

Lawler Historical Society



Take a walk back in time!
Hundreds of historical photos and artifacts! Lot's of NEW displays!

LHS at the Starlite Ballroom

(during the 2024 IRISH FEST)

Saturday June 15th 9am-5pm

Sunday June 16th 9am-noon

Coffee & Cookies with our Town Hall forum 10-11:30am

LHS MISSION and GOALS

The Lawler Historical Society endeavors to establish a vital presence of Lawler's history and culture for the benefit, enlightenment, and enjoyment of its residents, descendants, and visitors. To capture, preserve, promote, and present the history of the Lawler Community; past, present and future.

Why establish the LHS:

- A famous Lawler native, Bill Sheridan, has continued to keep the heart beat of Lawler in play through his rich and elaborate published writings.
- The Carnegie Cultural Center has been a depository of history for many towns with in Chickasaw County.
- Events such as the Lawler Irish Fest and RAGBRAI put Lawler back on the map!
- Lawler Irish Fest has become a tradition for Lawler and the community, embracing heritage and creating a venue in bringing family and friends together near and far. One aspect of the Irish Fest is the amazing displays of Lawler's past.
- A resurrection of Lawler's history in the making.

There had been an ever growing interest over the years amongst individuals wanting to see the collecting and preserving of Lawler's history. Through establishing and maintaining a physical and virtual gallery, LHS will exhibit collections of priceless artifacts and heirlooms of historical importance and proudly present and promote the who, what, where and why of the Lawler Community for current and future generations.

LHS Goals:

- **Downtown location** - LHS envisions having a location that would facilitate displays and walkthrough viewing especially during festivities, for special events and by appointment. Such a hard surface footprint may start small with growth opportunity. LHS has been very fortunate in utilizing the historical Starlite Ballroom as an annual LHS event location during the Lawler Irish Fest in 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- **The LHS Scrapbook** - Will provide online virtual library of photos, articles and other information. LHS has an established Facebook page and a website featuring weekly posts of historical interests and has a YouTube site.
- **Books of Lawler Series** - LHS will continue the successful 'Books of Lawler Series'. To date the following books have been published "Team Pride. Team Spirit" (1st Edition 2014); "Main and Grove" (2nd Edition 2015); "Your Town Your History" (3rd Edition 2015). Next to come: Lawler Farming Community (2024/25).
- **Collecting Artifacts** - **MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL** The ongoing contribution and collection of artifacts has been amazing and greatly appreciated in providing a solid foundation of historical memorabilia. Family roots are deep within the Lawler community and neither time nor distance can break the bond.

LHS Welcomes Donations:

It is about the legacy of parents, grandparents, great grandparents, family and friends, who gave it their all in making Lawler a true and viable community. A time and place where settlers from various backgrounds and countries came here and through their perseverance, their love of land and country made it their "HOME". LHS endeavors not only to establish the means of a physical and visual history experience but to also provide a basis of the sensory aspect of Lawler's history and its many family legacies with in its community.

Donations will be key to the success of the LHS. LHS graciously thanks those individuals, organizations and businesses to date that have supported and contributed in various respects, and anxiously await donation opportunities to come. Donations, in all forms, will be of great importance to the success of Lawler's historical preservation for generations to come. LHS will work with donors in providing recognition for contributions.

Information:

LHS, formed in March of 2020 is a 501(c)3 organization. The current LHS Board is composed of: Kurt Hemesath, Bonnie Kuehner, Kyle Kuehner, Nancy Cuvelier and Mary Burns.

Contact any one of the LHS Directors for donation opportunities and information.

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