

# THE VOICE

Grain Valley Historical Society

## Yesterday is History

It is about time for me to make my annual plea for help! During the past twelve months we have added a plethora of items to the Historical Society museum. But, if you read this newsletter on a regular basis then you must know I'm never satisfied. I constantly ask (beg) for more pictures, more books, more programs from community events, more artifacts —just MORE!

The most common answers I get from people are:

- “I haven’t lived in Grain Valley long enough to have anything historical.”
- “I need to ask my son (daughter) if he wants it before I give it away.”
- “When I have time I’ll look through my pictures.”

And my answer to you is, we would be happy to scan your photographs and return the original. If your children want to keep a family heirloom, then by all means, keep it! And finally, you have lived in Grain Valley long enough. **YESTERDAY IS HISTORY.** Your photograph of the Christmas lights in Armstrong Park may be only two months old, but in 2041 someone will thank you for sharing it.

So, let me share a list of items we would love to have in the museum. PLEASE help us, if you can.

- Photographs of any business property, new businesses or old photos. Does anyone have a photo of Officer’s 66 Service or Country Squire Restaurant?
- School photographs. We would love to have a photo of any championship team. We have the 1929 football team, and the 1932 women’s basketball team, but we don’t have a picture of the 2019 baseball team or the 2021 Sonic Classic Champs! Include musical groups and theater productions.
- We would love to have photos of the Marching Eagles at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade, was that 2016?



## Notes from the Historical Society

- Beginning in April, we will have a small number of souvenirs for sale at the Historical Society. We are offering a few items in celebration of the Missouri Bi-centennial. Come see what we have to help you commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the State of Missouri.
- Beginning on July 9, 2021 the museum will be opened on Friday & Saturday from 10 AM-4 PM and Sunday from 1-4 PM.



## Grain Valley Historical Society Meeting

**March 25, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

At the Museum, 506 Main Street  
We will enjoy “covid” free desserts, a program and a short business meeting.

- If you have been in Grain Valley a while and have family photos dating back three or four generations bring them to us. (Remember, we can scan and return them to you immediately) Office equipment - We would love an old typewriter
- Pins including those from organizations, political buttons, and school spirit pens.
- Household items including an old iron or toaster, victrola or record player, unusual dishes and old telephones. We are hoping to get a wall phone, a ringer phones which required “ringing the operator” for service and a dial phone.
- Programs from Grain Valley Events
- Church artifacts
- Military items - - We would love to have an old military uniform from any war era.
- Period clothing - - limited, but maybe an old wedding dress, a “feed sack” dress or shirt, a woman’s bonnet, a baby christening dress, etc.

Hopefully this list will make you start to think. If you can donate anything to us, bring it to the museum on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Or, give us a call and someone will be happy to come to your business or home and pick it up.

## Welcome Neighbors

If you have driven through town lately, you must have noticed the changes along main street. The Historical Society is pleased to welcome three new neighbors to our side of the street. A hair salon and yoga studio, a pharmacy and wellness center and Iron Kettle Brewery are great new additions to our downtown area. I hope you will join us in welcoming them to Grain Valley!

## Building for Rent

**The Historical Society is available for rent at reasonable rates -**  
 - The half-day rate is \$75 and a full-day rental is only \$100  
 A great location for birthdays, bridal or baby showers, graduation parties and more!

**For additional information call: (816) 867-5158 or (816)**

## Twenty Years Ago

A grant from the Truman Heartland Community Foundation and gifts from six individuals allowed the Historical Society to add cabinets for display and storage in our back room and wall-hung display cabinets along the walls up front. Last month we used monies from a gift from Patrica and Stanton Parr to changed the lights in the front cases to LED lights. This was done to better preserve the photographs and documents in the cases.



**Come Visit our Exhibits!**

**Visit our website**

**[www.grainvalleyhistory.com](http://www.grainvalleyhistory.com)**

For information on museum hours, meetings, special events and building rental, check out our website. The website is provided and maintained courtesy of the

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