A Peek into the Past
The Chariton County Historical Society and Museum

The Museum is home to a diverse collection of artifacts spread out across several rooms. Each room is dedicated to a different topic and include a genealogy library, tool room and military room. A mock-up of Main Street has stores and offices, while the Little Dixie Room has dioramas of 19th century rooms in a typical home.

Open Mid-April to Mid-October
Tuesday-Saturday, 1pm to 4pm, or by appointment
115 E. 2nd Street • 660-388-5941
Email: museum@cvalley.net
Website: charitoncountyhistoricalsociety.org

The Historic Hammack House

This home, located in Salisbury’s Historic District was built in 1890. Today the owner provides group tours upon request. To learn more, contact CCHT President Janet Weaver at 660-288-3425 to schedule a visit.

502 S. Broadway

LOCAL HISTORY

As a bonus for military service during the War of 1812, Prior Bibo owned some 320 acres given to him by the US government in the late 1820s. After two successive owners, Judge Lucius Salisbury bought the tract of land for $400 in 1856. A year later, Judge Salisbury hired surveyors to lay out a town plat, and founded the town on April 1, 1867. Even before the town was formally organized, Salisbury had a Post Office, when Judge Salisbury established one in his home in 1863.

The community grew, as the US Census shows a population of 626 in 1870. Unfortunately, two years later a large tornado tore through town, and a few years following the tornado, fires destroyed much of the business district in 1877 and again in 1882.

The community recovered and on April 4, 1882, Salisbury was organized and chartered as a fourth-class city under Missouri laws. The city flourished and many businesses and establishments opened in the area, including a flour mill, two hotels, three tobacco factories, an opera house, two newspaper companies, cigar factory, soda factory, and many restaurants.

Today the city is the largest community within Chariton County. With a thriving downtown of businesses and restaurants, many surrounding community members visit and work in Salisbury. In addition, the city hosts several city-wide events throughout the year, attracting tourists year-round.

Check us out on the web at: salisburymo.net

Salisbury’s Historic District highlights several Victorian-era homes that have been lovingly maintained by members of the community. The Brummall House, seen above, was built in 1898 and today is home to a Bed & Breakfast. It is one of many examples of the dedication these homes’ owners have to retaining an important part of Salisbury’s history.

Chariton County Heritage Tours, Inc.
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Online: www.keytesvillemo.com/chariton-county-heritage-tours.html
The Salisbury City Park provides the community with both indoor and outdoor amenities. The Boy Scout Cabin is available for rental and an outdoor amphitheater hosts bands and community theater productions. A horse arena is available as well as several ball fields for sporting events. Children can explore the large playground and across the street is the Salisbury Municipal Pool.

The main drive of the park showcases a unique part of Salisbury and national history. Here visitors can admire the Lady Liberty Statue, erected in 1950 as part of the Boy Scouts of America celebration of their 40th anniversary. Originally Boy Scout troops donated some 200 statues across 39 states. Today, only about 100 statues are accounted for, the rest likely lost or destroyed.

City Park: Corner of 9th Street and S. Broadway
Swimming Pool: 103 E. 9th Street

Enjoy hitting the green? Salisbury’s Golf Course offers a clubhouse, driving range and 9 hole regulation course.

Salisbury Municipal Golf Course
35593 Potts Park Road • 660-388-5721

Shepherd’s Way Arts and Crafts
With an award-winning reputation, Ron and Sharon Hutchinson create beautiful and functional décor, including wool rugs, hand-woven items, braided rugs, baskets, chair pads, and table décor. For those interested in learning more about loom weaving, the Hutchisons offer classes in their studio. To find out more, call or email to make an appointment.

Shepherd’s Way Arts and Crafts
30909 Highway 129 • 660-388-5166
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Salisbury Farmer’s Market
Each Friday morning from mid-May to mid-September shoppers can find the Farmer’s Market at Millstone Plaza on the corner of Broadway and 2nd Street.

Salisbury Farmer’s Market
213 S. Broadway
660-388-6274

El Centinela
213 S. Broadway
660-388-6274

Bradshaw’s Bistro & Coffee
315 S. Broadway
660-388-5343

The Broadway Bakery
301 S. Broadway
660-388-6757

McTag’s
202 S. Broadway
660-388-9610

Hi-Way 24 Cafe
320 W. Highway 24
660-388-6098

24 Diner
306 E. Highway 24
660-388-6098

Brummall House Bed & Breakfast
Interested in the B&B featured on the cover? Call 660-388-5893 for reservations.

Annual Salisbury Steak Festival
2nd Weekend in June

Annual Pumpkin Festival
Late September