

Museum

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Join Us On Match Day!



Accepting donations September 15, 2022

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- Give Online using a Credit Card AT GatherForGoodCC.com
- Mail or drop off a check made payable to CCCIF postmarked on or before 9/15/22 to Thurlow & Associates, 432 Court Street, Clay Center, KS 67432
Please include a Giving Form available online or at GatherforGoodCC.com
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YOUR MUSEUM

BY JEFF GAISER
DIRECTOR

I am asking you to take a minute and answer the following questions.

- Do you want your Museum to be educational, family-friendly, interactive, and fun?
- Would you like to see new exhibits every year?
- What about a traveling exhibit every other year?
- Should your Museum be run by a professional staff?
- Do we keep providing genealogy research?
- Should we be researching and developing historical stories of Clay County?

I hope that your answers to these questions are yes.

This year we only spent money on absolute necessities; meaning we did NOT buy any archival safe storage supplies, we did NOT upgrade our computers, we did NOT repair the roofs that are leaking, etc. Even without those important expenses, we will still spend approximately \$122,000 by the end of this year. Your county taxes provides us with \$80,000. This means to just keep the Museum open we need \$42,000 in donations each and every year.

YOUR donations determine what YOUR Museum looks like to the world! The only way we can keep improving YOUR Museum is with YOUR donation. So far this year we have received \$27,250 from generous donors and members. This means we still need to raise another \$15,000 to make it through this year. To our current and lifetime members, I ask, are you willing to donate money to your Museum even though you are already a member? To the farmers and ranchers, did you know you could donate grain or livestock to help save the history of Clay County? The real question is: "How much do you care about preserving the history of your home?"

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CHANGES BY DIANA SHANER CURATOR OF ARTIFACTS

The museum has been filled with changes lately as we rotate offices and exhibits. We recently moved all of our volunteer desks to our back office. My sister, Wanda, has been up from Texas helping break down our 1960s exhibit and build the 1970s exhibit in its place. Our World War II exhibit is also set to come down on September 7th in preparation for Match Day on September 15 and our Anniversary exhibit that will take its place.



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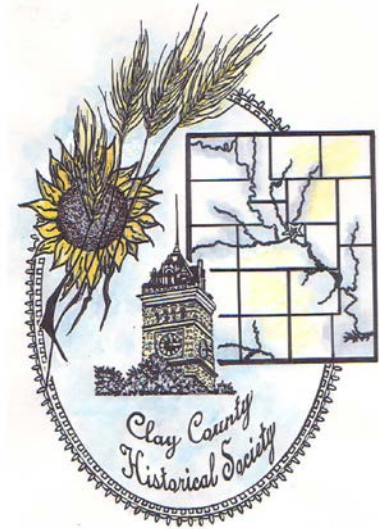
MY CORNER
BY GRACE LINDER
CURATOR OF DOCUMENTS

Recently I took up the task of updating the Historical Society's Logo. In honor of the 50th Anniversary this year I based the design on the first logo I could find for the Historical Society. The map I used in the center is the same map that was used in the original. Which design do you like the best?

1986



1990s



2022



04

1986 MORGANVILLE CENTENNIAL PART 2

BY PAT GILBERT

Be on the lookout! This story will be published in several parts throughout future newsletters.

Continued from June Newsletter:

The parade started at the school grounds and came South on the street west of Main Street. They turned east and came past the fire station and then turned and headed North on Main Street. It was long enough that the first entries were back at the school before the last entries had left the school grounds.

Kenny Knoettgen narrated the parade. His narration went very well until we blew a fuse in the fire station, where Kenny's PA system was plugged into. The problem was corrected and he continued to describe the floats, cars, tractors and trucks as they went by. What a colorful fun parade! During those years, the children of the Morganville community held a bike a thon for St. Judd's Hospital every year.

The kids who had ridden in the St. Jude's Bike A Thon were at the front of the parade. The "Urban Clan" had several floats in the parade. I think I saw Alvin fishing in a row boat with some grandkids. Some of the Urban men were chopping wood and the women were washing, rocking babies and having fun. There was even someone coming out of an outhouse! The Urban Clan was well represented at that parade.

The Morganville Fire department had men riding in a trailer and pretending to play musical instruments. They had a tape recording of music in the truck that was actually playing the music. I know those men and they were much better at fighting fires than they were at playing instruments. There was also a German band riding in a trailer and playing songs. August Koelling, 96 years old, four years younger than the town, was driving an older tractor.

Rick Kahrs was riding on the fender and August's daughter; Doris Brenner was riding with a couple of grandkids in the wagon the tractor was pulling. Cars of all years and farm equipment were also well represented in the parade.

The Morganville United Methodist Church also celebrated its centennial year in 1986.

They entered a float that consisted of the old pews and the old pulpit on a trailer. I know my parents, Bill and Arlene Taddiken were riding on it and we had a lot of children on it. Bob Stout was the minister at the time and he was giving a very good sermon to the congregation the whole parade route. Several of the floats went on to be in the Piotique parade and a parade at Clifton. Did you participate in the parade? If so, how did you participate?

To Be Continued in the December Newsletter

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RECENT ACQUISITION

These vintage children's shampoo bottles were brought to us by Loun Crawford's daughters as part of his estate. We had a great time going through memory lane as we accessioned them in. Can you identify some of the popular characters we received?



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RESEARCH

As you know, we do quite a bit of research around here. Well, we want to know what you'd like to learn more about. Reach out and let us know what interests you in our county's history.

Email: ccmuseum@twinvalley.net

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HELP US SAVE TREES & COST

We would like your help in preserving the environment while also preserving our pockets. In an effort to save both trees and cost, we are transitioning our newsletters to digital copies sent out in emails. Please reach out to us through the mail-in form below or through our various contact methods if you would like to receive future communications and newsletters digitally in the future.

YES! I want contribute to helping save trees by receiving all future communications and newsletters digitally.

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THANK YOU!

We currently have some wonderful volunteers and interns that we'd like to recognize for their hard work.

Volunteer - Jane Reasoner: Jane has been a huge help with scanning our backlog of documents and photos.

Volunteer - Frankie Murrin: Frankie has always been there to help us any time we've needed him.

Volunteer - Jerry Callan: Jerry is always willing to lend a hand when we need artifacts delivered or recycling taken away.

Volunteer - Arlan Habluetzel: Arlan comes in to check and replace furnace filters for us.

Intern - Brett Hemphill: Brett has been in charge of checking artifact locations in our warehouse storage area for inaccuracies.

Intern - Lane Sherbert: Lane was helping us with research. We wish him well as he starts in next journey studying at Wichita State University.

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NEWS

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 2 - 5pm. We are changing things up this year, the meeting will start at 2pm with tours and refreshments to follow instead of a speaker. Come see what we've been up to. We hope to see you then! Be on the lookout for a reminder in October.

Happy Birthday, Diana! Our wonderful Curator of Artifacts celebrated her birthday in August.

Match Day is coming up on September 15. Don't forget to stop by the museum and show your support.

We recently had a volunteer from Indiana, Caroline Gilson, who was here for a week doing genealogy research. We want to give her a great big thank you for taking time out of her vacation to help us!

MEMBERSHIP

If you read our June newsletter, you know that we are currently raising money for several projects and upkeep of the museum. Well, thanks to multiple generous donors and members, we've raised \$27,250 of our \$42,250 goal. We only have \$15,000 more to go!

All money raised has gone toward:

- Maintenance
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Wages
- Utilities

Future projects include:

- repair leaking roofs
- upkeep of historical buildings
- upgrading technology
- professional software for collections care
- more energy efficient lighting to create safer work areas
- repairs to heating and cooling units within the museum
- repairs and upgrades to our storage warehouse
- archival safe supplies

Become a member of the Historical Society and help keep us free
and open to **EVERYONE!**

Support the Clay County Museum

Individual Form

- ___ **Ruby Level** - \$2,000 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
 - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
 - a traveling exhibit
 - a new exhibit in the Museum
- and*
- annual membership in the Historical Society

- ___ **Platinum Level** - \$1,500 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
 - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
 - a traveling exhibit
 - replacement glass in Museum display cases
- and*
- annual membership in the Historical Society

- ___ **Diamond Level** - \$1,000 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
 - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
 - a new exhibit in the Museum
 - annual membership in the Historical Society

- ___ **Gold Level** - \$500 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
 - a new exhibit in the Museum
 - annual membership in the Historical Society
- and*
- ___ **Emerald Level** - \$40 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
 - annual membership in the Historical Society

- ___ **Silver Level** - Adult \$15, Under 12 yrs \$5 Includes . . .
- annual membership in the Historical Society

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Clay Center, KS 67432

Museum Hours

Tues - Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Free Admission

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