



CYPRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Blast From the Past!

by Mary Bianche

On a beautiful Saturday day in September, the annual meeting was held for all Cypress Historical Society members in the Juergen Hall at Cypress Top in Cypress, Texas. Members gathered in the morning to brightly decorate the tables prepared for the guests. The smell of the burgers grilling on the pit made one more than eager to consume the delicious food; grilling was by Steve and Donna Graves. HEB furnished tea and water and we had great tasting desserts. After indulging in the great food, we became historians when the "Cy-Fair Jeopardy" game began and our memories had to revert back to the olden days, and recall the past. There was a lot of fun and laughter.

A super raffle was held to raise money for the CHS Library, and it was a great success! Among the raffled items were two Astros tickets furnished by Barbara Dorr with excellent seating, a needlepoint framed picture donated by Erlene Schoenfeldt, \$25.00 gift certificate to Olive Garden, \$25.00 potted ivy, and a beautiful \$85.00 patriotic wreath contributed by Sharon Miller. Many thanks to all the organizers, workers, and participants for making this a wonderful day. Special thanks to Jerry Klumpp for the photography!



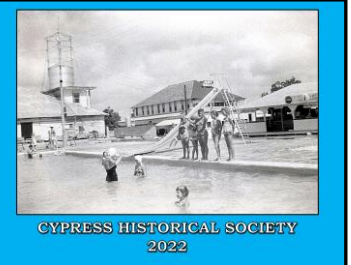
Flapper-girl JoAnn Hirsch, Hobert Smith, and Elroy Hirsch visit at the CHS "Blast From the Past" event in Juergen Hall.



Our Thursday afternoon Library crew: Beverly Richardson, Sharon Miller, and Mary Bianche!

CHS 2022 Calendars are Available!

Are you looking for the right Christmas present for friends and family? You're in luck! There's still time to pick up the 2022 Calendar with historical pictures from the Cy-Fair area.



The 2022 CHS Calendar!

This year's calendar features "Taking Swimming Lessons at Hot wells in 1957" on the cover. Inside, are pictures of 1) Wayne Richardson Fixin' the Car With Dad, 2) Earnest Tubbs Visits Juergen's, 3) The Hockley School in 1913, 4) The Sommermeyer House in 1920, 5) Elmer Beckendorf Dairy, 6) "Pud" Jeager Riding a Cow, 7) The Bath House at Hot Wells in 1952, 8) Fairbanks State Bank, 9) Brink School, circa 1900, 10) Juergen Grist Mill and Water Tower, 11) Crews Central Drug Store, and 12) The Original Kitzmann Service Garage before 1929.

The calendars are only \$15.00 each. They can be picked up from the CHS Library through December 18th. Or, you can contact Terri Sigmund at 281-373-9052 or 'Jsigm@aol.com' and she will mail them out to you. Just add \$2.50 per calendar for postage, and get your order in as soon as possible to make it by Christmas.

"Blast From The Past" (Continued)



New CHS Board member and researcher, Sonia Dupre, (left) with CHS President Michelle Christie. (right)



Darnell Klumpp visits with her cousin, Joyce Zaboroski Kleb.



Leading the Cy-Fair "Jeopardy" game is CHS Board member Barbara Dorr, along with her assistant, Michelle "Vanna White" Christie!

Mark Your Calendars!

(No December Meeting)

CHS Library Holiday Hours:

Closed 12/17 through 1/3

Will reopen 1/4/2022

Jan 15 – CHS Board Mtg

Board of Directors Elections

(All Members welcome)

Saturday, 9:00am, CHS Library

Cypress Top Historic Park

Feb 19 – CHS Board Mtg

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(All Members welcome)

Saturday, 9:00am, CHS Library

Cypress Top Historic Park

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership for 2022. Our memberships run for the calendar year. New members who join after our September Event are credited through the next year. Check your mailing label - If the date next to your name is 12/31/2021, then it is time to renew. If it has a later date, or "Lifetime", then you are already a member for 2022. Thanks for your continued support!

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CHS Members Volunteer at Kleb Woods

by Jay Gavitt

The last week in October, Kleb Woods hosted a field trip day for the 3rd graders from Woodward Elementary School. Over 180 students took part in the day's programs. There were six stations set up and the students moved through the various stations during the day. One of the stations was the Kleb farm house. CHS volunteer Jay Gavitt gave the tour of the house where students learned about life during the early 1900s. It is great to see that schools are now taking field trips once again.

The following week, Kleb Woods Nature Center held its 10th Annual "Diggin Old Stuff" event. The event is held each November honoring Archeology Month. One of



3rd graders from Woodward Elementary School in front of the Kleb house.



Jay Gavitt points out features of the Kleb house to members of the Houston Archeological Society.

the featured programs this year was the Cypress Historical Society's tours of the Kleb family home. Each tour featured "hands on activities" as well as the history of the farm house and Kleb family. The tours were led by our youngest members, Makenna Stokes and Chris Fonte, along with Jay Gavitt. The other featured programs were the Houston Archeological Society's supervised archeological dig, and the Kleb Woods Blacksmith's demonstration by Cypress Historical Society member Jim Pulliam. Over 270 people took part in the day's activities!



CHS members Makenna Stokes and Chris Fonte give tours of the Kleb house at the "Diggin Old Stuff" event.

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Bottles added to the Cypress Historical Society's Collection

by Jay Gavitt and Jim Sigmund

Last month, Barbara Buckner Short donated a number of vintage items to our artifacts collection. Among the artifacts was a collection of antique bottles. The collection included a wide variety of bottles that are now on display in the CHS Library. The collection includes blue, green, brown, and clear colored glass. Many have raised lettering on them indicating the medicines and or the pharmacies from which they came. Some even have their original glass stoppers. Barbara included an interesting note on the blue colored glass. She wrote, *"If the glass is purple, it would be pre-1916. Manganese was used to purify the glass. It came from Germany and when the war started, the manganese supply tapered off. After 1916, silicon and lead were used and bottles had no color (clear)"*.

One of the unusual bottles in the collection was a Coca Cola bottle. Unlike the green glass bottles and Coca Cola scripts we are accustomed to, this one is clear glass with raised-block lettering. This was probably made by an independent bottler.



Rare pre-1916 Coca Cola bottle.



Clear glass bottles, including the "Casket Bottle" on the lower left.



Blue glass bottles in the collection, including one with a glass stopper.

Barbara said the bottles were picked up by her grandfather over a lifetime of searching. Being an avid outdoorsman, he always kept an eye out for the shiny collectibles. Her father was less excited about the bottles found, as the bottles usually were placed in his pack to carry home!

Many of the bottles have raised lettering, including "Dr Sayman's Witch Hazel Cream", "Groves Tasteless Chill Tonic", "Creomulsion For Coughs due to Colds", "Pluto Water-America's Physic", "Castoria-Chas. H. Fletcher's", "Jno. R. Collins-Groveton, Texas", and "Hobo Medicine-Beaumont, Texas"!



A future research project is needed to identify each bottle and determine it's origin and vintage. If you have expertise, or an interest, in this research, let us know.

CHS Bottle Collection (Continued)

Perhaps the most unique bottle in the CHS Collection is the “Goole Bottle”, brought to us by Marvin Weiman. These were also called “Goli Bottles”. This is a heavy glass, Codd-neck empty bottle. It has the following inscriptions on it.

Front: WARWICKS AND RICHARDSON LD - GOOLE

Rear: DOBSON & NALL - FOURWAY PATENT - REGD NO 14695

The Codd bottle was designed and manufactured to enclose a marble and a rubber washer/gasket in the neck. The bottles are filled upside down, and pressure of the gas in the bottle forced the marble up against the washer, sealing in the carbonation. The bottle was pinched into a special shape to provide a chamber into which the marble was pushed to open the bottle. This prevented the marble from blocking the neck as the drink was poured.

If you would like to see how this bottle was made visit YouTube at the this address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mNACDhrVbs>



The bottle has two pinched in sides to prevent the marble from falling into the bottle. It also has four dimples in the glass near the top to prevent the marble from closing as the soda is poured out.

CHS Library News

by Jim Sigmund

- The CHS Library is now open on Wednesday mornings also! Library hours now are Tues: 9-4, Wed: 9-12, and Thurs: 9-12.
- Marvin Weiman brought us two vintage shaving razors along with their cases. One used the more common double-edge blades, but the older one used just a single-edge blade. He also brought in a promotional deck of cards from the Dated Eggs Company. Marvin used to pick up fresh eggs from Neal's Store, and transport them to the Dated Eggs Company on Washington Avenue.
- Barbara Buckner Short donated a lot more than her grandfather's bottle collection. Among the many items were a coffee grinder, a brass spittoon, a vintage gas can "Deluxe Schlueter MFG.", and a cant hook from a log-rolling pole.



Vintage hand-crank coffee grinder, donated to CHS by Barbara Short.



Brass spittoon from Barbara and single-blade razor from Marvin.

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