

Historic buildings provide art for Cass County's calendars

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Houses and barns dating back to the 19th century dot Cass County, and some of them — along with later structures — are showing up as calendar art.

The Cass County Historical Society has published a 1998 calendar of barns and silos, the second in a series that began with its 1997 calendar, which highlighted houses.

The calendars are seasoned with nuggets of historical fact.

Many of the structures no longer are standing, such as Henry Washington Younger's stone barn on the present site of Harrisonville Elementary School and a wooden barn in Dayton Township.

The houses are in towns such as Harrisonville, Raymore, Peculiar,

Garden City and Pleasant Hill. The oldest is the Sharp-Hopper log cabin from 1835; two are from the 1850s and three are Civil War-era. The newest, dated at 1900, is the Ed Frazier home north of Drexel. "His mules were used in several motion pictures," the calendar notes.

The houses vary from the stately to the mundane. An example of the former is the Wilson House in Belton, owned by the Belton Historical Society. A Garden City house dating from 1867-68 has been extensively remodeled and stripped of whatever gingerbread it might have had. It even has a picture window.

The barns range from the palatial at the Pickering-Owen-Good ranch to the dilapidated. There also are oddities, such as a silo

owned by Del Dunmire of Harrisonville. A tree grows inside it and out the open top. Another silo, dated 1910, has a windmill on the roof.

The 1998 calendar is \$5, and the society said some of the 1997 ones are available at \$3 each. They can be ordered by mail (add \$2 for shipping and handling) from the society at P.O. Box 405, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701-0406, or bought at the society's office, 400 E. Mechanic St. The society's telephone number is (816) 887-2393.

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