

Tales 'n' Trails

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New members at the museum since the last newsletter include Keith and Barbara Green of Bowie, Christie Halbardier of Nocona and Willetta Crowe of Nocona. Thank you and Welcome!
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Three Rivers Foundation

With the lure of a billion year old comet, super moons and once in a lifetime viewing possibilities this past month with PAN-STARRS Comet, Star Gazing is becoming a huge hobby all across the Lone Star State.

July 13th is your opportunity locally to check out all kinds of constellations, with close-up views of the moon and telescopic panoramas of nebulae, galaxies and star clusters.

Tales 'n' Trails Museum (with help of volunteer Jim Admire) will team up with the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences in Crowell for an all out Star Stomp.

Telescopes will be set up at the museum at about 8:30 p.m. to be ready for two hours or more of night-time viewing.

Star gazers are encouraged to bring binoculars, lawn chairs and flashlights covered in red cel-

lophane. Feel free to bring your own telescope if you have one!

Cost of admission is \$10 a car load and this is a Tales 'n' Trails "member free" event.

For more information contact the Museum at 940-825-5330 or the Three Rivers Foundation at info@3rf.org or 940.684.1670

Nocona Star Stomp

History Mystery Camp

This summer's History Mystery Camp theme is "Exploring Early Texas"! Kids ages 6-12 years are invited to hit the trail and experience a little bit of how pioneer children lived in early Texas.

How did they get here? What did they pack for their journey? What obstacles and dangers did they encounter? What kind of animals, flowers, and trees did they see? What did they eat? What kind of games did they play?

Join us for a fun filled five days! Mon.—Fri. July 8-12 from 9 am to noon. We are taking 30 little buckaroos on the trail, 15 that are ages 6-8 and 15 that are ages 9-12. Cost is \$25 per child, (additional children in same family

are \$20) and members get 10% off! Call us asap at 940-825-5330 to reserve your spot, and use the same number if you are a little too old but would like to volunteer to help corral the bunch!



S H E B A N G P H O T O C O N T E S T

Thanks to Iris Greenwell and her wonderful photography classes at the museum, a Photography Club has emerged that meets at the museum every first Monday of the month at 5 pm. "Assignments" are given for each class to work on during the month and then compare their pictures at the meeting. Nocona Photography Club even has their own facebook page!

With the launching of this club, the idea has been kicked around to hold a youth and adult photo contest for the Shebang 2013, our annual fundraiser to be held September 14. There will be a youth and adult category and cash prizes! Photographs should depict something to do with agriculture (in Montague County), which is this year's Shebang theme. There is no entry fee.

Entries will be on display at the museum two weeks before the event, and the winners will be featured on the Shebang programs!

So get out there shutterbugs and have your entries ready by August 15, black and white or color, framed 8 X 10. Call the museum for more information at 825-5330.

S H E B A N G 2 0 1 3

Tales 'n' Trails Shebang 2013 will be held September 14, 2013 at The Veranda Inn Events Center at 1523 E. Hwy. 82 in Nocona. This is our one and only annual fundraiser that we depend on to provide funds for operations and exhibit designs for the museum. This great event plus ad-

missions, donations, gift shop sales, memberships, and lots of free volunteer labor is what keeps us going! To prepare for Shebang, we ask you, our generous supporters, to help us collect items for our auctions! No matter how big or small, we can use it, either in the live auc-

tion or bundled with other items of similar interest for the silent of bucket auction. Use your imagination and make it fun!

Tickets for Shebang will go on sale in August. Put it on your calendar and if you would like to help our planning committee, give us a call!

ROLLING HISTORY TOUR INFO

The Montague County Historical Commission presented the Nocona leg of the Rolling History Tour on June 1. Nell Ann McBroom was on hand at the Jordan Ranch to tell about D.C. Jordan donating a portion of his ranch in 1887 for what later became Nocona. Other Rolling History guides Shannon Gillette and Max Brown talked about the legendary Miss Enid and the MKT Depot which currently serves as the home of Jimmy and Elaine Tompkins. They hosted the tour

group sharing the history of the Depot as well as how they have artistically preserved different aspects of the Depot to make them work with the current layout of their home. Other sections of the tour concentrated on historic businesses and personal recollections as the tour proceeded through town on foot and driving. The tour concluded at the cemetery and ball fields that served in 1888 as the first Confederate Reunion in Montague County and as a site for the Old Settler's Reunions.

This event was the fourth such Rolling Historical Tour sponsored by MCHC. Planning members are Max Brown, Margaret Woodyard, Paulette Fenoglio and Wayne Wood. Paulette Fenoglio, Rebecca Sikes and Max Brown put together the Town of Nocona Rolling Historical Tour guide book, now available at the Nocona Chamber of Commerce house inside the Tails 'n' Trails Museum.



Don't forget this year is Nocona's Tri-ennial Homecoming to be held September 27, 28 & 29th.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kim Combs is our volunteer spotlight for Summer 2013. Kim's favorite thing about the museum is seeing all of the museum items. "I get to touch these things; the other day I got to touch and examine war bonds!"

Her hobby includes genealogy which is a perfect fit for the museum. She also likes to roam around cemeteries and take pictures. The most surprising thing she has learned here so far is the very first passing football was

developed and invented right here in Nocona by Bob Storey, Sr. Kim is usually out at the museums on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so come out and see her.

Look What's New!

Cannons were among the earliest forms of gunpowder artillery. Early cannonballs were made from stone, lead or iron. During the Middle Ages, cannons were the primary battlefield weapon. They continued to be popular through

the Civil War. Cannons, although much more sophisticated and automated, are still in use today.

We are excited to have two cannonballs now on display at TnT. One is a 3 lb iron ball found on

the Red River by Donally Reed and the other one, a 6 lb lead solid shot belongs to John Womack, Jr. It was found along Denton Creek in Southern Montague County. Thanks, John for sharing with us!



Purchase your NOCONA-OPOLY Game at the Museum!

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Mystery Photo



Can you tell us more about this photo? This is what we might know... L to R— 1. ?, 2. ?, 3. Roy Jennings, 4. Hoben Salmon, 5. ?, Col. Maddox, 7. ?, 8. Ward Moody, 9. Curtis Moore, 10. Dennis Paine, 11. Floyd Garner. Taken around 1949-50. What was the occasion? Where was this taken?

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

Like Us On
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First Monday of the
Month, 5pm at the
Museum - Photogra-
phy Club

First Monday of the
Month, 6pm - Keep
Nocona Beautiful

July 8-12—History
Mystery Camp—
Exploring the West.
Ages 6-12.

July 27th—Basket
Classes

Sept. 14 - Shebang
(Theme Agriculture)

Sept. 27 - Tri-Annual NHS
Homecoming

Remember Tails 'n'
Trails Museum has
group tour rates, handi-
capped accessibility

New books in the gift
shop include *9 Years
Among The Indians
1870-1879* by Herman
Lehman and *Native
American Placenames
of the Southwest* by
William Bright