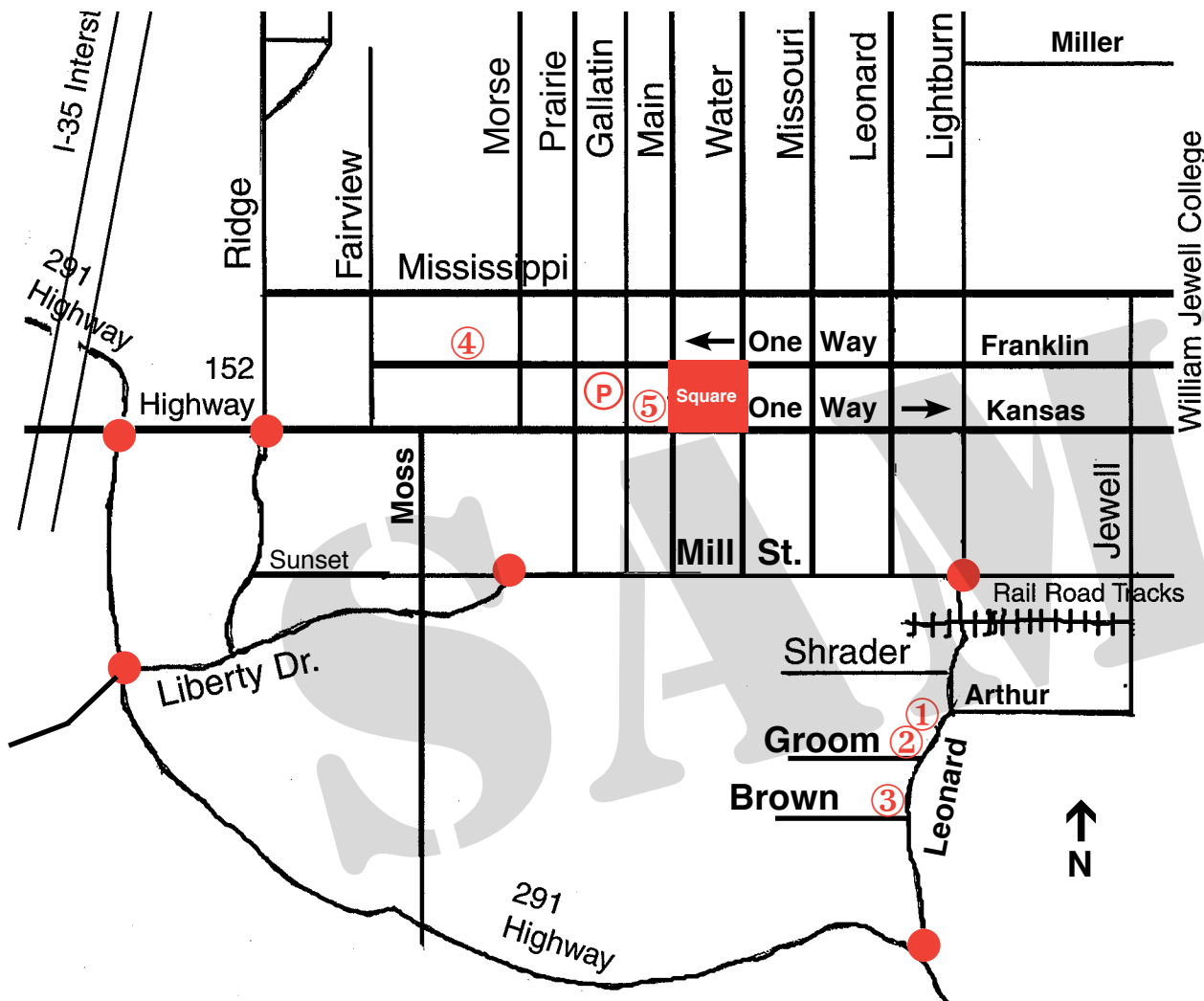




Site #5
The Clay County Museum
 14 N. Main Street

Clay County Museum and Historical Society is housed in an 1877 building on the Square in Historic Downtown Liberty. Three floors of artifacts are on display in an original pharmacy with the doctor's office as it was at the turn of the century on the 2nd floor. *Some snacks will be available.*

TOUR LOCATIONS



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 AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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1. 302 South Leonard St., Robert Rothery home
2. 308 South Leonard St., Blake & Linda Thomas home
3. 416 South Leonard St., James & Rhodanne Schiller
4. 402 West Franklin, Brian Gasek's Celebration Manor B & B
5. 14 N. Main St., Clay County Museum

● Represents a Stop Light

TOUR PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

Clay County Museum
 and
 Historical Society

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Clay County Museum
 14 North Main

Bette's Hallmark, 8500 Church Rd.

Coming Home, 17 E. Kansas

By The Book, 4 N. Main



*We sincerely regret any omissions
 due to our printing deadline.*

HISTORICAL HOLIDAY



2008

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008

CANDLE LIGHT TOUR

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ADVANCE PRICE, \$9.00

\$10.00 AT DOOR

BABIES IN ARMS - NO CHARGE

NO CAMERAS, PLEASE

A BENEFIT OF CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM



Site #1
302 South Leonard Street*

Owner: Robert Rothery

Sitting on the corner of S. Leonard and Cedar St., this 3300-square foot house was built in 2007. Though not yet historic, construction techniques were used with the intent to have a structure that will stand 100plus years. The construction of this residential dwelling was quite an engineering endeavor. Featuring 12-inch poured concrete walls with an 8-inch flat concrete roof, allowing for a rooftop patio and outdoor kitchen.

Designed and built by Robert Rothery, he has combined several architectural styles from a more traditional shape, liken to the buildings around Liberty Square, along with some industrial aspects, and a contemporary Southwestern/Mexican flair

A major influence of the homes design came from structures built on the coast of the Yucatan peninsula. Built for beauty as well as to withstand hurricane force winds. The exposed raw concrete exterior is designed to be low maintenance and impervious to the elements of the Midwest. Green building methods were important considerations as well. The lower level of the home is primarily earth contact. The roof has several inches of soil and sod atop it giving added insulation to the house helping to minimize the energy needs to heat and cool the home.

The interior is finished with bright colors with a mix of Mexican decor along with some traditional pieces. Inside you will find many lively colored polished concrete pieces such as a concrete bath tub, showers, sinks, counter tops and vanities.

* Additional parking at Teague Lumber,
339 S. Leonard Street for Sites #1, #2, and #3



Site #2
308 South Leonard Street*

Owners: Blake & Linda Thomas along with their golden retrievers Nick & Nora

The house is a two-story Victorian design built around the turn of the last century. There are two large bedrooms upstairs and living room, dining room, office and kitchen on the ground floor. A potting shed and two-car garage are in the back along with a beautifully landscaped backyard and vegetable herb garden. Purchased in March of 2007 the house is still a work in progress being done by the Thomas's themselves.

When the two layers of rugs were pulled there were 5-inch-wide hardwood floorboards with years of stain and paint on them and the ground floor had no sub floor. The living room floor had termite damage so that room received new wood to match along with a sub floor. All the floors were sanded and then finished with tung oil. The kitchen has been completely updated with new cabinets, appliances, molding, and paint.

The 10-foot-tall ceilings make room for the extensive collection of antiques the Thomas's purchased while living in France for 12 years. "When we arrived in France in 1993 we had only what fit in our boat that we sailed to France in," Mr. Thomas said. "But when we moved back to Liberty in 2005 we had a 40-foot container completely filled with antiques we purchased in Europe." Items date back to the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. Mr. Thomas says, "when we would go into a shop and ask what something was, we usually bought it because it was something that caught our eye, had a good story behind it, and was something that we hadn't seen before."

"All of our antiques, pictures, and the Christmas decorations really hide a lot of detailed finish work that still needs to be done, but I'm enjoying doing it bit by bit," Mr. Thomas says. Linda's grand 14-foot Christmas tree, that went to and from France sets the holiday spirit when you enter this home.



Site #3
416 South Leonard Street*

Owners: James & Rhodanne Schiller

"Happy Birthday" to this lovely old Prairie Home style house that turns 100-years-old this year. The Prairie Home style, popularized by Frank Lloyd Wright around the turn of the century, is a three-story red brick with a large and friendly front porch, a wood-burning fireplace, five second floor rooms, and a third story that was originally used as a ballroom. This home was built for the James Wasson Family in 1908 and features beautiful woodwork and moldings, leaded glass pocket doors, and a presentation staircase. James Wasson was on the Liberty School Board as well as President of the Liberty Bank. His son, born in 1910, lived in the home well into old age before selling the home to Donna Watt. James and Rhodanne Schiller are the third owners of this historic residence and have put love and life back into this family home with furnishings and décor that are reminiscent of the very early 1900s. Many beautiful antiques are seen throughout the home in settings that they would have been seen and used in 1908.

Treasures and family heirlooms such as kitchen implements, china, toys, clothing, jewelry, and books are on display, as well as many lovely furniture pieces, some of which have been restored by James to be enjoyed by another generation. In addition, the original plans for the home, along with some old tools, will be displayed on the front porch during the tour.

The table is set, the gifts are wrapped, the piano tuned, and the fire laid. Decorations that feature the musical interests of the Schiller family are seen throughout the home. All is ready for the Advent Celebration with family and friends. Come and travel back through time to enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas with the Schiller family.



Site #4
402 West Franklin
Owner: Brian Gasek

Celebration Manor Bed & Breakfast and Boutique Restaurant is a house that needs to be appreciated and enjoyed for its charm and Victorian elegance. This historic Victorian home, built in 1890 by Judy Dian Mark as a primary residence for herself and her children, is restored to today's highest standards. The music room and the Sadiebud Grand suite has furniture built from trees taken down from the original land where the beautiful Victorian sits and has been handed down from owner to owner. The home features stained glass windows, refinished wood floors and bullet point wood molding. An alabaster marble fireplace rests in the front parlor.

Gardening is a passion of the new owner, Brian Gasek. The evolution of the grounds is an every-changing process based on peace, harmony, love and enlightenment. The vision of the owner is that people will enjoy a restful break or even a stroll through the peaceful grounds as the many and varied plantings unfold. The soft sounds of water splashing in the front yard koi pond beckons relaxation and peace.

Brian's love of both the Christmas season and his family will be reflected in the many Christmas decorations. Many family heirlooms mingled with personal collections will be featured. A collection of over 100 Santa Clauses is the pride of Celebration Manor. A "Wizard of Oz" collection will also be featured, with some of the items dating back to 1940 when "The Wizard of Oz" was celebrating its first birthday.

Many of the family heirlooms are treasured gifts from family members who could be sure that Brian would give them a safe home and now a showcase where others would also enjoy their beauty and history. Brian's dream is that people will come to enjoy the history, charm and beauty of all the Manor has to offer.