

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation was formed in April of 1983 and bought the building for \$40,000. A matching grant of \$13,200 was obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. With the grant, the exterior of the building was stabilized and restored to its 19th-century appearance.

The original debt was retired in 1992 and interior restoration began in earnest. The rest of the historic property, along with a small brick building, was acquired in 2003. Maintenance of the nearly 160-year-old building and small improvements consume most of the Foundation's resources.

The Old Stagecoach Stop is the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County. The interior is restored to different periods, ranging from 1860 to 1960. The ten rooms reflect the history of the building and county. The house museum is open Saturdays, April through September, from 10 AM to 4 PM. However, it is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

### Foundation Flashback

With the acquisition of the old hotel in 1983 and the stabilization of the exterior by Randy King Construction by mid-1984, the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation began a series of fundraising activities to reduce its considerable debt. Ten events were held between September 1983 and October of 1984. The most ambitious of the fund-raisers was a concert featuring Jerry Clower, a well-known country humorist of the day. Robert Dodds, President of the Foundation and chairman of the event, secured the Waynesville High School gymnasium, the largest venue in town, as the site for the concert. Clower's popularity and the effective promotion of the event by the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation resulted in a packed gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, March 17, 1984. Jack Painter, the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, started the program at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation by Reverend

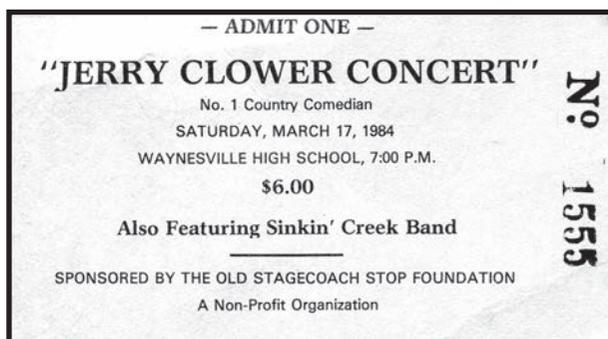
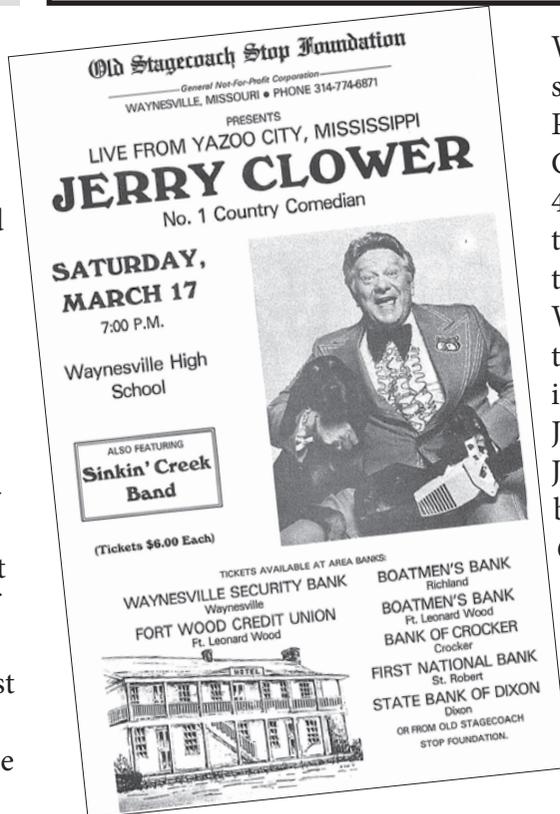
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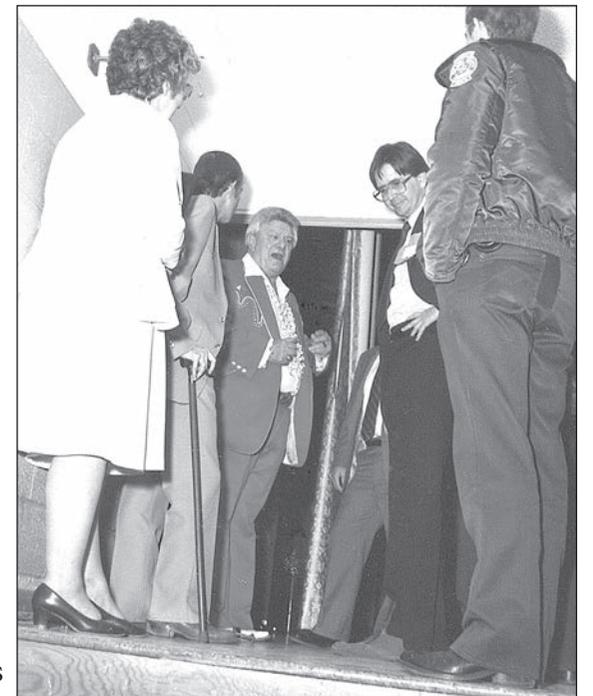
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Wilbur Harbaugh, followed by the singing of the national anthem by Rick McMillan. Local group Sinkin' Creek Band took the stage for about 40 minutes. After an intermission, the audience was called back to the gymnasium by Jim Lincoln, Waynesville City Administrator, who played the bagpipes in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Jack Painter then introduced Jerry Clower who, as reported by Steve Gaynor in the *Daily Guide*, "regaled the crowd with tales of the lighter side of rural life...[and did] his famed coon-hunting routine, in which an ill-fated hunter ends up locked in combat with a lynx."

The Foundation was proud of the involvement of over a dozen groups from Waynesville and Fort Leonard Wood, as well as many individuals. As a fund-raiser, it was the best so far. At the Clower show, the First National Bank of St. Robert presented a check for \$2,000. Boatmen's

Bank of Fort Leonard Wood added \$1,000. Waynesville Security Bank had previously donated \$1,000. Robert Dodds announced two weeks after the Clower concert that the event "cleared a profit of approximately \$5,700."



Waiting in the wings for the show to go on are (l-r) Maxine Farnham, Gary Porter, Clower, Robert Dodds, and J. B. King.