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at  
McCloud Historical  
Society*

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**Members will receive a quarterly newsletter and updates on the progress of McCloud Historical Society. A membership card will be sent to the above address with the first newsletter.**

**Annual Membership is \$5 student; \$10 individual; \$25 family; \$25 organization; \$50 Patron; \$100 Sustaining. Mail to Historical, P.O. Box 1292, McCloud, OK 74851**

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McCloud Historical Society Wishes Members & Community

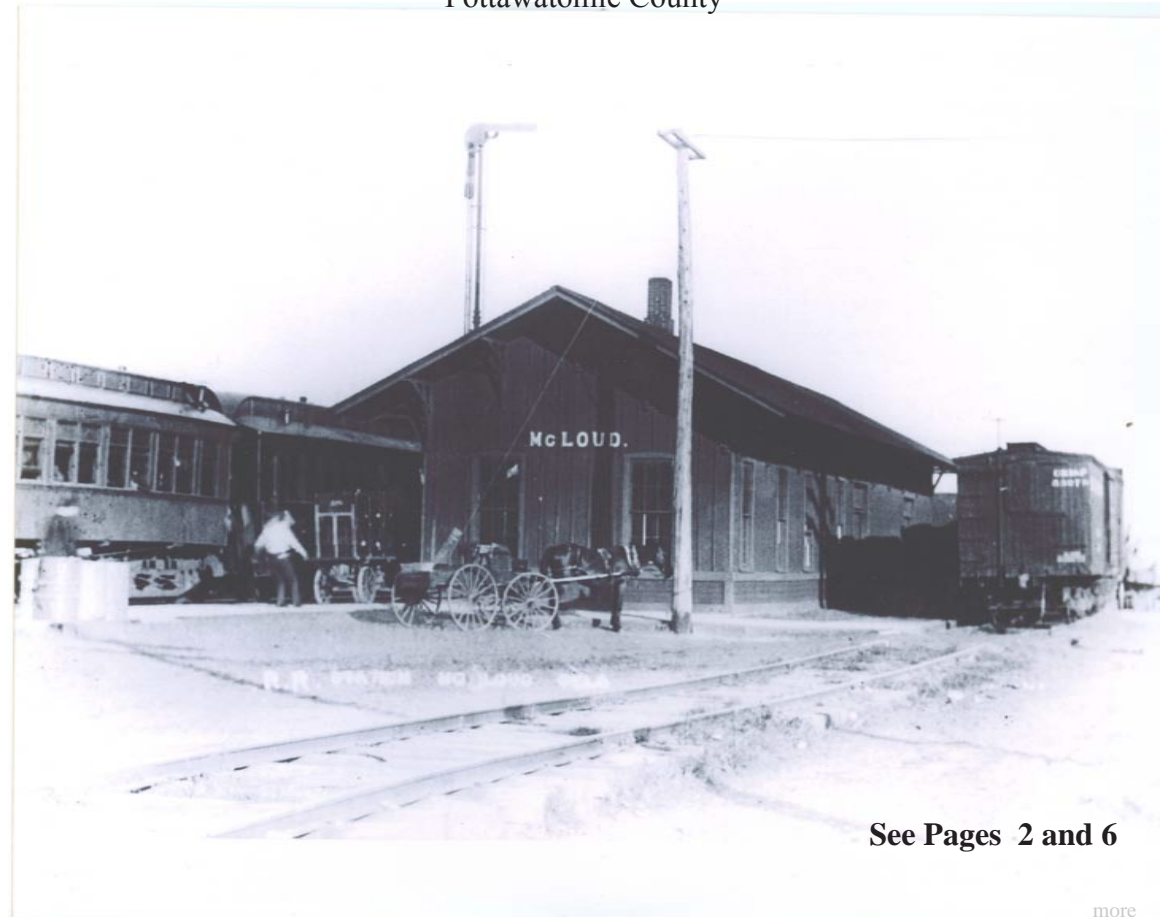


**And a Prosperous and Healthy New Year**

December  
2010

**Old Depots Remembered In Photos**

The first depot was constructed as rail made its way through Northern Pottawatomie County



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The second McCloud depot building can be seen in the background of these photos. Pictured in top photo are L to R: Wanda Reed and Jimmy Seikel. Below: Donna Minter, Madonna Roughton, Beth Russell, Wanda Reed and Peggy Lambert line up along the outside wall for a photo op. More photos on Page 6



## Reding Donates German Coat

Dale resident Forest Reding has donated a World War II German sheepskin coat to McCloud Historical Society. The coat was donated on Saturday, October 16 during the annual McCloud Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff.

Reding says the coat was taken from a captured German soldier by his brother, Herman W. Reding. Herman Reding was a member of Patton's Third Army, and walked across Germany during the final months of the war.

Herman Reding, now deceased, survived the war and lived in Shawnee until his death.

The bulky heavy coat is very fragile now. The coat is currently on display in a case set aside for United States military at the McCloud Historical Society, 421 W. Broadway, McCloud.



McCloud is a transportation town. Founded on June 21, 1895 because the railroad solicitor John W. McCloud had helped the railroad purchase right of way near what was then a shack town. McCloud quickly grew into the third largest town in the County. Despite losing many businesses throughout the years, the town continues to hold that title.

There is a story recorded by Charles W. Mooney about a lady who stopped transportation progress. Her name was Sarah Kennedy. On July 4, 1895, Sarah placed her rocking chair on the track near Dale (then King), sat down in it, and held her loaded gun across her lap. She refused to move until the railroad paid her for her land lease.

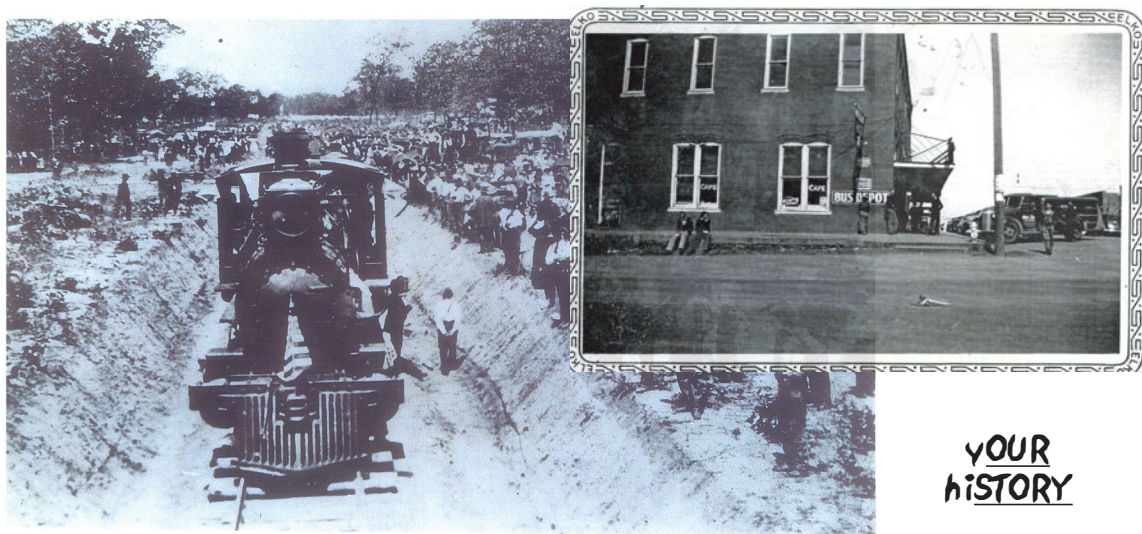
Below is a photo of the first train, July 4, 1895, as it pulled into the Shawnee Depot from the East where it had passed through McCloud, stopped for Sarah. Once her situation as resolved, the train then continued to Shawnee where the photo was made. Photo courtesy of Demco Printing in Shawnee.

As automobiles became the more versatile vehicle of choice, rail travel began to wain. The McCloud depot closed.

A bus stopped regularly in McCloud for many years. (See the photo below provided by Alice Rose Beeson)

Recent development by the Kickapoo Tribe to the north of McCloud and the Potawatomi Tribe to the South, McCloud has become a crossroads of sorts. Traffic has increased substantially over the past decade. Oklahoma Department of Transportation has taken notice. Changes in the landscape are coming.

Yes, McCloud is on the move again, and McCloud Historical Society is trying to grab the memories. Thank you for being a part of history.



**YOUR  
HISTORY**

# McCloud Historical Society HOLIDAY HOME SHOW

December 11, 2010

1-5 p.m. (ticket sales will end at 4 p.m.)

Five Homes are showing:

- \* Rick and Annette Brown, 403 S. 4th Street
  - \* Vickie Haley, 402 W. Park
  - \* Chamber of Commerce, Ferrell Building, 6th and Park Street  
(former Home Ec. Bldg.)
  - \* Former home of Doctor John Shannon, 121 S. 8th St.  
(now owned by the First Baptist Church)
  - \* Sam and Jennifer Nowakowski, 801 S. Arena Road
- Extra: Emmaus Indian Baptist Church may also be on the list to show. This is the oldest building in town.

**TOUR TICKETS \$8.00**  
(Must be at least 12 years old to tour the Homes)

**Tour the museum and purchase tickets at the McCloud Historical Society museum, 421 W. Broadway, McCloud**  
**All proceeds benefit Society building and maintenance fund**

McCloud Chamber of Commerce community tree lighting and programs will begin at 5 p.m. near McCloud Telephone Co.

Local photographer Jennifer Smith will be available to take photos with Santa for great affordable prices: 8x10 for \$10; 5x7 for \$6.00; 4x6 for \$5.00.



Above, Designer Sylvia Metcalf poses with her 'Harvest Time' creation. The display won second place in the Chamber of Commerce sponsored decorating contest.

McCloud Chamber of Commerce Chili Cookoff was a grand day to raise some funds and welcome approximately 400 visitors to the museum. Below: Face painting and cookie decorating were popular with the children. Ice tea went well after chili. Thank you to everyone who helped with this annual event. About \$900 was raised.



Phyllis Campbell explains building progress to a visitor on October 16.

Members sold pumpkin cinnamon rolls made by Sylvia Metcalf, old fashioned cinnamon rolls made by Janice and Lisa Lempges, plants, desserts, baked items and drinks.

At right a visitor reads old McCloud City records. One of the items preserved in this case is a dog register book. At one time the town taxed the dogs.



Left. Charley Williams and Jack Ross enjoy finding old friends and sharing memories as they read from an old newspaper.

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