

# *Parker Community Historical Society Inc.*

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kspchs/>

Museums located at:  
207, 209, 215

West Main

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Finally!! Spring has made its appearance; sure is great to see green grass and flowers popping up everywhere. The Annual meeting was held in November at the new Museum, your officers are listed above. The **business meeting** is at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. **Work day** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday morning at 9 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5pm...or any-time you can come- please let us know. All help is most welcome, please join us in giving the *much needed tender loving care, in preserving the items we have and continue receiving so that they will be there for the enjoyment now and future members of the entire community.*

A very sad tale awaits the old brick **Black Smith Shop**; it has too many structural issues needed for it to be feasible to repair. The decision has been made to raze the structure and replace it when we have the funds. The items in the building will be saved and stored. Thanks, to a very generous donation received last year we have been able to establish a **Construction Account**, we hope to see it grow. In the future, the community will need to address fund raising projects which would enable replacement of the building.

The community and your Historical Society has lost a very dear and devoted member and friend, **Osee Riggs**. She always had a smile and was more than willing to walk that extra mile to accomplish the tasks that we all needed. Also, please keep John Riggs in your prayers as he mends from a bad fall. These two people have carried a heavy load working and promoting this Historical Society for years. Their presence will be missed, not only by us, but the entire community to which they so generously gave to making it a better place.

**Our thanks, to all for your continued support** through your donations, memorials and bequests to the museums; we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and help. Annual membership dues for November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 are now due: Single membership: only \$5 each per year and each lifetime membership \$50. *What a bargain, "please join us".* The museums: are open to visitors, alumni weekend, Memorial Day weekend, and during Parker Days. Also, we will open the Museums by special request for you to be able to share with family or visitors. Persons to contact regarding the museums: Marilyn Rhoades, 913-898-6891; Janice Stahl, 913-898-6662; Louise Stites, 913-898-6991; or Barbara Hines, 913-898-2189. **ALUMNI WEEKEND:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; the museums will be open 1:00pm to 5:00pm, hope to visit and see many of our out-of-towners. **PARKER ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Saturday, August 22<sup>rd</sup>; **PARKER DAYS:** "The re-named celebration" will be held September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and join us for a visit, a fun weekend for all of us to look forward to.

We here in Parker are definitely in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Please Note our web site listed above in the letterhead. Also, we can be found on Face Book: PHS Parker check out the pictures and comments. The Library also can be found on Face Book: Linn County Library District #1, check out their postings for pictures and up coming events. The Library had great turn out for their summer reading program last year, 50 youngsters participated. This year's summer reading theme is "Every Hero has a story". Please pre-enroll, so there will be plenty of supplies available. Starting date: June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday's, pre-school children-2<sup>nd</sup> grade meet, 10:30 to noon. Thursday's 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades meet 10:30 to noon. A special guest, Alan Cunningham will be present June 9<sup>th</sup>. **MOVIES IN PARKER:** At the old Library building 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Month Matinee-2pm; 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 6pm. Check with the Librarian regarding the Movies shown.

*DEPARTED PARKER HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS*

CLASS	NAME	MAIDEN	DATE DECEASED
1931	Dorothy Durkin	Mundell	10/01/2014
1933	Margaret Brewer	Haigh	1/28/2013
1934	Rosalie C. Frick	Cantrell	5/xx/2001
1935	Juanita Bright	Fisher	11/04/2009
1936	Lorena Wilcox	Gardner	4/29/2009
1937	Maxine Davis	Fisher	9/11/2013
1938	Eldridge Walker		6/22/2014
	Eldon Fife		11/2/2013
	Deloris White	Giffin	4/11/2015
1939	Jack Lockhart		3/11/2012
	Helen Henry	Alexander	9/20/2009
	Lavern Harold		2/22/2012
1940	Lorraine Dill		10/12/2014
1944	Thelma Price	Knight	11/6/2012
1945	Delma French	Crosswhite	5/11/2014
1946	Marianna Zara	Sonnemann	10/19/2014
	Dorothy Cox	Dunlop	10/12/2014
1948	Bob Stoner		11/25/2014
	Marjorie Roberts	Creighton	3/26/2015
	Maurine Marker	Knight	11/26/2014
1951	Osee Riggs	White	3/17/2015
	Charles Keeney		9/8/2014
1952	Wilma Baruth	Baldwin	1/15/2015
	Lloyd Wilson		3/30/2015
1953	Virgil Lyons		5/9/2014
1954	Willis Hodgson		2/22/2015
1955	Beth Hodgson	Diehm	2/22/2015
	Dale Mahan		6/29/2013
	June Ohmes	Fry	9/4/2014
1956	Ray Stites		4/08/2015
1957	Anne Shulista	Kehl	9/9/2014
1958	Ronald Troutman		1/4/2015
1962	MaDonna Kline		5/11/2014
1963	Howard Chadwick		12/19/2014
1964	Linda Smith	Jackson	10/23/2014
1965	Connie Polley	Barnett	6/23/2014