



## PIONEER DAYS

September 25-27, 2025

Step into the 1800s at Pioneer Days! Spend a fall weekend exploring 70+ historic cabins with hands-on demos like corn shelling, butter churning, quilting, rope making, and hearth baking. Meet costumed interpreters, hear period music, and try kid-friendly hands-on stations – brought to students by our everyday volunteers, and others to make this an exceptional, experiential special event - from grinding corn to the print shop. Stroll forested trails and visit the Visitor's Center for unique gifts, treats and souvenirs. Bring the whole family for living history on Grand Lake.

Hours are 9 am to 3:30 pm all three days.

### Thursday Sept. 25

**Sandford Lee** - Children's music/magic group ~ 9:30-3:00

**Ben Julup** - Education interpretation of Native American life ~ 9:00 -3:00

**Sandra Torchia** - as Belle Starr historical storytelling at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00

**Bass Reeves** - Historical interpretation of the first African American sheriff in this region at 9:45, 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:15

**Charlene Bryant** - School Marm

### Friday Sept. 26

**Ben Julup** - Education interpretation of Native American life ~ 9:00-3:00

**Cowboy Jim Garling** - Celebrates music of the pioneer era ~ 10:30-3:00

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**Guthrie Gun Fighters** - Re-enactors with loud gunfire at 10:15, 11:30, 2:00, 3:00

**Charlene Bryant** - School Marm

### Saturday Sept. 27

**Ben Julup** - Education interpretation of Native American life ~ 9:00-3:00

**Guthrie Gun Fighters** - Re-enactors with loud gunfire at 10:15, 11:30, 2:00, 3:00

**Sandra Torchia** - as Belle Starr historical storytelling at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00

**Cody Frost Blue Grass Music** - 1:00-3:00

Food Trucks!

### **IKD Where do you want to eat?**

Food truck with hamburgers/cheeseburgers, fries,  
onion rings, foot long corn dog and chicken wings.  
They will be here all 3 days from 9-3.

### **Cristobal's Tamales**

Serves different kinds of tamale flavors with refried beans and rice.  
He will be here all three days 9-3.

### **Skoden49 Food Truck**

Serves Native American foods and Indian Tacos.  
She will be here Friday and Saturday, 9-3.



## **Special Event: [Author Matt Kirouac](#) Sunday, Sept 28 11 am to 2 pm ["Secret Oklahoma"](#) Book Reading**

A transplant to Oklahoma City after growing up in New Hampshire and Chicago, Matt Kirouac is an award-winning travel and food writer with bylines in Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast Traveler, InsideHook, Thrillist, BBC, AFAR, Atlas Obscura, National Geographic, and 405 Magazine, where he serves as a senior writer. Part of what drew him to Oklahoma was a curiosity for the underrated and the sense of

discovery in stereotyped places. Matt lives in Oklahoma City with his husband, Nathan, and their mini dachshund, Finn.

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## **Ghost Hunt - Midwest Mystery Tour** **Friday, October 10, 2025 from 8 pm to 2 am**



Join the Midwest Mystery Tour at Har-Ber Village as we ghost hunt at the historic museum. Explore, learn, and enjoy as host, David Glidden, shares his knowledge and experience of the paranormal. Take part in experiments that may unlock the

mystery behind the haunting. Perfect for both the experienced and inexperienced!

Guests may bring their own equipment and are responsible for their equipment. Friday and Saturday investigations are separate ticketed events. Each start at 8pm and go until 2am. 15 people max, \$75+ fees per person.

## Order Tickets Online

Proceeds will be donated to Har-Ber Village to help keep history alive!

Important Note: Guests must be 16 yrs or older. Anyone under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

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## Persnickety, the Sequel - Tickets on Sale!



is proud to host

### Persnickety, the Sequel

by Pam Leptich



Do Carl and Robert get together?

Does Betty forgive Carl?

Do Robert and Betty form a bond?

Do Maxine and Mabel stick with Carl?

Does Bruce really have it all figured out?

The inquiring minds of those who saw the original Persnickety want to know...

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presented by The Grand Thespians

at the Village's Event Tent

Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm

Friday, October 24 at 7 pm

Sunday, October 26 at 2 pm

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 pm



**Tickets on Sale for \$15 each, click on the date below!**

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# Santa, is That You?

Apply Today



Har-Ber Village is searching for a jolly, reliable Santa to headline Santa's Ozark Mountain Village and delight children of all ages with warm greetings, photos, and pioneer-era storytelling on select Friday and Saturday evenings in late November and December.

Ideal candidates have great rapport with kids and families, a welcoming stage presence, punctuality, and a heart for community; and prior Santa/theater experience are a plus (own beard optional). Training provided; background check required; suit provided and stipend available.

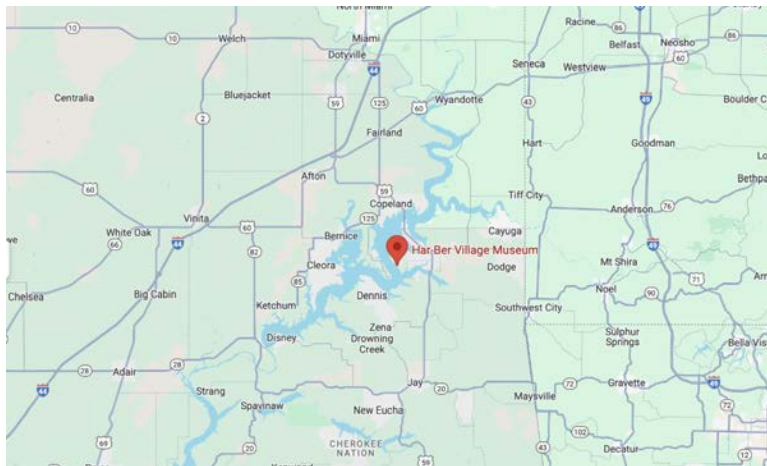
To be considered, email a brief bio, dates available, and a photo/resumé to [events@har-bervillage.com](mailto:events@har-bervillage.com) or call 918-786-6446.

Positions open until filled—come help us make holiday magic on Grand Lake!

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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. [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.



Jeff McSweeney - Mayor  
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