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Community support is growing for the Ellis County Historical Society. The society's core team and new board have worked hard in the last 18 months to make gains in re-organizing its space/artifacts and planning new events/programs.

This spring ECHS was able to upgrade their very outdated computer systems. This endeavor was accomplished by generous donations from their members. A campaign began in mid-December of 2021 to raise the initial \$10,000 for the hardware/software. In only a few short months, supporters answered the call and delivered!

The Ellis County Historical Society was also awarded a \$400 grant for the technology upgrades from the MidWest Energy Community Fund. Their grant combined with private donations, of all sizes, helped the society exceed its goal in record time.

The Lions Club of Hays awarded ECHS with a \$1000 grant in early May. These funds will be used to continue re-organization efforts which are vigorously taking place behind closed doors.

The Ellis County Historical Society would like to thank each and every donor who contributed to the technology upgrade initiative. It is the enthusiasm and support by members, donors, MidWest Energy and the Hays Lions Club which will lead ECHS forward. Together we can save our past's future!