

Lecompton Pride

BUILD ON OUR PAST TO FORM A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Lecompton community is making history again!

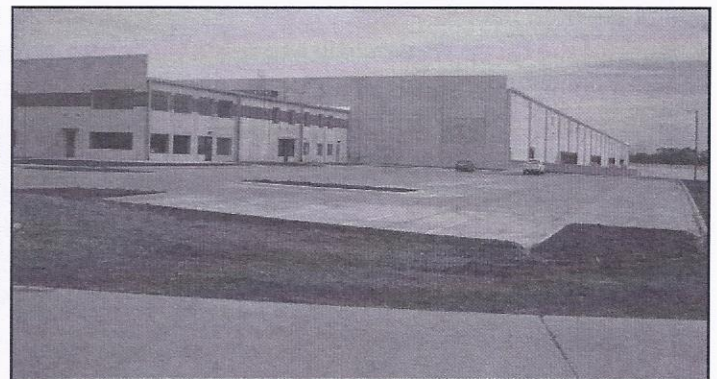
In July, all Lecompton community members, including those in and outside the city limits, were invited to a visioning meeting hosted by the newly formed Lecompton Community Pride Committee (LCPC) in conjunction with the Kansas Pride program, a grassroots effort to improve the quality of life in rural communities. A total of 52 individuals attended, including State Senator Marci Francisco and State Representative Tom Sloan, and provided great ideas for the community. The discussion included what we like about our community; our history, peaceful and safe small town,

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Present Day History

Historical events occur everyday and the first part of September a major event will take place in Lecompton Township. Berry Plastics will dedicate a nearly 20 million dollar building on the property owned originally by Mathies Shipman Winter and later by Max and Sally McClure. The site is just east of the present residence of AK and Charlene Winter or just over 2 miles south of Lecompton.

The building contains 560,000 sq. ft., 500,000 to be used as a warehouse and 60,000 as office space and light manufacturing (printing). There will be 125 employees spread through three shifts. The company presently employees 730 in the



Lawrence plant. The additional space will allow Berry Plastics to grow manufacturing at its Lawrence location. The company presently produces products for McDonalds, Taco Bell, Starbucks, Burger

King, Con Agra and other businesses.

We honor, protect, cherish and respect Lecompton's role in United States and Kansas History. This company has provided for opportunities never dreamed of today and in the future for Lecompton Township. It is an example of how history and economic development can compliment one another.

Visiting Educators Praise Lecompton

Recent visitors to historic Lecompton included 80 educators from 32 states who were attending a conference titled Crossroads of Conflict: Contested Visions of Freedom and the Missouri - Kansas Border Wars. The conference was conducted by the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the National Endowment of the Humanities. Each participant received a stipend in the amount of \$1200 to attend the conference.

They spent the day touring the historic sites and participating in the Bleeding Kansas play. They also enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the United Methodist Church. The following are some of the evaluations comments that were sent to us by UMKC:

- *My favorite days and activities involved some of the visiting actors such as the Lecompton debates.*
- *The Lecompton and Bates county museums were wonderful treasure troves of historical artifacts.*
- *Perhaps what was most fun was the performance of the play at Lecompton which not only was interactive, informative but entertaining as well. The meal was also excellent.*
- *The trip to Lecompton (wonderful, dedicated hosts!) great lunch.*
- *Lecompton excellent, Island Mound superior, Steamboat Arabia artifacts terrific, Watkings Mill great.*
- *To ignore the contributions of Kansas and Missouri in the development of this country and the Civil War is to do a huge disservice to all students.*
- *Lecompton - Excellent, I now understand the background of the Lecompton Constitution and it's impact on Bleeding Kansas and the nation.*
- *We were taken to excellent historically significant spots. Insightful tour guides and the Lecompton experience was just marvelous, especially the play.*



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the scenic beauty, family friendly, schools, churches, parks, and talented people.

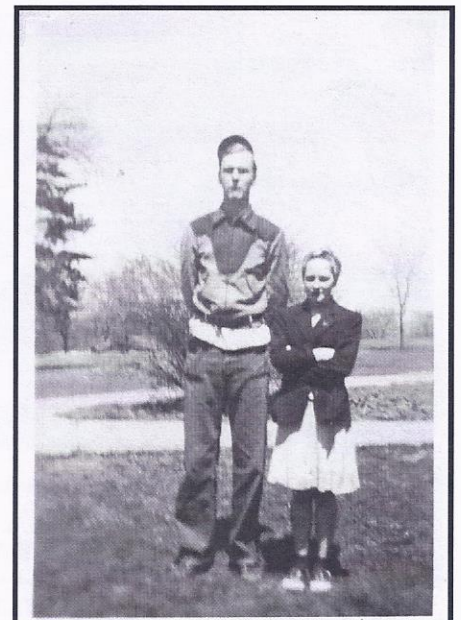
Some of the things we would like to see in the future include maintaining our own identity, more small businesses (including a coffee shop!) youth and adult activities, library, public access to technology, senior services, growth, and health related services and activities. The visioning process ended with the development of categories of projects for LCPC to pursue: 1) Buildings & Downtown Beautification, 2) Social Gathering & Communication, 3) Physical Activity and Health Services, 4) History & Arts Activities, 5) Services (childcare, education, etc.).

The Committee is already hard at work. Go to [Facebook.com/Lecompton Community Pride](https://www.facebook.com/LecomptonCommunityPride) and become a "Friend" to follow our progress. Lecompton Pride

SEPTEMBER	<p>BINGO AND CHILI FEED SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH @ the Former Lecompton High School</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black;"> FOOD WILL BEGIN BEING SERVED AT 5:00 P.M. </td> <td> BINGO WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M. </td> </tr> </table>	FOOD WILL BEGIN BEING SERVED AT 5:00 P.M.	BINGO WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.
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	<p>Haunted House FRIDAY 26TH & SATURDAY 27TH @ the Former Lecompton High School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED</p>	OCTOBER	
DECEMBER	<p>Christmas In Cricket County A PLAY PERFORMED BY LOCALS SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST @ the Former Lecompton High School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION</p>		



1943 LHS Home Economic Class
 Johnny Kellogg, Bill Boydston, Miss Ward Teacher, Roy Norwood
 Leland Hartman, Ruth Selch, Geraldine Holloway, Elaine Banks,
 Edith Carr



1947 Tallest and Shortest at LHS
 Lester Traxler 6ft 4in
 Jessie Wilson 4ft 11in



Friends in 1947 at LHS
 Kathleen Phillippi
 Tiny Kibbee
 Jessie Wilson
 Dorothy LaDuke

REMEMBER THESE DAYS?



Glenn School Photo L to R
 Mary Jo Matney, Irene Sanford, Mattie Matney,
 Ester Matney, Faye Glenn, Mrs. Schawke,
 Norma Sowboda, Mrs. Sowboda

EAST CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPS



FIRST ROW: R. Harding, R. Workman, B. Smith, R. Turner, D. Hamlin, D. Sanford, D. Oldham, G. Mathews, P. Wizer, SECOND ROW: L. Lamb, J. Salisbury, M. Henry, L. Blinn, F. Smith, R. Hildenbrand, G. Henry, M. Lamb, R. Lopez, D. Hagen, THIRD ROW: B. Turner, J. Bahmaier, D. Matney, E. Kasson, L. Chiles, D. Wertz, L. Sanford, L. Mathews, D. Hamlin.

OWLS

1952

Lecompton	22	Dover	0
Lecompton	47	Berryton	25
Lecompton	27	Harveyville	6
Lecompton	27	Edgerton	12
Lecompton	36	Lansing	18
Lecompton	45	Maple Hill	12
Lecompton	51	Auburn	20
Lecompton	25	Havensville	46
Lecompton	57	Ozawkie	31



Homecoming:

Dale Hamlin
 Peggy Forester
 Sally Salisbury
 Charles (Red) Turner
 Coach Bill Nelson
 Don Sanford
 Doris Beatty



Cheerleaders L to R:

Frances Kibbee
 Mary Beth Spena
 Doris Beatty
 Peggy Forester
 Susan Hagen



NINTH ANNUAL

September 20 – 22, 2012

Bald Eagle Rendezvous

**Bald Eagle River View Park
East Second Street • Lecompton**

Sponsored by

The First Santa Fe Trail Plainsmen
Lecompton Historical Society
Constitution Hall State Historic Site

Hours:

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday
No admission fee**

Period participants

Mountain man • Plainsman • American
Indian • Camp Traders • Old-style musicians
Early day skills demonstrators

Activities

Period living history reenactments • Period
primitive lodge encampments • Period trader's row
"Flintlock talk" firearm discussions and demonstrations
Tomahawk and knife throwing demonstrations
Flint and steel fire making • Blacksmithing
Flintknapping • Beadwork • Tanning • Gunsmithing
Primitive camp cooking demonstrations
Bow and arrow making

Information

Tim Rues • 785-887-6520 • consthall@kshs.org



Constitution Hall State Historic Site
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kshs.org/constitution_hall • kshs.org

REAL PEOPLE. REAL STORIES

2012 LECOMPTON RURAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

On June 16, 2012, the Alumni Association hosted the 89th annual banquet at the Lecompton Elementary School gymnasium with 124 attending. Wayne Stover (1932) was the oldest graduate present. Walter and Donna Gowing Confer (1962 & 1963) traveled the most distance from Bend, OR. Alumni attended from KS, IA, MO, NB, OH, OK, WI, OR TX & FL. Numerous class memorabilia was shared on display. Special "Thanks" to Earle (1956) and Karen (1959) Kasson for the name tags, and to Dorothy & Bill Smith (1953) for providing and operating the sound system. Caterer was Dave Kellum of Oakley Creek Catering. Two youth from the Methodist Church assisted in serving, **Mark your calendar for June 15, 2013** at the same location. Everyone who attended Lecompton Rural High, Perry-Lecompton High, or with another connection to Lecompton is welcome. Attendees in 2012:

1932

WAYNE STOVER & Guest

1940

AROLENE DEKAT SIMMONS

1941

OPAL LASSWELL GOODRICK

LURA HOLLOWAY MCALEXANDER

1942

MARVIN HARTMAN & Harriett

LOUISE WEBBERNORWOOD

1943

A LTA KAMPSCHROEDER WALTER

1944

ROBERT FLEMING & Martha

BETTY WEBBER LESLIE

BILL LESLIE

IONA HERSCHELL SPENCER

BETTY CRADY STAUFFER

1946

JAMES "BUD" BANKS

HOMER LESLIE

1949

FRANCES ROBERTSON SANFORD

GEORGIA (BILL) WINGFIELD

1950

FLOYD ANDREW

1951

LEAH BAHNMAIER SHAW & Ed

RUTH ROTHWELL VERVYNCK

& Jay Griffin

1952

ARMOND ADELL & Hazel

JANE ROTHWELL CHILDS

LOIS HILDENBRAND CONDLEY

& Roy Condley & Julie Strobel

DELORIS DITTRICH GOLLADAY

& Chris Golladay

DALE GREGG & Elise

AMELIA HARTMAN HAGEN

MARY MYERS MANIS

DOROTHY POWELL WOODS

& Debbie & Ginny

1953

JOHN "JACK" SALISBURY

WILLIAM J. SMITH & Dorothy

1955

REGINA MYERS ANDREW

JOHN BAHNMAIER &

Lanna

ROSALIE ROGERS BANKS

JOHN NILSEN

1956

ROBERT HOLLOWAY

EARLE KASSON

ELSIE BAHNMAIER MIDDLETON

ELMER ZEEB & Guest

1957

KEITH NOE & Carol

1958

CARL BAHNMAIER

JAMES CHILES

MARY LOU SALISBURY MORRIS

ROBERT MORRIS

1959

ROBERT GLENN & Carolyn

LARRY HUGHES

& Amanda Kelly

J. H VESTAL

JEANNIE KENT VESTAL

KAREN FISH KASSON

1960

PAUL BAHNMAIER

BOBBIE ROBERTS CARVER & Tom

CAOLYN TURNER CURRAN

MERTA LOU WINGFIELD FULTON

& Robert

1961

MARY S MORRIS CHRISTMAN

DOROTHY CHINN MOORE

& Sheila Root

VERNA KENT PLETCHER

& John

ED HUDSON &

Karen Immenschu

1962

DAREL BURD & Debra

ROBERT CHRISTMAN

WALTER CONFER

MARGE HUDSON GISH

& Larry

DENNIS GOWING

MILLIE HIGGINS HEIN

A NADINE MATNEY LITTON

CLEMENT SCHMITT

& Nanci Malone

MARVIN SMITH

1963

LINDA VANRIPER POORT

MARY KAY HOUK SMITH

GARY STAUFFER

1964

DONNA GOWING CONFER

WANDA DECKER MEINHART

MILTON LEE NORWOOD

DENNIS STAUFFER

LINDA HIGGINS WELLIVER

1965

JOYCE BAHNMAIER BEHLKE

DONNA ANDES GOWING

PAULA GODFREY JOHNSON

& Denny

SYLVIA WALTER NORWOOD

CONNIE NORWOOD STILSON

GEORGIE SIMMONS TRAMMEL

& Johnny

1966

CAROLYN FOSTER STAUFFER

MARY SKINNER STAUFFER

1967

RITA SIMMONS MOCK

& Robert

1968

CHARLES HAAS & Tom

1970

CONNIE HAAS CABAN

BRUCE INLOES

1971

DENNIS NELSON

1972

DEANN INLOES BARTELL

EDMUND STRODA

1974

DEBORA STAUFFER FUSTON

1975

COLETTE HAAS MOORE

& Timothy

1980

TOM GOODRICK & Trecia

1984

DAN GREG

REMINDER

Address changes--notify the Alumni Assn at PO Box 63, Lecompton, Ks 66050

NEW ITEMS AT THE MUSEUM

Books—School, Religious & Agricultural Topics	Duane & Dorothy Stout Wulfkuhle
10 Volume—"Photograph History of the Civil War" and "Alexander Gardner Photographic Civil War" Sketchbook, 2 Volume—Picture History of the Civil War by Bruce Catton, "Great Historic Places"	Victor & Betty Fergola
Article—"New Capital at Lecompton"	Bill Saylor
Metal Electric Christmas Tree Stand, Brooder House Heater, and Wooden Farmyard Playset-17 pcs.....	William Van Dyke Memorial
Pictures—Lucy & Perry Large and their Gas Station.....	Larry Miller
Silverplate Serving Set—7 pcs, Doll, Doll furniture & dishes, misc. decorative items, and books.....	Nadine Matney Litton
2 Antique Oak Frames from Wm Brown Home	Terry Kenney
Vintage Suitcase and Shovel-wooden handle	Darwin Behlke
Lodge Regalia—stole	Fritz McClanahan Memorial
Victorian brass lamp/shade with tassels	Margaret "Peg" Wizer Memorial
George J. Bahnmaier Family Items: Elizabeth's sewing basket, Ester's child's folding metal stool, antique wall lamp brackets, iron scale w/weights & scoop, Victrola "talking machine" and 4 early records, Family Bible	Nadine Matney Litton
New Testament.....	Jerry White
Wooden Box Telephone with handset, ringer & bells.....	Diana Sanford Guffey Estate
Matney Family pics, papers, Branding iron "JB" used on John Brown Homestead	Nadine Matney Litton
1967-68 Lecompton High School Yearbooks.....	Connie Haas Caban
CD of 1965-67 Lecompton HS Basketball.....	Charles Haas
Framed copy-Virgin Mary & cherubs-original in Topeka Assumption Church.....	Ruth Lichtinstern
Union Pacific Commemorative Glasses & jigger	Carolyn Roberts Carver
1945-47—Deer Creek School & 1947 LHS Pictures	Brenda McFall
Metal & Wood Garden Tools, Powdered Glue Can	Joyce Bahnmaier Behlke
Two antique keys for the Melodeon and an organ.....	Roger M. Rowell

MEMBERS OBITUARIES

MARSHALICK, Gladine Shirley, 91, Died July 24, 2012, in Meriden. She was born October 11, 1920, in rural Perry, Ks. the daughter of Roll Lafayette and Grace Duncan Shirley.

She graduated from Perry Rural High School in 1938. A founding member of Parents without Partners, she also was a member of Order of Eastern Star and Moose Lodge Aux in Topeka. She was a life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Daughters, Tina Sterling, Knoxville, TN; Dana Stanwix, Grantville, KS; and Gina Leslie, Lecompton, KS, survive. An infant son preceded her.

Burial was Grantville Cemetery.

STAUFFER, Joseph "Joe" Saylor, 89, life-long resident of Lecompton, KS, died June 11, 2012 at the Hickory Point Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Joe was born December 20, 1922, the son of Walter Brown and Ibba Saylor Stauffer. He graduated from Lecompton Rural High School in 1940, and then attended York College, York, NE., where he met his future wife, Ruth Lillian King. They were married January 30, 1944 in Topeka, Ks.

A retired Civil Service employee, he served at the Air Force Supply Depot and for the Postal Department. In Lecompton, Joe served on the City Council, and as Scout Master. He was a member of the Lecompton Masonic Lodge, Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society and was an active member of the Lecompton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Ronald and Dennis, both of Lawrence, KS.; daughters, Linda Stauffer, Humbolt, IA, and Debra Fuston, Topeka; 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and 3 honorary grandchildren.

Inurnment will be at Lecompton Maple Grove Cemetery at a later date.

VAN DYKE, William E., 89, Lawrence, Ks. died June 15, 2012 at his home. He was born June 12, 1923, in Pittsburg, PA, the son of Henry and Emily Kelly Van Dyke.

Bill graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1941. After serving as a medic in the US Army during WWII, he graduated from Ottawa University in 1950.

He worked at the Kansas Color Press and for KU in the School of Business. He was a member of the Lecompton United Methodist Church and a Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Beverly B. Bahnmaier on June 4, 1950. She survives of the home. Other survivors include daughters, Joan Workman and Barbara Van Dyke, both of Lawrence, Ks.; one son, Nelson Van Dyke, Topeka, Ks.; four grandchildren, one brother and one sister. He was preceded in death by a son, David, in 2005.

Inurnment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Lecompton, at a later date.

GRANDSTAFF, Dianna Marie, 65, died August 17, 2012. She was born July 14, 1947, to Melvin and Virginia Wilson Confer. She was a life-long resident of the Big Springs area. Dianna graduated from Lecompton Rural High School in 1966. She was active in sports.

She married Marvin Grandstaff on February 26, 1967, and became a homemaker. She was a member of the Big Springs United Methodist Church, Life Member of Lecompton Historical Society, and several Arab Temple-Shrine auxiliary groups.

Besides her husband, Marvin, she is survived by daughter, Dana DeJaynes, sister, Denna Yockley, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Burial was in Eastview Cemetery in Big Springs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Janice (Bower) Tompkins –Life Member

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS ca 1960's

THE LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Lecompton, Kansas 66050, is a non-profit corporation for the preservation of historical sites. We are eager for continued membership and new members. Dues are \$10.00 per year for individual membership and \$14.00 for a family membership. The dues are from December to December. Life membership is \$100 per individual. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Lecompton Historical Society, and mailed to Georgia Trammel, Chairman, 11 N. 2064 Rd., Lecompton, KS 66050

- () \$10.00 Annual Individual Membership
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It costs Lecompton Historical Society double the postage for a change of address, and the newsletter is returned. The cost for a postcard to notify us of your change of address is additional postage, and the newsletter gets thrown away. If you have moved and do not get your newsletter, this explains why.

*****Please Clip and Mail With Your Check*****

The following notice is included in the Bald Eagle as a public service to the Lecompton Maple Grove Cemetery Board.

**Maple Grove Cemetery
-Policy Statement-**

Due to the increasing challenge of maintaining the beauty and uniformity of this sacred space along with the increasing cost and maintenance time required, the following guidelines have been adopted by the Board.

- Artificial flowers are encouraged year round when placed at tombstones. An exception will be made for Memorial Day. However, the flowers must be limited to the tombstone area by 10 days following Memorial Day.
- Permanent plantings with thorns and large mature bushes are not allowed.
- Above ground tombstones are permitted. No other above-ground statuary is permitted unless it is at the headstone..
- All non-complying plantings and statuary need to be removed in a timely manner.

These guidelines have been adopted in order to be fair to everyone. We would appreciate your cooperation before the coming season begins.

Thank you.

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REMINDER – HELP LECOMPTON POST OFFICE

Recently visitors from Iowa and Missouri were in Lecompton for a funeral. After hearing about our Post Office situation, they went to the Post Office and bought rolls of Forever stamps in an effort to help.

The holiday season is just around the corner. Buy your stamps and mail your packages in Lecompton and urge your friends and neighbors to do likewise!