



## Gazette



### The Village - Oklahoma's Route 66 Premiere Destination

Set along the scenic shores of Grand Lake and just minutes from historic Route 66, Har-Ber Village Museum offers visitors an unforgettable journey through pioneer-era life. With over 70 historic structures, interactive exhibits, nature trails, and engaging events, it's more than a museum — it's a living connection to America's past. As one of Oklahoma's premier Route 66 destinations, Har-Ber Village draws travelers from across the country, boosting local tourism and offering an authentic cultural experience that blends history, nature, and community spirit..

Route66 will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2026, marking a full century since its establishment on November 11, 1926. In Oklahoma, which boasts the longest uninterrupted stretch of the historic highway, plans are already underway to commemorate this milestone with a year-long series of events, grants, and community-driven celebrations.

Invite your friends and family to visit The Village.



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## Historic Brick Collection

Before Oklahoma became a state in 1907, the land was divided into Oklahoma Territory in the west and Indian Territory in the east. Communities in both territories relied on locally made brick for homes, businesses, schools, and public buildings — and Har-Ber Village's historic brick collection preserves these tangible links to our shared past.

Brickmaking in the pre-1929 era was often a local, labor-intensive craft. Clay was dug by hand, shaped in wooden molds, and fired in coal- or wood-burning kilns. Small brickyards operated in towns across the country, producing bricks stamped with the maker's name or location. These imprints not only identified the source but also served as a mark of local pride.

The collection features bricks carrying the texture, color, and maker's mark of its origin. Together, they tell a story of resourcefulness, regional identity, and the foundations — quite literally — of communities. By preserving these bricks, Har-Ber Village offers visitors a rare opportunity to see and touch the very materials that built the territory towns and cities of the early 20th century.





Brick Company Salesman Sample





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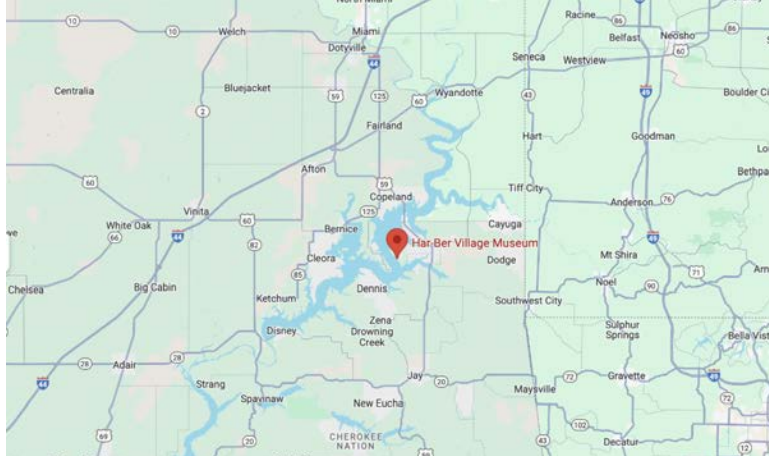
## Grove, Main Street to Har-Ber Village

No, I did not drive 90 mph to capture this awesome drive to Har-Ber Village. Take the drive yourself, at the limit, and its less than 10 minutes to enjoy nature, walk the trails, and visit the Village.



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**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. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**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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