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Hello to you all,

Well, looks like another year has flown by!! Hope it found you all doing well.

We were busy as usual this year. Starting in February, The Boys & Girls Club kids made valentines for some of the senior citizens around town.

April brought our Alumni Banquet which we enjoyed attending, however, numbers were low. This was accredited to perhaps loss of members along with folks staying connected via Facebook. Facebook does give us a great advantage, however, I would encourage you all to attend next year, in person. It is much more enjoyable to see your old classmates face-to-face as opposed to screen-to-screen. 40 and 50 year olds, you're never too young to attend the event. Your attendance will be what keeps it going in years to come.

May was a busy month for us. We attended the land run activities at school and had another successful garage sale. In June we RESTED!

In July we had a paper quilt block class for kids in the neighborhood. This year we had almost as many boys as girls. 9 kids attended. The next week, The Boys & Girls Club kids came for a field trip and learned a little about genealogy.

In an effort to encourage interest in genealogy, we had a genealogy meeting in August which brought us a new volunteer, Terry Morris. He has turned out to be a godsend for us. He sits at the museum on Fridays, at least for the time being, and has helped us with a lot of heavy work around the museum. He is also passionate about Civil War veterans and is pulling information together in hopes of publishing a new book for the museum to sell. We are hoping to have this finished by spring.

September arrived and with it our 4th annual quilt show. This year we had 60+ quilts and everyone enjoyed the show.

The spooks came out in October and we were there to hand out candy. This year our flower-box was venue to a family of ghost who were dressed for Trick-or-Treating.

Last year, Stephanie Allred Pottberg loaned us enough Allred artifacts to create a wonderful display, the favorite among the kids being the trap-door pajamas. When it was time to dismantle that display, Stephanie donated most of the items along

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with a large traveling trunk. Thank you Stephanie. That area now holds the funeral home display, in celebration of the upcoming 100th year anniversary of the funeral home, a must see!

In November, several of us enjoyed a visit to the "First Americans Museum" in Oklahoma City and tried a few unusual dishes at the museum's cafe.

We also made a HUGE change to the museum in November. We moved most of the library, that was once housed in the center of the building, to the office and annex. That area is now a space for Dr. Darling's furniture, the home-ec mantle piece, an old cook stove, and kitchen table - set with dishes. We also moved in a laundry day exhibit consisting of an old ringer washing machine, ironing board, and slat basket along with smaller items that would have been used on laundry day.

As December rolls around again - Boy that came fast!!! We will decorate the green space with our retro lawn ornaments, put up our Christmas trees, and prepare for another "Day With Mrs. Claus." An event the kids always look forward to.

Each year, I ask for volunteers and this one is no exception. There are 4 of us who sit at the-museum. Terry will only be able to sit a few more Fridays. Many of us had major health issues in 2025 and there were a few days when we had to close due to lack of volunteers.

Would you consider volunteering one day a year? You can bring your own project, browse our library, research your own genealogy or sit and peruse your phone, read, do hand-work, whatever you choose. If you are interested, please call the museum and leave a message at 580-668-2505.

God bless you and stay well,

Melinda Taylor
Wilson Historical President

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