

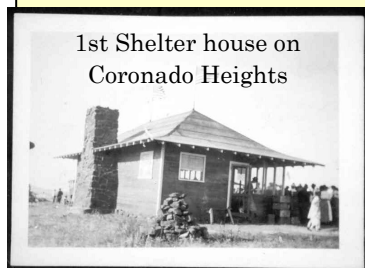
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1st Shelter house on
Coronado Heights



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KANSAS PIKE'S PEAK—A CELEBRATION

Welcome to another edition of "Our History", as it translates. Upon the creation of the Lindsborg Historical Society July 9th, 1919, work began on making the southern butte a viable picnic park, named Coronado Heights. The following year it was ready for a celebration, and a grand one at that.

Tim Stewart

Monday, July 5th, 1920 was to be the day to not only celebrate our Nation's birth, but also to celebrate the shelter house, named "Fernebo Lodge" that had just recently been completed. A formal "Christening" had already happened May 8th of that year for the park itself.

Ferm and Elvings Bluff, now known as Coronado Heights, sits 308' above Main St. in Lindsborg. In one year of planning, digging,

cutting and building a fine park had been established with both a foot trail and driveway (road) named after Dr. Olof Olsson and Dr. Carl Swensson. At the top was a shelter house, with a fireplace simply described as a work of art, and a 70' flag pole with a 5'X10' flag flowing in the Kansas breeze. A guest book had been placed in the lodge to document the many visitors starting to pour in as word spread.

July 4th fell on a Sunday, a day of worship and rest, so the historical society planned a picnic for the following day. There were to be games, refreshments, and speech's, but little did anyone know the magnitude this simple event would undergo.

Picnickers started arriving midday, and soon after the available parking had filled up.

Most had to leave their vehicles at the base and walk up to the top. Once there, everyone "invariably spent a few moments in silent contemplation of the magnificent panorama of golden wheat fields, in shock interspersed with verdant fields of corn and alfalfa spreading out as far as the eye could see to the east, the south and the west. That scene alone was worth coming miles to see." Not only were there games, but a representative of the Salina Airplane Company flew a plane to the Heights and throughout the day gave rides to anyone wanting to see the bluffs from up above, flying until it became too dark to see.

During the afternoon a baseball game was played, with the Lindsborg auto mechanics and Mt. Hope boys competing, the mechanics took it 9-8 after a seven inning match. Volleyball divided players by "fats vs

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leans". The leans out maneuvered the fats for a slim victory. Then there was the walking race, an interesting but strenuous contest, all contestants lined up at the bridge and upon the signal paced themselves up the steep grade toward the base of the flag pole. Will Johnson captured 1st, earning a membership to the historical society; Eddie Bengston took 2nd, earning an Ingersoll Radiolite watch, donated by F. Goodholm (who also donated the flag); and Mr. Ekberg took 3rd, no prize mentioned. Many contestants started out too aggressive and didn't finish at all. The final game scheduled was a tug-of-war between the farmers and a team of city "strong men". First obstacle was trying to find a level area to give equal terms, ultimately it was decided to do

best two out of three, and Prof. Sandzen. The Bethany Band gave each pull. The city boys took the first pull, but the farmers came back and captured the final two, earning a free bottle of pop to each contestant.

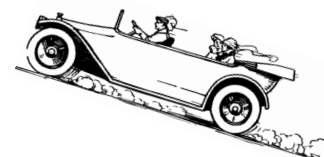
The crowd, which was big in the afternoon, more than doubled in the evening. At dusk, a continual row of lights from automobiles could be seen for miles heading towards the Heights. By the time all were parked, the butte looked like bumper-to-bumper on both sides of all three roads pointing to the entrance for a long ways.

The Train Bros. had set up a portable lighting plant and lights were placed around the shelter and at the top of the flag pole. The evening program consisted of speeches by GN Malm, Dr. Alfred Bergin, Rev. Heiner,

Salina Saturday Journal reported that "Coronado Heights was Kansas' very own Pike's Peak."

Throughout the day the refreshment committee served coffee and sandwiches from the inside of the new shelter, and on the outside counter cold drinks and ice cream was served. It was estimated that 5000 people showed up, some from as far as Hutchinson. I could only imagine the large crowd on top of such a large estimate, but I couldn't realistically believe that to be accurate. It not only was hugely successful with fun and unity of spirit, but was financially successful as well. \$500.00 was raised from refreshments, and more than \$400.00 in new memberships to the Lindsborg Historical Society.

A reporter from the



While Lindsborg plans for her 150th in 2019, Coronado Heights Park will be celebrating it's 100th, or Centennial.

Stay posted, there is bound to be a picnic of some sorts sometime during the summer of 2019, maybe including some of the 1920 festivities from the one year celebration. Whatever comes about will surely contribute to the full year of historical celebration already in motion.



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Coronado Heights Timber Pens

limited supply!

Still Available!

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makes great gifts!

Available at:

Old Mill Museum

120 E. Mill St.—Lindsborg, KS.

And SVHA booth at Midsummers Fest



S V H A 2018 - 2019 Program Schedule

Once again our Program Chair, Elly Ostlind, has put together a spectacular and informative schedule this academic cycle, here are the programs.

July 10, 2018: Svensk Folkdräkt—Lindsborg's Swedish Costume—Tara and Carla
*Special presentation held at 320 N. Main Bethany Lutheran Church
 Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm*

Sept. 11, 2018: History of the Hospital – at Present and the Future.
 Larry Van Der Wege, CEO, Lindsborg Community Hospital

Nov. 13, 2018: Lindsborg, KS - Celebrating 150 Years.
 Susan Achenbach and Betty Nelson, and others.

Jan. 8, 2019: Kanopolis Dam's Affect on the Smoky Valley
 Brock DeLong, Park Ranger

March 12, 2019: Tuttle Creek Dam: How did it affect Lindsborg area people?
 Kevin Larson, Teacher, Pastor

May 14, 2019: Broadway RFD – Oldest Outdoor Theatre in Kansas
 Eric Lundstrom

President, Tim Stewart - 785/819-4806

Program Chair, Elly Ostlind - 785/212-0516.

Programs will be held 7:30 pm at:

Bethany Home Activity Room, 321 N. Chestnut, Lindsborg.

Refreshments will be served after the presentations. Hope you can join us!

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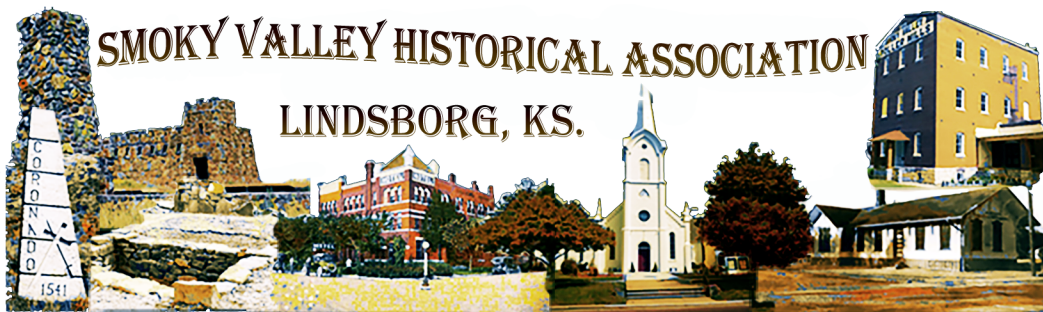


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We have two BOD positions open. Email to info@lindsborghistory.org

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The purpose of this association shall be to collect, arrange and preserve historical data, books, pamphlets and manuscripts pertaining to the early history and settlement of our community in general and the City of Lindsborg in particular; to preserve and beautify places of historical interest in our city, its vicinity, and properties entrusted to the association; and to promote the study of history of our settlement and its cultural growth by lectures and other available means.

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Thank you for your contributions, and supporting the historical preservation of Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley of Central Kansas.

Our pioneers left their legacy long after they were gone, so can you. Managing estates, bequests, and gifts through retirement plans can help keep our preservation ongoing and long-lasting.

Meetings

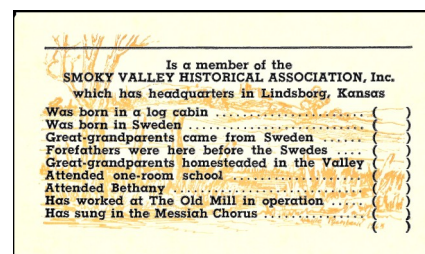
We have bi-monthly meetings from September thru May and held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Bethany Home. All meetings are in the Activities Room. There are five meetings per academic year (Sept.-May). Program starts at 7:30 p.m. with topics of local historical interest. Come join us!



Funding

Membership contributions are the SVHA's major source of on-going funding. A free-will donation in any amount will secure your membership in the Association for the year. Memberships are renewed in the first quarter of each year.

Grants, such as those awarded by the Kansas Humanities Council, are also available from time-to-time to further the mission of the SVHA.



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