

## **February, 2017**

In-House Visitors	1,256
Museum Web Traffic	2,451
Explore Calico Web Traffic	843
<u>Printing Press Café Website</u>	<u>1,450</u>
<b>Total Visitor Contacts</b>	<b>6,000</b>

## **Bootlegger Daze**

By the time of your meeting, we will have hosted Bootlegger Daze (Saturday, March 11). We are receiving the jail that was built and used during the filming of *The Bootleggers* in 1974. This gift, by the family of Dwight and Verda Long, will become a historic tourist location as an extension of the museum. We are always excited about conducting events to attract tourists to town and, traditionally, Bootlegger Daze has been our official tourist season kick-off event.

## **Expansion & Improvement Update**

The stairs leading to upper Main Street have been rebuilt and the new handrail is being built now for installation in just a few weeks. The art center expansion continues with construction work inside the building wrapping up. We were able to pay off our bank loan on March 2. While we have always hoped to open by April 1, the more realistic opening date the first weekend of May.

During the renovations for the Art & Science Center, we are making plans to expand our history exhibits in the museum. We will be introducing a new window featuring Historic Main Street businesses soon, expanding the homestead in our current board room in the basement, and then using the present homestead exhibit for an exhibit on farm machinery, logging, and similar jobs in the area. The current art gallery will soon be converted into historical displays, but will still be used as a temporary exhibits gallery and a place for meetings and functions.

We are excited about all these improvements and this tourist season!

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven Mitchell*  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees