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Apple Day Successful, Record Breaker *By Joanne Gulotta*

If you missed the Historical Society's 17th annual Apple Pie Making Marathon and Apple Day, you missed out on a great week of fun, camaraderie and a spirit of volunteerism that set new records.

We made a record number of apple pies thanks to a record number of volunteers. See the statistics below and you will be as impressed as the rest of us were by the droves of volunteers who came out to help, by the volume of apple pie ingredients used and by the resulting profit made by the Historical Society.

The profits will go to Fort Riley Scholarships, furnishing of Custer House Side B and to support our free monthly historical programs that are open to the public.

I would like to thank the entire Historical Board for their unwavering support of all of the Apple events, the commissary for their donation of apples, the Directorate of Logistics for their trucking support and the Directorate of

Public Works for allowing us to use the old 24th ID Dining Facility.

In addition, I would like to thank two past Board members, Barbara Brinkley and Terrie Miller for mentoring me along the way and for helping me train Shift Managers.

Also, thanks to Maj. Dave Vanover and the guys at 3rd Brigade, 75th Division for their muscle power and outdoor lighting support.

We had several units and organizations that came out in groups to volunteer for pie making. They were, 125th Forward Support Battalion, Chaplain's Wives Group, Odds and Ends Coffee Group, 10th ASOS, 1-34 Armor, 2-34 Armor, Boy Scout Troop 60, HHC 3rd BCT and 937th Engineer Group.

A special thanks goes to the JROTC Cadets at Junction City High School for lending their support. In particular, I would like to thank Miles and Natasha LeMay for their hours of volunteer time both during pie making and on Apple



Day. We could not have run the pie distribution inside the Custer House on Apple Day without these hard working young people.

Finally, I thank God for blessing this endeavor from start to finish. I prayed and He delivered for me in a big way. I would organize this event again in a heartbeat for I had the time of my life working with such great people.

SO.....the gauntlet is thrown down and the challenge is put forth. A new Apple Pie Queen must be chosen in 2004, and a new Historical Board will have the opportunity to break the records set this year. Can they do it?

Apple Pie Statistics	
Food Details	Volunteers
1,212 apple pies made	260 volunteers
202 apple pies made per shift	782 volunteer hours
57 apple pies made per hour	Largest volunteer shift: Tuesday night, 47
Apples used: 4,000 softball sized Granny Smiths	Number of units/organizations represented: 36
Flour: 300 lbs	Unit/Org. with the most volunteers: 125 FSB - 11
Sugar: 720 lbs	Most apple pies made in a shift: Tuesday night - 256
Cinnamon: 42 large bottles, 44 small bottles	Number of Board members who volunteered 10 or more hours: 10
Butter: 224 lbs	Total number of volunteer hours by Board members: 247
Money	Number of volunteers who earned T-shirt for 10 or more hours: 15
Grocery cost: \$2,032	Number of pies baked for Apple Day: 152
Profit: \$7,000	Number of volunteers who baked pies: 11
	Volunteer who baked the most pies: Diane Hardy - 50

Celebrating 150 years - Apple Day 2003

By Joanne Gulotta

It couldn't have been a more beautiful and sunny fall day on Oct. 4 as the Historical Society set about baking and slicing 152 apple pies and serving them with ice cream at the Custer House at the annual Apple Day and Open House.

23 volunteers worked on behalf of the Historical Society slicing pies, serving pie, taking money, manning the Ways and Means table and Quilt Opportunity Booth and operating an old fashioned Cider Press in the front yard of the Custer House.

Our own President, Susie Jones also appeared all day in front of the Custer House in her peach colored antebellum dress and parasol, posing for pictures with all who made a request.

At the Custer House, with a steady stream of apple pie customers all day, the baked apple pies were sold out by

3 p.m. After that, customers bought the frozen pies still available. At the end of the day, only 30 pies were left out of the 1,212 that were made.

In addition to the traditional homemade apple pies that HASFR makes for Apple Day, we also sponsored the Reenactors that were seen on the Cavalry Parade Field in period costumes demonstrating blacksmithing, rope making, candle making and square dancing. An 1840's covered wagon was on display as well as a mountain man and scout encampment.

The Historical Society was also responsible for setting up the great FRG Food Booths that provided various goodies on Apple Day. All of the FRG's had long lines of customers and at the end of the day, had done quite well for their groups.

As a special guest on this very special Apple Day, HASFR was honored to have Woodbury F. Pride III come

with his family from St. Louis to share in our festivities here at Fort Riley.

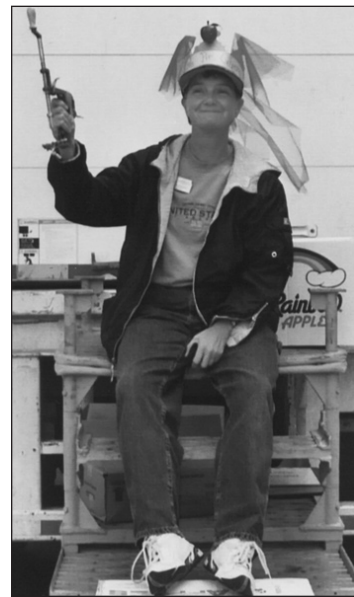
Pride is the grandson of Woodbury F. Pride, a Captain of Artillery who wrote the book, *The History of Fort Riley in the 1920's* which has been available through our Ways and Means for many years.

The book is a comprehensive history of Fort Riley that has helped keep alive the rich history of the buildings on Main Post, it's soldiers and the surrounding communities.

A first time visitor to Fort Riley, Pride autographed many of his grandfather's books and posed for pictures with HASFR Board members.

Bill McKale, director of the Cavalry Museum, also escorted him to his grandfather's grave at the Post cemetery, where he took a photograph of the headstone with the saber that his grandfather carried while on duty at Fort Riley.

Pride thoroughly enjoyed his weekend at Fort Riley and the warm welcome that he received and plans to return again in the future.



President's Corner A message from Susie Jones

Greetings from the President! As many of you are probably already thinking...she is going to talk about Apple Days this month isn't she? Yes!!!

We had the most successful Apple Days ever and it was all due to the coordination of Joanne Gulotta, our pie queen, our extremely supportive board and a multitude of volunteers.

We raised money that will go to a deserving cause and that makes our whole reason for existing a legitimate and worthy endeavor! We also had the honor and pleasure of Woody Pride's grandson and his family in attendance of our Apple Days/Open House. He and his family traveled from St. Louis to enjoy the festivities and they were gracious enough to pose for pictures and sign copies of the book written by his grandfather, *The Pride of Riley*.

The square dancers came out and performed, which added to the ambience of the day. As well as, a host of reenactors who were so authentic that literally we were all

transported in time to 1853! What a day...it really was magical and I am so honored to have been part of it all.

I hope many of you are keeping up with us and our monthly events because there is so much to do in the society and all of it is worthwhile and fun. Next up is the annual Ghost Tours and event and in November are excited to be bringing in a former WW II POW and author in celebration of Veterans Day. He will be speaking several times on post so make sure to write those dates on your calendar!! There aren't too many World War II veterans left and we should honor their sacrifice and enjoy the wisdom they have for us from a first hand perspective.

Well, there's plenty of other information in the newsletter so be sure to read it all so that you don't miss anything!!! Y'all take care and I hope to see ya around.

Sincerely,
Susan Jones
President

Ghost Tours Oct. 26

By Holly Garvin

It's that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the nights cooler, the trees are changing colors and the spirits are making their presence known. It's time to join the Historical and Archaeological Society for its annual ghost tours! Come out for an evening of history, haunting and fun.

Ghost Tours will be held Oct. 26 with the line forming at the Custer House. From 3-4 p.m., we will be giving day light stroller tours. Each child will be given a treat bag at the start of the tour and will be able to collect treats from the story tellers at each of the stops. This is a perfect tour for groups of brownies or boy scouts to take.

Traditional tours will begin at 4 p.m. with the line closing at 8 p.m.

Enjoy a two-mile stroll through historic main post while learning some interesting facts about the post's past and meet some of the previous residents who refuse to leave. We hope you will join us.

QUILT UPDATE

Cora Duchene, a watercolor artist at the Shoppe, is the recipient of this year's HASFR opportunity quilt. It was presented to her Oct. 17 at the Shoppe.

Mary Bonneau and Shawnee Sticca created the Americana quilt with five different star patterns, none of which were exactly alike. Bonneau invested more than 200 hours in the project and Sticca volunteered more than 40 hours. The opportunity raised \$434.

Although this year's quilt opportunity is complete, Bonneau is ready to begin the next project.

"I would like to have an ongoing quilt at all times-one ready and one in the works," she said.

A cream on cream pre-printed feathered pineapple quilt is partially complete in the Custer House and Bonneau would like to complete it this winter for a future quilt opportunity. Anyone interested in helping Bonneau with the quilt can reach her at 785-784-4634 or MTQBonneau@hotmail.com

Rent the Custer House

Do you need a unique place to hold your next Coffee, Welcome, Hail and Farewell or Baby Shower? Consider renting the Custer House. Side B of the Custer House can be rented for \$20 per day (a \$50 refundable deposit is required). For further information or to make reservations please call Karen Higdon at 784-4044.

Volunteer of the Month

Joanne Gulotta is the Volunteer of the Month. Her reign as Pie Queen and her Apple Day coordination was unprecedented.

November HASFR Event

Bob Dowding, World War II author, a purple heart and bronze star winner, will speak on Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. at Barlow Theatre about his experiences during World War II as a Japanese Prisoner of war for three years. The event is free and open to the public.

To receive this newsletter or to submit a change of address, please contact HASFR, PO Box 2363, Fort Riley, KS 66442 or contact Holly (holly.garvin@us.army.mil). Thank you for reading.

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