

# Museum

## MEMOS

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Thank  
You!  
For a Wonderful Year



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# THANK YOU

We've had a wonderful year and it's all thanks to our wonderful volunteers and members. With the money we've raised so far, we've been able to make headway on several projects!



## 2022 Volunteers

Chris Anderson  
Faun Bauer  
Steve and Cherie Birkbeck  
Sherokee Bloodworth  
Phil Bone  
Carol Brown  
Jerry Callan  
Brad Conner  
Ron and Jeanna Fancella  
Burke Foos  
Warren and Shirley Fritz  
Gary Gilbert  
Pat and Ron Gilbert  
Donna Girton

Mark Green  
Wanda Gunn  
Arlan Habluetzel  
Deb and Dusty Hammond  
Crystal Hammond  
Brett Hemphill  
Mike Holte  
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Carol and Les Laffery  
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Susan Leslie  
Mark Levendahl  
Vicki Mall

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Marian and Tyler Nelson  
Tom Nelson  
Joe Newell  
Laura Pollman  
Jane Reasoner  
Chris Rhodes  
Lyle Ross  
Lane Sherbert  
Colleen and Logan Starr  
Forrest and James Stewart  
Susan Thomas  
Louise Yarrow

## 2022 Members

Linda Baker  
Linda Boerger  
Karla Carrender  
Nancy Doberer  
William and Sandy Fox  
Pat and Ron Gilbert  
Caroline Gilson  
Wanda Gunn

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Amy Levendofske  
Larry Miles  
Henrietta Mounts  
Teresa and Jose Navarro  
Michael Partridge  
George and Sarah Sanneman

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Kerri Spielman  
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Georgann Wingerson  
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## 2022 Business Sponsors

AGI Hutchinson-Mayrath  
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Clay County Abstract & Title Co.  
D & R Plumbing  
Kerri Spielman - Edward Jones  
Ferguson Rexall Drug  
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Mane Effect Salon & Spa  
Ray's Apple Market  
Sink Gordon & Associates  
Drs. Stoppel and Brown, Optometrists  
Tasty Pastry Bakery  
Union State Bank  
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Robert and Patricia Altwegg  
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Terry Barker  
JoAnne Bauer  
Jim and Ginny Beck  
Bill Bertrand  
Cherie and Steve Birkbeck  
Karin Blissitt  
Barbara Booth  
Darin and Jennifer Brehm  
Barbara and Russell Bromby  
Tim and Emma Brownell  
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Mina Burkett  
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Beverly Carlson  
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Gerry Conrad  
Clayton Coulson  
Ralph and Janice Craig  
Frances Crighton  
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Dorothy Debenham  
Kay Doyle  
Heather Dreith  
Harold and Nola Elsasser  
Mike and Nelda Floersch  
Gailen Franson  
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Gail and Marsha Habluetzel  
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JoAnn Hundley  
Verena and John Jackson  
Cindy James  
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Robert and Frieda Knitter  
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Brad Logan  
Bill Macy  
Vicki Mall  
Louella Marrs  
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Dusty and Piper Mullin  
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Allan and Glynda Volkmann  
Leonard and Alvena Wilgers  
Ryan Wilson  
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Brad Wohler  
Renee Woodburn

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EVENTS

Match Day

Match Day was here at the Museum on Sept. 15th. We raised a total of \$10,800.



Piotique

Our Board Members Pat Gilbert and Carol Laffery handed out balloons in front of the museum in honor of our 50th Anniversary. The Scavenger Hunt winners were Brittany Kejr, Greta Frank, and Terri Jermark.

Halloween

We handed out over 400 bags of candy during Halloween Howl this year. Volunteer Diana Starr and staff member Grace Linder provided entertainment as sharks in our "Halloween Under the Sea" window.



Annual Meeting

This years annual meeting was Saturday, Nov. 5th. During the business meeting the membership voted in the new board members as well as approved the new constitution. Following the meeting was refreshments and a guided tour by Museum Director Jeff Gaiser.



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# NEWS

## New Board Members

Please thank Marcus Seirer, Keven Brown, and Brad Fowles for becoming members of our board. They replaced Deb Hammond, Amy Levendofske, and Jennifer Pfizenmaier and were voted in at the Annual Meeting. Board officers will be chosen at the January board meeting.

## Roofs

Thanks to McGee Roofing, the two roofs on the museum are being patched. Now all that's left is to recover the walkway roof and fix the caps on the warehouse roof.

## Facebook

We've recently started doing a weekly post called Name That Artifact. Each week a different artifact in the museum is presented and we see how many people know what it is. Linda Cunningham, Michelle Rummel, and Verleta Myers tied for the most correct answers!

## Volunteer Appreciation

We held a Volunteer Appreciation lunch on Dec. 4. Previously we've held a small meal right before the annual meeting, but this year the board decided we needed to make it a little fancier. We hosted several volunteers and their spouses for a meal of pork loin, baked beans, chips, and desert. We had a great time!

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# EXHIBITS

We have two new exhibits this year: The Most Unusual and Interesting Artifacts in Our Collection and the 1970s.



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EST. 1972  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
*Anniversary*  
EXHIBIT

CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US! ENJOY SOME OF THE UNUSUAL ARTIFACTS THAT HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY YOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS!



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## RESEARCH

As you know, we do quite a bit of research around here. Well, we want to know what you'd like to learn more about. Reach out and let us know what interests you in our county's history.

Email: [ccmuseum@twinvalley.net](mailto:ccmuseum@twinvalley.net)

Phone: (785) 632-3786

Facebook: @ccksmuseum

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## HELP US SAVE TREES & COST

We would like your help in preserving the environment while also preserving our pockets. In an effort to save both trees and cost, we are transitioning our newsletters to digital copies sent out in emails. Please reach out to us through the mail-in form below or through our various contact methods if you would like to receive future communications and newsletters digitally in the future.

YES! I want contribute to helping save trees by receiving all future communications and newsletters digitally.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## WAYS TO DONATE

We've raised \$42,000 this year through memberships and donations! We are so thankful for all the support you've shown us. But, unfortunately, our need for money is a constant struggle. We wanted to use this space to tell you a few different ways to donate that you might not know about.



Give gifts of grain or livestock



Donate from your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD)



Donor Advised Fund



In-kind donations of goods, services, time, or expertise



Stocks

All money raised goes toward keeping the museum open and staffed. Without your help, the Clay County Museum would not exist.

**As always, we have several projects and updates that we need to accomplish.**

**Your support helps us:**

repair leaking roofs

continue upkeep of historical buildings

upgrade technology

acquire professional software for collections care

buy more energy efficient lighting to create safer work areas

repair heating and cooling units within the museum

repair and upgrade our storage warehouse

buy archival safe supplies

Membership forms and dues can be turned in at or mailed to:

Clay County Museum 518 Lincoln Ave, Clay Center, KS 67432

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## Support the Clay County Museum

### Individual Form

- \_\_\_ **Ruby Level** - \$2,000 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
  - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
  - a traveling exhibit
  - a new exhibit in the Museum
- and**
- annual membership in the Historical Society
- \_\_\_ **Platinum Level** - \$1,500 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
  - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
  - a traveling exhibit
  - replacement glass in Museum display cases
- and**
- annual membership in the Historical Society
- \_\_\_ **Silver Level** - Adult \$15, Under 12 yrs \$5 Includes . . .
- annual membership in the Historical Society
- \_\_\_ **Diamond Level** - \$1,000 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
  - a speaker at the Historical Society's annual meeting
  - a new exhibit in the Museum
- and**
- annual membership in the Historical Society
- \_\_\_ **Gold Level** - \$500 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
  - a new exhibit in the Museum
- and**
- annual membership in the Historical Society
- \_\_\_ **Emerald Level** - \$40 Includes sponsoring . . .
- repairs to the Museum's roof
- and**
- annual membership in the Historical Society

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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*STATISTICS* For This Quarter

327

Visitors  
From

958

Artifacts  
Donated

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Research  
Requests

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Country

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Hours of  
Research

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Ways to Donate  
At Home

- Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- Set the Clay County Historical Society as your charity
- Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases directly to us at no extra cost to you!

Donate with PayPal

We are now accepting donations through PayPal! Find us as Clay County Historical Society in the PayPal Giving Fund.

## Contact Us

### Address

518 Lincoln Ave  
Clay Center, KS 67432

### Museum Hours

Tues - Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Free Admission

### Contact

(785) 632-3786  
ccmuseum@twinvalley.net  
www.claycomuseum.com

## Board Members

President: To Be Announced  
Vice-President: Kerri Spielman  
Treasurer: Terri Parry  
Secretary: Pat Gilbert

Mike Bulk

Keven Brown

Carol Laffery

Reuben Lang'at

Brad Fowles

Wayne Link

Marlin Mugler

Tom Nelson

Marcus Seirer

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