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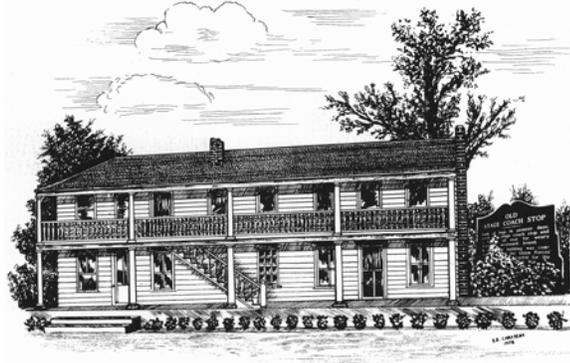
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Glenna Scott

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“to preserve its educational value for future generations.”

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Appreciation Day 2015

Our annual celebration will be in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop on Saturday, October 17th in conjunction with **Rt. 66 Oktoberfest**.

There will be much going on in and around our historic building, as well as all around the square. We will have activities for children to include Civil War dolls, woodcarving, and period games. There will be many things to see and do in the backyard and the OSS will be open for tours. Craft and food vendors will be set up around the square, and the Pulaski County Museum will be open

for tours. It will be a delightful day for you to bring family and friends and join us in downtown Waynesville on the square, from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

***Oct. 17-Oktoberfest-OSS Appreciation Day/Activities on Square- 11:00pm-4:00pm**

***Dec. 3-Christmas on the Square/OSS** will be open from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The kitchen table will be filled with food and there will be coffee, mulled cider, and hot chocolate ready to warm you up.

View from the Balcony

Jan Primas, President

Our season started with some building maintenance issues. We had a leak in the A/C unit upstairs, the gutter along the front of the building was leaking, and one of the new fireplace log sets was not working properly. We were able to quickly take care of the A/C unit and the guttering and are hoping to resolve the fireplace log set issue in the next week or so. It seems there is always something that needs attention in our wonderful old building. We have been lucky to be able to find just the right handymen to complete the work.

This tour season has been a busy one. 1,724 visitors signed our guest register, though we know there are those who failed to sign our book. In addition to our regular Saturday hours, we have been open several evenings this year for special tours. **The National Speleological Society Convention** was held in Pulaski County in July. We opened our door two evenings to allow their members an opportunity to learn some county history. Then early September brought the **Route 66 Association Spoke and Hub Tour**. They visited the building on a Friday evening, which was also the **Waynesville Downtown Business**

Association's "Downtown After Dark" event. Thus we had visitors from the Route 66 group and local visitors.

There are two ways to keep abreast of the Foundation's activities. We have a website and a Facebook page that are active and have current news/events. The website also has the current and all past issues of the *Old Settlers Gazette* available for reading/research. www.oldstagecoachstop.org Our facebook page is listed as: Old Stagecoach Stop Museum and Foundation.

This will be my last newsletter as President of the Old Stagecoach Stop Board of Directors. I have held the office for the past three years and it is time for new leadership. This historic building has been, and will continue to be, an integral part of my life and I will still volunteer my time and energy toward the mission set by the original Board back in 1983. The current Old Stagecoach Stop Board of Directors made my tenure as President an easy one. They are dedicated and like-minded in their desire to preserve and maintain the building. Be sure to read the newsletter feature **On the Stage** to learn more about the current board members.

ON BOARD



The Old Stagecoach Stop is the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County. Who owns the museum? If you're a member of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, you're one of the owners. The museum has charter members, life members, and general members. The Old Stagecoach Stop Board has nine directors that conduct the business of the museum. Those same nine people make up the majority of the volunteers who keep the building open on Saturdays, April thru September and for special tours and events. Without their dedication, there would be no Old Stagecoach Stop House Museum.

The broad definition of volunteering is offering to do work for no compensation, but people tend to do work for organizations that have some personal meaning for them that gives them fulfillment. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 62.8 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2013 and September 2014. Our county, and the Old Stagecoach Stop are happy to have such people.

Charley Dill, President of the **Waynesville Downtown Business Association** spotlighted the volunteers who are the **OSS Board of Directors** on the WDBA Face Book Page. With his permission, I am publishing the information here.

Jan Primas retired from the Waynesville school district and is an adjunct faculty member at Drury University, supervising student teachers. Jan has been with the museum for twenty-six years and has been President of the board for the last three years. She was enticed to move from the city to Pulaski County thirty-eight years ago by the beauty of the woods and rivers in rural Missouri. Originally from Wood River, Illinois, Jan is an avid Cardinals fan. She enjoys hosting family and friends for get-togethers at her log home in the woods. An enthusiastic bird watcher, Jan maintains feeding stations year round.

Kitty McKelvey, originally from Decatur, Illinois, is a retired school teacher. Kitty has lived in Pulaski County for the forty-three years. She has been involved with the museum for the past fifteen years, the last four of those as a board member. Kitty and her husband moved to Pulaski County from Alton, Illinois to operate the Wilderness Ridge Resort on the Big Piney River near Duke, MO. Kitty is currently the president of the Pulaski County Missouri Retired Teachers and Public School Personnel Association a member of the Waynesville City Council.

Kelly Howley, a special education teacher at Waynesville Middle School, has been with the museum for eight years. She was brought to Pulaski County when her husband was stationed here eleven years ago. Originally from New Jersey, Kelly spends her free time volunteering. Besides the time she spends at the OSS, Kelly has a Therapy dog and they make frequent trips to Fort Leonard Wood USO to provide affection and comfort to people in there.

Pam Barnabee, a retired federal employee, has been with the museum since 2007. She and her husband moved here from Illinois in 1975 after they fell in love with the area after they honeymooned at Lake of the Ozarks in 1969. After taking jobs in Germany and Maryland, they returned to Pulaski County to retire in 2005. Besides her interest in the Old Stagecoach Stop and other local history, Pam has a passion for nature. She's currently the president of the local (Rolla) Missouri Master Naturalist Chapter as well as a Missouri Stream Team member. She considers helping manage her property for biodiversity to be her primary occupation.

Dave Edie, originally from Prophetstown, Illinois & retired from the army, works as an adjunct professor of history for Ozark Technical College (OTC). He's been with the museum for two years, but has lived in Pulaski County since he PCS'd here in 2005. He has an interest in motorcycles and is a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Stephanie Nutt has been with the museum for the past ten years. A cultural resources program coordinator for Fort Leonard Wood (archaeologist, historic preservation specialist), Stephanie and her husband made their way to Pulaski County from Ohio and Kentucky thirteen years ago. They decided to stay in the area after her husband retired from the army. Along with her efforts at the OSS, Stephanie volunteers with the Girl Scouts of America, assisting in activities with her daughter, Lucy.

Jeanie Porter has been with the museum for the past five years. After thirty years as a special education teacher, Jeanie retired and now works as a Shaklee Independent Distributor. She was brought to Pulaski County in 1973 when her husband Gary was hired as the Waynesville City Manager. Originally from Iowa, Jeanie enjoys gardening, basketmaking, music (she plays the piano at her church), sewing, quilting, horses, and rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Terry Primas, originally from Alton, Illinois, is a full-time volunteer who has been with the museum for twenty-six years. He is retired from the Waynesville R-VI school district. The landscape of Pulaski County is what brought him to this area thirty-eight years ago. Terry is the editor of the *Old Settlers Gazette* and spends much of the year researching and writing, both for the *Gazette* and other publications. He is also a step-on tour guide for the section of Route 66 that runs through Pulaski County.

Glenna Scott has been with the museum for the past four years, but has lived in Pulaski County for the past sixty years. She and her family (including her ten siblings) moved to the area when she was ten years old so they could join relatives already living here. Before moving to Pulaski County, Glenna lived in the small Missouri bootheel town of Holland where she started working the family cotton farm at the age of three. After retiring from the WHS Counselors Department, Glenna started tracking her family genealogy. In her free time, Glenna enjoys gardening, cooking, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

TAKING the REINS

We owe a huge thank you to **Marge Connors, Anna Maria Reigle, Amelia Falge, and Abigail Hillman**, who act as tour guides and also assist with special tours and events. They have all played an integral role in keeping the building available for the community and beyond.

ISSUE 33 of the *Old Settlers Gazette* was delivered to our advertisers on Monday, July 20th. This is a group effort, led by our author/editor **Terry Primas**. The board does the difficult job of ad sales and delivery. The entire proceeds are put back into the building, allowing us to make improvements and maintain the building. If you did not get a copy, stop by and pick one up on Appreciation Day or Christmas on the Square. If you are out of town, request one at tprimas@mac.com and we will mail you an issue.

The Pulaski County Museum and Historical Society organized Old Settlers Day this year for the first time. It was a great fundraiser for them and we appreciate their efforts and are happy it was so successful.

Waynesville R-VI AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates, in search of a Service Project, spent their Service Day at the OSS. They worked tirelessly pulling weeds, vines, and clearing several overgrown areas of the backyard. Others mopped, dusted, and cleaned in the building. Thanks to the volunteers for their much needed and much appreciated help.

Please **remember to renew your membership**. The form you need is included in this newsletter. We need the support and interest in the community to continue our mission. We have had many bus tours this season and twelve 4th grade classes visited the building, in addition to our regular Saturday hours. If you are interested **in joining our Foundation Board**, or **volunteering** at the Old Stagecoach Stop, contact a current board member. We welcome new volunteers. **How about you?**

The OSS Board made a change in the by-laws in November. We will no longer be having an Annual Meeting of the Foundation membership. The **Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Annual Report** will be available on our website in October.