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ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the High Plains Historical Society should mark their calendars for the annual meeting to be held July 8. Topic for the presentation will be the 1935 flood.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Jerda Garey Vickers (ex-officio)
HOMETOWN MUSEUM: High Plains Museum
HOW I CAME TO BE IN MCCOOK: Born in a farm 4 miles south of McCook, worked at the college as an instructor and administrator for 20 years
OTHER MCCOOK ACTIVITIES: previously McCook Chamber board and president, Kiwanis, Rotary, City Council, Planning commission, Mayor, Art Guild, St. Pat's
SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ME: love to fish – seven Master Anglers, started art at age 80, worked as Iowa State Director of Career and Technical Education
HOW I CAME TO BE ON THE HPHS BOARD: Cloyd Clark recruited me
ONE DREAM FOR THE MUSEUM: establish the Carnegie Library Research Center

NEBRASKA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

Five board members and the site manager attended the annual NMA conference held this spring in Alliance. Workshop topics included digitization, fundraising, marketing tools, mental health, youth volunteerism, community engagement and thinking outside the box about exhibits and programming. Shane Hilker won free registration to the Mountain Plains conference to be held in Omaha in the fall! Jimmy McCarville won a 1960s door prize . . . a can of SPAM!

BUFFALO COMMONS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The Museum will host a special presentation on Sunday, June 15 starting at 2:00 pm. Dan Holtz and Gary Zalud will present "Heroism on the Plains: Story Songs of Courage and Determination." This is a Speakers Bureau program from *Humanities Nebraska* who has provided part of the funding.

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT ROOM

We hope you were one of the members who attended the special reception for the exhibit; *Play Ball!* featuring baseball and softball stand outs from the past and present.
Be sure to come in to see the next exhibit; *Spoils of War* beginning May 13.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

The north front room (commonly referred to as the DAR room) has a new look. Stay tuned for further developments!
Also The Knight Museum in Alliance donated two glass display cases to our cause. Keep an eye out for them as you tour *your* museum.

All rails lead to the Museum of the High Plains