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Our Mission: To collect, preserve and share the history of Callaway County with all generations

President's Day Trivia Night

NEW NIGHT and DATE!

Friday, February 23, 2024

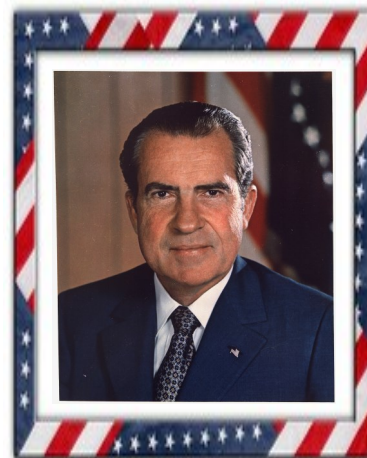
We love to go to Callaway Electric Cooperative for our Trivia Night! This year, we get to go on **FRIDAY, February 23**. Our usual Saturday night was booked, so our committee weighed in and FRIDAY night won!

We even asked Mayor Steve Myers to draw the president early so we could announce it in this new January newsletter. He drew Richard M. Nixon, our 37th president, from the official KCHS top hat.



KCHS President Susan Krumm helps Mayor Steve Myers draw the president.

Tables are \$200 each (8 players at \$25 person), event sponsorships remain at \$100 and round sponsorships at \$25. The menu will be the crowd favorite of BBQ from MoJo's. We have 12 tables available. Join us for a SUPER fun time and end your week on a high note! Contact Nancy Lewis at the Museum to reserve a table (contact info on back page).



Richard M. Nixon
Richard Nixon served as a Navy lieutenant commander during World War II. He entered politics in California as a U.S. Representative then became a U.S. Senator. Eisenhower selected him for vice president. Nixon became president in 1969.

ANNUAL MEETING and AWARDS - April 11, 2024

Award Nominations Now Open — Deadline February 16

It is now time to begin preparing for our Annual Meeting on April 11, 2024 (tentative). One of our highlights each year is to recognize individuals and organizations/businesses that help preserve our Callaway heritage. We need YOUR nominations! Visit our website at callawaymohistory.org/programs to view the applications. Awards are made in the following categories:

- A. Individual Callaway County Historic Preservation Award***
- B. Corporate Callaway County Historic Preservation Award***
- C. Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award***

Deadline to submit nominations is February 16, 2024

Mail your nominations to PO Box 6073, Fulton, MO 65251, email to museum@callawaymohistory.org, or bring them to the Museum at 513 Court St, Fulton, MO 65251. **Deadline is Friday, February 16, 2024.**

* see page 4 for previous recipients of each award and award descriptions

Greetings from the President

Susan Krumm

The board and KCHS volunteers spend January in preparation for the new year. Standing committees meet to plan events and finalize their budgets. Staff and volunteers catch up on cleaning, organizing collections and files, and tackling projects. As usual, the research center is closed for all of January. Because there are no capital improvements going on at the museum, it is open for normal hours throughout January.



The board will hold our annual planning session on January 22, at which time we will put together our calendar of events and activities for 2024. It's too soon to give you a sneak peek at them, except for a few that are already scheduled. The annual President's Day Trivia Night is featured in this edition and will be held at Callaway Electric on Friday, February 23. For those of you who study the featured president, you have the name and can get started! Our Triple L classes frequently fill quickly and you can be watching our website for the launch of the spring sessions.

In early January KCHS distributed information about our new KCHS Education Grants. We are excited about providing funds for classroom projects that will enhance the education of Callaway children. If there are Callaway teachers in your family or circle of friends, don't hesitate to mention it to them and encourage them to pursue a grant for their students.

If you have never attended one of our Annual Meetings, I hope you will join us this year on April 11 (tentative date). Take the time to read about the awards that will be presented at the meeting and to make one or more nominations. There are so many individuals, organizations, and businesses that help us meet our mission and we want to honor them.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year at our many activities.

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KCHS Leadership Updates

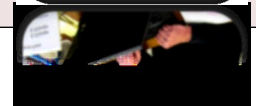
With January comes a new board member and a change in our staffing duties at the Research Center.

Jayne Wills has resigned from our Board of Directors and we thank her for her three years of dedicated service. Jayne has developed the protocol for tracking our inquiries and activities at the Research Center, chaired the popular Callaway Heritage Days and co-chaired our exciting Pie Supper this fall.



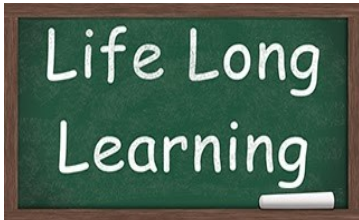
The Nominating Committee has selected Kelly Borman to complete Jayne's term on the board. Kelly is a the hard-working person behind our popular Scavenger Hunts, serves on the Communication Committee, is the scorekeeper at Trivia Night, and helps with social media. We welcome her to our board.

At the Research Center, you will find Bryce Gordon stepping into the role of Director as Barb Huddleston steps back a bit to focus on more organizational matters such as curating the KCHS archives, doing historical research projects, and working on a variety of other tasks she has always wanted to do to help preserve Callaway's history.



Triple L Spring Classes

KCHS's popular TRIPLE L (Life-Long Learning) series for spring is in the process of being finalized and will be announced soon. Be watching your email and the KCHS website in February for details of classes.



Callaway Chalkboards

Available at Museum (open in January)

When we closed on December 22, we already sold 310 copies of the book. Get yours at the Museum or they can be mailed (postage added). Bruce Hackmann and the team did an outstanding job of capturing the history of Callaway's rural public school system. (see excerpt below).

We look forward to sharing the book in the coming months as we all learn a lot more about our rural school system in Callaway County.

\$40 for members \$45 for non-members

Welcome New Volunteers

Cheryl Rorhbach—Communications Volunteer

Cheryl is assisting with a variety of projects in the communication area including an overview of all previous KCHS organization newsletters. She also assists with writing of our newsletter historical articles.



Kris Riley—Membership Volunteer



Kris joins our team and will be assisting Nancy Lewis with our membership records, renewals, and correspondence. We love having new faces in the office!

Bev Auer—Volunteer Extraordinaire

A sincere **thank you to Bev** for her outstanding work doing our bookkeeping and managing the membership files for the past several years! She retired at the end of the year and we miss her!

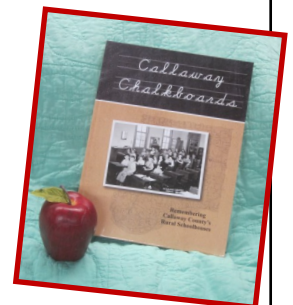


Callaway Chalkboards Tells History of Public Schools (excerpt from book)

“The foundation for public education in Callaway County was laid by 116 rural school Districts. It’s a story that needs to be told and celebrated. With each passing generation, the memories of rural one-room schoolhouses and the essential role they played in the evolution of Callaway County’s public education system move farther away from our consciousness. Their importance to the very fabric of our communities cannot be overstated.”

“Human nature tells us that most people have a burning desire to see their children and grandchildren live a better life than they had. The prevailing thought for families in the late 1800s and early 1900s - and arguably more embedded in the Black families of that time - was that education was the key to unlocking a better future. Families were convinced that educated children stood a better chance to escape the poverty, illiteracy, and isolation that had been holding many of them back for decades.”

“To accomplish this objective, counties like Callaway were determined to expand the role of education beyond the private boarding schools of the mid-1800s to small, rural public schools that were within walking or riding distance of nearly every school-age child.” (Get your copy today to read more about it!)



2023 Volunteer Staff Appreciation Event

On January 11, 2024, KCHS held a luncheon to thank the volunteers who work in the Museum and at the Research Center each week to assist the public, scan photos, do research, provide bookkeeping help, set up displays, archive documents, intake artifacts, do newsletters, assess and archive clothing, provide computer assistance, record obituaries, track volunteer hours, assist with mailings, and a myriad of other tasks and projects. Our sincere THANKS to these dedicated volunteers!

Museum Volunteers

Bev Auer	Mary Hagan
Kelly Borman	Diane Burre Ludwig
Alan Finke	Annie Leach
Jan Finke	Harley Stocke
Sheila Guthrie	Meda Young
Marilyn Whitehead	



Seated: Mary, Meda, Sheila and Annie
Standing: Diane, Kelly and Marilyn



Seated: Charlotte, Janet, Lori and Karen
Standing: Tom, Margaret, Debbie, Barb and Cheryl

Research Center Volunteers

Mary Bell	Tom Henline
Don Ernst	Debbie Holland
Karen Fox	Barb Huddleston
Lori Franklin	Charlotte Rosenstengel
Janet Hafey	Cheryl Rorbach
Margaret Henline	

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The **Individual Callaway Historic Preservation Award** recognizes an individual for significant contributions to preserve, celebrate and educate others regarding the history of Callaway County, Missouri. The nominee may be a living person or honored posthumously, whose contribution created a lasting and positive impact.

2021: John Bell & Susan Krumm (Callaway 200 co-chairs)

2022: Kelly English Borman

2023: David McDaniel

2024: ???

The **Corporate Callaway Historic Preservation Award** recognizes a business/organization for significant contributions to preserve, celebrate and educate others regarding the history of Callaway County, Missouri. (Organization includes non-profits and places of worship). Contribution should have created a lasting and positive impact.

2021: Crane's Museum and Store;

2022: New Bloomfield Area Historical Society

2023: The Callaway Bank

2024: ???

The **Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award** recognizes a person's body of work in a volunteer capacity in the collection, preservation, and promotion of local history. While the award is usually presented for a body of work over a span of years, it could also recognize a single significant achievement.

2021: Mike Boulware (posthumously) and Don Ernst

2022: Sheila Burre Guthrie and Joe Holt

2023: Donal Knipp and Frances Vaughn

2024: ???

The April meeting will also include a business meeting, an exciting program, the awards presentations and current KCHS project updates. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2024.** Recipients announced in the March 2024 newsletter. Plan to join us and help honor some wonderful Callawegians.

WEANT SHARES MORE CALLAWAY HISTORY

Kenneth Weant, our ardent researcher friend in Texas, has produced two new books covering the 1860s. They are titled "Missourians in the Civil War" Volume 100 and Volume 101. Volume #100 contains 3933 names while #101 lists 4,294 names in the indexes. The Research Center has copies of these books for those wishing to view their contents. Weant has published many books containing indexes of microfilm. If you are unable to come to the Research Center to view these new books, call us and we can give you details on his works and how to obtain copies.

Weant has gleaned the valuable information from previously unreadable microfilm of local newspapers. New equipment and other newspaper sources have allowed him to give us more information than just Civil War articles. In these new volumes, we find public notices that include administration filings, final distribution of probate cases, dissolution of partnerships, mortgagee sales which not only include land but personal property such as slaves to name a few. There are also marriages, obituaries and 'not responsible for a spouse's debt' notices.

The Civil War information includes such things as the Military Oaths and Bonds, stating those named who were required to report to the Provost Marshall, give the oath of allegiance and give a bond. You will find an article about the Callaway men wounded at Wilson Creek and other scrimmages. There is a long list of those exempt from service in 1864 along with a short list of those enrolled for duty in that year.

Here are two examples of stories that gave us previously unknown information.



Headstone of a Confederate Soldier at Hillcrest Cemetery (formerly Fulton Cemetery)

This information from the Fulton Telegraph helped solve a long-standing mystery at Hillcrest Cemetery. Researchers had long wondered why three soldiers from the Battle of Moore's Mill were buried in that cemetery (aka Fulton Cemetery). Here is the answer.

FULTON TELEGRAPH — June 11, 1869

Removing the Dead— The Ladies of the Southern Aid Society request us to state that the remains of three unknown Confederate Soldiers were disinterred at Moore's Mill, in this county, and decently buried in the Fulton Cemetery northeast of town, on the 26th of May last. They also request us to state that the expenses attending their removal, digging graves etc., have been paid for out of the means in their hands, belonging to the Society.

MISSOURI TELEGRAPH—September 9, 1864

Williamsburg Male and Female Institute

Carl Vincent, Principal
Eliza McMahan, Assistant

Our Academic year opens on September 19, 1864.
This year is divided into two sessions of 20 weeks each.

The course of study comprises Orthography, Penmanship, Grammar, Geography, Reading, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, History, Science of Government, Physiology, Mythology, Familiar Science, English Composition, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Robins, Out lines, Kame's Elements, Rhetoric, English, Literature, Botany, etc.

Terms Per Session of 20 weeks

Preparatory Department	\$9.00
Intermediate department	\$10.00
Advanced Department	\$12.00
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Early text books in our KCHS museum collection

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Board Focuses on Society's Future at Planning Meeting

At KCHS, January has always been the time for planning and looking at our future.

That will take place on Monday, January 22nd this year as board members gather to hear plans and budgets from our various board committees. From what we are hearing so far, it will be another busy and productive year of collecting, preserving, and sharing the history of Callaway County!

2024 KCHS Board Officers

Susan Krumm, President

Rodney Latty, Vice President

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Don Soph, Treasurer

Brick District Events

**(Stores open until 7:00 p.m.
every 3rd Thursday each month)**

**January 18
Winter Wonderland
on the Bricks**

**February 15
Chicks and Chocolate**

Join the FUN !!

New KCHS Education Grant Program



The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society is pleased to offer grants in 2024 for history-related learning activities to all educators in Callaway County schools (Pre-K through 12th grade). Grant awards will be up to \$1000 each and will provide funds for the 2024-25 school year. Staff of accredited Callaway County public or private schools are eligible to apply. All subject areas will be considered, as long as the project has a clearly defined historical component.

The grant application is available on the KCHS website and was sent to a representative of each school in early January to distribute. Grant applications are due by March 15.

Benefits of the grant program:

- The Society will increase awareness of our services for Callaway educators and their students during the grant process;
- Educators will be able to access funds for history-related learning activities that would not be possible within their budgets;
- The Society will encourage a multidisciplinary approach to the grant process, inviting history, language arts, humanities, and other educators to develop grant projects;
- Grant recipients will be invited to showcase their projects at the Society Annual Meeting or other appropriate KCHS event.

Funding for the grants is made possible through the proceeds of the 2023 Pie Supper and Auction. Our thanks to the many people who attended and made it a success.

Visit our FACEBOOK page (Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society) for fun-facts, updates, and more.

Share posts with others and follow all our activities and events.



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Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society Museum and Research Center

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Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am to 4 pm

First Saturday of month 10am to 2 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

January

Museum Open; Research Center Closed

**February 23
(Friday)**

President's Day Trivia Night (11th annual)

April 11 (tentative)

KCHS Annual Meeting, Dinner and Awards