

Great Game Huddle Notes June 11, 2019

Connie Yen, the Greene County Archives director welcomed the huddle group and started the tour of the facility. She took in the first group of 8 and started giving a little information about the Archives Department and what treasures are stored in the unit. In all, three groups toured the Archives.

- They have records of deeds available to those who would like to do any kind of research on houses or land.
- Marriage Licenses are stored at the Archives but are not open to the public.
- Court cases from 1833-2008 are housed at the Archives.
- The Archives does not have a sprinkler system.
- The “city aisle” contains special ordinance and city council meeting books, as well as boxes of 100-year-old maps. Also, the City pays Greene County for storing their books and historical documents.
- Interesting fact: the Archives has a blue print of the Jefferson Foot Bridge.
- They have plat maps of the county from various years.
- Circuit Court cases take up most of the space in Archives.
- They have Justice of the Peace books.
- Wolf scalps: Books listing people who have been paid for killing wolves.
- County Court (now known as County Commission) books are stored at the Archives. They contain information about how roads and townships were established, as well as information on Bledsoe’s Ferry at Warsaw, which was originally part of Greene County
- Boxes of Historic Court House petitions and contracts.
- Archives has mug shots dating from the 1930s to the 1990s.
- Approximately 90,000 photographs of Greene County houses and businesses from the Assessor’s Office are stored at the Archives. These are being digitized by the Library Center and the Archives is rehousing them in protective sleeves.
- 1930s era Jones School documents, previously stored in a barn, were donated to the Archives. They are currently stored in tubs with baking soda to eliminate the smell, although it is not working. Temporarily storing them activated charcoal is the next step.
- The oldest paper they have in the building right now is from 1819, a promissory note found in a probate record.