

THE VOICE

Grain Valley Historical Society

Spooktacular Main Street Trick of Treat

**The Historical Society
will participate in this
event**

Saturday

October 24, 2020

5:00 - 8:00 PM

This is a community event and we will be safely (gloves and mask) passing out candy to the children. Come and help if you can.



HELP!

Generally when I sit down to work on The Voice I have an idea in mind. Today my mind, if I have one, is going in a dozen different directions. So, today, I plan to write in a dozen different directions. If you choose to stop reading right now, I don't blame you. However, if you choose to keep reading, know that I am asking for your HELP.

It's October so I am typically thinking about football, my favorite sport. I usually write about football. Today, when I opened the news on my I-phone, there was a story about softball. I've been reading about the phenomenal team Grain Valley has this year. I generally attend some volleyball and softball games each year. Last year I also went to a couple of girls tennis matches, a few cross-country meets and some boys soccer matches.

At the Historical Society we have photos of the first men's basketball team, the 1927 and 1928 football teams, the Western Conference Champion girls' basketball team and a 1938 baseball team, to name a few. We have nothing about volleyball, softball, cross-country, tennis, golf, soccer, or basketball. We have nothing about the cheerleaders who have won state too many times to count. We have nothing about the Royal Talons or the newest sport, swimming.

If you have or know someone with pictures, send them my way. I'm always saying "yesterday is history." Twenty years from now, someone would enjoy looking at our history. Someone would enjoy seeing a photo of the 2019 District Champion Football Team or the Marching Eagles at the Macy's Parade. And an old uniform, a band hat, or school letter would be even better.



Eastern Jackson County Historical Societies

On September 17, 2020 nine people representing the Blue Springs, Lone Jack, Oak Grove and Grain Valley Historical Societies met in Grain Valley. We are planning a six week event for next summer. Our purpose is to encourage residents and tourist to visit the museums in all four towns. At the first museum visitors will receive a "passport." If they visit all four museums between July 1 and August 15, 2021 and get a stamp for the passport, their name will go in a drawing for a special prize. More meetings are planned to further promote the bicentennial.

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

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My rant doesn't stop with school history. What about our town; our businesses. If you own a business or know someone who owns a business, bring me a picture. Bring me an advertisement, a keyring, or a mug!

Because I am a member at Faith United Methodist, I have been able to keep mementoes from our church. But the Historical Society would welcome the history of all of churches in Grain Valley, along with photos and artifacts.

Each week, I peruse The Valley News for information about the people of Grain Valley, our friends and neighbors. Perhaps you can bring to the Historical Society information about the accomplishments of our citizens. Again, photos and stories are always welcomed!

Just think, if everyone who is reading this newsletter would contribute one or two items, we would have some great local history and memorabilia for everyone to enjoy!



Military Exhibit

I recently wrote a series of articles for the *Valley News* about men and women from Grain Valley that served in the military during World War II. The articles generated quite a bit of interest. At the Historical Society we are assembling a permanent exhibit entitled "Citizens Serving our Country."

Again, I am asking for your help with photographs, newspaper articles, and artifacts you would be willing to give to the Historical Society as a lasting recognition of the men and women from our community who attended a military academy or served in any branch of the military from the Civil War through the World Wars and to the present.