hour
- Four teams of two for Croquet Play
- Listing in program
- Listing on Mahaffie Website
- **Register today!**

\$750 Table

- Tickets for eight at Wicked Wickets Happy Hour
- Four teams of two for Croquet Play
- Listing in program
- **Register today!**

\$250 Team

- Tickets for two at Wicked Wickets Happy Hour
- One team of two for Croquet Play
- **Register today!**

\$35 Spectator

- One ticket for spectator during all Croquet Play
- One ticket to Wicked Wickets Happy Hour Table Sponsor
- **Register today!**

Acknowledgements

- Midwest Croquet Association for lending their expertise, assistance and equipment to the Mahaffie Sunflower Wickets event.



Register online at
<http://www.mahaffie.org/support/sunflower-wickets>