



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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BARRY COUNTY REFLECTIONS

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Barry County Museum opens its doors

After much anticipation the Barry County Museum was opened in October, 2007.

The opening weekend attracted approximately 250 interested people to the first in-house book signing. Patrons met with local narrators featured in the first volume of oral history (see *book signing* page 2). While no displays were assembled at the time, those present were given the opportunity to tour the new facility and hear plans for future growth.

An antique loom, donated to the museum by Eysel and Kathleen Marbut, was uncrated during the book signing. The homemade Calton family loom, with history traced back to the 1840's, has been stored in the crate since 1962. The opening of the crate revealed the loom in



The new Barry County Museum, south of Cassville on Highway 112 opened in October 2007. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

quite a few pieces. The museum is currently trying to locate individuals who may be able to help reconstruct the loom. Also found in the crate were actual articles which had been created on the loom.

The museum now offers over forty displays to browse with a wide variety of themes.

From the Mountain Maid to Dr. Mary Newman, from antique farm equipment to old printing presses, visitors get to glance back and remember.

"It is a work in progress" says Kathy White, Museum Director. "As more people come visit us they realize this would be an excellent place to showcase their private collections, or to donate priceless heirlooms. Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't visit and mention an article or collection that they have. It's this type of interest and approach that will make the Barry County Museum successful", says White. "The museum is something that all residents in the county can relate to and enjoy. The more input we have from the community, both in physical donations and in contributions, the more comprehensive and diverse our collections will be. We want the museum to reflect the rich heritage of our county."



Displays at the museum will be rotated in order to offer a greater range and mixture of objects of interest. Shown above are displays featuring medical artifacts used in Barry County, farm homestead implements, and wood carvings created by local talent Steve Dobkins.

Rock Springs School—Rural school district #95

Rock Springs School, rural school district 95, was located on Old Wire Road in Washburn, one mile west of Hwy. 37 across from the Rock Springs Church on land donated by Jim Roller. It appears that the first year students attended was 1871.

In late 1940 or early 1941 the school was destroyed by fire. A new structure was built with the intent of holding school there, but due to consolidation it was never used for that purpose. The new school building is now a residence owned by Tom Townsend.

The Rock Springs 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.

If you have photographs, memories or information about any rural school please contact them at the Barry County Museum (417) 847-1640.



1916 Rock Springs School Fair. Ivan Weathers is fourth from left in the front row. Leon Weathers and Jack Weathers are first and second in the back row. If you can identify any of the individuals in this photograph please contact the museum at 847-1640. Photo Courtesy of Charles Weathers

Museum hosts book signing for first publication

Lifetimes of Memories

Voices of
Barry County

A Collection of Oral Histories Volume 1



Alta Coffey
Loren Cole
Charlene Jeffries
Eunice Lyall
Esther Weddington

The first volume of oral history interviews, Lifetimes of Memories, was published in September, 2007. Additional volumes will be published on a quarterly basis.

On October 20, 2007 the museum hosted a book signing event for the first volume of oral history interviews. Featured in Volume I were Alta Coffey, Loren Cole, Charlene Jeffries, Eunice Lyall and Esther Weddington. The narrators, joined by the late Alta Coffey's son, George Coffey, were on hand to sign copies of the book. There were around 250 visitors and family members in attendance.

The oral history project has been on-going for over two years with close to 90 individuals interviewed to date. Future volumes of Lifetimes of Memories, printed locally by Litho Printers, are planned for quarterly publication.



Guests at the museum visited with narrators and toured the facility in October 2007.

If you would like to be interviewed for the oral history project, or if you would like to recommend someone, please contact the museum.

Prospective candidates should be long-time residents of Barry County or have strong family history and ties to Barry County.

Volunteers



Are you a history buff? Do your roots run deep in Barry County? If you can spare a few hours a month, the Barry County Museum is in need of volunteers to act as tour guides and to staff the gift shop.

The museum is open daily Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed primarily for Saturdays and Sundays. Participants will always be scheduled with a museum employ-

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
TO THE
BARRY COUNTY MUSEUM**

ee. If you would like to be a volunteer at the museum, please call us at 417 847-1640.

Offering gift ideas



Barry County Museum offers numerous books written by local authors or written about local topics of interest. Gift Certificates are also available.

Featured recipe—Mildred’s Cookies

Mildred Lander Roden was born in Stone County on October 11, 1914, the daughter of Elmer Edgar Lander and Susan Katherine Bilyeu. Mildred attended McCullough school and recalled crossing the Big Indian Creek using a swinging bridge.

Finishing high school at Blue Eye in just three years, Mildred went on to receive her teaching certificate and taught school in Stone County and in Fairview in Barry County.

On January 7, 1939 Mildred married Loren Roden. Mildred left teaching to devote her time to her family and community. Loren and Mildred had two daughters, Evelyn Sue Schreiner and Fran Bolton.

Mildred and Loren were very active in the Shell Knob community as well as the Historical Society. Mildred was known for her attention

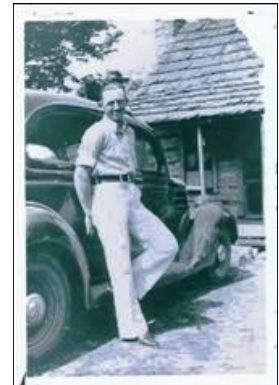
to details and facts, while Loren was known as a good story teller.

Mildred’s Cookies

- 1 stick margarine**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 2 eggs**
- 1/2 tsp. soda**
- 1 Tbsp. milk**
- 1/2 tsp. salt**
- 2/3 cup brown sugar**
- 2 cups sifted flour**
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg**
- 2 Tbsp. baking soda**

Cream together margarine and sugar. Add remainder of ingredients. Drop by tablespoons on cookie sheet. Bake 350° for 7 to 10 minutes.

If you have an old Barry County family recipe to share please contact the museum at 417 847-1640.



Mildred Lander and Loren Roden in the 1930's before their wedding .
Courtesy of Fran Roden Bolton



Loren and Mildred Roden celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989.
Courtesy of Fran Roden Bolton

Poetry Nook Museum hosts Chamber Luncheon

A CABIN IN THE OZARKS

A cabin in the Ozarks
Is the happiest place I know
When the frogs begin to sing
And the March winds start to
 blow.
When the dogwood trees are
 shining
On the hills in robes of white
Then my old reel gets to
 whining
For tis now the bluegills bite.

A cabin in the Ozarks
In the summer's dreamy haze
Is where I love to linger
Loitering thru the quiet days;
Now the cornfields are
 enticing
All the squirrels for miles
 around
And I take my old gun with me
Where the frisky folks are
 found.

When the autumn winds are
 shifting
And the hills in glory glow
And the wild ducks start their
 drifting
And the fox hounds chanting
 go,
Wild grapes, nuts, pawpaws,
 persimmons
Hang in Nature's festal hall
O a cabin in the Ozarks
Is the finest in the fall.

This cabin in the Ozarks
Has a fireplace deep and wide
A pot a stewing on the hearth
And my old dog by my side
I can see a big wild turkey
In a white oak on the hill
Where the frosty ridge is
 sparkling
In the moonlight cold and still
And I think I'll stop my
 wanderings
For this spot that I have found
In the blue hazed Ozark moun-
 tains
Is just right the whole year
 round.

Author Unknown



"I would like to encourage any of you here today with items in your possession that would offer significant historical value to Barry County to consider the museum as an outlet. Our desire is to see Barry County history remain in the county for future generations to enjoy."

Kathy White



On December 4, 2007 the Barry County Museum hosted the fifth Cassville Chamber of Commerce quarterly luncheon. After a catered lunch and program presented by museum director Kathy White guests were encouraged to browse the displays in the museum, order photographs at Fields' Photo Archives and shop in the gift shop.

The museum, decorated for the holidays, provided a festive, inviting atmosphere.

A great place to get together

Since opening the doors to the public in October of 2007 the museum has become a popular place for individuals and groups to meet.

In addition to book signings and the Chamber quarterly luncheon hosted by the museum there have been numerous other events.

- Buck and Peggy Calton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception on January 13, 2008.
- A tribute to Charles Vaughan and Boy Scout Troop 76 was held February 9, 2008.
- A double celebration was held February 9, 2008 to honor Robert Townsend on his 90th birthday and to pay tribute to Robert and Mary on their 65th wedding anniversary.
- The Disaster Preparedness Committee held meetings March 10 and April 14, 2008.
- All Points Recycling hosted the Chamber quarterly luncheon on March 25, 2008.
- The 7th District Democratic Women hosted a meeting on April 12, 2008.

The community room is available for use by reservation. Rooms are also available at the Sho-Me Plaza on Hwy. 248. Donations to the museum are requested for use of any of the rooms. Call the museum to check availability.

Charles Vaughan and Scout Troop 76 honored



Mayor Tracy Holle signed a proclamation honoring late Scout Master Charles Vaughan as an Honorary Citizen of the 20th Century in the City of Cassville. From left: John Babb, Steve Vaughan, Max Fields, Jeremy Thomas, Gary Fields, Braiden Vaught, Mayor Holle, Will LeCompte, Gary Chaney, Zack Thompson, Zane LeCompte and Bobby Reams.

On February 9, 2008 a group of current and former scouts came together with community residents to honor a man whose life impacted so many others.

Charles Vaughan served as Scoutmaster of Troop 76 for fifty years. His tenure resulted in 78 scouts attaining Eagle status.

Charles' and Joyce's sons donated approximately eighty percent of Charlie's scout collection to the museum, including the original charter for Troop 76 signed December 31, 1964 when the Cassville Rotary sponsored the organization.

Charles Vaughan's scouting artifacts remain on display at the museum. Charles will be featured in a future volume of Lifetimes of Memories.

Lifetimes Volume 2



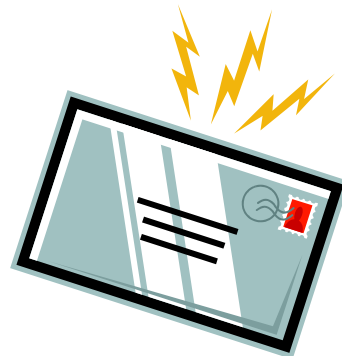
Lloyd Reed, whose story was published in Volume 2, is joined by several family members during the book signing.

Volume 2 of Lifetimes of Memories was published in January, 2008.

Narrators featured in the

second volume include Buck & Peggy Calton, Nelle Campbell, Aubry McNabb, Raymond Phariss and Lloyd Reed.

Contact Info



If you would like to receive future newsletters and notices of special events held at the museum, please submit your address by calling 417 847-1640 or mailing to P.O. Box 338, Cassville, MO 65625.

If you have a new 911 address, please contact us to update your records.

Book Signing Lifetimes Volume 3

Volume 3 of Lifetimes of Memories, Voices of Barry County will be available in July. The museum will host a book signing Saturday, July 12 from 9:00 A.M. until Noon.

Individuals featured in Volume 3 include; Richard (Sarge) Carney, Jewel Bratton, Nellie Stever, Cora Reed, Dorothy Atwell, Wilma Hall and Charles Weathers.

Narrators (or family members or close friends of those who are deceased) will be on hand to autograph their stories.

If you are unable to attend the book signing, all volumes of Lifetimes may be purchased in the museum gift shop for \$10.70 (tax included) or may be ordered by phone (\$4.00 for shipping).

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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.



Black schoolhouse moves to museum location

The Black school moved down Main Street on October 1, 2007. The schoolhouse, donated to the museum by Gary and Gayle Fields, was previously located approximately two miles out Y Highway. Funds to move the historical building were contributed by The Pearl Foundation of Springfield.

The roof, which had been removed to avoid power and telephone lines, has been rebuilt and the building is now situated on a block foundation south of the museum building. Once completed this exhibit will allow patrons to step back in time to the era of the one room rural schoolhouses that were so familiar in Barry County.

Volunteers who would like to help refurbish the school should contact the museum. Also, anyone willing to share old photographs of the school, especially photographs of the interior, would be greatly appreciated.