

Historical Happenings

C R A W F O R D C O U N T Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

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MAY-NOV SCHEDULE

Saturday's 10 -12
Sunday's 3-5

September 6, 2008
Elaine Westberry
Sybil Spillers

September 7, 2008
Kathleen Cook
Faye Parker

October 4, 2008
Sherri Childres
Cliff Byrd

October 5, 2008
Betty Harris
Brenda Carroll

November 1, 2008
Deloris & Pat Roys

November 2, 2008
Martha Carter
Jeanette Roach

Please remember to take someone with you. It is your responsibility to obtain a key from me (if you don't have one) before you are to open the building. If you cannot take your turn, it is your responsibility to find someone to swap with you. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE BUILDINGS BE OPEN WHEN WE ADVERTISE THEY WILL BE OPEN.**

COMMUNICATIONS ... 10 MESSAGE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

If you talk, will they listen? Rebecca K. Leet, a strategic consultant to nonprofit organizations, believes that an important part of an organization's message is the message need -- creating and using the right message.

To accurately assess an organization's message need, Leet suggests 10 questions that will not only help address the issue of message need but also begin a discussion about the organization and its message. The questions are:

- Are we satisfied with how well people listen to us when we talk about our organization/program?
- Does everyone in our organization explain the overarching goal of the organization/program in the same way?
- Do we know who our target audiences are?
- Does everyone in the organization agree on the goal of the program/project we wish to communicate about?
- Can the group articulate the action we wish to have happen as a result of talking to stakeholders?
- When someone asks us to describe the purpose or the essence of the organization/program, can we do so effectively in under 30 seconds?
- When we describe what we do or what our program is, do people look at us blankly or with confusion?
- Can we talk about our program/project using only language that our next-door neighbor could understand?
- Do we know what audiences we need to reach to achieve the action we want?

Do we know the desires of our audiences and what desires of theirs will be met?

From the Non-Profit Times

MANAGEMENT ... DEVELOPING YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Having goals is great, but all the happy-talk goals in the world will not mean a thing if they are not put into action.

Still, even action requires some kind of strategy, and in their book *Life Entrepreneurs*, Christopher Gergen and Gregg Vanourek offer advice for developing a strategic plan.

Developing a good strategic plan involves the following:

- Mastering the context. If we want to change our reality, we must understand what we are up against. An important first step is comparing our current reality to our goals.
- Testing our assumptions. Once our strategy starts to come into focus, we must validate the underlying assumptions behind our plan. This requires hard-headed analysis, exploration of various scenarios, a study of best practices and due diligence.
- Crafting experiments. Sometimes the best way to learn about an endeavor is to roll up our sleeves and

get involved as a volunteer or an apprenticed "investigator," asking pertinent questions.

- Remaining focused and flexible. As we develop our plans, we must make tough choices about where to spend time and resources in pursuit of our goals.
- Mitigating risk. Successful entrepreneurs don't seek risk for its own sake; rather, they use their talents to mitigate risk by staying alert and crafting backup plans.

Identifying the required resources. As we develop a plan for heading in a new direction, we should determine what resources are needed, inventory what resources are on hand, and develop a plan for attracting and developing new resources.

From the Non-Profit Times

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

2008 Historical Society meeting dates for the remainder of the year are:

	November 27 (will change)
	Meetings are held at 6:00 pm at headquarters
September 25	
October 23	

Election time is near!

I need nominations for officers ASAP! We will be voting on officers at the November meeting and officers will take office in January. Please send your nominations to kimevel@bellsouth.net

We need nominations for the following:

**President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer**

CRAWFORD COUNTY WEBSITES

Crawford County Historical Society

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford2/cchs/index.htm>

Historic Crawford Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford2/hcf/index.htm>

Crawford County AHGP

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford/index.htm>

Georgia JugFest

<http://www.georgiajugfest.com>

Crawford County GAGenWeb

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford/gagenweb/index.htm>

Crawford County Saving Graves

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/county/crawford/savinggraves/index.htm>

Roberta/Crawford County Chamber of Commerce

<http://robertacrawfordchamber.org/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

03—Kim Gordon
09—Deloris Roys
13—Tony Sellier
16—Brenda Carroll

February

01—Mona Lowe
02—Bill Neace
06—John Daniel

March

03—Betty Hammer
18—Betty Harris
22—Nita Walker

April

19—Dean Barefield
23—Brent Gordon

May

01—Gale Fordham
05—Pat Keller

17—BJ Bassett

June

02—Charlie Harris
10—Elaine Westberry
16—Patricia Bassett
17—Clifford Byrd
18—Kathleen Cook

July

02—Merlyn Whiting
07—Martha Carter

August

27—Henry Woodard
28—Joe Pickett
30—Pat Roys

September

25—Judy Sellier
28—Toni Hollman

October

18—Jane Hampton
24—David Lowe

November

14—Gene Cook
18—Faye Parker
18—Doug Preston
26—Robert Dickey III
28—Fay Woodward

December

04—Ed Gordon
10—Cynde Dickey
12—Sherri Childres
13—Charles Westberry
24—Libby Scarborough

I need to know when your Birthday is!!!!

Dale Brown

Kathleen Jacobs

Lavonia Hogg

Jesse Rogers

Sybil Spillers

Jean-Louis Jacobs

Martha Scheri



4-H Community Blood Drive

Help a 4-Her get a scholarship! Sign up through our office to donate blood at Roberta United Methodist Church on September 15, 2008 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Stop by the Extension Office or call 478-836-3121 to sign up.

Walk Georgia. Move more. Live more.

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension invites you to spend eight weeks increasing your physical activity level in a fun, community-oriented way. Registration for this free program is open August 24 - September 14, 2008. To learn more, please visit www.walkgeorgia.org.



4-H Camp Fundraiser

Crawford County 4-H is currently holding a cookbook fundraiser. Stop by the office at 100 Wright Avenue to see an actual cookbook or to place your order! Makes great stocking stuffers! On sale through September 30, 2008. There are several different choices!



Christmas Cookie Exchange



4-H Yard Sale Donations Needed...

Crawford County 4-H will hold a yard/bake sale on October 10, 2008. We are asking the community to pitch in and help send community children to summer camp!. If you have items you can donate, drop them by the office at 100 Wright Avenue or call Gina or Kim at the 4-H office 836-3121 for pick up.

CCHS FINANCIAL REPORT**May 23, 2008 to September 3, 2008****Beginning Balance** **\$33,921.10****Debits:**

Utilities

June GPC: \$21.47, \$16.33, \$19.29	\$	57.09
July GPC: \$21.44, \$16.44, \$18.72	\$	56.60
Aug GPC: \$29.01, \$16.44, \$15.36	\$	60.81
Crawford County-Roberta Chamber	\$	500.00
Shelby West, Bird House contest	\$	500.00
Ronnie Hortman, June mowing	\$	120.00
Brenda Carroll, BBQ Supplies	\$	70.00
Ronnie Hortman, July mowing	\$	120.00
Marie Harris, postage for postcards	\$	44.55
The Hardware Depot, building painting	\$	25.71

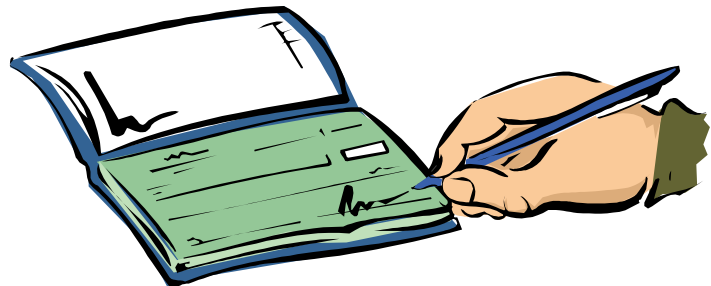
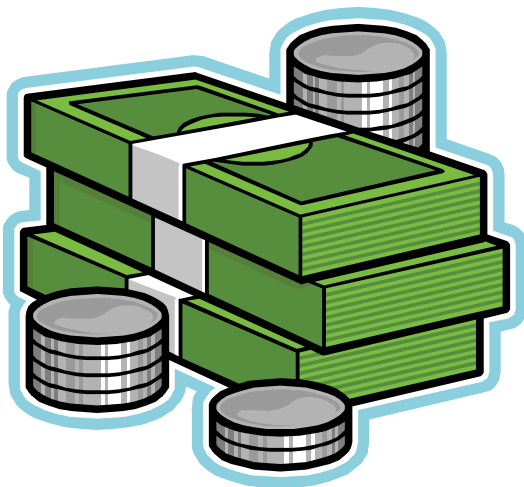
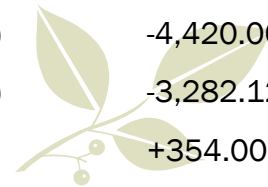
TOTAL Debits ----- **\$ 1,554.76****Credits:**

Cash for Store during festival re-deposited	\$	150.00
Store sales during festival	\$	323.25
Donations \$40, Book \$195, ornaments \$14.50	\$	249.50
Memory of Pauline Rooks \$50, BBQ tickets \$120, Clifford Byrd donation for BBQ supplies \$120	\$	290.00
Dues \$20, ornaments \$26	\$	56.00
Ornaments \$13, Dickey Book \$30	\$	43.00

TOTAL credits ----- **\$ 1,111.75****Ending Balance** **\$33,478.09**

H C F FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance	04/01/2008	+8,023.11
4/22/08	Check # 1073 to US Postal Service (box fee)	-36.00
4/24/08	Deposit (dues)	+35.00
5/20/08	Check #'s 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078 (kiln opening)	-3,885.00
5/27/08	Deposit (Lunch & Learn)	+350.00
5/27/08	Deposit (Kiln Opening)	+3,828.50
5/27/08	Deposit (Pottery Auction, Dues, Donation, Kiln Opening)	+11,610.75
5/27/08	Refund check	-154.00
5/27/08	Check #'s 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083 (Pottery Auction)	-4,420.00
5/29/08	Check #'s 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087 (Pottery Auction)	-3,282.12
9/04/08	Deposit (Pottery Auction, Dues, Donations)	+354.00
Ending Balance	09/04/08	+12,424.24



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History and Preservation from The Crawford County Historical Society in Crawford County, Georgia, USA

A major part of the Historical Society's mission is to promote an appreciation for historic structures, artifacts and records. Recognizing the relevance these treasures hold for today and the future, we want to encourage protection, use and responsible community development. We are working closely with the Regional Development Commission, the Georgia Historical Society, and the Georgia Trust for historic Preservation in identification and stewardship of these treasures. Join us today!

**CCHS Meetings are the 4th Tuesday,
5:30 PM, Historical Society Headquarters**

We still have ornaments for sale:

#1—Old Courthouse—2003

#2—Roberta Depot—2004

#3—Roberta Civic Center—2005

#4—Knoxville Journal—2006

#5—Old Crawford County Jail—2007

Crawford County was created from Houston County in 1822. It was named for United States Secretary of War and Treasury **William Harris Crawford**. Before 1822, the area was inhabited by the Muskogee people, called Creeks by the Europeans.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Dear Members,

Another 3 months have come and gone... It's time again to start thinking about nominating officers for 2009. It's been a very busy year so far and I am sure it will be the rest of the year as well.

Thanks for all you do!

Kim Gordon
President, CCHS



Jefferson Franklin Long



Roberta c. 1900



**Old Knoxville Journal
Old Jail**