

THE VOICE

Grain Valley Historical Society

We are back!

The Historical Society is opened for business. The Executive Board met at the building on May 5, 2020. With only six of us, we were able to “socially distance” and discuss our plans to reopen our building and get back to business. Since May 22, Ardyce Shipman, Mary Harper and I have been coming to the building weekly to clean and disinfect the kitchen, bath rooms, door handles, etc.

On June 3, I resumed my regular Wednesday 10-3 hours. I believe while people were “stuck at home,” they did some cleaning and sorting because every Wednesday people have been in to bring me new treasures — old family photos, and artifacts for the museum. There will be new items to see at our meeting in September.

We have also resumed renting the building to Discovery Church on Sundays and to individuals. Other than the extra cleaning required, it seems to be going well.

For Sale



Have you ever attended a public sale? Before the days of real estate companies, nearly everything was sold at a public sale. From the family farm and home to the machinery, tools, livestock and grain, public auctions were nearly a weekly event in rural Jackson County.

Auctions and estate sales are still popular today, however the format has changed. Today many individuals sell items, especially machinery, to big auction companies and they conduct periodic sales at their place of business, like Ritchie Brothers in Odessa. And, of course, there is ebay!

Somehow, they lack the quaint and nostalgic atmosphere of the country auctions of the past. As a child, I attended a few public sales in Grain Valley, usually with my mother who was there to serve food. It was a popular way for the Ladies' Aid (Women's Society of Christian Service) to raise money for their projects. It was an opportunity for me to play with other children in attendance and eat homemade pie or cake.

People would arrive early in the morning to look over all of the items for sale. I checked out the toys if there were toys! I don't remember ever buying anything, just looking.

Historical Society Meeting

Mark your calendar and save the date. This will be our first meeting in eight months. Lots has been happening since our January meeting and we can't wait to tell you.

Hope to see you!
September 24, 2020
6:00 PM

**Pot luck dinner followed
 by our program and
 meeting!**



POTLUCK DINNER

Visit our website
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

Valley News

Grain Valley's Community Newspaper

When I-70 came through Grain Valley, our house and farm were sold to Standard Oil Co. We didn't sell the property, but we did sell a lot of "stuff," like furniture and household items from our rental property. A few years later we had a public auction to sell my grandparents home and furnishings on Walnut Street in Grain Valley. In both cases, the furnishings were mid-century and before. Since most everything was old, it sold for practically nothing. When I think about the old tables, lamps, kitchen pie safe, grandmother's day bed, and the dining room furnishing, I realize we practically gave away a fortune. Chip and JoAnna Gaines and Ben and Erin Napier (of HGTV fame) would have reclaimed and refurbished our junk and turned it into treasures with a price tag to match!

In addition to George McFadden, Glen Binger from Blue Springs, Walter Alley from Lone Jack and Albert Lentz from Oak Grove were local auctioneers at the time. The tradition of referring to auctioneers as "Colonel" dates back to the Civil War, a time when auctions were beginning to flourish. After a battle, the winning side would scour the battlefield and collect all the equipment and personal belongings of the vanquished. These items were then displayed in a central area. The winning soldiers were allowed to view all these items. The items were then "auctioned off." However, only officers of the Colonel rank could conduct the sale, spawning the use of the honorary title of "Colonel" by many auctioneers still today.

During WW I and the depression that followed, auctions died out. However, auctioneering began to flourish after World War II. The sale of goods and real estate was booming and sometimes there was a need to sell real estate and personal property faster than the private market would allow. Thus, the modern day auction business was born.

Auctions have been around since the beginning of time because they are a highly efficient and effective business tool. But, they also are fun, entertaining and theatrical. Most people who attend an auction keep wanting to go back again and again. If you have never been to an auction, join in and become part of history.

Public Sale

Due to the death of my husband, I am leaving the farm, located 1 1/2 miles West of Grain Valley and 3 miles East of Blue Springs on R. D. Mize Road. I will sell, beginning at 10 a. m. the following items on

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

<p style="text-align: center;">COWS</p> <p>Summer Cow, 3 years; calf by side Summer Cow, 7 years; calf by side Southern Cow, 5 years; calf by side Southern Cow, 3 1/2 years; calf by side Southern Cow, 3 1/2 years; calf by side Summer Cow, 2 1/2 years; calf in September Southern Yearling Steers, fat Summer Yearling Heifer Southern Yearling Heifer Southern Yearling Heifer Summer Calf, 6 months of age</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HORSES</p> <p>Seven-Old Mare, black Seven-Old Horse, black Two Harness — 4 Collars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOOLS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— Very Good Condition —</p> <p>Shovels; Pickaxes; Post Hole Diggers; Wire Saws; Hand Saws, Hammers and many other articles too numerous to mention.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MACHINERY</p> <p>Bull Rake, extra good; 7-ft. Disc; 14-in Walking Plow; John Deere Walking Lister; Riding Lister; Single Shovel; Double Shovel; 5 Shovel Plow; 5-ft. Mowing Machine; 2 Grain Wagons; Wagon and Hay Frame; Riding Cul- tivator; Walking Cultivator; Burr Mill; Sulky Rake; End Gate Seeder; Corn Sheller; 10 Hole Wheat Drill; 2 Water Tanks, 12 and 4 barrels.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>Several hundred Burlap Sacks; several hun- dred board feet Lumber, dimension and box; 50 ft. Snow Fence; several rods near new hog and chicken fence; 2 Hog Houses; several Chicken Coops; Metal Smoke House; 12-ft. Can't Sag Gate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRAIN</p> <p>250 Bushels Corn 300 Bushels Oats</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAY</p> <p>Approx. 2 Ton Lespedeza 1 Ton Clover</p>
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Lunch Will Be Served by American Legion Stanley Pack Post 499
TERMS CASH

MRS. ARCHIE L. SHROUT

Chas. Gen. McFadden, Auctioneer A. R. ShROUT, Clerk

This auction notice was found in an old scrapbook belonging to Karen Carmack, the great-granddaughter of Archie and Goldie ShROUT. Their land was first sold to the developers of the Valley Hills Golf Club in Grain Valley. Today it part of the subdivisions between Highway 40 and R. D. Mize Road, east of Barr Road.