



**NEXT MEETING
MARCH 28, 2024**



**ART WALK
MAY 3, 2024**



MAY 4, 2023



What's a Leap

It means jumping into a void and taking a risk. T.S. Eliot said that “Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”

Thought I'd share some good advise as we prepare for March, St. Pat's Day and the first day of Spring. Although, we have certainly enjoyed a ton of spring-like days in February!

2024 is a leap year, meaning we have a 29th day tacked on to the end of February. Occurring only once every four years, leap years describe the practice of adding an extra day to the year to align our calendar properly with Earth's orbit. When the Roman calendar added an extra day in February, they were in fact adding a day at the end of their year. We put the leap day at the end of February simply because the Romans did it. If you or someone you may know was born on February 29, the date on their birth certificate is officially March 1; the first day they can legally drive, vote, join the Army, buy alcohol or start collecting social security is in non-leap years.

Fun Facts About Leap Years

- Julius Caesar introduced the first calendar leap year in 46 B.C.
- Leap year babies are called “leapers” or “leaplings.”
- February 29 has traditionally been a day on which women were allowed to propose to men.
- Some cultures consider Feb. 29 an unlucky day.
- February 29 is not really a legal day.
- Lots of people work for free on this day.
- February 29 is an unlucky day to get married

I read that if we didn't account for this extra time, the seasons would begin to drift. Over a period of about 700 years our summers, which we've come to expect in June in the northern hemisphere, would begin to occur in December. While some might find the annoying, I doubt most of us will be around to care!



TO ALL OF YOU WHO READ *THE VOICE* LAST MONTH AND SAID, “I’M GOING TO TAKE ... (A TEASURED RELIC FROM YOUR PAST) TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

While the Historical Society did acquire artifacts from two people, I am still waiting for the rest of you to bring me a gift!!!



STEM NIGHT

The Historical Society took a display of old telephones to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Night at Sni-A-Bar Elementary on March 27, 2024

Grain Valley Historical Society Museum

Opened on Wednesday

10 AM - 3 PM



Hope to see you at our next meeting

Thursday, March 28 2024

At the Museum

506 Main Street

Visit us on our website

www.grainvalleyhistory.com

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