

## Upcoming Events

### Census and Genealogy Program

Saturday February 27  
& Saturday March 13

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Presented by City of Frisco Planner Beckye Frey and a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau, the program provides an overview and history of the United States Census, with emphasis on data available for genealogical research and when such information is released by the government. Everyone interested in genealogy research is invited to attend.

The program is free with paid museum admission



*The winter wheat growing at the entrance to the museum under a blanket of snow.*

## Volunteer Notes by Betty Jo King, Volunteer Coordinator

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the winter – including our unusual snowy weather! We will all be happy to see spring arrive but I want to encourage you to be sure to take note of the winter wheat that is growing at the museum entrance. There is more information on winter wheat below.

I would like to thank the volunteers who made the doll and clothing for our raffle: Karen Hayes made the doll and 2 sets of clothes, Mary Belyeu made 3 dresses and a cape, Liz Grimes made a dress and apron and Eileen Kuhn made shirt and quilt.

On December 3rd the drawing for the winner of our Museum Raffle Doll was held. The winner was Barbara Brashears. The delighted Grandma is now worrying about how you divide play time between two granddaughters.



*Congratulations to Barbara Brashears, winner of the museum Raffle Doll.*

If you didn't see the Shawnee Trail exhibit, you have until February 28. You really should not miss it!

## Heritage Museum Crop: Winter Wheat

Be sure to take a look at the "field" of winter wheat growing by the main entrance to the museum.

Winter wheat is an important cereal crop planted in the Northern Hemisphere. It must be planted within 10 – 14 days of the average first frost date in the fall while the air is warm enough and days long enough for the seedlings to emerge before going dormant. Planting too early can find crops infested by insects and disease as well as causing the wheat to grow beyond the "tillering" stage (A lateral shoot that develops from the auxiliary bud of leaves at the base of a cereal stem.), where it is likely to be damaged by below-freezing temperatures.

After the wheat rests in a dormant phase during the winter months, it will begin to flower once the soil warms in the spring. The wheat will be ready for harvest by early summer.

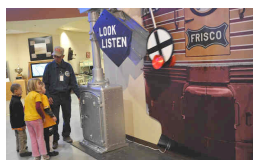
## Volunteer Profile: Dayton Duncan



*Dayton Duncan*



*Dayton Duncan with students from the Carpe Diem Private School.*



**Frisco Heritage Museum Hours**

Wed.– Sat.: 10 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1pm – 5 pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

FHM Volunteer Notes  
Donna Anderson, editor

Dayton Duncan should be classified as a Frisco Treasure! This octogenarian is full of energy and is a wonderful representative of the stock of people the early Frisconians came from.

A lifelong Frisco resident, Dayton was born “in the country” – where Starwood is today. As a young child his family moved several times. At one time they lived on a farm at Legacy and Panther Creek where the Grayhawk development is located. His family grew cotton, corn, maze and wheat.

By the time Duncan was a teen, his family was living in the Plantation area near where Curtsinger Elementary School is today. In fact, Duncan Park was named in tribute to his family.

An active member of the community, Dayton has been involved over the years with the Boy Scouts, eventually becoming the scoutmaster, the Lions Club, the Parks Department and, in 1991 he was named Frisco Citizen of the Year. He also served in the army and is a veteran of the Korean War.

On a recent visit to the museum, the Kindergarten class of the Carpe Diem Private School had the privilege of touring the museum with Dayton as their guide.

Starting at the printing press, Dayton was able to inject his personal childhood experience into the demonstration by telling of a time when he was about 11 or 12 and was asked to help out by spinning the wheel on the press one morning. He had a half hour free before the school bus was due to arrive, so he went and spun the wheel, earning a nickel for his efforts.

Throughout the tour Dayton delighted his audience with tidbits from his life on a farm and growing up in a Frisco that was much different when he was the age of these kindergarteners.

Dayton has witnessed the amazing growth of Frisco, which he thinks is exciting, but the city not the same as it was when he was growing up. He now finds it hard to pinpoint some of the locations of family farms and other landmarks, which have given way to progress.