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# Hallsville Historical Society

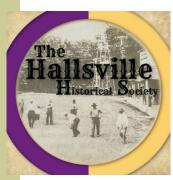
# Hello 2022

It is hard to believe that the new year is here and that we are starting the second year of this pandemic. Covid had curtailed most of our activities for 2020 and 2021. That of course has negatively impacted our fund raising ability. Our expenses like insurance and utilities have continued although our activities to raise money has not. The Historical Society is a 501c3 organization and accept donations.

# BINGO IS BACK-We Hope!

Last year we planned two bingo nights but we made the hard decision to cancel due to the rise of Covid in the community. Third times the charm, they say. We are very excited that we are planning on a Bingo night on Saturday, March 19 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.





We will watch the Covid situation carefully and want all of our members to be safe. If we have to cancel, it will be posted on Facebook and web page.

### 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!

### New Website

Thanks to board member, James Dixon, the Historical Society had a new website. The web address is <u>HallsvilleMohistory.org</u>. We will our newsletter posted there, future events, and information about the Mercantile Museum and the Morgenthaler Home. James also does a good job with our Facebook Page-(HallsvilleMOhistory) posting historical pictures and trivia. Check it out!

**Quilt Raffle** 

We want to thank the Catholic Ladies Quilting Circle for the beautiful quilt that they donated to us for a raffle. Because of Covid, we weren't able to sell as many chances as we usually do, but we did have over 400 tickets to draw from. Marilyn Loethen, who actucally helped make the quilt, was the lucky winner. Thanks to those who made and contributed the quilt as well as all of you who bought tickets.

# Boone Electric Community Trust Grant

We were lucky enough to be awarded a Boone Electric Cooperative Community Trust Grant in 2021. The grant was used to replace the gutters on the Morgenthaler Home and to fix the drainage issues that we were having. Because of drainage problems, we had to recently replace many of the lower boards on the house due to water damage. This work will help use to preserve the house. Thank you Boone Electric for your support.

We are now working on grants to fund our new project-building a patio that will join the Mercantile Building and Morgenthaler Home together. The situation we have now is now handicap accessible or very convenient to navigate. We also hope to use this patio area as an extension of the house and museum during social events.

# Membership and Support

The Hallsville Historical Society is volunteer organization that is totally supported by membership dues and fundraising activities. The only other support we get is assistance with utilities from the city of Hallsville. In order for us to continue to working on projects, we depend on donations from patrons and grants from organizations. Thank you for your support.



# Start of Kindergarten at Hallsville Schools



Recently the Historical Society was given a book that contained the records about the beginning of Kindergarten at Hallsville Public Schools. It included pictures of the first students, (20 kids) but unfortunately there are no names with the photos. There is also a page further in the book that looks like it might be the second class of kindergarteners (18 kids). We are publishing some of the pictures in hopes that you may recognize a family member, or perhaps yourself and help us identify the students. The book also contains notes from the teacher, a summary of activities that happened in the year, and a note from the students. Mrs. Richard Parks was the president of the first Kindergarten class parents and Miss Georgie was the teacher. It was a half-day kindergarten.

Here is the note for the students:

From the Little Folks

We, the kindergarten class of 1961-62 wish to thank Mrs. Till and the Begginners and Intermediate Bands for the music for our graduation. Also we wish to thank Mr. Wilmoth who made the

graduation possible, and for helping us when we needed it. We desire to express our appreciation, most of all to Miss Georgie, who taught us and was so understanding to all of us and for helping to make the first kindergarten class a success. We, indeed wish to thank all who helped to make this possible.

Hallsville first K. Students

By the beautiful handwriting of this note, we think the students had some help writing this. If you know some of the children, please contact the Historical Society.





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We appreciate all of your support with your membership, monetary gifts, donations of items, and attendance at events

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