

Stained Glass Workshop

Two separate classes / Sept 13 & 20

Come enjoy a make and take workshop where you will learn to make a stained glass sun catcher! The workshop is hosted by local stained glass artist Rebecca Harton. Fee is \$65 and includes all supplies. Ages 10 and older with a workshop limit of 6.

[Register for the Workshop](#)

The Courthouse

Law & Order on the Frontier

Before statehood in 1907, courts in Indian Territory and the young Oklahoma Territory were a mix of tribal, federal, and local justice. Small towns often relied on a justice of the peace and a traveling circuit judge to hear everything from chicken theft and disorderly conduct to land and debt disputes. Courtrooms doubled as polling places and meeting halls; proceedings were public and sometimes standing-room only. Jurors were drawn from local citizens (historically men only), and fees and fines might be paid in cash—or goods.

This courthouse represents those multipurpose spaces where communities worked out rules for living together. Look for the judge's bench, the witness chair, and the jury box. Imagine the room crowded on a summer afternoon as testimony echoed off wood walls and neighbors weighed evidence that shaped everyday life.



PIONEER DAYS

September 25-27, 2025

With Uncle Herschel out of a job we invited him to the Village



Uncle Herschel: The Logo Enhancer

After decades of serving up hearty breakfasts and folksy charm at Cracker Barrel, Uncle Herschel found himself ready for a new adventure. One morning, while rocking on the front porch of a Cracker Barrel along Route 66, he overheard a family talking about a magical place called Har-Ber Village

Museum in Grove, Oklahoma—a living slice of pioneer history where cabins, tools, and stories of the past still speak to today’s visitors.

“Well now,” Herschel muttered, adjusting his suspenders, “that sounds like a place that could use a little old-fashioned flair.”

Packing up his checkerboard, whittling knife, and a pouch of logo ideas sketched on napkins, Uncle Herschel made his way to Grand Lake.

Harvey’s Welcome

When Herschel arrived, he was met by none other than Harvey Jones himself, seated on the wide porch of the old Mercantile store. Harvey leaned back in his chair, the kind of man who'd built an empire out of hard work and vision, and gave Herschel a warm smile.

“Well, Herschel,” Harvey said, extending his hand, “I built Har-Ber Village to preserve the spirit of our pioneers. Looks to me like you’ve got the same spirit, only you carry it in your stories and sketches. How’d you like to help us give this Village a mark that carries our history forward?”

Herschel tipped his hat, grinned, and replied, “Mr. Jones, I reckon that’s the best invitation I’ve had since breakfast.”

His Approach

- Whittled Wisdom: Using his pocketknife, Herschel carved little mock-up logos out of cedar chips, insisting, “If it don’t look good on a cabin wall, it ain’t the right logo.”
- Front Porch Testing: He set up rocking chairs outside the General Store exhibit and invited visitors to “test drive” his sketches, watching their reactions the way he used to gauge whether folks liked extra syrup on their pancakes.
- Folksy Branding: With Harvey’s nod of approval, he merged heritage with hospitality, shaping a symbol that said “Welcome home to history” before a single word was read.

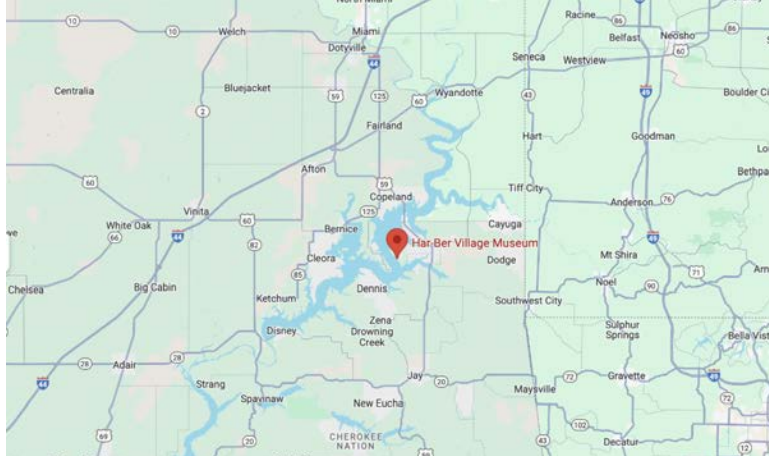
The Result

The Har-Ber Village logo, once a simple mark, now had a story stitched into it: part pioneer grit, part down-home welcome, part Uncle Herschel magic. Harvey Jones himself declared, “This logo belongs here, just like every cabin, every trail, and every story we share.”

Visitors now point to the logo on signs, shirts, and mugs, saying, “That’s Har-Ber Village—where history feels like family.” And Uncle Herschel? You’ll still find him around, sketching new ideas on a napkin at the picnic pavilion, smiling as if to say, “A good logo’s just like breakfast—it ought to start your day with a little joy.”

Visit the Village

[Map](#)



Current Ways to Support the Village

Due to your generous support, Har-Ber Village will be able to preserve and restore historic buildings like the Village Drug Store, expand hands-on educational programming, and improve our hiking trails and outdoor spaces. As a vital economic driver and regional tourism anchor, Har-Ber Village draws thousands of visitors to Grove each year—supporting local businesses, strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing quality of life. Thanks to you, Har-Ber Village continues to be more than a museum—it's a gathering place, a learning hub, and a proud symbol of why Grove is such a great place to live, work, and visit. Here are some ways you can help the Village thrive:

Leave us a review | Free: One of the best ways to let others know about the Village is to leave us a review! This enables them to see our pages on sites like Google and Facebook. [Click here to leave a Google review.](#)

Become a donor | \$5+: You can now become an official Har-Ber Village resident. Donations and memberships directly benefit the Village. [Donate!](#)

Come to our events: One of the main goals of the Village is to provide a place for the community to come and gather. By participating in events, you help us meet that goal. [Check out upcoming events.](#)

Spread the word! | Free: Do you enjoy the Village? Tell your neighbors or share pictures on social media! Tag The Village in your social posts so we can hear about your great time and your friends can see it, too! [Facebook link.](#)

Tour the Village with the Mayor

Jeff McSweeney has joined the Village as Mayor (aka Development Director). Reach out to Jeff for a personal tour of the Village campus to learn what we do for the community, our vision for the future, and how you are crucial to the Village's long-term success.





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