



CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM



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NUTS & BOLTS NEWSLETTER

*A Living History Museum
Memories of our Heritage*

President's Message

It has been quite a year so far. Dealing with all the stuff happening with Covid-19 has slowed some things down. Despite all of it we have been able to keep moving forward. We have been able to get the church doors finished and the porch painted. It looks really nice now. We have also fixed up the JD 720, a propane tractor. Thanks to all who helped with that project. Wheat harvest was good. We were able to have enough to plant next spring and then some. We had a Boy Scout complete an Eagle Project this summer. He bricked in the area around the front of the filling station so we now have a nice place to utilize for any programs we want to do. It is nice seeing interest from the younger generation out here. On a sadder note we lost several supporters of the Yesteryear Museum and Museum of Scouting the past couple of months. It is very sad to see old friends pass on. We will always cherish the memories of them. We are reminded of all the good that they have done out here at the Flywheels and the legacy they leave behind. They live on in all of the time and effort they put in out here, spending priceless hours supporting what they loved. I would invite all of you and your families out to tour our facility and look at the new and the old that we have, re-live old memories and make new ones. We have an upcoming Fall Breakfast on November 14th. I encourage everyone to attend. We sure would enjoy your company and you can have a great breakfast also. The guys get up early and put a lot of effort into this so come enjoy. As we move forward into the final part of the year I want to thank everyone for all of their support and I hope to see you at the Fall Breakfast.

Monty Hole
2020 President

Mission Statement

For the collection, preservation and display of artifacts that pertain to our heritage and provide enjoyment and education for our members and the general public.

EVENT

3rd Annual
FALL BREAKFAST

Saturday Nov. 14th
6am to 10 am

New Acquisitions

John Deere Binder

IH Combine

Volunteer Opportunities

The following is a list of projects that need to be done around the Museum. If you have an interest in working on or wish to fund one of these projects, please contact Monty or Will.

Projects

- Paint Bleachers - any or all
- Repair and paint Chuck Wagon
- Repair back porch of the School House
- Repair and paint picnic tables
- Caulk and paint Church windows
- Wooden posts on front fence need replacing
- Sort and organize exhibits of south balcony in the Display Building
- Make new signage for exhibits

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

January 9, 2020
 March 12, 2020
 May 14, 2020
 July 9, 2020
 September 10, 2020
 November 12, 2020 (Elections)

2020 Board of Directors

2020 Officers

President - *Monty Hole*

Secretary - *LaVonne Sutton*

Treasurer - *Will Cooper*

Board of Directors

2022 Term Expiration

Kenny Fuller

2021 Term Expiration

Jamie Samson

Dave Rettele

2020 Term Expiration

Adam Hummel

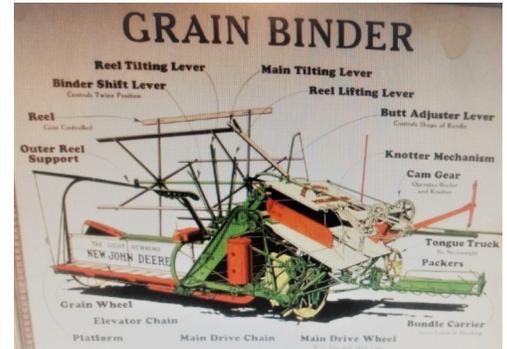


John Deere PTO Driven 10 Foot Wheat Binder

The museum has recently acquired a late 1920's wheat binder donated by John Patrick. Mr. Patrick passed away June of 2019. It sat unused and sheltered for approximately 50 years. The canvases were stored in the rafters to keep animals from damaging them. We are very pleased with the condition of the binder.

His nephew, Mike Patrick, who had been farming his uncle's land was happy that the binder was going to our museum knowing it will be preserved and maintained. It has taken awhile to get the binder to the museum because it was stored in the back of a shed behind other material that needed to be moved in order to get it.

We appreciate Jerry helping get this donation for the museum. He and Kenny were able to pick up the binder and transport it to the museum. Jerry plans to do further research on the machine to determine its exact age.



1958 IHC 101 Combine With 12 Foot Header



This combine has been donated to the Central Kansas Flywheels in memory of Francis Komarek by his son James Komarek.

Francis bought the combine new in 1958 and kept it in operating condition ever since. He said it was the first new self propelled combine that he owned. Approximately 12 years ago Francis used this combine in a demonstration of wheat harvesting at our museum.

Volunteers were able to get the combine running and drive it to Salina. It made the trip from Bavaria to the museum at a steady 13mph.

We hope for a good wheat crop next year so we can once again demonstrate this combine for the public.

From the Office

Due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Museum will not be accepting facility reservations for the remainder of 2020. We will review this policy at the end of the year to make a determination regarding 2021.

We are happy to report that with the reopening of the Museum, the public is complying with our policy of wearing face masks and keeping appropriate distance from each other as they visit. Many have said they welcome the opportunity to resume their enjoyment of visiting historical museums and they have given us favorable comments. It is always a pleasure to hear that those involved in maintaining the museum do so to a standard that garners these favorable comments.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Duane Snyder, a long-time member and supporter of the Yesteryear Museum. You will remember Duane for the railroad display. He was always present during our shows to display and talk about his passion for the railway system and its profound affect on the State of Kansas.

Barbershop Diorama

If you enjoy being creative and would like to work on a display enjoyed by the public, we have an opportunity for you to help refresh our Barbershop diorama located in our large display building. Over time materials do deteriorate and a fresh look would better tell the story of an old time barbershop as used back in the day. You would be responsible for identifying material that needs replaced. Once approved, work could begin to update the display. We appreciate those volunteers who step forward and help to make our facility the best it can be given our resources. So if a project like this appeals to you, please contact the office and express your interest!



Wells Church Project

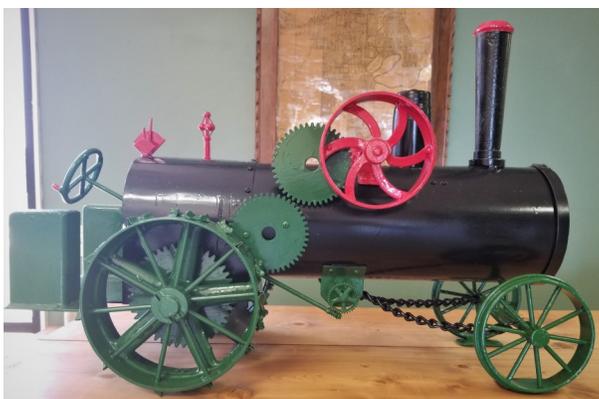
We are pleased to announce that the new Church doors have been installed! The solid wood doors were stained to match those shown on our oldest picture of the Church. This makes for a new look and has been well received. Also the front facade of the Church surrounding the doors has been scrapped and repainted as well as the entry steps.

A special thank you to Ron Gross who got this project underway and ordered the doors. The upgrade was completed in time for an outdoor wedding where the Church was used as a backdrop for the ceremony.



Activity Area

We have begun the process of clearing an area as you enter our large display building to set up implements for an activity center. We want to engage the children and provide them with more than just a touring experience. The area will consist of rope making, corn shelling, broom making, apple press and several other hands on activities. These have proven to be popular activities when we hosted school children during our Educational Days. Its enjoyable to watch as kids become engaged and focused on a task while learning how the activity benefited rural families in the past. Thank you to Monty, Will and Kenny for leading the way on this project.



Restored Mailbox

We were fortunate to have several people work on our 25 year old steam engine mailbox. Thank you to Rusty Dickson for sandblasting the old exterior paint and to Mary Jo May for repainting it.

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