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SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT IN COWAN March 10 through April 21, 2012  
“THE WAY WE WORKED”

#### LECTURES and PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 18 at 4:00PM Stoney Gray will present “Singing Wire and Jewels in the Sky” experiences of an open wire lineman.

Stoney Gray, a former Telephone Lineman, will discuss in his extemporaneous and entertaining style stories of an open-wire lineman. These were the daring young (mostly) men that climbed the poles and kept the communication wires humming all over the country during the 1960's. This is the saga of what it took in physical and personal effort to install and maintain the familiar telephone lines strung all over this country. There will be personal glimpses of hardships, failures and successes during the era before the cell phone and wireless phones. Stoney will deliver his talk in full lineman's regalia, equipped with appropriate tools of the trade of that time-period.

There will be hands-on sharing of some of the tools Stoney has collected over his lifetime. Also some of the intricate hardware in use during those days such as specialized connectors and insulators will be on display.

Be sure to visit the Smithsonian Exhibit, in the theater building open 1:00 – 4:00, before the lecture.

“The Way We Worked” has been made possible to Cowan Railroad Museum by Humanities Tennessee.

“The Way We Worked,” an exhibition created by the National Archives, is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. The United States Congress has provided support for Museum on Main Street.

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