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WELCOME TO 2019

To many, 2019 is just another year, carried over from yet, another year. But to the Smoky Valley, it is a time of celebration. Lindsborg celebrates it's 150th year in existence, along with Bethany Lutheran, Salemsborg Lutheran, and Freemount Lutheran Churches, all 150 years.

A group of farmers, businessmen, a preacher, and Bethany College professors got together 100 years ago to form the Lindsborg Historical Society, with the mission of preserving Lindsborg's vast 50 year history as well as convert a favorite view of the valley into a community picnic park.

Though most of the work on Coronado Heights took place the following spring, the society had the fall and winter to plan, and plan big they did. Both walking trail and driving road were laid out and a club house was to be built with a telephone line ran to it. An 80 ft. flag pole with 5'X10' USA flag flowing for all to see miles away was quickly added. In a previous newsletter (3-2 May 2018) A detailed story was published about the first big celebration after the lodge, or club house was completed. Just one of many celebrations over the past 100 years.

You might have noticed the 100th logo to the left, it includes the only remaining structure from the 1920 lodge, the chimney. Fernebo Lodge, as it was named,



was torn down prior to the park being placed on the WPA list and the castle completion in 1936. The foundation for the lodge is now an open picnic area. The park has never seen piped water or electricity, but it did get the telephone. This list of "new" phones is from 1920, and you might even see some familiar names listed as well. By Aug.

1920, 1580 people had signed the Cor.Heights guest book, 1146 from out of town. 167 out of state.

NEW TELEPHONES.

Prof. J. E. Welin—482.
Eagle Barber Shop—85.
J. B. Bengtson—481½.
Gilbert Bengtson—481½.
Martha Nelson—285.
Terence Pihlblad—430.
Carl Beckstrom—480.
E. M. Liston—363.
T. N. Mauritz—327.
P. M. Esping—281.
Mrs. John Holcomb—477.
Elmer Ahlstedt—293.
J. P. Paulson—444.
Lars Pearson—397.
Fred Erickson—212.
W. K. Hervey—438.
Dr. G. M. Jaquiss, res.—227.
Coronado Heights—1621.



"TODAY IT'S YOURS AND MINE"

Rev. Carl P. Eklund was a co-founder and first President of the Lindsborg Historical Society starting 1919. Though not from Lindsborg, he was called to the city when the Swedish and English speaking Methodist Churches merged September of 1917. Dr. Eklund, born 1878 in Sweden, was preaching in Denver when the call came. He accepted within a few weeks of the merge, knowing he would get to preach in both languages. The church re-named to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at that time, later evolving to it's current name, Trinity United Methodist Church.

In 1921 Dr. Eklund sought to build a golf course on the bluffs just North of Coronado Heights with the help of Jack Shearman, a golf course designer. Though it wasn't accomplished, Lindsborg did get a course eventually, on a more "playable" surface.

The poem to the right was written by Dr. Eklund for the newly named "Coronado Heights" late 1919, it impresses me that at that time the society had plans to build a pavilion out of native stone, something the WPA achieved less than 20 years later. The (temporary) wood structure pictured on page one, or Fernebo Lodge, was completed by June 1920. Dr. Eklund served on the board several years, taking Vice President after William Hagstrom took over as President. He was an advocate for history, parks, and tourism in Lindsborg.

Dr. Eklund ended his days in Salina, after moving there a few years before his death in 1940 from an illness.



Carl P. Eklund
1878-1940

THE CORONADO HEIGHTS

By Carl Petrus Eklund.

Respectfully dedicated to Mr. Charles Ferm and Mr. P. Elving owners of the bluffs near Lindsborg.

A spanish knight of lordly mien
An indian maid adored.
And as he pressed her to his heart
By Smoky rivers ford,
Where Smoky hillocks they could see.
"Yesterday all this was yours," quoth
he,
"Today its yours and mine."

"A race of Viking stock will come
From Northland o'er the sea.
To conquer all this blessed land.
Our graves are yet to be,
An empire like a golden horn
For children who are not yet born.
Today its yours and mine."

Thus spoke the knight of long ago,
To dusky maid, so tender dear.
While Lindsborg in the lap of Gods,
Would yet be born with saintly tear.
The hills are there and we are here.
And digging ancient spaniards spear.
Today its yours and mine.

We speak to children of a race,
Blessed by a christian God.
How will you use your heritage,
Of indian dreams and spanish rod?
Now swedish graves are nestling close
To hills where Coronado trod,
Today its yours and mine.

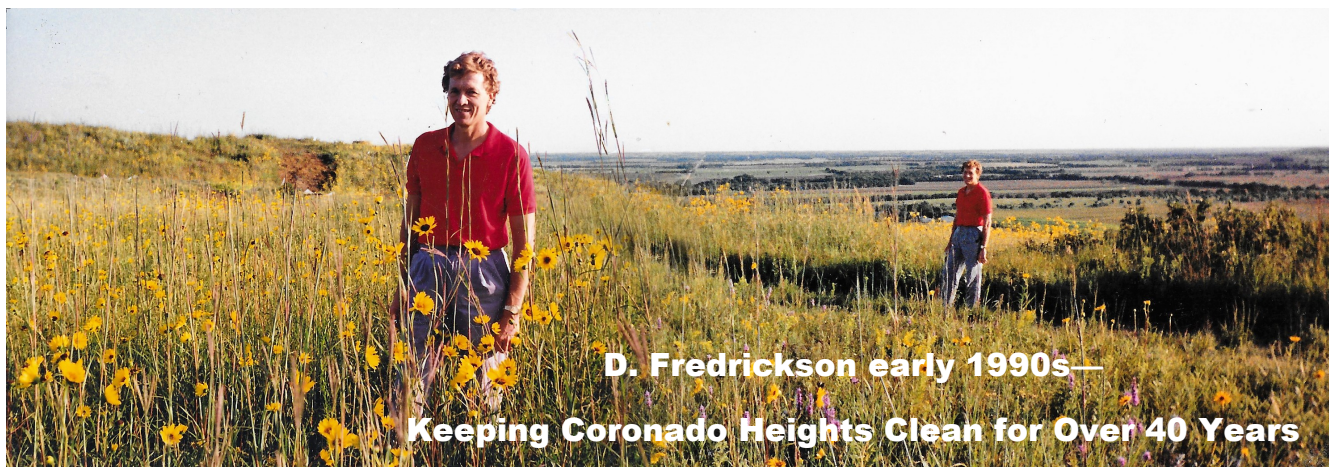
That spanish knight: that lovely maid
Are sleeping soundly. Smoky sings,
Its way between the hills.
While from the steeple, churchbell
rings

A carol grand: A prophecy,
Of future race that's yet to be.
Today its yours and mine.

See that your heritage; the college
stands,
Secure as the hills up there!
And to your Christ devoted heart
Press close its welfare nothing
spare!

The Coronado Hills to be,
The pilgrims grave, while children
free
Shall call it: "Yours and mine."

The bluffs outside Lindsborg where the Historical society intends to build a pavilion out of native stone in honor of the first settlers.



SVHA 2019 Program Schedule

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

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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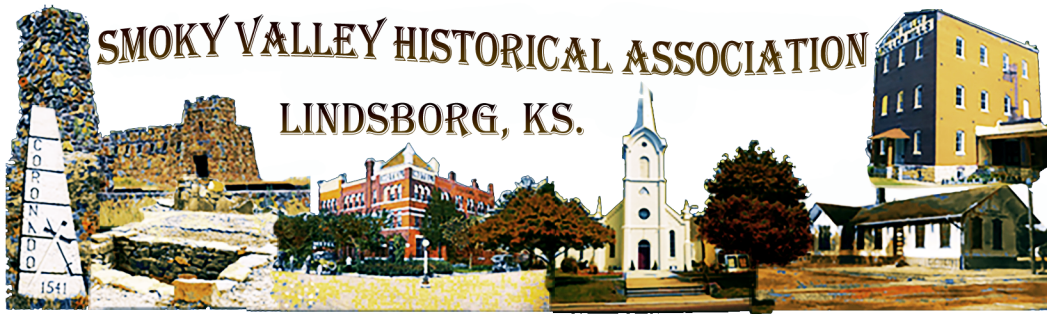


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Interested?

We have one BOD position open.

Smoky Valley Historical Mission

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 preserva-
tion 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 Activi-
ties 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 fund-
ing. A free-will donation in any amount
will secure your membership in the As-
sociation 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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SMOKY VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Inc.
which has headquarters in Lindsborg, Kansas

Was born in a log cabin
Was born in Sweden
Great-grandparents came from Sweden
Forefathers were here before the Swedes
Great-grandparents homesteaded in the Valley
Attended one-room school
Attended Bethany
Has worked at The Old Mill in operation
Has sung in the Messiah Chorus

TACK SÅ MYCKET!



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