

Museum

MEMOS

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We won the Christmas Window Showcase contest! We were also nominated for 'best storefront'.



Staff Christmas Party

Every year the museum staff take off a day for our annual Christmas party. This year we decided to spend the day in Wichita where we visited two museums and played mini golf before getting dinner. While having fun, we like to go to other museums to get inspiration for ours.

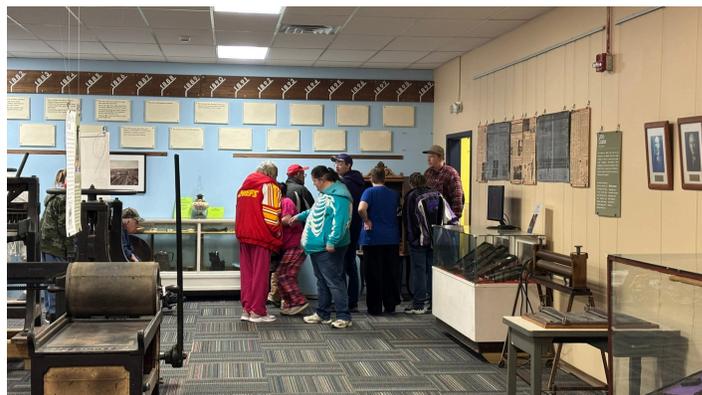


4th Grade Kansas Day

Kansas Day celebrates the day that Kansas became a state, January 29, 1861. 4th graders from Garfield Elementary spend a day learning about Kansas, life in a one room schoolhouse, and much more.

Big Lakes

About once year, Big Lakes Developmental Center brings a group in for a tour of the museum. Jeff always has a great time taking them around and we think they enjoy it, too!



Night at the Museum

The Clay Center Scout BSA troop recently spent a night at the museum. While here Jeff taught them about researching history and gave them a tour of the museum.



Scramble

We hosted Scramble again last month. We raised \$850 that will go toward buying a rolling platform ladder for our storage areas.



New Fur Display

Thanks to a grant from the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation, we are building a new fur display. We've slowly been trying to introduce interactive exhibits and this is something we've been talking about for awhile. It will look something like this display we saw at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita.



The furs in the display will be from native Kansas animals.



NEW ACQUISITION

We recently received a box of Charles Wood's things. For those that don't know, Charlie was a local aviator and inventor who ran his own toy company from the 1920s to the beginning of WWII. He was also one of the inventors of the first snowmobile.



STATISTICS From our Collection

7,261

Items in our clothing collection

1,251

Hats

706

Dresses

174

Men's pants

407

Pairs of shoes



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- Invitation to our Annual Meeting
- Discounted Event Tickets
- 5% Discount in the Museum Gift Shop

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

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- 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.

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Museum Hours

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Free Admission

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