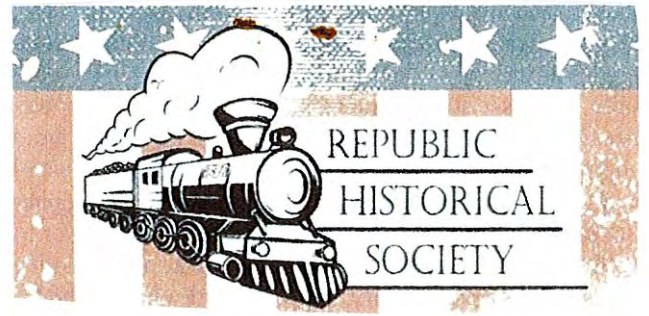


REPUBLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY



2023 NEWSLETTER

146 N. Main Avenue, Republic MO 65738
Museum Open 10:00-2:00 Saturdays
Special Tours – Contact Facebook or Email

Email: repmohistory@gmail.com
Website: Republichistory.wordpress.com

Readin'
Ritin' &
Rithmetic

★ SAVE THE DATE ★

The Historical Society sponsors
"Republic Remembers Teen-Town"
Featuring Geezer The Band

*Did you know there were 23 country schools in
the Republic area?*

July 22, 2023, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Republic High School Auditorium
Republic Road and ZZ Highway
Tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door

We are proud to announce that *Readin',
Ritin', Rithmetic: Stories of Republic's Rural
Schools*, is coming this summer after years of
anticipation and hard work! The 300+ page
book is an important chronicle of the ways our
parents and grandparents were educated before
consolidation into the Republic School District.
You'll read how these country schools not only
provided schooling for the children but also
brought a sense of community to rural
neighborhoods.

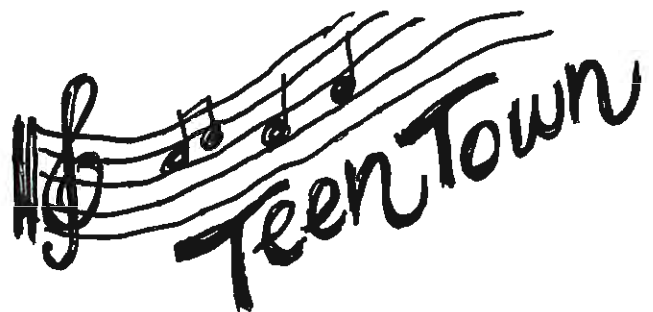
Reserve your tickets online at
republichistoricalsociety.com or visit the museum
any Saturday between 10:00-2:00 or contact
Terry Mooneyham, 417-860-4380.
OR ... Include the ticket price along with your
membership dues.

*Tickets will be at will call the night of the
event!*

There is even a section containing
memories of some Republic grade school
students.

A Fundraiser for the Republic Historical
Society.

Even if you did not attend a rural school,
this is a fun and fascinating glimpse into a
vanished era. Watch our Facebook page for
ordering details!



TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE MUSEUM

If you watch Facebook, you have noticed there is something new happening at our monthly meetings. Lately, we are inviting a member or a guest to share a brief story about some aspect of Republic's history, before we conduct our business meeting. Recently members have discussed such topics as the founding of Republic; a history of Hood Methodist Church; the story of Dr. Greenberry Dorrell, one of Republic's early physicians; and some recollections of Wells Farm Turkeys.

In March we were honored to host Greg Garton, local sports hero and recent inductee in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, who gave an interesting talk on his career with Republic, Clever and Missouri Southern sports programs.

In April, our guests Sybil Ryan and Jan Lee gave a wonderful presentation on the musical history of Mooneyham Junction, where Burel and Ellen Mooneyham's barn on County Line Road has hosted great family-oriented musical entertainment from the 1940s and continuing to the present day. We even got a taste of the magic when Juanita Lee and Kenny Key sang two songs for us!



Sybil Mooneyham Ryan

Watch our Facebook page for upcoming programs, and join us on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



Greg Garton with our president Terry Mooneyham



Jan Lee

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS 2023-24

President: Terry Mooneyham
Vice President: Kathy Kelly
Secretary/Librarian: Maryanne Beck
Treasurer: Rosemary Comisky
Membership: Kathy Ledbetter

Directors

Bill Kraft, Bill Robertson, Trish Ghan



2023 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

Our 2023 calendar features the businesses which made Main Street the heart of Republic. The banks ... the movies and entertainment ... grocery stores ... hardware stores... barber shops ... and the festivals and fairs which brought us together are all featured, plus more! Make sure you have added this calendar to your collection of Republic memorabilia. Pick one up for only \$7 at the museum or contact a Historical Society member.

... and THANK YOU to the local businesses who sponsor our calendars each year!

A NOTABLE CITIZEN:

Sheral J. "Gose" Garoutte

The Garoutte family has been around Republic for more than 100 years. Many of us may remember Sheral "Gose" Garoutte, who owned and operated the Locker Plant on Main Street from 1951 until his death in 1965. Gose also served as a city council member and as mayor of Republic from 1957 to 1962. He was very active in the community's Little League program, and the ballpark at Hines and Hampton Avenue is named after Gose.

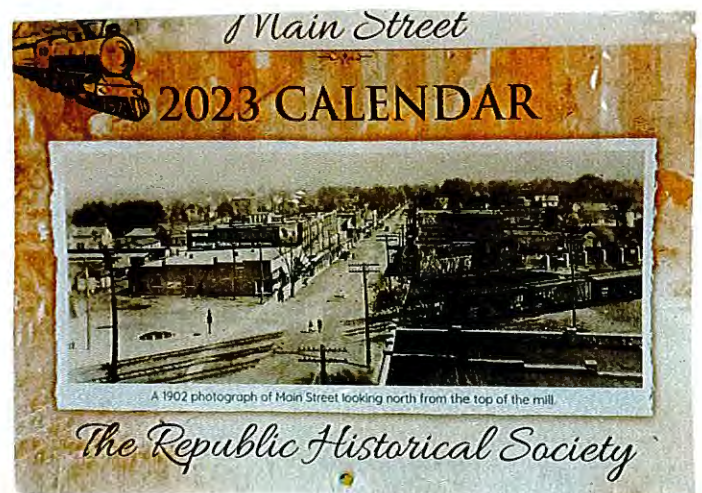
Gose and his wife Katherine (Hicks) operated the Locker Plant together, selling hamburger for 55 cents a pound, making their own sausage, rendering lard, and curing bacon and hams. Folks could rent lockers or refrigerated drawers for \$12-15 a year to store their own meats or frozen vegetables and fruits.

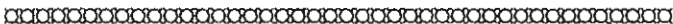
Gose's wife Katherine later served as assistant city collector and their daughter, Sheral Kay, followed the family tradition by serving as city collector for several years.

- From the Republic, Missouri History Book

Does anyone else remember the old car seat in the locker plant where we waited for our order to be ready? And the machine which dispensed a good handful of salted peanuts for a penny?

- Eagle Business Forms, Inc.
- Edward Jones Investments
- Farr Plumbing
- Great Southern Bank
- Heaven's Scent
- Hines Street Pharmacy
- Hood United Methodist Church
- Irwin Printing Co., Inc.
- Lindsey Cemetery
- Meadors Funeral Home
- Mid-Missouri Bank
- Pinegar Chevrolet
- Republic Tiger Sports
- Refrigeration Associates
- The Bank of Missouri
- Westside Christian Church





CALENDAR OF 2023 EVENTS IN REPUBLIC

HAVE A BLAST ... Friday, June 30
REPUBLIC REMEMBERS TEEN TOWN
...Saturday, July 22
KIWANIS FALL FESTIVAL AND PUMPKIN
DAZE Friday and Saturday,
October 6-7
CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET ... Saturday,
December 2
Drop by and see us at these festive events!



Sheriffing Ran in the Family

Some of us may remember Sheriff Mickey Owen, who kept order in Republic from 1965 to 1981. But did you know he was the last of a succession of relatives who held the post off and on for more than a hundred years?

The parade of Owen lawmen began when Charles Baker Owen (known as Baker) was appointed Sheriff of Greene County in 1870 after being a deputy sheriff, a gold miner, a farmer and cattleman, and Captain in the Union forces during the Civil War.

Baker Owen's son John S. followed his example, serving from 1897-98, then his grandson Alfred from 1925-28 and great-grandson Mickey carried on the family tradition.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
-NEW OR RENEWAL -
(May 2023 to May 2024)**

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- Individual Yearly \$15.00
- Individual Lifetime \$150.00
- Juniors (under age 15) \$2.00
- Business Membership \$50.00
- Supporting Groups or Clubs \$20.00

(Make checks payable to the Republic Historical Society)

NAME (please print)

ADDRESS (please print)

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

I would be available to volunteer any time
yes no

I would be available to volunteer on special occasions
yes no

Mail the completed application or renewal to:
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