



**JENKS AMERICA MUSEUM
& HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Merry Christmas

The Jenks America Museum & Historical Society Board and Committee Members wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This year marked the beginning of our efforts to establish a museum for the Jenks community.

We've made great progress and have truly enjoyed meeting and connecting with you.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the start of monthly events beginning in February 2025. Stay tuned—details will be shared in January!

Thank you for your continued support, and may your holidays be filled with joy and blessings.



Old Post Office



Football Field Rock Fence

Tedford Insurance Donates

Thank you, Tedford Insurance, for your generous donation to the Jenks America Museum (JAM).

We are deeply grateful for your support, which marks the beginning of our journey to bring the Jenks America Museum to the heart of the Jenks community.

As we move into 2025, we are excited to launch our fundraising campaign, confident that the community of Jenks will rally behind this vision.

With your help, we are one step closer to ensuring Jenks is no longer the only city in the area without a museum.

Stay tuned for more details in the near future. Together, we're building something truly special for our city!



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**Chamber of Commerce Non- Profit Luncheon
December 18, 2024**





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January 2025 Meeting

The **January 2025 meeting** will be:

At Louie's in Jenks

Monday January 6, 2025

5:30 PM

Anyone interested in help in making the Jenks America Museum a reality is welcome to join us.



Website

The JAM's website continues to draw traffic. 1,821 visitors opened the website since May, 2024

Aug Visitors -- 128

Sept Visitors -- 427

Oct Visitors -- 297

Nov Visitors -- 70

www.jenksamericamuseum.org

Old Jenks Journals

Annette Bowles, Wayne, and Linda Parker delivered two boxes of *Jenks Journals* to the Oklahoma Historical Society for scanning in November. Once the scanning is complete, the Historical Society will return the original issues along with digital copies of the scans.

At our request, the Oklahoma Historical Society is also working to obtain a copyright release from the *Tulsa World* for the *Jenks Journals*. Once the release is secured, the Historical Society plans to publish the journals online, providing an invaluable resource for Jenks historians and researchers.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Oklahoma Historical Society for their dedication and collaboration on this critical project.

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"COLUMN ONE"
By Mary Mayo, Editor

From "The Jenks Journal," Thursday, December 21, 1961

The Jenks Board of Trustees met December 4 at which time they asked me to deliver a special message to the people of Jenks.

It's the kind of message I can really relish delivering, especially when I can sneak in my own embellishments and commentary, so here goes

From Mayor T. E. Donaldson and Members Earl Burden and Clyde Francisco, whose duties only start around the counsel table and who make a consistent and sincere effort to accomplish the things they feel the people of Jenks want done but who, fortunately, expect no praise or show of gratitude for they seldom, if ever, receive one

From Town Marshall Vernon Hunter (who refused to use this occasion to preach, moralize or admonish) and genial Water Commissioner Ralph Raper

And from all their hardly-ever appreciated wives, Merle Donaldson, Loral Burden, Clara Francisco, Velta Hunter and Norma Raper who drop what they are doing a dozen times a day and evening to take their husbands' telephone calls

From those fine and brave fellows:

Raymond Jordan, Fire Chief

Bob Blevins, Fire Department Clerk

Raymond Weese Lonnie Weese

Charlie Weese Billy Heinen

Raymond Moore Ray Bowlen

N. R. Price Louie Bradley

Robert Dobbs Junior Ramey,

and once again,

Ralph Raper, Assistant Fire Chief, and

Vernon Hunter - all of whom will make a dash for the fire trucks at the wail of the siren whether it be Christmas Eve, Christmas morning or Christmas dinner, and whether the cause is St. Nick's pipe coming in too close contact with the beard on his chin as white as the snow, or whether you have overloaded you electrical circuits with too many tree lights and electrified Christmas doodads or whether you, in your eagerness to strip the wrappings from your pile of gifts and have momentarily forgotten the open heater behind you . . .

And last, but naturally not least, from the gals in the city government: Betty K. Roberts, Town Treasurer; Sue Wasson, Water Clerk; Betty Jordan, Fire Department Treasurer; and Yours Truly, Town Clerk From every last one of us to every last one of you

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW
1962!