

HALLSVILLE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
2021  
EVENTS

# Hallsville Historical Society

## Upcoming Dates

Sat. June 5

Barbeque

Sat. Aug 21

Bingo at the Lemone  
Building-Fairgrounds

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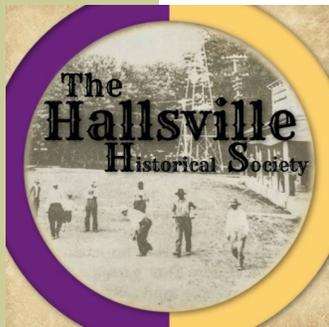
## Annual Barbeque

On Saturday, June 5, we will have our annual barbeque with pork burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. We will begin serving at 10 a.m. out of the Mercantile Museum as take out meals. This is also the date of the Hallsville Community Garage Sale. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let us know. Come join us for this yearly event with the best pork burgers in

## BINGO IS BACK!

We are very excited that we are planning on a Bingo night on Saturday, August 21 at the Lemone Building in the Hallsville Fairgrounds. We will start the games at 6:00 p.m. and will play 20 games-all for the price of \$20. There will be games with cash prizes as well as our popular basket prizes. We will have food/snacks available for purchase along with raffle items, a 50/50 drawing and lots of fun! We will be using the back of the building with lots of space to social distance so come on and have a great evening and maybe win something

Thank you to Barb Oakley and the Community Development Association for this opportunity to use their facilities so we can spread out and be safe.



Historical Society Goes High-Tech-Check it out!!

Thanks to the efforts of James Dixon, the Hallsville Historical Society will soon have a new webpage. Watch for more news soon! Also checkout the Historical Society's Facebook page. There are some great old pictures and information about Hallsville as well as what is happening now.

## Amazon Smile

The Hallsville Historical Society is one of the organizations that Amazon contributes to if you sign up with Amazon Smiles. When you are in your Amazon account, search for Amazon Smiles. Pick Hallsville Historical Society and 0.5% from your order is donated to the Historical Society. It does not cost you anything and the donations will add up for us. Please consider signing up today!

## President's Report

What a truly challenging year for everyone but hopefully we will be moving towards more normalcy. We will begin some of our summer activities like the Barbeque and Bingo games again. We will also again host visitors to the Morgenthaler Home and the Mercantile Museum. Contact a board member to tour our buildings. We appreciate all the extra support you have given the Historical Society through this historic year.

## Hallsville Schools Celebrate Anniversary

On May 21, 2021, Hallsville Schools celebrated their 100th graduating class. Although the rain changed plans to celebrate the graduation on the football stadium, a crowd of over 700 people heard High School Principal Scott Daly talk about the history of the school.

The class size has certainly changed since the class of 1921 with seven graduates to the Class of 2021 with 101 graduates.

Hallsville High School was established in 1919 when the first building was erected on the land donated by Wesley and Bertie Wright and David B. Carpenter. After the building was occupied in 1920, the three year curriculum was expanded to four years of credit being required to graduate.

Previous to the building of the high school, there were several private high schools held in homes in Hallsville. The other option was to travel by train into Columbia to attend Columbia High School (now Hickman High School). The original high school was torn down about 2014 to make way for a new wing for the high school.

## Quilt Raffle

We have a new beautiful quilt that was made by the St. Ann Quilting Ladies from Holy Spirit Church in Centralia for this year's quilt raffle. It is a lovely quilt that is queen size and has a beautiful pinwheel pattern. We will be selling tickets at \$1 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets will be available at all our events until the end of the year. We will draw to give the quilt later in the year. We want to thank the fabulous ladies who crafted this beautiful quilt for us.



### Hallsville Schools

The schools of the Hallsville community started out as one-room schoolhouses scattered around the area on small plots of land. Many of the roads that these school were on are named with the school name. The schools were French School, Varnon School, Barnes School, Baker School, Locust Grove School, Owens School, and Roberts School. None of these schools were within Hallsville. One of the earliest schools started about 1870 and continued until consolidation started in 1939. These schools served students from grades 1 to 8 with a single teacher. They were equipped with a globe, map, charts, a slate blackboard, and desks for students. Extra supplies like playground equipment or art supplies was often purchased with funds from pie suppers, rummage sales, and bingo games held by parents.

The first school in Hallsville was built in 1892 and it was a two-room schoolhouse. It was located where the Hallsville Community Center is now. The big bell that was used in that schoolhouse is now on display in the Mercantile Museum as well as a smaller bell that used by a teacher to call students in from recess. In 1949, the school district was reorganized and named Hallsville R-IV (Reorganized District 4) with all of the one-room schoolhouses closing. A school for grades 1-8 was built next to the high school and students moved in 1951. That building presently holds the middle school.

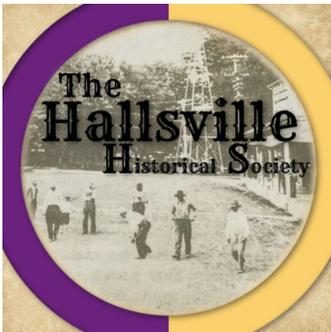
The Mercantile Museum also has the composite senior pictures, yearbooks, athletic trophies and part of the floor from the first gym floor. Come visit and reminisce about your school experience.



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