Lupus Chili Fest Collection  
(C4503)

Collection Number: C4503

Collection Title: Lupus Chili Fest Collection

Dates: 1982-2017

Creator: Elley, Doug, collector

Abstract: The collection contains flyers and miscellaneous material of an annual chili festival held in Lupus, Missouri, from 1982 to 2016.

Collection Size: 1.35 GB of digital files
(54 tifs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsмо.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Lupus Chili Fest Collection (C4503); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The collection was loaned to the State Historical Society of Missouri for digitizing by Doug Elley in April 2022 (Accession No. CA6647).

Existence and Location of Originals: After being digitized, the original materials were returned to the donor.

Processed by: Processed by Elizabeth Engel on August 5, 2022.

Historical Note:

The Lupus Chili Fest (also sometimes referred to as the Lupus Chilifest or the Annual Pepperhead Reunion) was held annually in Lupus, Missouri, from 1982 to 2016. Sponsored by
the Lupus City Council at the suggestion of Mayor Doug Elley, the chili supper raised money to pay for electricity bills, street repairs, and other city maintenance not covered by taxes. The evening also featured live music and desserts. By 2017, the small affair had grown to a crowd of thousands. The city of fewer than 50 people felt they could no longer accommodate the number of people estimated to attend, so they decided to hit pause and reassess the future of the fundraiser.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains background material on the annual chili supper, including a newsletter with a chili recipe and a transcribed journal entry by Doug Elley about the first fundraiser. The bulk of the collection consists of flyers for the event. For some years, there are multiple versions of flyers.

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