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Newsletter of the Saline County History & Heritage Society

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Special points of

Interest:

- Saline County Quorum Court increases contribution to SCHHS.
- Saline Crossing group receives \$500,000 dollar grant.
- End of Year meeting held
- B-17 Program to be first of the year.
- New Dues for 2016



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Saline County History & Heritage Society receives increase from the Saline County Quorum Court for 2016.

In a vote of the Saline County justices of the peace on December 16, 2015 the Saline County Quorum court approved an increase from \$1500 a year to \$4500 a year in support of the Saline County History & Heritage Society.

The process began back in October of 2015 when Steve Perdue, President of Saline County History & Heritage Society, made a presentation to the budget committee about the society's increasing utility and publication costs.

A delegation of supporters and members of the Saline County History & Heritage Society attended the budget committee.

Perdue was quoted as saying, "This increase will help tremendously with our operation expenses".

Perdue also expressed appreciation to the members of the Quorum court for their vote of confidence in the future of the Saline County History & Heritage Society, Inc.

Quorum court members watched a power point presentation which showed what the Saline County History and Heritage Society does. Photographs of county records and 2015 programs were presented in the presentation.

The society also expresses its appreciation to Saline County Judge Jeff Arey.



Saline Crossing Group receives \$500,000 dollar grant for preservation of the old Saline River Bridge

The Saline Crossing Group under the direction of former Benton Mayor Lynn Moore announced that the preservation group had received a \$500,000 dollar grant to

preserve the old Saline County bridge at the end of River Street in Benton. The group has worked tirelessly for this for many years. The bridge is important because it

was the route of the old Military Road and Southwest trail. The bridge was built in 1891.

Society Holds Annual End of Year Meeting

The Saline County History & Heritage Society held its annual end of the year dinner meeting at the Benton Western Sizzlin on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 pm.

There were twenty seven members and guests present.

Steve Perdue, President presented framed citations to two SCHHS volunteers for their dedicated work as Librarian and her assistant. Pauline Brown, who was not present at the meeting received a citation for her leadership as Librarian for the SCHHS. Carolyn Wise, present received a framed citation as well for her work as Pauline's assistant.

Pauline's citation was presented at a later date. The announcement

of the increase by the Saline County Quorum court was also announced at the meeting.



Good fellowship and visiting was had by all.



Librarian Pauline Brown receives certificate of commendation. Carolyn Wise also received certificate.

Save the Rowland/Nelson/Smith/Lenz House

A new facebook page has been set up by former SCHHS member Anthony Rushing to help preserve the Rowland/Nelson/ Smith/ Lenz House on Hwy. 5. There are 112 members on the page as of the end of December.

According to Anthony Rushing, he

met with the owner Bill Lenz, and he was told that Bill would be willing to deed the house and barn and land they sit on to any tax exempt organization that is created to save the structure. We support their efforts and will hopefully keep you informed of developments.



The William and Alwina Lenz Home on Highway 5 is now owned by Oscar Lenz.

When the house was in good condition

January 21, 2016 program to feature the B-17 Memorial on Hwy. 35 in Grant County.

Shirley Coppock, 1st vice president of the SCHHS, announced that the first program of 2016 will be about the B-17 Memorial in the Corinth community of Grant county.

A dedication was held of the park back in October of 2015.

A video will be shown of the park and the history of the B-17 that crashed during WWII and the man who organized the event and

helped build the memorial will also be present to talk about the memorial.

If you have not been there it is worth the trip down Hwy. 35 toward Sheridan and turn left at the sign of Corinth Missionary Baptist Church.

The program will begin at 7:00 pm at the society's meeting room at 123 North Market Street in down town Benton.



New Dues Schedule for Membership Begins in 2016

The SCHHS board voted at the December meeting to change the dues for certain membership categories for 2016. There will no longer be an individual or couple membership but just household and that will increase from 20 to 25.00 a year. The organization (business and societies) went from 25.00 to 50.00 a year.

The remaining categories Contributing—\$50.00; Student (under 21)—\$15.00; Sustaining \$100.00; and Lifetime \$300.00 a year remained the same.

The new dues schedule became effective January 1st, 2016.

The board hopes that this will help us on the increasing costs of our publications and utilities.

We thank the membership for their continued support.



SCHHS member has important role in B-17 memorial dedication



Geraldine Jackson, SCHHS member, received special recognition at the B-17 memorial dedication in October near Sheridan.

Geraldine's son, Jerry Jackson, was working on an Eagle scout requirement when he discovered the marker about the downed B-17 and was inspired to ask his father, Glendol Jackson, about the marker. He was later killed in an accident.

There is a marker in the park to Jerry Jackson.

Nine aviators lost their lives in the crash of the B-17 on a training mission and their lives and memory have been honored at the memorial.

Other Grant County war veterans have also been honored at the park.

Governor Asa Hutchinson gave the dedicatory speech.

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Scenes of Saline County, Arkansas

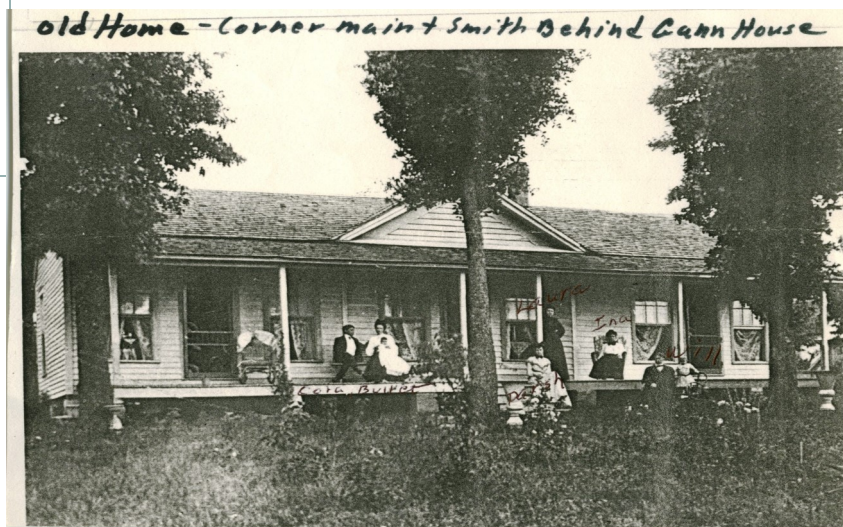
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The Caldwell Home located behind the Gann house on Main Street in Benton. Pictured L-R C.D. Hyten and Cora Caldwell Hyten and Norma, Laura Caldwell Crawford, Ina Caldwell and Will Caldwell c. 1910.



Officers of Saline County History & Heritage Society for 2016

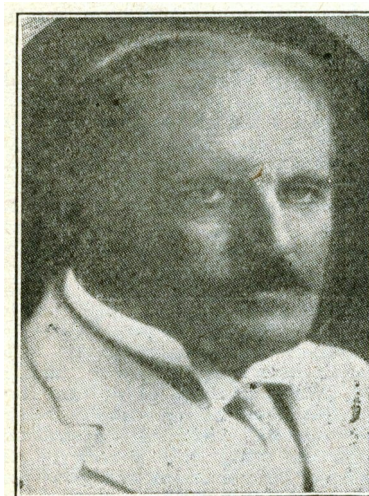
The officers for Saline County History & Heritage Society for 2016 were elected at the October meeting of the SCHHS membership. President is Steve Perdue, 1st Vice President is Shirley Coppock, 2nd Vice President is Wilson and Virginia DuVall, Secretary is Virginia White, Treasurer is George Akins, Librarian is Pauline Brown, Librarian assistant is Carolyn Wise. Board Members are Regina Burks, Robert Edwards, and Linda Everett. Audit committee is composed of Carolyn Wise

and Tom Blackburn. Editor of the Saline is Marlo Krueger. Webmaster is Eddie Landreth. Editorial committee is Steve Perdue, Ginger English, and Marlo Krueger.

The Board of the Saline County History and Heritage Society meet the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am at 123 North Market Street in Benton.

The monthly meeting of the SCHHS is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Archives building 123 North Market

Street.



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