



Treasuring the Past
Embracing the Present
Envisioning the Future

The Barry County
Museum
is located south of
Cassville
on Highway 112

HOURS
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday—Saturday
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday

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OzarksWatch Video Magazine Series

OzarksWatch Video Magazine is a weekly series that documents, presents and preserves the unique heritage of the Ozarks. The goal of the series is to increase a knowledge and understanding of the richness and complexity of the Ozarks region. The show also attempts to promote a sense of place for residents and serve as an educational resource by continually documenting and archiving cultural elements and providing easy access to this information.

Each 30 minute episode focuses on a single topic and features guests who are topic experts and who are often living examples of vital and disappearing Ozarks traditions. The series, which began in 1999, is hosted by Jim Baker and Dale Moore. Gordon McCann, a local community member and respected cultural preservationist, often participates in an organizational and content capacity. OzarksWatch Video Maga-



zine is a local production of Ozarks Public Television.

The Barry County Museum acquired thirteen of the videos produced from the 1999 to 2005 series as well as the entire 2008 season, an additional 14 videos. Titles of the videos on hand are:

The Ozarks: Just That Much Hillbilly in Me; The Ozarks Land and Life; Storytelling in the Ozarks; Storytelling in the Ozarks II - Examples; Ozarks Sayings and Expressions; Ozarks Spirits: Moonshiners and Revenuers; Mitch Jayne: Ozarks Storyteller; Lessons From the Past: History and Life in a Missouri One-Room School House; Emory Melton: Public Service in Practice; The Mark Twain National Forest; Historic Buildings: Fresh Starts; The Orphan Train; The Civilian Conservation Corps;

Carved in Stone: Ozarks Tombstones; Political Trends and History in Southwest Missouri; Religion in the Ozarks; Ashley Hull Profile, Everything Old is New Again: Rehabbing the Ozark Square; The History Museum for Springfield - Greene County; Cleared for Takeoff: Early Aviation in the Ozarks; The Ozark Mountain Daredevils; Ozark Fiddlers and Their Tunes; Riverdale: Community with a Past and Potential; Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Bringing History to Life; Springfield's Historic Downtown Airport; Ozarks Bee Keepers; and George Washington Carver National Monument.

The Museum is delighted to offer these videos for viewing in our media room.

Lifetimes of Memories - Volume Seven

The date has been set for the next book signing, which will be the seventh publication in our series of oral histories.

Narrators Noel and Floriene Brock, Dorothea Cox, Wilma Easley, Fredalene Horner and Loretta Mitchell will be on hand to sign their

stories Friday, May 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this special event.

The annual children's art show will still be on display for your enjoyment as well.

Tickets for the queen-sized quilt donated by the Ozark Country Quilters Guild will also be available for purchase.

If you are unable to attend the signing, books may be purchased in the gift shop or may be ordered by phone. All past volumes are available as well. Each volume is \$10.50 (tax included) and shipping is available for an additional \$4.00. Credit card orders are welcomed.

Pioneer School - Rural School District # 7

The Pioneer School was located in the northwest part of Barry County and more than likely was attended by students from both Barry and Newton counties.

According to records, in 1897 the one-room Pioneer School had 50 pupils, eight of whom were in the first grade, all taught by Arther Dunkinson. The school year lasted seven months and the teacher was paid \$30 per month. It wasn't uncommon for students to attend classes until they were 21 years old.

Former student Lola (Whittington) Stroud shared that the old Pioneer schoolhouse was on a big hill north of the Big Spring in Pioneer. Miss Whittington began her schooling at age five in 1902. She stated that it was quite a climb up the hill to the school. Steps were later dug out to make the climb easier. One story she shared,

"During the noon hour the boys would go to the spring branch that was covered with watercress and kill snakes and pile them up, then when school turned out and the little girls would start home across the bridge they would whirl the snakes by their tails not caring where they landed. The smaller children would run and scream and other would cry, much to the delight of the boys."

In later years a school was built south of the spring and later remodeled into a home owned by a family named Mills.

All photographs and information for this piece were furnished by The Rural Schools Project. While records are not complete, many photographs are available through the school year 1938 -1939 and enumeration records through the school year 1950-1951.



Pioneer School as it looked in 1902

The Pioneer School is just one of 112 rural Barry County schools currently being researched by the Rural School Project. Fran Bolton and Penny Bailey meet Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Barry County Museum (417) 847-1640. If you have photographs, information, memories or anecdotes about any rural school please contact them at the Barry County Museum (417) 847-1640.



Pioneer School 1906

1st row: Harley Whittington, Elmer Wogoman, George Hutchens, Mary Steward, Ina Carpenter 2nd row: Bertha Givins, Esther Hutchens, Carl Whittington, Liston Whittington 3rd Row: Mae Evans, Bertha Wogoman, Mary Majors?, Georgia Major ?, Edna Driver, Effie Hutchens, Lola Whittington?, Georgia Myers 4th row: Mable Fergeson, Lola Whittington?, Opal Lewis, Sigel Lewis, Emory Driver, Liston Whittington? Sy Steward, Harry Hutchens, Nan Steward 5th row: Ethel Brown, Ada McMillen, Lizzy Majors, Dot Crider, Bess



By 1930 the school was a brick building rather than a wooden structure

1st row: Jack O'Rourke, Juanita Stark, Catherine McMillen, Rex McMillen, ?, Leon Hutchens, Georgia Mae Hammons, Geneva Stark 2nd row: ?, Earl Hutchens, Dorothy Brewer, Jr. Hutchens, Warren Russell, Kenneth McMillen Evelyn ?(Hart?), 3rd row: ?, Lowell Allen, Ruth Wagner, ? Hart, Nellie Russell, Grace Stark, Mable Wagner 4th Row: Roy Lee Long, Walter Shannon, ? (Lorene?) Shannon, Raymond Coatney, Irene Allen, Lester Allen, Neva Madison, Velma Francis, Roy Akin

Featured Recipe - Strawberry Pie

Poetry Nook



Ida Whisman Cooper was born just south of old Shell Knob, Missouri on July 17, 1914, the seventh child of Joel and Sara Ledgerwood Whisman.

On July 9, 1932 Ida married Arl Cooper, whom she had known all her life. They grew up less than a half mile from each

other, walking back and forth to the Shell Knob School, fighting and playing along the way. Ida loves to tell about Arl "courting" her on his old horse, Charley.

Ida and Arl had three children, Dorothy Arlene, Donald Lee and Penny Kay.

Ida enjoyed cooking and her

pies were one of the first to disappear from the table at any community event. She said the vinegar she added to her pie crust was the reason they were so flakey.

After Arl's death in 1971' Ida remained on the family farm and took a job as head cook for the Shell Knob School.

Even after cooking all day Ida said she loved to come home and prepare for relatives on the weekend who sometimes showed up sixteen or seventeen at a time.

Strawberry Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tbs. cornstarch
- 3 Tbs. Jello (strawberry)
- 1 cup water

Cook until thick; cool and add one cup strawberries, drained a little; a little red food coloring can be added. Pour in baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream.

Pie Crust

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups Crisco

Add

- 5 Tbs. water
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tsp. vinegar

Makes 4 or 5 single crusts

e-mail contact



At the Museum we strive to keep things interesting by rotating displays and presenting a variety of collections. Additionally, we frequently have special functions, like our book signings.

Often an event comes and goes before a newsletter is prepared and mailed.

So that we may keep you updated on all the noteworthy displays and events here at the Museum please send your e-mail information to info@barrycomuseum.org.

Displays - current and coming



Currently on display at the Museum are Cardinals' and Royals' baseball items on loan from Chuck Nickle and Lindy Lombard. The extensive collections include signed baseballs, seats from the old Busch Stadium, figurines, photographs and much more for the sports enthusiast!

Additional displays planned for spring and summer include:

- Cowboys and Indians
- Sheriff's Posse
- Law Enforcement
- Strawberries
- Table Rock Lake/Shell Knob Bridge 50th Anniversary
- Water Safety
- Local Businesses
- Doilies

Butterfield In Berry Time

There's a little town in the Ozarks

*Not very large on the map,
Anyone in passing
Thought it was taking a nap.
But in the spring how it wakened*

*And set a lively pace;
The wonderful fields of strawberries
Took their place with such grace.*

*You could stop, look and listen,
And wonder what was about.
There were people running everywhere,
Running in and out.*

*This was strawberry time -
Yes, of course that was it;
The day's work was over,
The pickers all had quit.
They had done a hard day's labor,*

*Then relax and rest.
Eat a hearty evening meal -
This Ozark life is best.
Early again next morning,
They were ready to start the day,*

*They ran each other races -
In a berry picking way.
"Get off my row," and "Cut that out,"*

*All kinds of sassy retorts;
But they took it all in fun,
They all were right good sports.
When the sun beamed down so sultry,*

*And their backs hurt till they could cry,
They just wiped the sweat from their faces,*

*Pick up a carrier and sign.
The dressed up dude may sit in the shade,*

*But he mustn't ever forget,
He can fill up on ice cream and lemonade,*

But there's hotter country yet.

From Poems From the Heart of The Ozarks

by Dessie (Terry) Zellars.

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The Barry County Museum

- Collecting, preserving and exhibiting items that illustrate the past, present and future of Barry County.
- Fields' Photo Archives - a collection of more than one million negatives available for public viewing and researching.
- Oral History Project - capturing the stories of long-time county residents to create a collective memory of Barry County life.
- Display space for community art exhibits and collections.

Annual Primary & Intermediate Art Show



Further Study of Elements display by kindergarten students and clay and pencil sculptures by 4th grade students.



Pencil drawings created by 5th grade students.

Barry County Museum is once again displaying artwork created by Cassville primary and intermediate art students. Students of Charla Curry and



Madisyn Popanz, 3rd grade, proudly displays her stained glass hummingbird and basket of flowers.

Tammy Wilkes, from kindergarten through fifth grade, have provided a wide variety of creations to display.

The show is featured in the main gallery at the Museum and will run through May 13.

This is the third year the Mu-

seum has hosted the art exhibit and, as always, it is extremely popular.

The Museum would enjoy featuring artwork from other Barry County students. Please contact us for more information and available dates.