# **2026 Friend of Herscher Area Historical Society**

**Mission Statement**: The purpose of the Herscher Area Historical Society is to capture and preserve history and artifacts related to Herscher and the surrounding area from past generations to future generations.

Fiend of the Herscher Area Historical Society is open to anyone/and business interested, whether you live within the community or not. The Society welcomes any tax deductible donations to aid in our mission. **HAHS is a tax exempt** (501C3) organization.

### Why should I be a Friend of HAHS?

Preservation of local history does not just happen. This effort must be organized in order to collect, conserve, and convey this history. Without an organization such as ours, pertinent information, artifacts and documentation are lost forever.

### What do I get as a Friend of HAHS?

As with most things in life, you get out what you put in. Members who take a passive role get satisfaction from enabling our work to continue. Members who take an active role will quickly find that history comes alive and they feel a personal connection to that history.

#### What does it cost to be a Friend of HAHS?

Annual - Individual /family -\$30. (Newsletters will be emailed) Business/Civic - \$50.

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Lifetime Membership - \$200. (Newsletters will be mailed)

**Memorial Gifts** – We welcome you to make a Memorial Gift in honor of a family member, friend, or loved one who has passed away or for any special occasion. This is a heartfelt way to pay tribute to someone very dear to you and your Memorial Gift truly does make a difference from past generations to future generations.

Monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30pm at Anderson House. Annual meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of February.

There are many ways that we could use your help. Some of the many opportunities available are: Serving on one of our Committees:

Events & Programs, Finance & Fundraising, Museum & Displays, Membership & Promotion, Acquisitions and Buildings & Grounds

Also assisting with Researching and & Writing Grants, Cataloging Acquisitions, Fundraisers, Attending Workshops, Cleaning and Organizing, help with Special Events/Programs.

We thank you in advance for your support of the history of County West. We hope you will take this opportunity to become involved in the Herscher Area Historical Society. We invite you to contact us to find out how you, your family or organization, can become an active part of the history of County West.

## **Enclosed you will find a 2026 Friend of HAHS form.** Complete and return to :

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