



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER *By Tom Wiederhold*

The “Dog Days” of August have arrived and I am happy that this year we have not sweltered as we did last year, mind you it’s been hot, but we have had much more pleasant weather all around. I spent Saturday July 28th in the Stockyards for National Day of the Cowboy and met a lot of people. There was a “flash mob” that did a video which is now posted on the internet and it shows the Stockyards very well. I had to miss the July meeting due to family commitments but heard everyone had a great time! I need to work on the dates for our travels to other museums such as Oklahoma and I promise we will get that set up this year.

Teresa has been doing a wonderful job handling the museum and our volunteers, and I would like to take that and expand it to say, Please think about coming in to the museum once in a while to help with projects she is working on. We need some help with cleaning displays and other “Museum Duties”. Many times Teresa is not able to get to things needed done, as she has to help in the museum itself. Our face book page is doing well and we have over 600 people on there, I wished I could convert them into members for the society! The start of rearranging displays is moving along that we may have more Northside and Stockyards items out on display. This is another area we could use some help with. Preparation of displays as we change them.

A reminder also that the Oakwood Cemetery Tour is right around the corner and Marty will need volunteers and as always, any donations to help offset expenses. Promotion of the tour is critical so please be spreading the word! Ask Marty or Sarah what you might be able to do to help. This is the 100 year anniversary of the chapel and we would like to make it special.

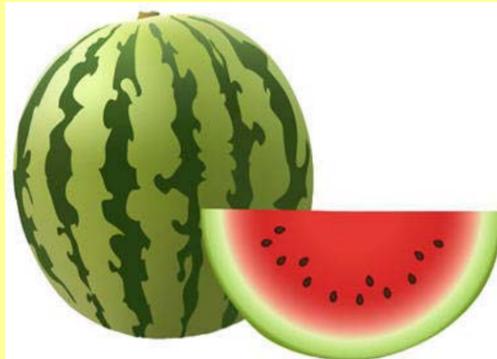
I will see you all at the meeting and look forward to a great presentation.—Tom



The Oakwood Cemetery Chapel .



Hope y’all are having a great summer!



Membership Newsletter August 2012

Don’t miss the NFWHS meeting!

August 9 at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building.

### John Swartz, The Man Behind the Camera

Donna Donnell (you know, Skip’s little sister), will be our guest speaker. The December 2011 cover story of Wild West Magazine was a collaboration by local historians Richard Selcer and Donna Humphrey-Donnell. The story included newly discovered information about the Wild Bunch’s short time in Fort Worth in late 1900, and the famous photograph, “The Fort Worth Five”, taken by local photographer John Swartz. What the article did not tell was the amazing journey Donna took while searching for John Swartz, the man behind the camera.



The photograph has been used countless times in books, magazines, the internet, television and is even taken on tours throughout the country by the Smithsonian Institute as part of the National Portrait Gallery. It made Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid the most wanted robbers of their day. It played an essential part in the demise of the entire gang. Quite possibly, without this photograph, there would not have been the 1969 film Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Yet, the photographer has been forgotten in time, virtually unknown, lost in the bigger story. Not only was Swartz lost in history, he was even lost to his direct descendants. I promise it has a happy ending... some of you may want to bring Kleenex.

### Broken Water Line Closes East Exchange Avenue

On Monday, July 23, at about 10:30am, a water pipe broke and pushed up the bricks on Exchange Avenue and flooded the street. The street was closed for the rest of the day. A crew worked all day and into the night to repair it. Meantime, there was no water in the Stockyards and all the restaurants were closed. By about noon the street was deserted. Water was restored by the next day and the street was opened.

They were still working on the water line up to July 30 and now the workers are carefully replacing each historic brick back into the street.

This photo was taken on July 31 in front of the H3 Ranch. Each brick is being replaced by hand.



### Faces from the Past

This is the Niles City police force taken about 1914. The man in back in the center is believed to be Marshal W.H. Brown, who later was elected Mayor of Niles City. The officer to his left is Frank W. Avriett. The plain clothes officer on the right is unknown. On the front row, from left to right, are officers W.T. Finch, Bill Sitton, Ben Sitton and Bill Atherton.



### NFWHS News by Teresa Burluson

August 19 is the 21st anniversary of Charlie McCafferty's passing.

Charlie and Sue McCafferty founded the North Fort Worth Historical Society in 1976.

We are enjoying the Fort Worth Stockyards partially because of the efforts and the passion of Charlie and Sue McCafferty.



July 28, was National Day of the American Cowboy and a celebration and parade were held in the Stockyards.

This photo of Billy Oxsheer riding in the parade was taken by Skip Humphry.

Also that day, Tom Weiderhold, Dave Davis, Robert Baker and Keith Bridwell were in the Stockyards portraying gunfighters and outlaws.

Gerlind Capling also came out for the festivities and helped out in the museum.

### Vote for Officers on Thursday, August 9th at NFWHS meeting.

The nominating committee has met and these are the candidates for officers.

- Tom Wiederhold            President
- Marty Humphrey        1st VP
- Deborah Carl            2nd VP
- Loretta Hudson         3rd VP
- Pat Simpson             Secretary
- Sue Ann Hayley         Treasurer

Trustees will be elected at the September meeting.

The nominating committee is made up of; Sarah Biles, Loretta Hudson and John Pugh.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Oakwood Cemetery Saints and Sinners Tour is Oct. 26, 27 and 28.

