OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The History Center was decorated and opened on Saturday, December 4th for Olde Fashioned Christmas. We had over 150 visitors – first-timers and return visitors. We didn’t provide our usual Christmas singers, however, a group of singers from the local community theatre provided some songs as they made their way around downtown Plainview. In addition, Bruce Firzlaff graciously agreed to play Christmas music on the organ with the assistance of volunteers to turn the crank which provides the power. There were lots of cheerful faces as most people were just glad to participate in the Olde Fashioned Christmas activities throughout Plainview.
The History Center has an extensive collection of memorabilia, antiques, and items of local interest. These items were donated or collected over a long period by many individuals. It was determined that a complete inventory of the contents should be assembled for insurance purposes and more importantly to locate specific objects from the collection. This inventory resulted in a 31-page document, including photos and floor maps. A small excerpt is included to the right, and visitors can review this document in the Genealogy area if looking for specific items of interest.

- Elgin Businesses Album
- "Old Postcard" Album
- Picture Postcard Album
- Of: Jarrett, Millville, Whitewater Falls, Minnieska and Elba
- Picture of Laverne Walch-Centennial 100 years, Bros of the Brush
- Greenwood Calendar dated 2007
- First National Bank items:
  - Mug with bank books from Plainview State Bank, Coupon’s from Timm’s Café, Elgin Rec. Place, and business card from M D Fuller
  - White mug with pen

Work continues on the Whitewater Valley display in the special area setup in the basement of the History Center. In addition, a guided tour of the Whitewater Valley was completed in the late fall. The History Center will arrange an additional tour in the spring of 2022.
THE GENEALOGY ROOM

The Genealogy room has many resources for the genealogist whose family roots lie in the Plainview-Elgin-Millville area. Because we have many family trees and histories which have already been donated to the History Center, the beginning genealogist may find some of the research has already been done. If you want to get started, just contact the History Center. Several of the board members and volunteers have researched their own history or family tree and are willing to help you avoid some of the local brick walls.

We have many other resources such as county maps, obituaries, wedding and engagement information, cemetery records, church histories and records, city and county histories, school yearbooks, etc.

RESEARCHING BEYOND BIRTH & DEATH DATES WILL MAKE YOUR ANCESTORS “COME ALIVE.”

Let us assist you with one of your New Year Resolutions!

SINCERELY SEEKING MEMBERS

The Plainview Area History Center continues our mission through our community members that give generously of their time and talents. Please consider helping in one or more of the following ways:

- Begin or renew your annual membership using the form on the next page.
- Distribute membership applications to other people that will enjoy all that we have to offer.
- Volunteer to greet visitors during Saturday openings.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Free research! No cost access to obituaries and wedding files of the Plainview News, maps, histories, High School yearbooks, etc.!
- Great pride in knowing that your membership makes a difference in our community!
- Check out our website at: plainviewareahistorycenter.org

Please complete the following information and submit with payment to: 40 4th Street SW, Plainview, MN 55964

Name: ____________________________________________________________

If selecting Family membership, please list all members:

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Address: __________________________________________________________

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Email Address: ___________________________________________________

Select all that apply:   ☐ Individual Membership: $12 per year
☐ New membership   ☐ Family Membership: $24 per year
☐ Renewed Membership ☐ Business Membership: $50 per year