

Hallsville Historical Society



Upcoming Dates

Sun., Aug 4

2-4 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Sat. Oct. 5

5 p.m.

Bingo at

Community Center

Sun. Oct. 13

2-4 p.m.

Quilt Show

Sun., Oct. 27

2-4 p.m.

Quilt Show

Sat. Nov. 2

4-7 p.m.

Soup Supper

Red Top Church

Sun. Dec. 1

2-4 p.m.

Holiday Open

House

Ice Cream Social-August 4

Do you remember the hot days of summer when you were a kid, sitting on the ice cream freezer when you weren't turning the crank. Have you been dreaming of homemade banana ice cream or how about a hot fudge brownie sundae? You need to come to Historical Society Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Mercantile Museum. We will have several different flavors of homemade ice cream, toppings, and scrumptious desserts.

We will have the Morgenthaler Home and the Museum open for looking at our new exhibits and of course visiting with your friends. There will also be some musical entertainment. Hope to see you there.



Quilt Show-October

We are having a quilt show in October! Our theme is vintage quilts, which means quilts at least 50 years old or older. If you would like to display a quilt or two, please bring your quilt to the Mercantile Museum on Tuesday, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, or Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 to noon. If you can't make any of those times, please contact us to set up an appointment. If you know the history of your quilt, please write it up to include with your quilt. We will schedule a pick up date in November.

Our Quilt Show will be on Sunday, Oct. 13 and on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. Come and bring your friends to look at some outstanding quilts. The Centralia Historical Society Quilt Show will be on the same weekends so make a day of it.





Soup Supper
Saturday,

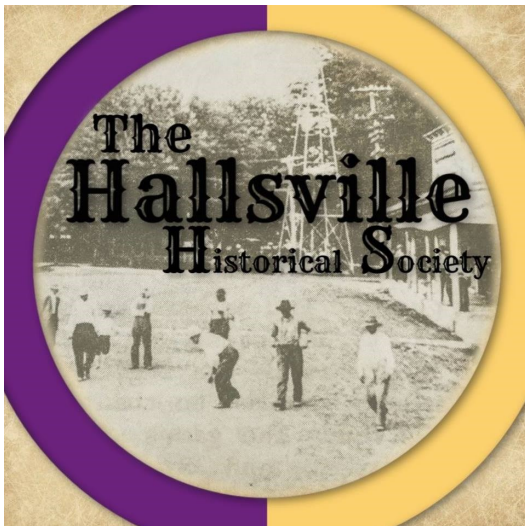
Nov. 2
Great selection
of chilis, soups,
Sandwiches,
and desserts.

See you there.

Mercantile Museum Building Dedication

On Sunday, April 28, the Hallsville Historical Society's Mercantile Museum was dedicated in a short ceremony. There were speeches from the mayor, our state representative, the HHS president, and others. The building was dedicated to Bob Bedsworth, who was the driving force behind the formation of the Historical Society 25 years ago. The 25th anniversary of the Historical Society and charter members were also recognized. Business, organizations, and people that were important to the completion of the building through grants, financial support, and labor or supplies were also recognized. The building cost \$160,00 and it is all paid for. We are so grateful for the community's support.

The museum has several displays to view, and there are presentations on computers about the building and Hallsville. We are continuing to complete displays so be sure to come visit.



Bingo!!!

We will have our fall Bingo Game on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Hallsville Community Center. We will start serving a light dinner at 5 p.m. and the games will start at 6. We will have basket prizes as well as cash prizes. We also have some new bingo patterns to try out.

We will also have a raffle with great prizes and a 50/50 drawing. If you haven't come to play bingo with us, try it. We always have a great time.

Thank you to all of our local businesses who support us with prizes and gifts for the games.

Boone County Bicentennial

Boone County will be celebrating their 200th anniversary in 2020. There are many special activities planned throughout the year. There is a book featuring all of the small communities and townships in Boone County that will be available for purchase. The Hallsville article is part of a section that the historical society is submitting for the book. A mural featuring all of Boone County is also being designed. After the bicentennial, the mural will be divided up and given to different communities. The Historical Society will be working with and helping with the county committee for the bicentennial. Watch for more information soon and how you can participate in the festivities.



Hallsville History

Warren Tucker started a trading post at the crossroads of the Moberly-Two Mile Prairie and the Rocheport-Paris Road in the 1820s. He offered many of the basic staples that a frontier family would need. Some items were homemade, including harnesses and caskets which sold for \$4 unlined and \$5 for lined. Other items included hogs for a penny a pound, corn twenty cents for a bushel, and whiskey for a quarter a gallon.

In 1834, John Washington Hall and his family, moved to the area. And he established an unofficial post office in 1840. It was at this time that the area became unofficially known as Hallsville. Farmers and people living in the surrounding areas visited the mercantile store, which had replaced the trading post and the new blacksmith shop which had been built. There was no school or church within the small village although there were one-room schoolhouses and several churches, like Red Top, near.

In 1869, the town was officially named Hallsville and the town celebrated with a christening ceremony with speeches by Judge John W. Hall, its founder and others. The town population was about 65 and there were two dry goods stores, a hardware store, a drug store, a grocery store, and a confectionary store and two blacksmith shops. The town was not incorporated until 1885.

The downtown area of Hallsville was burned in November 1921. The whole east side of the street was burned including the post office, general store, drug store and the hardware store and all buildings were lost. In December 1963, a fire caused by a natural gas explosion destroyed the State Bank of Hallsville and Quisenberry Hardware, injuring four people. The volunteer fire department was founded after the fire and officially became part of the Boone County Fire Protection District in 1970. The town rebuilt in both instances and the downtown area today is home to several businesses.



{1912} Morgenthaler's House after the second story added. William Morgenthaler & Grandpa W.H. Brink made the metal fence.
Harry Gray in car. (a cousin)

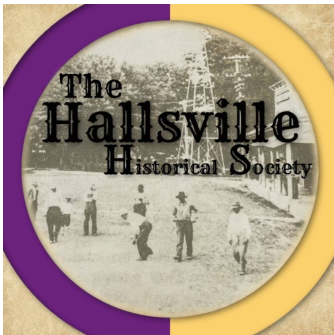


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