

# THE CALLAWEGIAN

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

## KCHS Presents Awards at Annual Meeting in April The 2023 Award Recipients



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Historic Preservation Award**



**Donal Knipp**

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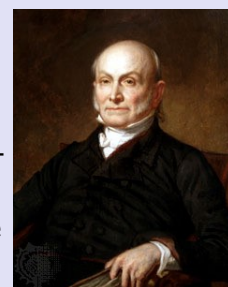


**Corporate  
Callaway County Historic  
Preservation Award**

Please join us on Sunday, April 16, 2023, when we honor our 2023 KCHS award recipients at our annual meeting. The selection of these four outstanding recipients continues the tradition set in 2020 during our 60th anniversary. You are invited to help honor these outstanding Callawegians. A highlight of the afternoon will be the special program—Callaway Characters. Joe Holt, Debby Thompson, Carmen Brandt, and Bryce Gordon have agreed to portray or share stories of some of Callaway's more interesting and notorious characters. Who will they be? Join KCHS President Susan Krumm who will emcee the event. See pages 3-4 for more information.

## Tenth Annual Trivia Night A Great Success!

John Quincy Adams, our 6th US president, was the featured president at the 10th annual KCHS President's Day Trivia Night on February 25, 2023. We celebrated our 10th anniversary with a full house of twelve tables, delicious food from MoJo's BBQ, lots of cookies, and a large anniversary cake. Thoughtful questions, lively emcees, and a great crowd made it a most rewarding evening. See page 4 for winners and more of the FUN!



## From the President

### Susan Krumm



The museum and research center are open after a busy January, when staff and volunteers take advantage of the time we are closed to clean, sort, update collections, and engage in planning for 2023. KCHS committees have activities on the calendar that you won't want to miss. Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual President's Day Trivia Night was a success! In this newsletter look for details about our Triple L classes for spring (it's time to sign up now) and an update on our upcoming book about rural schools. The annual luncheon and meeting will be held at the Playhouse on April 16 and will feature an entertaining program as well as presentations to our 2023 award winners. We are grateful for the support of our individual and corporate honorees. Mark your calendars for the second annual Callaway Heritage Days at Callaway Electric Cooperative on August 26. We're bringing a brand new old-fashioned event on November 5: the KCHS Pie Supper.

Between issues of the newsletter, you can find current information about everything KCHS on our Facebook page and website. If you haven't already done so, try one of our walking tours that begin in the Brick District and take you along routes that branch out from there. The tours can be printed from our website or you can pick them up at the museum.

We welcome volunteers—for our special events as well as in both the museum and research center. Our volunteers give as much time as they are able, and we couldn't function without their contributions of time and talent. Call or stop by the research center or the museum for more information.

## Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society

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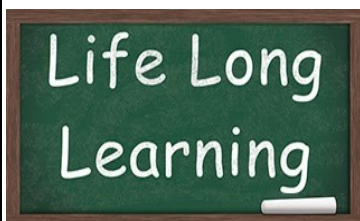
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**Research Center Director**

Barbara Huddleston

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Nancy Lewis



**KCHS is pleased to announce the following classes for Spring 2023. Class limit of 20 per session. To make reservations contact Nancy Lewis at the Museum (see back page for contact information)**

**COST: \$10 per class for KCHS Members / \$15 for Non-Members**

### TRIPLE L (Life-Long Learning) CLASSES

**Gardening with Native Edibles** — Planting native edibles and their use and preparation with Nadia Navarrete-Tindall (Lincoln Univ. Coop Extension) and Margot McMillan—**March 6**, 10:00–Noon, Historical Society Research Center, 106 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Fulton, MO. This class includes lunch prepared with native plants.

**The 1893 Chicago World's Fair** with Dr. Nicol Allen, professor at Westminster College – **March 20** at the Historical Society Research Center; 1:30-3:00PM. The first of a two part series.

**The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair** with Barbara Huddleston— **March 27** at the Historical Society Research Center — 1:30 – 3:00PM. This is the second of the two part series.

**Animal Houses** with Bruce Carpenter & Alan Finke **March 25** 10 – 11:30 AM at the Historical Society Research Center (for grade school children, must be accompanied by an adult). The children will learn about animals and their houses. They will also set a time the following week with Mr. Finke to build a bird house.

**“Shady” Excavating a Dinosaur** with Dr. David Schmidt professor at Westminster College – **April 5**; 10 – 11:30 AM at the Historical Society Research Center

# ANNUAL MEETING and AWARDS 2023



**Sunday Luncheon, April 16, 2023**

**Brick District Playhouse—Fulton**

**12:30-1:30 Luncheon—reservations required (\$25/person)**

**1:30-3:00 Program and Business Meeting**

Call or email your RSVP to the Museum at 573-642-0570  
or [museum@callawaymohistory.org](mailto:museum@callawaymohistory.org) by April 7

**Program: Callaway Characters**

**Host: Susan Krumm KCHS President**



Callaway County has a long and proud history of ‘characters’ who have added mystery, dignity, adventure, scandal, flavor, and humor to our county. You’ll hear ‘directly’ from a few of them, and hear about others, at our annual meeting and awards luncheon. Join us as Carmen Brandt, Bryce Gordon, Joe Holt, and Debby Thompson portray some of Callaway’s finest! You won’t want to miss this one!

## TRIVIA NIGHT 2023 - A Decade of FUN!

This wasn’t just another Trivia Night, it was our **10th Annual** President’s Day Trivia Night - and we celebrated! In addition to the wonderful anniversary cake provided by Jan and Alan Finke, the Museum donated one of our signature purple ink pens to each of the more than 122 attendees at the Callaway Electric Center on Saturday night, February 25th! Twelve tables of players were on hand for the event.



Both challenging and easy rounds were presented and everyone had FUN working on the answers! Mary Bell joined the emcee team with Joe Holt and Bruce Hackmann. Food was prepared by MoJo’s BBQ, and dozens of cookies and cakes were provided by our KCHS volunteers. Trivia Night 2023 featured our sixth president, John Quincy Adams, along with questions on our Court House, famous newscasters, classical literature, license plates, and a special ‘second chances’ category of some of the most missed questions from 2019, 2020, and 2021. We also played Dead or Alive, and Heads or Tail, now traditions of the event. Our thanks to the more than 39 sponsors doing Event Sponsorships, thus helping our event generate a net of approximately \$5,400 for our continuing Oral History Program. **THANK YOU ALL!** (more on page 6)

**1st Place Team**  
*The Old Timbers*



**2nd Place**  
*8-Up*



**3rd Place**  
*The Holy Rollers*



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# Our 2023 Award Recipients

## Individual Callaway County Historic Preservation Award



### David McDaniel

David McDaniel has continuously supported building restoration and its part in the history of Fulton. David was one of two men who took over the work of restoring the old theater building when the initial team resigned. He not only worked on the building, but also helped finance the work.

David has served on the City's Historic Preservation commission for many years, often as president.

His most notable project is the Palace Hotel building in Fulton. After purchasing the building, he restored the exterior back to its original look including the third floor roofline. The building has been in continuous use since, including housing his own real estate business and providing business rental spaces for others.

We are proud to present this community-minded Callawegian with this award for helping preserve our Callaway heritage.

## Corporate Callaway County Historic Preservation Award



A long-standing tradition in Callaway County, **The Callaway Bank** has always been community oriented. It believes in being involved in the communities it serves.

Many organizations, institutions and historical entities are still here because The Callaway Bank helped guide them through challenging times, including The Great Depression and the many great Missouri floods.

As John C. Harris, former president of the board, noted, "when you rely on a community to keep your doors open, you owe them. You must give back." That The Callaway Bank has certainly done, providing support and resources to many. Every part of the Callaway County landscape has a Callaway Bank story to tell.

We are pleased to present The Callaway Bank with this award for more than 166 years of helping shape and preserve Callaway County.

## The Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award



### Donal W. Knipp

Don Knipp sets high standards. He exudes SERVICE to his Auxvasse community and to others. The former councilman and mayor also served as president of the Auxvasse Community Center Board, home of the famous Loafer's Week.

In 1968, he joined the local Lions Club in Auxvasse and put his service ethic to work. Don has received multiple awards for those efforts at the local, state and international level of Lions Club and also served on the international board of directors.

A member of Grand Prairie Baptist Church, he is church treasurer and a Deacon. Don can always be called on to provide programs on the history of Auxvasse and the area. He has always been a good friend to KCHS. We are proud to present him with this well-earned BDH Volunteer Service Award.



### Frances Vaughn

Frances Vaughn has a love of history - and it shows. Frances has been a dedicated volunteer for the historical society for over 13 years, five of those as board treasurer (and her books were never wrong!)

She also loves family ancestry and has lovingly researched the histories on each side of her family and her husband Richard. Massive genealogy books have been prepared and shared with KCHS and her family.

Frances is currently on the City of Fulton Preservation Board. As a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 2657 she has helped them properly archive old records and documents as well as serve in many leadership positions. Prior to its closing, she was also very active in the Callaway Hospital Auxiliary.

We are pleased and proud to recognize Frances with the BDH Volunteer Service Award.

# KCHS Joins Westminster College and the Missouri Humanities Council for Moore's Mill Presentation

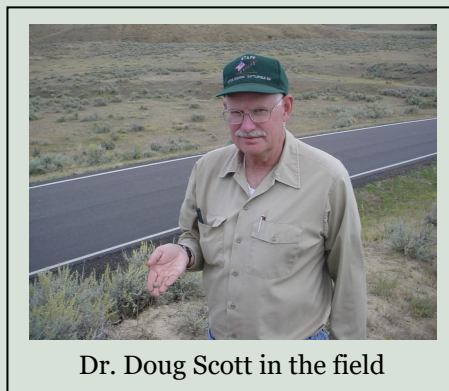
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 11-12:00 Noon

Coulter Science Center Lecture Hall, Westminster College

It has been a decade since Dr. Doug Scott and his students conducted an archaeological dig at the site of the Moore's Mill Civil War battle, one of the largest battles that occurred in Callaway County. Dr. Scott retired from the US National Parks Service in 2006, after more than 30 years. He now teaches, continues his passion for battlefield research and has authored, *Uncovering History: Archaeological Investigation of the Little Bighorn Battlefield*.

Dr. Scott marks this tenth anniversary of the Moore's Mill event with a presentation entitled, "Debunking Iconic Myths: Using Archaeology to Reinterpret Civil War Sites' Stories in Missouri." All battlefields have myths and stories. Dr. Scott will address how archaeological evidence has substantiated or modified how we view several iconic stories of conflict sites, in particular, the Moore's Mill Battle and its value in today's world. It should be an enlightening event.

All are invited. There is no charge for admission; open seating. The Coulter Science Center is on Seventh Street. Please join us on the Westminster Campus to meet Dr. Scott and hear more about our Callaway landmark battlefield.



Dr. Doug Scott in the field

## SAVE THE DATE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CALLAWAY HERITAGE DAY

Honoring THE HOUF CREEK FAMILY Century Farm

Tractor, Car, Truck & Engine Show

Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 10 am – 2 pm

Callaway Electric Cooperative Grounds



Plans are already underway for the 2023 Callaway Heritage Day! **NEW** this year will be the addition of a "**HIT & MISS**" old engine exhibitor class. A **kids scavenger hunt** and **expanded** competition classes are also being added to the day's activities!

Mark your calendar now and plan to bring your **classic tractor, car, truck and/or engine** for display and help us honor the Houf Century Farm as it turns 200 years old in 2023!

General admission is **FREE!** Exhibitor pre-registration opens in March through our website and Facebook page or drop by the museum or research center to register.

**We look forward to seeing you on August 26th! It promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family.**

# January Planning Leads to Busy Year

Each January while we are closed to the public, KCHS takes time to review the past year and plan for the next one. Committees meet, plans grow, new ideas are presented, and our entire team of board members and volunteers do a final review of what is presented. We are excited to share the 2023 events agenda:

## Winter

February 25, President's Day Trivia Night (10th one)

## Spring

March 21, Moore's Mill Anniversary Presentation  
April 16, KCHS Annual Meeting, Luncheon, Awards and Program (Callaway Characters)

## Summer

August 26, Callaway Heritage Day (2nd Annual)

## Fall

Slate Chalkboards Book Released  
Scavenger Hunt (Rural Schools from the book)  
Cemetery Tour (Mokane)  
Pie Supper/Auction

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## Board Member Transitions



Don Soph

### NEW MEMBER

We welcome Don Soph, a Missouri State University graduate in History/Education, living in Holts Summit. Don loves helping his community and is a member of many organizations there. He is a full-time executive in a government relations firm in Jefferson City, having a strong love of all things legislative. Don first worked with KCHS during the Callaway 200 project. Welcome, Don!



Mike Auer, left, is presented with board gift by Vic Pasley, president

### RETIRING

We fondly say farewell to **Mike Auer** who has served for eleven years on our board of directors, three of those as president. During his terms, KCHS purchased, renovated and moved into the Research Center (with much elbow grease from Mike), and conducted the 60-for-60 Campaign to fund it. He had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, celebrated the 60th anniversary of KCHS and the 200th anniversary of Callaway County (Callaway 200), received multiple bequest gifts substantially expanding the organization's finances, and moved KCHS into more active social media. Thanks, Mike for ALL you have done.

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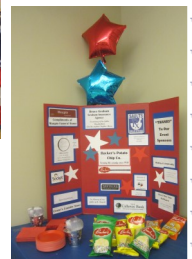
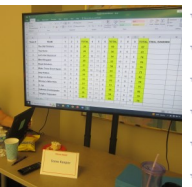
## More 2023 Trivia Night Photos



**TEAM  
POWER**



**Lots of FUN!**





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2023**

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| March 21           | Moore's Mill Battlefield Presentation                                 |
| April 16<br>Sunday | KCHS Annual Meeting, Lunch and Awards<br>Program: Callaway Characters |
| August 26          | Callaway Heritage Day (2nd Annual)                                    |