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### HOME OF SLICED BREAD!

Yes, Chillicothe is the Home of Sliced Bread! It was recently discovered that sliced bread was first offered for sale – ever – in Chillicothe, Missouri. A small story that got front page billing in the Constitution-Tribune 75 years ago about a Chillicothe baker being the first to introduce sliced bread is now making headlines once again. Only this time, readers now know what kind of a profound impact his product has had on the world. And, hopefully, this time around the story will be remembered.



Invented by Iowa inventor, Otto Rohwedder, the bread slicer was put into practice in 1928 in beautiful downtown Chillicothe. A product of the Chillicothe Baking Company, it was sliced on a machine called the Rohwedder Bread Slicer. The massive unit, approximately five feet long and three feet high, was a bread slicing machine. And, nowhere in the world were bakers selling sliced loaves of bread. But, a Chillicothe baker, who was on the verge of bankruptcy, took a chance on the invention and on July 7, 1928, put the first loaves of sliced bread ever made on the shelves of Chillicothe grocery stores. From that moment on, sliced bread became a part of history—a history that began right here, in Chillicothe.



### MURALS

The Chillicothe mural program is sponsored by Main Street Chillicothe through the Livingston County Community Development Corporation, Chillicothe Development Corporation, Chillicothe Rotary Foundation, and the City of Chillicothe.

You may view all our murals and take a downtown walking tour on our Main Street Website, [www.mainstreet Chillicothe.com/tour.htm](http://www.mainstreet Chillicothe.com/tour.htm).

We hope you will stop by and visit us in Chillicothe and get an up-close and personal look at our beautiful murals either through a driving tour or walking tour.



## GRAND RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Dr. F.A. Wood's Sarsaparilla Depression Era glass, a railroad depot counter, and a small tribute to the history of Chillicothe High School are among new exhibits at the Grand River Historical Society Museum. The facility is located at 1401 Forest Drive in Chillicothe and is open from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Sundays mid-May through October.



One of the most visible additions to the museum is a replica of a railroad station counter just inside the museum entrance. The museum also has an extensive Indian display with arrowheads dating back 20,000 years. The oldest artifact at the museum is a mammoth tooth, estimated to be one million years old. The tooth was found when a man was dredging in the riverbed for gravel.

## CHILICOTHE MUDCATS

Grand River Entertainment, a not-for-profit corporation, oversees the Chillicothe Mudcats intercollegiate baseball team. The team was formed shortly after approval of an expansion collegiate baseball team by the MINK League Board of Directors in October, 2001.



Grand River Entertainment's primary purpose is to encourage, foster, promote, sponsor, and operate non-professional baseball, softball, basketball, and other sports teams for the pleasure and recreation of the citizens of Chillicothe, Livingston County, and the surrounding area. Its first endeavor is the Chillicothe Mudcats.



Games are held in June Shaffer Memorial Park located in the southeast section of Chillicothe, Missouri. The park is nearly eight acres in size and features one pavilion and a playground.

Team players are hosted by families in Chillicothe and come from all over the United States. We've even hosted players from as far away as Czechoslovakia.

In 2004, Muddy the Mudcat was added as mascot to the team and was very popular with young and old fans alike. The season starts in late May or early June each year and play continues through July with the possibility of participation in the World Series in August. For ticket and other general information, visit the Mudcat's Website. [www.chillicothemudcats.com](http://www.chillicothemudcats.com) • Phone 660-646-4424

## YMCA

Our Grand River Area Family YMCA got its start in the late 1980's when an economic development committee formed by business and civic leaders determined that a YMCA would improve the quality of life through recreation for kids and seniors.



Today, the YMCA has two gymnasiums that provide plenty of room for basketball, volleyball, indoor tennis, pitching machine action, and much more. Bleachers offer comfortable seating for parents, students, and visitors. There is a complete scoreboard in our newest gym. And, you can watch the action from above as you walk the indoor track. A gymnastics area is off the new gym in a separate area for ease of use. The indoor pool attracts many people from the surrounding area for swim lessons, aquatic classes, water volleyball games, and adult lap time.

The weight machines and exercise equipment are upstairs. You have several to choose from, including free weights in our weight room. Certified instructors and adult



fitness classes help members learn the proper way to use the wide variety of equipment. From stationery bikes to elliptical machines, stair climbers, a large selection of weight machines,

Cycle Reebok spinning cycles, and Life Fitness treadmills with heart rate monitoring systems, you can select the exercise program appropriate for your lifestyle.

Visitors are welcome through the purchase of Day Passes or your YMCA card from your own YMCA membership.

Visit [www.grandriverymca.org](http://www.grandriverymca.org), or call 660-646-6677.

## THE CHILLICOTHE PARKS & RECREATION AQUATIC CENTER



The **Chillicothe Parks & Recreation Aquatic Center** always offers lots of fun in the summer months. With water slides, a fountain, diving boards, and a baby pool, there's something for everyone. Our lifeguards keep a watchful eye on swimmers, and there's a

large concession stand and snacking area.

The pool opens Memorial Day weekend each year and closes after the Labor Day weekend. There are season passes, punch passes, and daily rate options available to suit your needs.

Special activities include Family Nights and Buck Nights, and pool rental is also available. Two-week session swimming lessons are offered to the public during the summer months. For more information, visit our Aquatic Center's page on the city's Website. 1503 Walnut Street, Chillicothe, MO 64601, Office Phone: **660-646-4424**, [www.chillicothe-city.org/parks/aquatics.html](http://www.chillicothe-city.org/parks/aquatics.html)

## PARKS

Our City Park system consists of seven (7) beautiful parks featuring a large aquatic center, ball parks, tennis courts, walking trails, shelters, volleyball courts, a horseshoe pitching field, public restrooms, large modern playgrounds, and much more. Recent improvements to the parks includes a rock climbing wall and new playground equipment at **Danner Park** and expansion of **Clay Street Park's** playground area with \$9,000 worth of new equipment.



One of the city's oldest parks, **Simpson Park**, is also a town landmark and the best known of the city's recreation facilities. This park sports the ambiance of a beautiful, old-style park setting and sits on the main street through town (Washington Street aka Hwy 65) across from our YMCA.



Four shelters/pavilions (all with electricity) are available for family picnics, reunions, and meetings; and the walking trail is popular all year long. Other fair-weather festivities attract the young and old, including

the Annual Car Show, Chautauqua in the Park, the 4th of July Freedom Festival, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, YMCA fun runs, Easter egg hunt, and many more activities.

**Daryl Danner Memorial Park** is located on Trenton Road in the NE part of town. The largest of the city park facilities with nearly 40 acres, the park is primarily a sports complex; and, since opening in 1995, has gained a reputation as one of the premier sports facilities in North Central Missouri.

Surrounding its three lighted ball fields, including a baseball diamond that meets NCAA regulations, Danner Park also features four lighted tennis courts, three lighted sand volleyball courts, two lighted basketball courts, and a soccer field.

**June Shaffer Memorial Park** is located in the southeast section of the city. It is nearly eight (8) acres in size and was purchased in 1976. Construction began a short time later, creating a baseball facility that got a sizeable facelift in 2002. The facility also features one pavilion and a playground.



With the renovation to the baseball diamond, Shaffer Park is the home of the Chillicothe Mudcats. The facility is also the location where the Chillicothe School District's Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball teams host their games in the spring. American Legion baseball action comes to Shaffer Memorial Park in late summer and early fall.

For more information about these parks and our other parks, please visit our city's park pages!

[www.chillicothe-city.org/parks](http://www.chillicothe-city.org/parks)

## YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF CHOICES FOR GOLFING IN CHILLICOTHE!

Our private golf course is the **Chillicothe Country Club** located on Highway 65 (aka Washington Street). The 9-hole course has 18 tees with USAG approved greens of bent grass. Full membership in the club entitles members full use of the outdoor pool, dining room facilities, tennis courts, locker rooms, and golf course. Call **660-646-2922** or visit [www.chillicothe-country-club.com](http://www.chillicothe-country-club.com).





**GREEN HILLS GOLF COURSE**

Chillicothe is also home to a popular public golf course, **Green Hills Golf Course**, an 18-hole links-style course. The course first opened in 1993. There are four sets of tees to cater to all skill levels of golfers. The forward tees total 5,079 yards, the middle tees measure 6,042 yards, and the championship tees measure nearly 6,800 yards. The course features the classic links-style challenges – large sweeping greens, large mounds lining the fairways, tall native grass, and more than 30 sand traps. Weather permitting, the course operates all year around. Through hotel and golf packages with Chillicothe hotels and the short driving distance from Kansas City, St. Joe, Columbia, and Des Moines, the course attracts thousands of visitors to Chillicothe annually.

For more information, call **877-646-0962** or visit their Website [www.greenhillsgolfcourse.com](http://www.greenhillsgolfcourse.com).

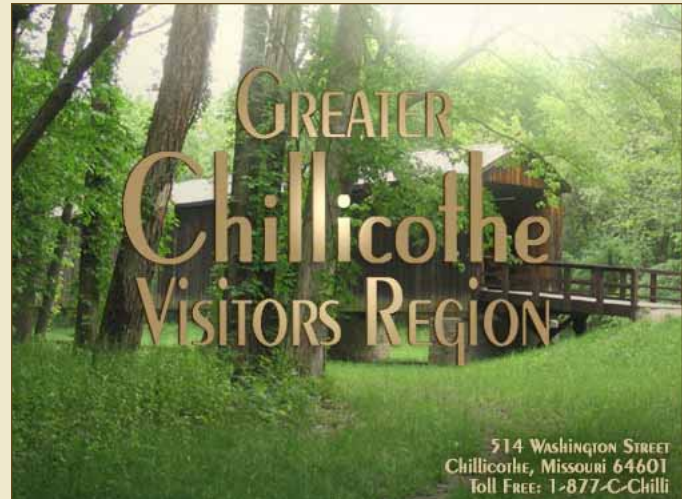
**THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY LIBRARY**



The **Livingston County Library** is where you can learn about our area’s history, community, people, and places. The library’s Website includes NetLibrary, a collection of 6000 electronic books which you may browse through from your home computer.

To find out when the library is open and how to locate them and contact them, visit their Website [www.livingstoncountylibrary.org](http://www.livingstoncountylibrary.org), or call **660-646-0547**.

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Above - Historic Covered Locust Creek Bridge

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by visiting our Website [www.visitchillicothe.com](http://www.visitchillicothe.com):

- Amish Community
- Home of Walt Disney
- Home of JC Penney
- Home of General Pershing
- Locust Creek Covered Bridge
- Mormon History & Heritage
- Shopping & Dining
- Special Events

**PICTURES ON COLLAGE IMAGE ON FIRST PAGE:**

- Top Left - **Green Hills Golf Course**, Chillicothe, Missouri
- Top Middle - **Pershing State Park**, Laclede, Missouri
- Top Right - **Chillicothe Mudcats Collegiate Baseball**, Shaffer Park, Chillicothe, Missouri
- Middle Left - **Amish Community**, Jamesport, Missouri
- Middle Center - **Livingston County Courthouse**, Center of Downtown Square, Chillicothe, Missouri, with Veteran’s Memorial
- Middle Right - **Aquatics Center**, Chillicothe, Missouri
- Bottom Left - Mickey & Minnie Mouse on Parade in Marceline, Missouri, **Boyhood Home of Walt Disney**
- Bottom Center - **Swan Lake Wildlife Refuge**, Sumner, Missouri
- Bottom Right - **Shopping** in Chillicothe, Missouri

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