



Clinton County Historical Society  
308 S Birch Ave.  
Plattsburg, MO 64477

**Riley-Carmack Museum Open 2022**  
**First Saturdays 10am-2pm**

August 6th  
September 3rd  
October 1st  
November 5th  
December 3rd



*"To move forward,  
you have to give  
back."*

*-Oprah Winfrey*

**Clinton County Historical Society**  
**Tentative Meeting Dates 2022 (4th Thursday)**  
**Tentative Location: Community Courtyard**

August 25th  
September 22nd  
October 27th  
December 1st

**Dates and times are subject to change.**

**Check our Facebook page (Clinton County Historical Society/Plattsburg, Missouri) for the most up-to-date information.**

**If you have a story for a future edition email [Leslishaver@hotmail.com](mailto:Leslishaver@hotmail.com) or call 816.682.9250**

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## DONATE

Your financial contributions help us save and share the objects, books, photographs, and family trees which hold the memories of Clinton County.

## OLD RURAL SCHOOL PHOTOS NEEDED:

Bethany (Spring Hill)  
Bonham  
Brooking  
Douglas  
Duncan  
Fairview  
Goodrich  
Harbor  
Hazel Dell  
Hord  
Huffaker  
Keystone  
Lott (Gower)  
Maple Grove  
Martin  
McKinley  
Mt. Carmel  
Mt. Hope  
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Platte Centre  
Potter  
Prairie Cottage  
Prairie Dell  
Prairie Hill  
Riggs  
Round Prairie  
Stony Point  
Weakley  
Winn

## THE FIRST CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Rae Jenkins, CCHS membership and scholarship chair, had the pleasure to present the first Clinton County Historical Society scholarship to Austin Boyd this May.

The scholarship was formed to honor the memory of Mary Ellen Dedman Jenkins, a lifelong resident of Clinton County and lover of history. The Clinton County Historical Society will award a \$1,000 (one time, non-renewable) scholarship to a Clinton County senior in pursuit of a two or four year degree program. Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher education institution. The monetary award will be presented at a meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society.

The Historical Society Committee selected the recipient by the student's concise answering of two questions. Each question is to be answered in a one page double spaced format. The essays were given a number so the judges would not know the identity of the student.

This essay is to honor the past and present esteemed writers from our county. Our community has produced such 20th Century prize winning writers as J. Breckenridge Ellis, O.O. McIntyre, Skip and Steve Tinnen. Each of these writers brought information to our community through various literary styles of books, music, essays, and newspaper columns. We seek an essay not about these writers, but as examples for your expression of your personal style and opinions in answering two questions.



A FANTASTIC JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY PICNIC



JEFFERSON HIGHWAY SIGNS MARK HISTORIC ROUTE

The Jefferson Hwy was the first north-south highway from Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans, La. It was built in 1916 and was completely privately funded. Cities like Plattsburg supported the effort and campaigned for it, and farmers gave their easements for the highway to go through. The highway zigzagged between farm fields toward the next town and the landowners were responsible for its maintenance.

Many years ago Keith Clements told John George and others of the Jefferson Hwy. John put a sign on his property about it, and Clinton County Historical Society became interested. A CCHS program was held on the Jefferson Hwy couple years ago by Stan Hendrix of Cameron, MO, and after learning how significant it was to Plattsburg, and how the community leaders of the day, like Raleigh Shaver, had fought for it. Terry Wood became a member of the Jefferson Highway Association.

He approached the Plattsburg City Council about signage to mark the highway, and in November 2021, former city leaders David Schauer and Greg Harris announced to the Clinton County Historical Society that the project had the city's support financially as a tool for tourism promotion.

Terry worked with the Jefferson Highway Association to establish the first ever Jefferson Highway community signs as part of a new program. The installation of the newly designed signs and an historical marker is almost completed. Iowa and Oklahoma have their own Jefferson Highway signage plans, but these signs are now open to other communities along the route to fill in where no state signage plan exists. Thanks to Terry and Lynn Wood for their dedication to make this project a reality.



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A VISIT TO OAKRIDGE

Lesli Shaver and Rae Jenkins visited the Oakridge residents during the National Nursing Home Week. They discussed the new display at the Riley-Carmack Museum highlighting the old rural schools of Clinton County. The residents shared their memories of attending the one room schools. Some had memories of riding a horse to school and one even remembers roller skating to school. The roller skating student lived in Smithton, MO but what a story.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jill Cradic - Plattsburg MO  
Kay Green - Plattsburg MO  
Michelle Newby - Plattsburg MO  
Claire Pelzel - Plattsburg, MO  
Becky Treichel - Plattsburg MO

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