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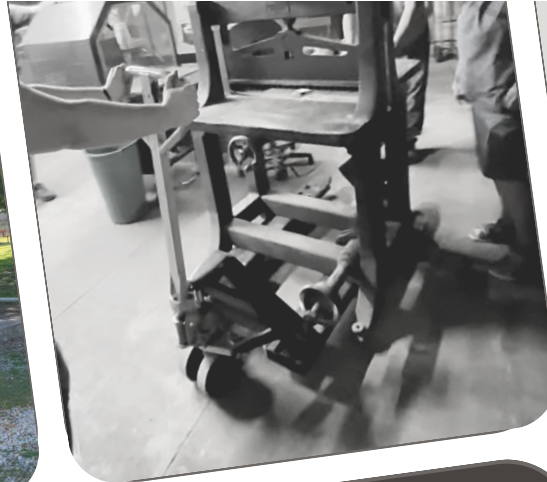
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MEMOS

Holidays

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2023
RECAP



2023 Highlight Reel

December

December was truly wonderful time. Our window theme for the Christmas Window Showcase was the 12 Days of Christmas. We also had our staff holiday party where Jeff beat Grace at axe throwing.



January

Grace got married to her husband, Rylee, on January 8th. Then the museum welcomed 100 4th graders from Garfield Elementary for Kansas Day.



March

We put out the first newsletter for 2023 at the beginning of March. This is also the month where we received a few substantial donations to upgrade technology in the Museum.



April

Our new technology has arrived! Jeff got a brand new Windows 11 computer that can handle our biggest map files. The meeting room received a major upgrade with a smart 85" TV! We also purchased 3, 55" TVs for showing maps of the county.



May

We hosted one of the Wednesday Scrambles. Breakfast for dinner was a huge success! We also went to K-State Salina to review their progress on an ongoing project they are doing for us. We ended the month with the Clay Center Covenant Church coming in for Service Day and helping us accomplish a few projects. The best part was finally getting our name hung above the Museum back door!

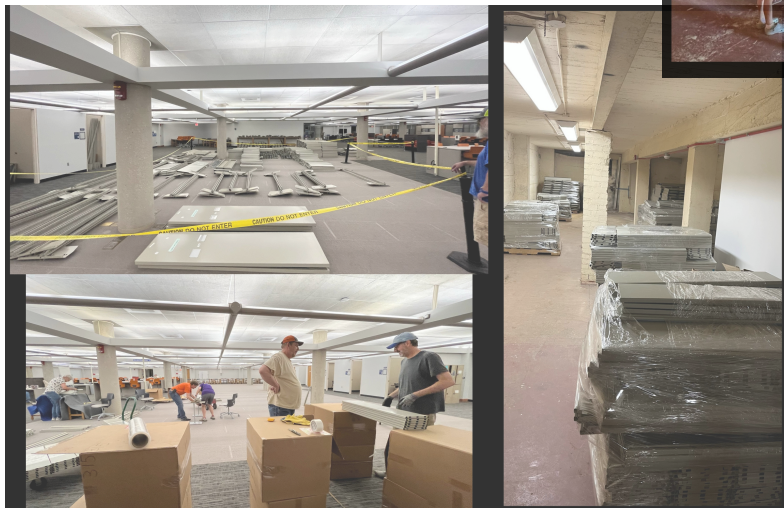


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June



The city wide garage sale helped us get rid of some of our surplus storage, decorations, items left over from the renovation of our current building. We also received a few things from the Dispatch, including another guillotine paper cutter similar to the one we already had. We also had a first for us, we hosted 3 groups in one week. We had the 4th, 5th, & 6th grade summer school students, then the kindergarten summer school students next day, followed by a tour group from Sunflower State Tours the day after that.



July

July was the month where we had to do some major heavy lifting. We traveled all the way to Kansas University in Lawrence, KS to pick up 16 tons of shelving. We were definitely sore after that 17 hour day.

August



August is when the closeness of Piotique really starts to hit as we work on our new displays. We had a wonderful group of volunteers cleaning printing blocks every Thursday for our printing exhibit.

This is our most stressful month of the year. Not only do we have Match Day every year, but we are also trying to get several new displays up and finished by Piotique. This year we had two new displays, one on printing and another on Paleo-indians and mammoths from around 14,000 years ago, a brand new gift shop, and we showed a video for the 50th anniversary of the 1973 tornado at The Rex Theatre.

September



October

We held our very first Downtown Walk this year. It went very well and we look forward to holding another one in the future. Another highlight of October was Halloween Howl around downtown Clay Center. This year we packed 450 goodie bags to hand out.



November

We started off the month with our Annual Meeting. Linda Cunningham, Frankie Murrin, Nicole Liby, and Louise Yarrow were voted in as official board members. Robert Wayman gave an interesting speech on the history of Industry and why it made him write a book. Grace went to Hays for a Kansas Museums Association Conference. Heritage Row is almost done. The rest of the painting will be done by the end of the year and then what's left is mainly fixing windows.



2023 Volunteers

Chris Anderson
Faun Bauer
Steve and Cherie Birkbeck
Sherokee Bloodworth
Jerry Callan
Heather Dreith
Ron and Jeanna Fancella
Burke Foos
Students from Garfield Elem.
Rhonda Gierhan
Gary Gilbert
Pat and Ron Gilbert
Joshua Girard
Wanda Gunn
Arlan Habluetzel
Kevin Haddock
Max and Tessie Hanson

Brett Hemphill
Mike Holte
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Irene Jensen
Kim and Dale Larson
Carol and Les Laffery
Susan Leslie
Vicky Mall
Steve McMahan
Frankie Murrin
Marian and Tyler Nelson
Tom Nelson
Gloria Newell
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Terri and Craig Parry
Bonnie Pfizenmaier
Todd Pfizenmaier

Laura Pollman
Jane Reasoner
Chris Rhodes
Yvonne Rohurst
Lyle Ross
Marcus Seirer
Greg Sherbert
Lane Sherbert
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Susan Thomas
Ronna Urban
Robert Wayman
Scott Weimer
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Linda Boerger
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Nancy Doberer
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Jay Linder
Larry Miles
Henrietta Mounts
Teresa and Jose Navarro
Michael Partridge
Lyle and Jane Ross
George and Sarah Sanneman

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Pam and Jim Wenger
Donna Wichman
Georgann Wingerson
Michele Yamamoto
Keith and Louise Yarrow

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Amber Horton
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Verena and John Jackson
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Alan and Ruth Johnson
Robert and Frieda Knitter
Richard and Nancy Knorp
Dwight Koch
Greg Kretz
John LaDuex
Lauren Ritterbush and
Brad Logan
Bill Macy
Vicky Mall
Louella Marrs
Bruce and Janice Marshall

Nancy Mattern
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Steven and Sheryl McMahan
Taylor and Jacque Meek
Darwin Michaud
Randy Milligan
Dusty and Piper Mullin
Tom Nelson
Dee Noffsinger
Janet Parks
Craig and Terri Parry
Stanley and Kris Pfizenmaier
Rose Mary Reese
Eloise Sanneman
Carl Schiffman
Arleta Schurle
Mrs. Mert Schwensen
Larry and Marilyn Smith
Merrill Sproul
Ned and Dixie Sorter
Juel Steffen
Forrest and Wendy Stewart
Shawn and Stacie Stewart
Art Valentine
Ned Valentine
Allan and Glynda Volkmann
Leonard and Alvena Wilgers
Ryan Wilson
Trman and Leona Woellhof
Brad Wohler
Renee Woodburn

STATISTICS For This Quarter

411

Visitors
From

560

Artifacts
Donated

7

Research
Requests

16

States

1

Country

30

Hours of
Research

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 28, 2024

**Scramble at UMC
Family Life Center**

Come join us as we host
Scramble again. Menu is
still to be determined.

Mar. 16, 2024

**Quilt Show at
Clay County Museum**

The Clay Center Pictique
Quilters Guild will be
holding a Quilt Show inside
the Museum. More info will
be sent out closer to the
event date.

Annual Members! It's time to renew your membership!



Your memberships fund not only our events, but they also keep us running day to day. We rely on your continued support to complete our mission of preserving and sharing the history of Clay County.

Fill out the membership form on the next page and send it, along with your dues, to the Clay County Museum.

Lifetime Members! We still need your support!

Donations, along with annual memberships, are how we stay open to the public. We ask for your continued support of our Mission. Here are two options for donating online. Donations can also be mailed in the form of checks to the Clay County Historical Society at any time.



We accept donations through PayPal! Find us as **Clay County Historical Society** in the PayPal Giving Fund or using the QR code below.



Did you know you can make a donation to our fund with the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation at any time? Donate Here:
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*By providing an email address, you consent to receiving newsletters, event notifications, etc. from the Historical Society by email.

Memberships Support:

- Museum Operation
- New Displays
- Special Events
- Buildings on Heritage Row

Please make checks payable to Clay County Historical Society.

Levels

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$60
- Patron - \$250
- Sponsor - \$500
- Benefactor - \$1,000
- Historian - \$3,000

All memberships are annual (12 consecutive months).
Memberships are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

MUSEUM MEMOS

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