



November newsletter

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Come join us for an evening of "Western Swing Music"

Tuesday - November 18, 2014

Birdville Museum

6030 Walker Street

Haltom City, Texas 76117

7:00 PM



Miss Devon and the Outlaw

Guests will be entertained by Miss Devon and the Outlaw at the next meeting. They will give us some history of "Western Swing" music and perform some of their music. They have won numerous country music awards and are regular performers in the Fort Worth Stockyards. I know you will want to come and enjoy listening and sipping on some cider, compliments of BHS. Miss Devon mentioned that she may bring a "Cowgirl Poet"

Look Forward to seeing you!

RAFFLE

You can own a bit of Birdville history with a piece of the maple flooring from the Holiday Skating Rink. Drawing will held at the November meeting. Winners will be notified by phone, you do not have to be present to win. There are two sections of the floor to raffle so the first person called will have choice. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased at the museum during normal hours of operation. Proceeds will go to Birdville Museum

One block is 8-1/2" x 11" with two roller skate wheels from skates worn at
Holiday Skating Rink. The other is 11"x11"

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM

While at the museum a couple of weeks ago, I had a visit from a couple who drove all the way from Poolville, Texas to bring a donation. Stark & Odessa Smith brought a copy of a letter addressed to Birdville, Texas, written in 1856. The quill handwriting is sometimes hard to read but we think it was from C.A. Andrews. The Andrews were one of the pioneer families who first settled in the Birdville area. If you are a descendant of this family, you may want to come by and give your opinion. We do appreciate the donation and our staff is always excited to receive these little bits of history.

Framed basketball photo - BHS 1951-52 - Donated by Tommy Sawyer. Antique school desk Donated by Linda Schmidt. HJH football pennant - Donated by Marilyn Bishop. Iron anvil Donated by Darwin Watson. 7 RHS Annuals and 1 BHS Annual - Donated by Chelsea Kozachenko. News article about "Postmistress in Birdville 1866", collection of news articles about first Watauga Elem PTA and other items concerning Watauga Elem PTA, Program for BISD 1976 All Sports Banquet, 1977 HHS graduation invitation, 1800's ladies dress worn in Civil War Re-Enactment, - Donated by Mary Claunch Walthall. Childs savings book from Haltom City State Bank - Donated by Gary Renegar. 1964 admittance card to HHS spring dinner & prom, 1964 HHS commencement program, 1964 HHS recognition assembly program, 1964 HHS Baccalaureate. 1951,52,53,54 & 55 BHS annuals belonging to Barbara Day - Donated by Ruth Ann Heizer. History of Judd Street Cemetery - Donated by Carol Davis. HHS class of 1964 commemorative coaster for 50th reunion - Donated by Betty(Hunter)Schwartz.

Note from the President!

I would like to thank those of you who are so diligent in paying your dues. We are so fortunate that the City of Haltom City supports our efforts monetarily as well, but now that BHS is operating one of the best museums in our area, it takes more money. Please check your wallet and make a donation or just pay your dues. I really appreciate all our members have done and are doing. On March 6, 2015, we begin our 19th year of incorporation as Birdville Historical Society. I believe in what is being done and am so proud of the progress that has been made. I pray it will continue.

Thank you, Betty Porter

BISD News

The museum has been asked to decorate one of the cases in the coliseum for the Hall of Honor Banquet to be in December. If anyone would like to take part in this, please call the museum and let us know. 817-547-5498

Haltom High School Reunion Class of 1964

The Haltom High School Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th Reunion in October. The museum was fortunate to be a part of their celebration. Below is some of the group. The class showed their true spirit by hosting a large part of the class.



Museum Volunteers!

It has been a hope of BHS that the museum would be open more than three days a week but that can't be done without volunteers. The museum operates with two wonderful volunteers and myself who open 3 days a week but it would be nice to be open 5 or 6 days. If you would be interested, please call the museum and set up an appointment to meet with our staff. We have been working on building a data base for the collection. We have entered about 5000 items and still counting. We will have that many more before we are done. I can't imagine documenting the Smithsonian!!!

Recycle Birdville

On Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 a replica of the original Birdville Courthouse will be constructed volunteers and made of cardboard boxes. YES! That is correct. Birdville Historical Society is partnering with the City of Haltom City Beautification Board and the Cities of North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga, members of the Northeast Environmental Team, to construct a life-sized replica of the 1856 Tarrant County Courthouse that was in Birdville. The group has applied to and has been accepted by the Guinness Book of World Records to be the first to collect and construct a structure of this size from recycled cardboard boxes. The Courthouse will be constructed, documented, photographed and recycled, all in one day. Progressive Waste will take the boxes, recycle them and rebate the funds to BHS. This event will be in conjunction with the Northeast Recycles Day flea market. November 15 is set aside, each year, as America Recycles Day and presents a chance for communities to promote recycling. The flea market has been a Northeast Environmental Team (NEET) annual affair for the past 15 years. The event takes place in the parking lot of The Hills Center (formerly Richland Plaza) located at 6357 Boulevard 26. The flea market will begin at 8 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. There will be 100 vendors, free document shredding from 9 a.m. to noon, and electronics recycling all day. A Good Will truck will be available to take donations from the public and from vendors who do not want to haul their items home.



It is with a very sad heart that I tell you Mrs. Ida Joe Reynolds passed away in August. She and I spent a lot of long hours together moving in and setting up the Birdville Museum. She was always ready to answer any questions and do whatever was needed to preserve the history of the area and the school district. She is dearly missed.

If you have not had opportunity to join or pay your dues for 2014, please do so at this time. Mail your checks or

contributions to Birdville Historical Society, P.O. Box 14246, Haltom City, Texas 76117

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