

## Historical Society concludes year with year-end banquet

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About 87 people attended the Chase County Historical Society's year-end banquet Sept. 11 at Country House Cafe in Champion. Officers were elected and the annual report was given.

President Byron Hust said 2011 was a year of challenges, beginning with a leaking roof and ending with a water pump burnout.

"Without the help of the rest of the board of directors and the help of the committee personnel, we could have had a complete mess. How everyone worked to overcome these setbacks, I thank you."

Hust said visitor numbers were down from nearly 1,000 in 2010 to 750 plus for 2011.

He said a new concrete ramp from the east building to the storage container has been added, as has Internet service from Chase 3000.

New officers are: Hust, president; Carol Maddux, vice president; Vicky Brown, secretary; Dianne Schilke, treasurer, and directors Jeannine Cox, Merril Humphries and Charlie Colton.