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Newsletter of the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society

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

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Individual Callaway County Historic Preservation Award



Bruce Hackmann





Noel Crowson (posthumously)



Corporate Callaway County Historic Preservation Award



Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award



Janet Hafey



Margaret and Tom Henline

Please join us!

ANNUAL MEETING, DINNER and AWARDS
Thursday evening - April 18, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Meadowlake Country Club—New Bloomfield, MO

Presentation by Tim Riley, director, American's National Churchill Museum

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Greetings from the President

Susan Krumm

I spent some time on a recent Saturday at the KCHS Research Center. Bryce Gordon and I needed to meet about a couple of things and he suggested that Saturday mornings are often less busy than weekdays. That wasn't the case this time! A guest arrived from out of town looking for information about Callaway County relatives. She and I chatted after Bryce took her information. The phone rang, diverting his attention, and Tom Henline stepped in, picked up the list of documents requested, and disappeared to the



back of the building. Within ten minutes, he was back with the information and Bryce had located two binders about families she was interested in. She was excited to have a work table full of records she could peruse. I learned later that it turned out to be an especially busy day with other visitors. I'm sure there was nothing unusual about any of this. My point in sharing it is to give you a window into the services your historical society provides. Both the Museum and the Research Center are jewels in our community!

Bryce and I did take care of our business that day. We were finishing up the details on posting a new part-time position, Director of Social Media. We are taking applications until March 22. Details about the position and the application can be found on our website.

This newsletter contains information about several of the events we are planning in the coming months. The annual meeting and dinner will be held at Meadowlake Country Club in New Bloomfield on Thursday evening, April 18, and will feature an entertaining program as well as presentations to our 2024 award winners, who are featured in these pages. We are grateful for the invaluable support of our individual and corporate honorees. We do hope you will join us for an excellent meal and program.

The Board recently named Barbara Huddleston to Director Emeritus status. For as many years as I can remember, Barb has been the heart of KCHS and the very definition of volunteer service. She had previously recommended to the Board that they promote Bryce Gordon to Research Center Director, and he stepped into the position in January. Barb is still a regular volunteer at the Research Center and on the Board. Her wealth of knowledge about everything Callaway is an asset to the Society and we benefit every day from her passion for her work.

Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society

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Kingdom Supper Honoree Presented KCHS Membership



2024 Kingdom Supper Honoree, Col. Ned C. Holt, left, was presented with a KCHS certificate, a membership and a collection of historical books at the recent Kingdom of Callaway Supper on March 5, 2024. Bryce Gordon (center), Research Center Director, made the presentation.

During his remarks, Col. Holt reflected on the important values and life-lessons he learned growing up in Callaway County.

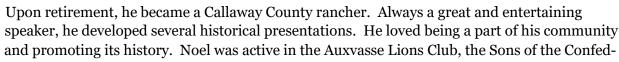
Col. Holt is the son of KCHS board member, and proud father, Joe Holt, (right).

2024 Award Recipients

Individual Callaway County Historic Preservation Award

Noel Anerson Crowson (Posthumously) - Noel passed away in October 2020 leaving a life and legacy of service behind him. Noel was in the U.S. Army for 37 years, serving in Vietnam and reaching

the rank of Colonel in 2006. He then moved into the world of management of social service organizations, obtained his Ph.D., wrote magazine articles, and authored three books.



erate Veterans, and the VFW, and was pastor of the High Point Community Chapel for over 20 years. He and his wife, Mary Anne, were dedicated Civil War re-enactors. Noel researched, wrote and designed the panel information for the Auxvasse historic display in the local park. He was a man who loved history. KCHS is pleased to be able to present this award for his dedication to the preservation and sharing of Callaway history.

Bruce Hackmann and Bill Hamilton (Posthumously)

Meet two men who LOVE history! **Bruce Hackmann** is a 16-year KCHS board member and leader. Over those years, he has provided great assistance to the Society by sharing his skills in writing, fundraising, leadership, and marketing.

Bruce has a love of research so was a natural for helping to bring together two Callaway-focused books KCHS has sponsored. The newest book, *Callaway Chalkboards: Remembering Callaway County's Rural Schoolhouses*, took more than two years of research, interviews, editing, and work with various individuals to capture the details and delightful stories of rural school days in Callaway.



Assisting in all this was the work of **Bill Hamilton**, who also loved history. Bill, who passed away in 2005, spent many years researching both schools and post offices in Callaway County. Using Bill's notes, Bruce was able to incorporate even more detail into the new book.

KCHS is proud to present this award to these very deserving individuals who have definitely helped capture, preserve and share Callaway County's great history.

Corporate Callaway County Historic Preservation Award



Since 1982, **Moser's** mission has been customer service and home town low prices. Moser's is locally owned and operated by Roger and Jeanie Moser of Fulton, MO, who opened the first grocery store on April 8, 1982. Moser's now has eight locations in central Missouri. They work hard to let customers know that Moser's appreciates their business. And they work hard to support the communities they serve.

Moser's supports local charities, events, and organizations with donations of food products, financial donations, and leadership. All done in Moser's quiet manner. They are there to support and serve. Stores participate in local Chambers of Commerce and store managers are members of local clubs and organizations. KCHS especially benefits from their "Receipts Program" which gives money to organizations that collect Moser's receipts. They have also made in-kind donations along the way. KCHS is proud to award Moser's this award for their strong and ongoing support of KCHS.

Annual Meeting—continued

Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award

Janet Hafey has been a KCHS volunteer since 2004—- making this her 20th year of assisting! She loves what she does and the people she gets to work with.



Janet's primary job has become scanning and archiving of photos that come into KCHS - we currently have more than 22,000 images in our system. She also assists with many of our public events such as the fashion shows, tractor drives, and heritage days, and is one of the star question writers for Trivia Night each year. Janet loves to learn and that is not a problem at KCHS! She regularly volunteers two days a week at the Research Center and then frequently helps out at the Museum on Saturdays.

Janet is dedicated, professional, organized, dependable, knowledgeable, efficient and FUN to work with. KCHS is pleased to honor her with this Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award.

Margaret and Tom Henline bring both volunteer power and corporate connections to KCHS. Margaret



works at WalMart. They have an employee benefit that allows for financial contributions to organizations that employees volunteer for. Each year Margaret has helped KCHS receive donations through that program. She is also a dedicated volunteer at the Museum and Research Center and at many of our events.

Tom has become a fixture at the Research Center since we moved there in 2019. He is great at organizing files, setting up shelving systems, and helping make the archives accessible. He is now applying some of those skills to the third floor area of the Museum. Tom has

learned several new skills in the accession of donated items and in handling customer requests for research.

KCHS is very pleased to honor this dedicated couple with the Barbara Dunavant Huddleston Volunteer Service Award for their many hours of service, dedication and support.

Please join us on Thursday evening, April 18, 2024, for the **2024 KCHS Annual Meeting, Awards and Program.** Cost is \$30 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6:00 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 5, 2024. Contact Nancy at the Museum (573-642-0570 or museum@callawaymohistory.org).

We are so pleased to be able to honor these worthy individuals and corporations for their outstanding commitment and love of Callaway County. These awards continue the tradition begun in 2020 during our 60th anniversary year. It is also a big year for Sir Winston Churchill, as his 150th birthday is coming on November 30. Join us to hear America's National Churchill Museum director, Tim Riley, discuss this big event. Our menu for the evening is being inspired by the menu served to Churchill on his 1946 visit to Fulton.

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Meadowlake Country Club, 2600 Meadow Lake Drive, New Bloomfield, MO Cost \$30/person Call or email museum for reservations by Friday, April 5

Triple L Spring Classes

KCHS is pleased to announce the following classes for Spring 2024. Class limit of 20 per session. To make reservations contact Nancy Lewis at the Museum, 573-642-0570 or museum@callawaymohistory.org

Cost per class: \$10 for KCHS Members \$15 for Non-Members



TRIPLE L (Life-Long Learning) CLASSES - This is our third year of classes. We hope you'll enjoy the variety of classes available.

The History of Grapes and Wine in Missouri — Missouri played a large role in the development of the grape and wine industry and also helped save the industry in France. Class will be at the Historical Society Research Center, 106 E 4th Street, Fulton, **March 25th at 1:30 PM** presented by Dean Volenberg from the Grape and Wine Institute at the University of MO.

Depot and Design - Grae Studio, April 22; time TBA, details pending. Crystal Aulbur

Grandma's School Days – For children K-5th grade. Presented by Jan Finke and Linda Williams. Learn about games played at recess, classes taken and books used. Presented on **Saturday**, **April 20th**, **10:00-11:00 am** at the Historical Society Museum, 513 Court Street, Fulton, MO.

Care and Cleaning of Grave Stones - May 9, 2024 presented by Lori Franklin at the Historical



Society Research Center, 106 E. 4th Street, Fulton, MO. Information on caring for stones, then practical experience working in a local cemetery. Supplies provided, please dress to work outside – this is a hands-on class.

Annual Meeting— One Bylaws Revision for Vote



At the December 2023 board meeting, Joe Holt, chair of the Bylaws and Governance Committee, presented one bylaws change for vote at the Annual Meeting in April 2024. The board unanimously approved the motion. This shall serve as written notice to the membership of the proposed change.

Article VI – Officers and Board of Directors, Section 11 A. The Standing Committees of the Society would be renamed by eliminating the Fundraising obligation of the Finance Committee at item 3 and changing item 8, "Program" to read "Fundraising/Events/Programs".

This bylaws change will be voted on during the business meeting at the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2024 at Meadowlake Country Club, New Bloomfield, MO.

GPS and the Disappearing Roads of Callaway County

Cheryl Rohrbach. Volunteer

If you hear an older native Callewegian talk about their early school days, you might hear them tell about walking to school on the old Hereford, or the Boydsville, or the Mokane Road. They may mention how they and their neighbors rode the school bus on the old Paris Road, or the Old Mokane Road, or the Old St. Charles Road. They may even follow up with the comment, "Most of the roads aren't there anymore. Callaway County seems to have a lot less roads nowadays." And they would be right. The only way you might find these roads is if you use GPS.

Callaway does appear to have fewer roads today than they did fifty years ago. Check the number of roads found in the pre-1950 plat books versus the number found in more recent plat books. There are reasons for less roads in recent decades.

When Callaway County was first settled, there were some old native trails which generally followed the surrounding land contour. As more settlers came, they gathered together to form numerous small settlements. Many of these settlements grew to be small



villages, which frequently had a "main street" with buildings lining both sides of this first street. Shops and churches brought more residents who eventually built homes and roads shooting off of main street. Some villages grew large enough to become towns with several streets. Some grew then shrank. This was especially true for settlements like Mokane, Portland and Cote San Dessin, all near the Missouri River or rail line. These early settlements had schools, churches, some businesses and maybe a post office.

As settlements grew, more roads were developed. These first roads followed the natural land contours. As roads became more numerous, they had to be maintained. Often this fell to local residents who eventually formed "special road committees" who decided maintenance priority. Most settlements soon adopted the idea of the special road districts.

As time went on, population near settlements increased. They wanted roads that were more convenient to their destination, not necessarily ones following the land contour. They traveled by horse, or mule, or animal driven wagons. They could petition the local special road committee for a flatter maintained road. If they could get enough neighbors to sign the petition, the special road committees generally honored these petitions at their yearly committee meeting and more roads were developed, according to Randy Kliendienst, county commissioner, who formerly worked on road maintenance in Callaway County. Even more roads were added when cars became common in use.

As the population of the county grew, people wanted more locally centralized services, so some communities grew into actual towns while some of the older communities dwindled away. According to Kliendienst, by the early 1950's, special roads committees around the smaller communities started disbanding, but the roads they created still existed. (The last two special road districts, Holt's Summit and Fulton, were not disbanded until the 1990s).

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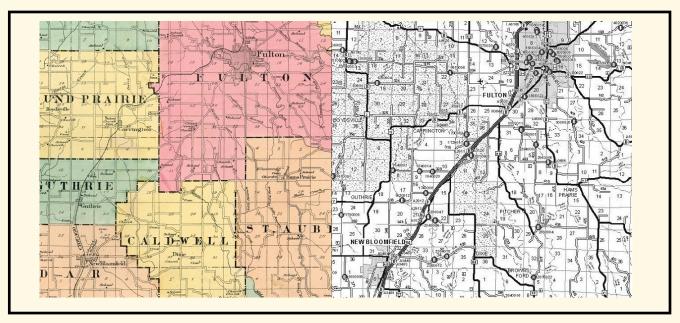
GPS and the Disappearing Roads of Callaway County — continued

With more cars and trucks used for transportation from the rural areas to larger communities, need for the old roads ceased so they were no longer maintained. As farms became larger, some of these roads were absorbed into the larger farms but their locations still appeared in updated plat books. To have a road erased from the county plat books, the landowners had to apply to the county commissioners to have the road "redacted," according to the Callaway Assessor's Office. If a redacted road ran between two landowners, it was divided in half with each landowner receiving half of the former road. Often, landowners just absorbed the old road, especially if they owned the land on both sides of the former road. If the road



location had not been redacted though, it could possibly be found on old maps, plat books and could eventually even appear on global maps or GPS when these first became available in the early 2000s. More heavily traveled routes eventually were designated as numbered county roads or the state highways we know today. Some were absorbed with the large interstate highway systems.

But overgrown, unredacted roads still remain on some maps and even the GPS systems or global maps. These two global systems indicate on their web sites that when they create updated road maps, their focus is on growing and developing communities. They admit it is often at least five years, and more likely closer to ten years, before they update information on roads in rural areas like Callaway County. The old roads thus remain "on the books" and in GPS systems, and in memories even though they are not used or maintained (Callaway County maintains about 840 miles of roads, the state more). One land owner in Callaway noted that their property has had many 'lost' visitors who are guided by GPS to travel roads no longer in public use. Even when explained to the visitor that they are on private property, they claim rights to travel the road because "my GPS says I can go through here." Other landowners report finding people driving, or trespassing, via a no longer existing road at various times of the day or night which can be a funny or frightening circumstance. But if native Callewegians from the past came back today, they would find roads they remember that really have "disappeared."



Pages from Plat Map books showing early roads (left) and today's roads. Many roads are now gone but some GPS systems still carry them.

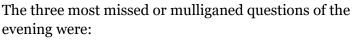


President's Day Trivia Night 2024 A Grand Night for FUN!!

We had a full house of 12 tables, lots of great team spirit, good food, yummy desserts, and determined teams! In all, 96 players and 19 volunteers joined in the FUN!

In the end, we had ties for both first and second place. Our winning teams are shown below. A shout out to the 8-UP team for coming in at 4th place.

We are happy to report that we made our goal of netting at least \$5,000 for new computers, software and equipment for both the Museum and the Research Center. Some of that equipment has already been installed and our volunteers and staff are very grateful! THANK YOU ALL!!



- The town on the early Booneslick Trail formed east of the current Williamsburg. (Fruits; last name of local store owner)
- 2. What color are baby flamingos when born? (gray)
- 3. How much Monopoly money total is in each game box at the time of purchase. (\$20,580)

























2024 Winning Teams

The Hotties Plus 4 - 1st



Make Trivia Great Again - 2nd



Mind Boggled - 3rd



FASHION SHOW COMING IN SUMMER!

Join us for a Tea Room fashion show of vintage clothing from the various decades of the 1900s.

KCHS is excited to welcome Kathy Richey Liddle, chair of the event, for this July look-back in time. At right, Sheila Guthrie (left), head of the KCHS Fashion Closet, shows Kathy (right) one of the garments from the 1930's that could be used in the show.

Full details will be available in the May issue of the Callawegian.



KCHS Received Items from Boone County Historical Society

Nancy Lewis recently received a letter from Chris Campbell, executive director of the Boone County Historical Society. In 2005, they received a donation of six costume dolls from Laemma Richey, who passed away shortly after that.

Research showed Laemma was from Callaway County and it was time for the dolls to come back to Callaway. The six lovely dolls, all in 1800's period costumes, with matching shoes, hats and purses, were evidently made by Laemma. If you have knowledge about Laemma Richey, please let us know. Come in anytime to see our new fashion icons on display.



Nancy Lewis, with Chris Campbell (right) and the dolls

Brick District Events

Store events 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. every 3rd Thursday each month

March 21
Lucky Ladies Night!



April 18
Spring Swing

May 4
Morels & Microbrews
May the 4th Beer With You!

(Be sure to see the KCHS Star Wars window during this time!)

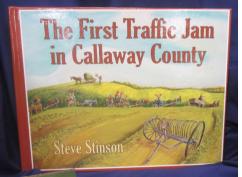
Join the FUN!!

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.



Gift Shop Items and Books



Books and gifts await your browsing in the Museum Gift Shop. We hope to see you here soon!

Special prices for members





Callawegians Featured in Vietnam Film

MANCHU-A Brotherhood of Sacrifice will be shown on the William Woods campus on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets for the documentary may be purchased from Rita or Stan Adams (573-642-5250) or Judy or David Hosenfelt. (573-642-4619) or visit this website https://manchumovie.edutechvip.com/

Stan is the author of Mokane to Mole City which is available in the KCHS Gift Shop.



Silent Auction Furniture Needed

KCHS is doing a Silent Auction this summer and is looking for donations of unique and/or antique pieces of furniture (4-6 pieces maximum for auction). Do YOU have something to donate?

Give Nancy Lewis a call or click at the Museum.

> **THANKS for** helping KCHS!





SUMMER AUCTION



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First Saturday of month 10am to 2 pm

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