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of the Highlandlake/Mead area



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Historical Mead: A Centennial

An estimated 500 people viewed the photo exhibit, "Historical Mead: A Centennial" over the five weeks it was open, and close to 300 were on hand for the opening ceremony on November 4, according to the staff at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center.

The exhibit, which included photos of early and present day Highlandlake, and Mead, was featured at the museum from October 28 through December 3, 2006.

During the opening-day festivities, visitors had the opportunity to talk with Lorin Mead, portrayed by Loren Riemer; Isadore True, portrayed by Pat Jorgenson; Paul Mead, portrayed by Richard Kraemer; Mrs. M. S. (Fanny) Adams, portrayed by Pauli Driver Smith; and Clint Smith, portrayed by Conrad Hopp.

Besides the five adults, six, third grade students from Mead Elementary School portrayed children from the early days of Highlandlake/Mead to the present. These included, Dustin Reimer as Malcolm Mead; Easton Adler, portraying his great great grandfather, Carl Adler; Jacoby Brace, portraying a Mead Fireman from the 1930s; Camilla Lee, portraying Bertha Mae Kerr; and Rosie Cain and Shaleigh Jelinek, as

themselves.

The exhibit featured historical photos from both the Historic Highlandlake Digital collection and the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center's Archives. Present-day photos were contributed by Mead resident, Sheila Koenig, who has spent the past two years documenting the people and places in the Mead/Highlandlake area.

In addition to the photos, there were also several artifacts loaned to the museum by Mead area families. These included the original Highlandlake school sign loaned by the Dean Brossman family; Isadore Terry True's photo album and last

diary, loaned by Mary True Farr; the original hand-drawn fire hose cart used in Mead from 1915 to 1962 and loaned by the Town of Mead; a 3D map of the town of Mead created by Mead Elementary 2nd graders; and a cream pitcher loaned by Pauli Smith. Also included was Isadore True's handmade writing box, circa the mid. 1850s, which she brought with her to Highlandlake and is now part of the museum's permanent collection. Finally, the Mountain View Fire Protection District brought Engine #10, the first motorized fire truck used in Mead and purchased from Longmont Rural in 1962.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to acquaint the larger community with the rich histories of Highlandlake and Mead," said HHI Executive Director, Pauli Driver Smith.

"The Longmont Museum and HHI are thrilled with the excellent turnout, both



Conrad Hopp as Clint Smith





History Bits



Two members of the first girl's basketball team at Mead Consolidated Schools 1920-1921 school year.



"I think that it is important that we preserve the histories of our farming communities, especially since now so much of our farmland is being sold for development."

~Nancy Kiteley



Blizzard of 1913. This engine derailed in Forbes Coates' field just north of the Mead station on December 13. The rotary plow came through the 14th to clear the tracks.

Photo courtesy of the Longmont Museum archives.

11th Annual Joyful Country Christmas Candlelight Service December 21.

If you are weary of attending huge area Christmas productions and are longing for a simple, old-fashioned Christmas program to attend with your family, then join us in Highlandlake for our 11th annual Joyful Country Christmas.

As in years past, our candlelight carol service will be held at the Historic Highlandlake church at 7 p.m., and will last about a half hour.

Fire codes and limited space allow us to accommodate only 100 people or less and every year our program gets more and more popular, so come early to guarantee yourself a seat.

Also remember that our building is original to 1896, so we do not have a reliable heat source (the old-potbellied stove isn't ready to be used yet), so dress warmly. As always, we will be providing hot cider and coffee to warm body and soul after the service, and there will also be plenty of Christmas cookies to indulge in.



Please note that due to work on the church grounds, this year you will need to park along the road or at the lake parking area across the street.

Notable Mentions

If you have driven by the Highlandlake church recently you will have noticed that we have caution tape around the grounds. Are you wondering why?

The reason is that now that most of the exterior work on the building is finished, we gathered our volunteers, cleaned the grounds up, graded the soil so the water will drain away from the building, added landscaping rocks around the edges of the building (donated by Brenda and her father Walt Logsdon, and installed by Walt and Stewart Barnes), and yes—we seeded the grounds. With native and dry land pasture seed.

In addition to the volunteers mentioned above, the following people donated their time and or materials to the landscaping project.

Brad Buehler volunteered to do the initial grading of the grounds, and Bud Minch did the fine grading. Arkansas Valley Seed donated all the grass seed, and Walt Logsdon and Stewart Barnes seeded the grass.

Cathy Barnes, Patti Williams, Mary Jensen, Pauli Smith, Lawrence Jensen, Walt Logsdon and Stewart Barnes braved a bitterly cold and windy day, to rake, pick up debris and make the final preparations for the seeding.

If I've have forgotten anyone please accept our apologies and know that your contributions are greatly appreciated and valued.

Thanks Bill Barnes!

Thanks to Bill Barnes for repairing the leg on the potbelly stove in the Highlandlake Church. We still have to get heat shields and, up to code, exhaust pipes, plus have the stove inspected before we can use it, but because Bill was willing to donate the repairs to the leg, we were able to save some money that will now go toward the new pipes.

Remaining work

We still have a few more remaining items left to do before we finish the restoration on the church project. The main project hold-up is the two custom made doors. Beyond that, almost all that is left is painting the downspouts of the gutters, and installing the heat shields and pipes for the two stoves in the building.

We have one major area of our restoration project that is excluded from the State Historic Fund grant. Because of the separation of church and state, State and Federal funds cannot be used to restore and protect the front windows since they have several religious symbols in them.

The total cost for just the protective glazing for these windows is \$9,000. We have raised, through private donations and local grants, almost the entire cost of the protective glazing. We still need a couple thousand dollars more so if you are thinking of contributing to the cost, we sure would appreciate you help.



Two Grants Received!

We recently received word that we are receiving two grants from the Mead Area Community Foundation (MACF).

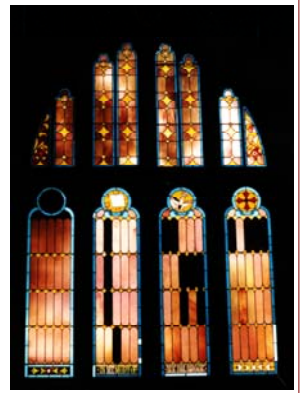
The first for \$500 will go toward educational materials to help teach area children local history, and for costume accessories for our historical re-enactors.

The second grant of \$2,000 and will be used toward the \$4,000 cost of installing protective glazing on the lower front windows of the Highlandlake church building.

Once installed, we will be able to remove the wood shutters and reveal the gorgeous, stained glass windows behind them. The shutters were originally installed in the late 1940s to protect the windows from hail and vandalism.

In the past, MACF has given us grants for the gate at the Highlandlake cemetery and for the Dove window in the Highlandlake church.

Thanks MACF for your continued support!



Front windows in the Highlandlake church before restoration. With the grant from MACF and private and individual donations, we will soon be able to remove the shutters from the exterior allowing the windows to be viewed in all their glory for the first time since the late 1940s.

Search the web ~ earn \$\$\$ for HHI

Find yourself searching for something on the web? Try out a new search engine and earn dollars for Historic Highlandlake!

In 2006, GoodSearch was featured by the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, Oprah Magazine, ABC News, CNN, Inc., Fortune and more, as well as in thousands of blogs. More than 24,000 non-profits are now onboard and about 100 new organizations are registering daily!

To use this search engine, go to: www.goodsearch.com. Once there, you will find a

place to type in Historic Highlandlake (make sure you spell Highlandlake correctly!), to verify who you want your dollars to go to. Then go searching!

You can also download their toolbar at:

www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/

Each individual search that you do will earn us one cent. Doesn't seem like a lot, but each penny will add up quickly if enough people start using this valuable resource.

Happy Surfing!

I Remember When. . .



Excerpts from a letter written in 1971 by Dr. Myra Imogene Mead Cope MD, daughter of Paul Mead, for the 50th annual reunion in Highlandlake.

I remember well the Highlandlake of my childhood, around the turn of the century.

The church where Mrs. Waite, the perennial primary teacher in the Sunday School, and a loyal member of the W. C. T. U. taught us all the evils of alcoholism: where on Christmas Eve the whole family piled into the surrey and drove to speak our pieces and receive a red mesh bag of candy from a glorious tree hung with festoons of popcorn and cranberries and lighted with real candles.

Where . . . Ralph Holmes and I were once publicly reprimanded for "playing" during a sermon. We weren't playing, we were just amusing ourselves by putting our fingers into the perforations in the seat of an empty chair between us. Remember those chairs?

I remember my "Papa Paul" opening the Sunday morning services by playing the Doxology on the organ,

the signal for everyone to find a seat. . . .

I remember racing home from school in an effort to call my friends on the new telephone, before they could call me. I heard a phonograph for the first time one evening at Cora's and Ewing's. I had my first automobile ride in Dr. Dillingham's Maxwell.

I remember our rough and tumble games on the school playground. One day Mona Quaile and I collided and my nose was broken. In the winter, at recess time, we'd rush with our skates across the road to skate on the lake, as soon as Uncle Lorin, the Deacon, would declare the ice safe.

I remember Mr. Richie's store, where we always got a pound of candy free, after the crops -were sold and the summer's bill was paid.

There were lots of nice things about being a child at Highlandlake, and its fun sometimes to remember them and write down a few. My greetings to any who may remember me.

Myra Imogene Mead Cope



School concert circa mid. 1910s. This was held in the old Assembly Hall on Main street in Mead.

This building was also used as a Farmer's Union Hall and then later as the Town Hall. The Mead Consolidated Schools used the building as a gym and assembly hall until the mid. 1930s when the WPA built the school a gym. This building was eventually torn down in 2005 in order to build the new First National Bank of Mead.

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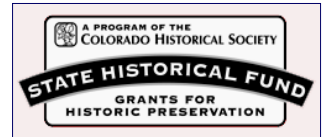
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- Alice York

Special thanks to all of you who have donated your \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$75 contributions. While there are too many of you to mention individually, we know that without you we would never be able to reach our goals!

• Edward & Lori



The Historic Highlandlake Church restoration project is partially funded by the State Historical Fund.

Without their help, we would have lost this valuable community resource.

Thank you SHF!

Sponsors for the Mead Centennial Exhibit

(\$1,000-only one)
Town of Mead
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(\$500)

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Supporting
(\$100)

Mead Café
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Quality Turf
Vale View in the Meadow

Additional Support provided by:
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Join Historic Highlandlake!

Our organization is open to anyone who has an interest in the past history and future vitality of the Highlandlake/Mead Communities. We have two designations of membership — General and “Pioneer,” with the latter designation reserved for those individuals who are descended from anyone who lived in the Highlandlake Community prior to 1906, or in Mead before 1925.

Annual memberships are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families, whether General or “Pioneer,” and \$100 for a Supporting Member. \$500 will buy you a lifetime membership. Additionally, one-year, individual memberships will be conferred on those individuals or businesses that have donated \$100 or more to the church building fund per year.

The money collected from membership dues will be used for the regular, ongoing expenses of the organization, such as printing, mailings, newsletters, programs and other day to day expenses of running the society.



L. C. Mead
Founder of Highlandlake

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Enclosed is my tax-deductible membership contribution for 2006.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email: _____

Sign me up as a:

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 Supporting (\$100) *Life (\$500)*
 *I am a direct descendant of a pre-1906 Highlandlake Pioneer**
 *I am a direct descendant of a pre-1925 Mead Pioneer**

*Pioneer memberships are restricted to those members who can prove direct descendancy from a pre~1906, Highlandlake settler, or a pre~1925 Mead resident. Please contact us for more information.

I am contributing \$ _____ to the Highlandlake Church Restoration

I am contributing \$ _____ to Historic Highlandlake's Operating fund

I am contributing \$ _____ to the Highlandlake Pioneer Cemetery

I am contributing \$ _____ to wherever you need it most

I would like to help with:

Membership Committee *Highlandlake Church/Community Building*
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 Oral History *Highlandlake and Mead Digital Photo Project*
 Educational Outreach *Re-enactments*

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If we have missed anyone please let us know and accept our apologies.



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