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The Chase County Historical Society blended business with pleasure Sunday, as an open fire meal was served following the annual meeting. Members met at Cox's Pond near Champion for the evening.

Outgoing President John Osler told about 40 people present that there were 966 visitors on record during the year.

Room was made for new display cases, and a display of antique cameras was added.

On the downside, the roof of the museum in Champion needs to be replaced due to a hail storm.

"I thought we had a good year," Osler said. "The Sunday programs make it possible to bring more people to the museum." He was referring to Sunday specialty programs held throughout the summers.

Osler also noted that the museum may be opened up for out-of-town visitors if notice is received.

Byron Hust is the new Historical Society president. Board members are Carol Maddux, vice president; Vicky Brown, secretary; Donna Winscot, treasurer, and members Merrill Humphreys, Murlena Beard, Marlin Widger and Jeannine Cox.

Museum committee members are Maxine Beard, Murlena Beard, Jim Brown, Bill Silvester, Charlie Beard and one to be appointed.

Virginia Grafton of Wilsonville cooked a meal for the society on an open wood fire, similar to how meals were cooked on the cattle trail.

Grafton is used to cooking meals for 40-70 members of her family at reunions and camping trips. Her husband, Merwin, who is a blacksmith, welded her "stove," which consists of a half drum which holds the wood, and hangers for her Dutch ovens and skillets.