



Gazette



Telephone Collection

Har-Ber Village Museum's historic phone collection offers a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of communication technology throughout the 20th century. From early wooden crank telephones and rotary dial models to operator switchboards and mid-century desk sets, the collection showcases the ingenuity and craftsmanship that connected families, businesses, and rural communities long before the digital age. These artifacts tell the story of how communication transformed daily life in the Ozarks—bridging distances, strengthening relationships, and laying the groundwork for the high-speed networks we rely on today. Preserved with care, the collection invites visitors of all ages to reflect on the enduring human desire to stay connected.

We are proud to partner with BOLT for many of our community connection events.





Village friends in NW Arkansas & Tulsa



Har-Ber Village is working on a couple of special events this February in Tulsa and NW Arkansas, and we're looking for enthusiastic friends and volunteers to help us host and make it a memorable experience for our community. Whether you can lend a hand with planning, setup, activities, or simply spreading the word, your support would mean so much!

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please reach out. Let's make this February event a wonderful success together!

Thank you for your support!

[E-mail the Village Mayor](#)

Friends of Grand Lake Audubon Society Young Birder's Club



The Friends of Grand Lake Audubon Society (Grand Lake Birders) supports a Young Birders Club, offering educational and bird-watching experiences for youth in the Grove/Grand Lake area.

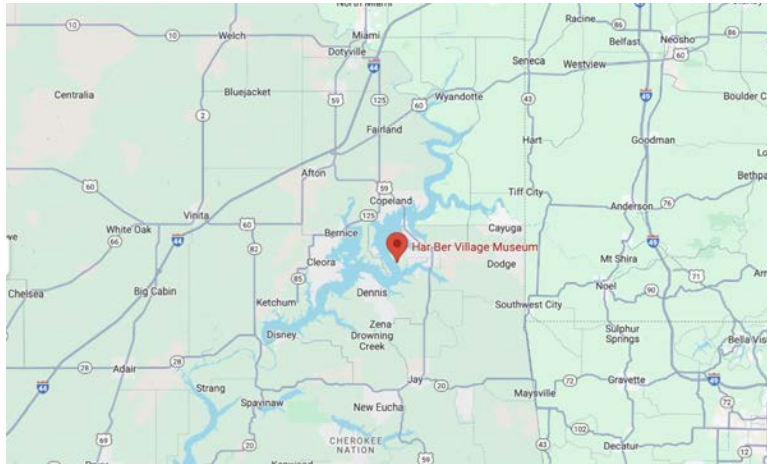
Grand Lake Birders partnered with local groups—such as the Grove Rotary Club Foundation and Grand Lake Home Educators—to launch the Young Birders program.

Educational Backpacks Available

Har-Ber Village offers Young Birders Educational Backpacks for families to borrow at the Visitor Center. These backpacks provide educational materials, field guides, and binoculars to encourage exploration of the museum's nature trails and local habitats. The backpacks and club support are part of a broader effort to foster conservation interest among youth.

The backpacks may be used on the Nature Trail free of charge, usual admission is required for the Village. Learn more at:

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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