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The Semi-Annual Newsletter of Mayview MO Foundation
 MMF, P.O. Box 232, Mayview, MO 64071

Our Motto: Together We Renew a Proud Heritage!
Our Mission: To Revitalize Mayview by Encouraging a Clean, Safe Environment for Citizen and Business Growth
 December 2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING * MERRY CHRISTMAS * HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings and Thank You!

In these fractured times, opportunities to come together as a community are vital and precious. The Board members of MMF send best wishes that your celebrations this Holiday Season will be full of love and laughter. MMF is grateful for its generous donors, our volunteer Board of Directors and friends who contribute many hours of work to this organization and for those who have attended our fundraisers and events.

MMF Events Bring Community Together

Mayview Market Day was held again in May, 2022, with the usual rain. But all our vendors and visitors stayed dry inside the school. Mark your calendar for the 2023 event which will be **May 20th** at the Mayview School. The Friday night before the annual **Mayview Picnic**, MMF again held a **Fish Fry and Country Dance**. At least 200 attended to visit, enjoy good food and kick up their heels. This event has become a tradition, so watch for announcements to kick off the July, 2023 Mayview Picnic. In October, **The Fall Family Fun Fest** offered wagon rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, corn box and hay bale maze for little tykes, pumpkin painting, bounce house, big tractors and trucks and delicious food. The day before the event,

board members and friends processed 12 bushel of apples into 43 gallons of apple sauce. Early the next morning fires were lit for 3 kettles to cook and stir into yummy, cinnamon-flavored apple butter. The result was 290 pints, which sold out fast. Sponsors helped keep our costs low and offer the entertainment with no entry fee. A donation to the Mayview Lil' Food Pantry was suggested and the response was great!



Tim Barnes pours the apple sauce into the copper kettle with assistance from Martha Hawthorne. Bill Bainbridge is standing by to begin the constant stirring required to make apple butter.

Events bring community together (con't)

For **The Halloween Boo Bash**, MMF opened the gym to local organizations to come in, decorate a table and give out candy to **Trick or Treaters**. Besides Mayview Mo Foundation, those giving out candy included The Mayview Fire District Auxiliary, Churches: First Baptist, Zion AME and Zion UCC; 40-Ville 4-H Club, Mayview Lion's Club, Jeri Ransdell and Angie Wildschuetz. Lots of fun for all!

Thank you to these Sponsors

Fish Fry and Dance Sponsors:

Quality Overhead Door, LLC, State Farm (Thad Madsen), Wood and Huston Bank, Country Financial(Ashley Hoepner), Re/Max (Christina McCord), Jeffrey Barker Construction, Signs by L & J, and The Tightwad Troubadours.

Fall Family Fun Fest:

From Mayview: The Mayview Old School Bar, Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers, Tier One Fabrication LLC; From Higginsville: Alley Cat Pizza, AgPower, KB & Co, EMS of Higginsville, Universal Dodge, Crescent Moon Salon & Spa and Madsen Bldgs of Odessa; In-Kind Donations were provided by Crop Insurance Solutions, Evan & Ashley Hoepner, Mayview Fire District, David Burroughs, Tim Barnes and Chad Begemann.

Reserve Gym for Your Reunion or Party:

Reservation of the gymnasium and/or kitchen for sports teams, family reunions, parties, meetings, etc. contact Denise at 816-309-8418.

December 31, 2022 Deadline

Support from our donors has been the backbone of all our accomplishments over the past seven years. Thank you so much!!!

Mayview Mo Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations must be dated by December 31, 2022, to count toward 2022 **itemized** income taxes. Mail to MMF, P.O. Box 232, Mayview, MO 64071.

Need to Expand your Business?

If you are outgrowing your garage or dining room table, or are looking for an affordable space to start a business, The Mayview School may have the space you need. Three separate spaces could be combined. Largest is 2,500 sq. ft., smallest 713 sq. Competitive monthly rent.



Three Classrooms have been renovated with paint, new windows, lights, heat/AC, ceiling tile and polished concrete floor. For a tour of space available, call or text Larry at 816-668-2308.

MMF Welcomes New Board Member

A new asset to the Board of Directors is **Donna Downing Matthews**, an alumnus of the Mayview High School, She has lived most of her adult life south of Mayview in Johnson County. Donna believes in the Mission of MMF and wanted to help the community, so agreed to join MMF. The Board is fortunate to have her expertise.

Mayview Mo Foundation Board Members

President, Helen Ryun, Vice-Pres. Tina Franklin, Treasurer, Denise Bainbridge, Secretary, Elaine Hudson .Directors: Larry Neher, Martha Hawthorne, Opal Johnson, Kristy Barker, Jenna Soendker, Tim Barnes, John Brooks and Donna Mathews. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at The Mayview School.)

A New Era Begins for MMF

If you have followed Mayview Mo Foundation from the beginning in 2015, you know we started with a property that had been neglected for over 20 years. A leaking roof, broken windows, invasion by a raccoon village, overgrown trees and weeds and just the ravages of time had resulted in a sad looking eye-sore in the community. **Lloyd Clouse** saw it differently. He somehow convinced other MHS Alumni that there was opportunity in the forlorn property. No one believed that an RV Park could be a success in Mayview, except **Kenny Rinne**. There were many skeptics that the building was worth saving, especially after lead-based paint and asbestos was found. How could we ever raise \$75,000 for a new roof? There were times we wondered if we would be able to pay the utility bills for another month. But **angels kept showing up** just when we needed them. Now, after seven years, renovation is complete and the Foundation is self-sufficient with income from the RV Park and rental of space to small businesses. The success of this property renovation and general clean-up of other properties, sparked a renewal of spirit in the community. The increased business with Michelle's Place café and Rocha's Mayview Bar has added employment opportunities and entertainment and dining options. From the beginning, the mission of Mayview Mo Foundation has been **"To Revitalize Mayview by Encouraging a Clean, Safe Environment for Citizen and Business Growth"**. The renovated space provides community organizations, i.e., the 4-H Club, Fire District and Fuller Foundation, (Habitat for Humanity off-shoot), to use the facility for free.

Charitable Giving Fund Established

Thanks to a generous donor, MMF received \$8,000 to establish the **Charitable Giving Fund** and to expand our efforts in helping all citizens of Mayview to thrive. Our first steps were to help the Mayview Lil' Food Pantry by renovating space inside the south entrance to the school. MMF then donated shelving and a

refrigerator for the Pantry. Also, a donation of \$500 from MMF was given to **40-Ville 4-H** for the **Feed Missouri** program. We are continuing to investigate other ways we can serve the Mayview community. With help from our friends and donors we will continue to make a difference in our community. If you would like to contribute to the **MMF Charitable Giving Fund**, indicate this on your donation check. Thank you for helping MMF help others!

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!



Larry Neher, a founding member of MMF, was recognized and selected by The **Mayview Lion's Club** as Parade Marshal of the **Mayview Picnic Parade**.



Tim Barnes, board member of MMF, received the Bayer Award of \$5,000 designated for a non-profit in his community. He, with his wife Amalee and son Blake presented the check to Helen Ryun, MMF President.