



**LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND HISTORY CENTER
MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER**

**In February over 200 people visited your History Center.
Volunteers gave 198 hours of their time to the museum in January.
Come, join us, and thanks to everyone!**

THE ORPHAN TRAIN RIDERS. This coming Tuesday, March 10th, our Second Tuesday Program at **7 p.m.** will feature the story of the orphan train riders in America. In the largest migration of children in the history of the world, from 1853 until 1929 over a third of a million children were swept off the streets of New York City and sent west to small towns and farms across America to work. Alice Bernard (pictured at right) was sent west in 1919 by the New York Foundling Hospital. Many came to Montana and to the Helena area. **If you are descendant of an orphan train rider or, if you know someone who is, bring the family lore and we can assist you learn more about your rider.** See you at the History Center at **7 p.m.** on Tuesday evening. Light refreshments will be served.



THE SECOND TUESDAY PROGRAM SERIES. We have named this monthly program series The Second Tuesday Program. Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming programs will feature the Chinese in Helena, the women's right to vote with an emphasis on Montana, the Montana Constitution and the bridges in Lewis & Clark County. We hope to see you every Second Tuesday of the month.

THEATER EXHIBIT. Your Exhibit Curator, Myla Daulke, is creating a new permanent exhibit featuring the history of live theaters in Lewis and Clark County. Right - Myla and her Dad Ryan building the valance for the exhibit's theater curtain. This interactive exhibit includes the Marlow Theater, the Ming, Theater, the Antler Theater, the Colosseum Theater, the Old Main Brewery and today's Grand



Street Theater. If you have photographs or information about live theater in the county outside of Helena, please drop by the History Center on Saturday or contact John Shontz.

2026 STRATEGIC PLAN. Your Board of Directors approved the 2026 strategic plan for the Society. Stop by the History Center and grab a copy of the plan's action plan road map. The plan includes extending the days we are open and the development of additional exhibits.

HOURS. Your History Center is open from 10 am until 3 pm every Saturday. Find us at 618 Helena Avenue in the Steamboat Block. Model trains will also be running at the Last Chance Layout also in the Steamboat Block from 10 am until 3 pm. Admission at both venues is free as is the parking!

Always feel free to contact me. My personal telephone number is (406) 443-4534 – landline – no texts please. You can also reach us at: lcchs1989@gmail.com.

John Shontz. President

Thank you for your support! John Shontz, President, Ray Read, Vice-president, Barbara Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Luther, Kathy Macesfield, John Barrows and Ron Pearson, board members.