

## Smithville MO Historical Society

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*Preserving the past for appreciation in the future*  
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**We wish all Society members and our community a very pleasant Thanksgiving holiday with many blessings. We are grateful for your support.**

### Upcoming Events

**Sat. Nov. 4, 2023** starting at 1:00 pm  
Third Annual Old Time Fiddlers Contest at  
Smithville American Legion, Hwy 92

**Sat. Nov. 18, 2023** starting at 4:30 pm  
Banded Together for Veterans – Music and  
Dancing at Smithville American Legion, Hwy 92

**Mon. Nov. 20, 2023** Society Members Dinner  
(dutch treat) at Humphrey's Restaurant at 6:00  
p.m. followed by showing of History Talk videos  
at the South Gale Schoolhouse.

**Sat. Dec. 2, 2023** Smithville Downtown  
Celebration: 1:00 -5:30 pm Candyland, and  
6:00 pm Christmas Parade

**Sat. Dec. 9, 2023** 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Open House at 1922 Schoolhouse and  
Smithville Museum, 210 North Bridge Street  
Future Open House dates: Sat. Feb. 10, 2024;  
and Sat. April 13, 2024.

We regret to announce that the Trail of Lights display planned for the month of December has been cancelled for this year. We thank the many businesses and organizations that agreed to be sponsors but we fell short of the number required by the Parks Department. Perhaps next year .....

### Please patronize our Patrons

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### Our Patrons

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### What was the News in 1923?

*This year we are reporting on interesting items in the 1923 Smithville Democrat Herald, on microfilm at the Clay County Archives in Liberty.*

**November 3, 1923** The Smithville Athletics, a recently organized football team lost to the Excelsior Springs American Legion Team 6 to 0. The Smithville High School Tommies football team beat Lathrop 12 to 0. A revival at the Christian Church is underway. A choir of young ladies from all local churches is drawing a crowd. The Clay County Commissioners have inspected the bridge over the Little Platte River on Bridge Street and determined it is badly in need of repairs. As the State Highway Dept. is short on funds the county will do the repair work on the floor and bannisters. This is a safety issue as the bridge has a large amount of daily traffic.



BRIDGE ACROSS THE PLATT, SMITHVILLE, MO.

Pub. by Roth & Langley, New York.

Is this a photo of the bridge before or after repairs?  
Send your comments to us at [info@smithvillemohistory.org](mailto:info@smithvillemohistory.org)

**November 9, 1923** Hibbard Taul of Smithville received a gold medal from the Farm Bureau and first prize at the County fair for have the highest pig production. James Strange, a Smithville Freshman, was injured at a football game in Warrenburg and is not confined to a wheelchair. The Tommies were decisively defeated by Liberty 54 to 6. Smithville's sole score occurred when halfback Millis picked up a fumbled ball from kickoff and ran eighty yards for the touchdown.

