

# Museum

## MEMOS

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**IMPORTANT**

**DATES**

**TO**

**REMEMBER!**

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# Gather for Good Match Day

It's that time of year again! Come join us on **Thursday, September 21** from **noon to 8pm.**

There are three ways to donate for match day.

1. In person at the Clay County Museum on Match Day.
2. Online with a credit card from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on Match Day by visiting **[www.GatherForGoodCC.com](http://www.GatherForGoodCC.com)**.
3. Mail in your donation to Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation at 432 Court Street, Clay Center, KS 67432. The donation form can be downloaded from **[www.GatherForGoodCC.com](http://www.GatherForGoodCC.com)**. To count for match day, the envelope must be postmarked **on** or **before** September 21, 2023.



This year we have the opportunity to receive \$2,000 in matching funds!

# Piotique

## Displays

The Museum will have two new displays for piotique. One is our new rotating exhibit..... It features most of the printing supplies in our collection showing visitors a different parts of the printing process. The other new exhibit is being added to our permanent geology display. It is based on the Paleo-Indians from roughly 14,000 years ago.

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## Gift Shop

We are putting together an official gift shop to house the various things we have for sale. The Museum has always had a variety of local books for sale, but we are looking to expand that into souvenirs and locally made items.

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## '73 Tornado Anniversary Video

As you might have seen on our Facebook, we are putting together a film about the tornadoes that swept through Clay County on September 25, 1973. This video will be played at The Rex Theatre two times during Piotique. The times for the showings will be included in the schedule for Piotique as soon as it is released.

# STORIES OF YOUR PAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2023

Join the Clay County Historical Society for their first ever downtown walking tour!

Come learn some of Clay Center's history through the stories of four of its past townspeople. The hour long tour will take you to four stops on Lincoln Ave in downtown Clay Center where reenactors will tell you about "their" experiences.

## Reenactors

- Heather Dreith will portray her grandmother, Evelyn McIntosh, who worked at People's National Bank?
- Scott Patterson will portray Bob Weimer, the owner of Weimer Drugs
- Steve McMahan will portray his father, Wilson McMahan, who started Central Office & Supplies
- The last reenactor will present the history of the Gate 9 Graphics building.

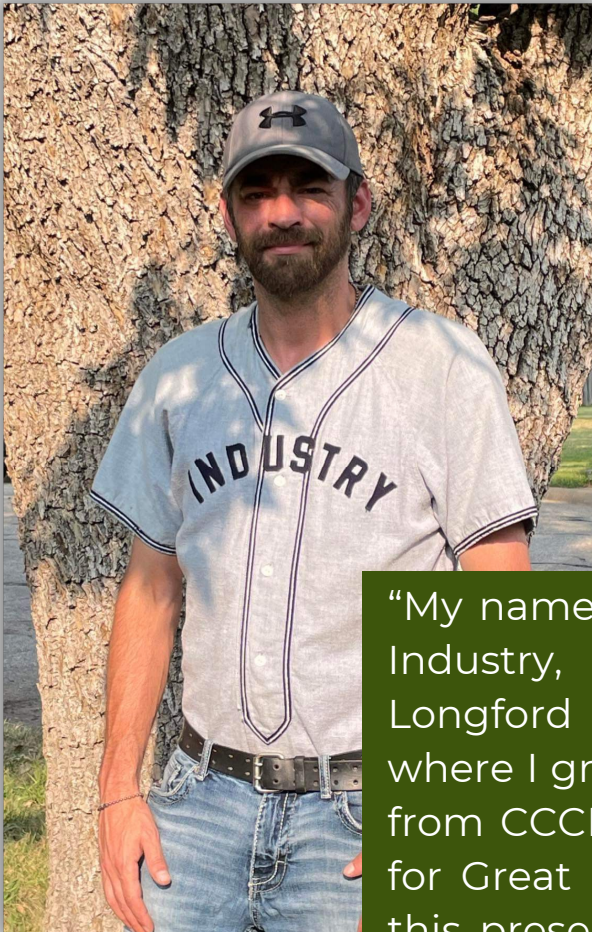
Tickets can be purchased through our website, [www.claycomuseum.com](http://www.claycomuseum.com). Historical Society Members receive a discount on ticket prices. To become a member, fill out the form on page 11 and mail it, along with your dues, to the Clay County Museum.



# ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars! The Historical Society's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 3pm!

Our speaker this year is Robert Wayman. We invite you to come listen to him talk about his life and why it pushed him to write his book, *Industry - Kansas: Blurring the Line between Clay and Dickinson*.



“My name is Robert Wayman. I was born and raised in Industry, Kansas. I attended elementary school in Longford and middle and high schools in Clay Center, where I graduated in the class of 2004. After graduating from CCCHS, I moved to Salina where I began working for Great Plains Manufacturing. I’m looking forward to this presentation and hope that those that attend are able to gain a greater appreciation of Industry’s history.”

## Industry – Kansas

**Blurring the Line between Clay and Dickinson**



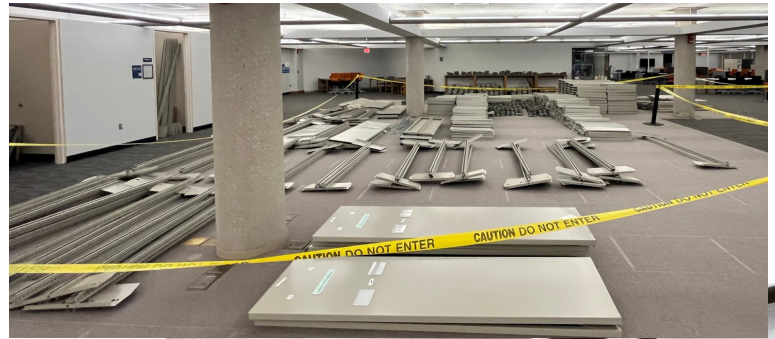
Photo: Industry Main street Looking East 1900's, courtesy of Dickinson County Historic Society.

An attempt at telling an undivided story of Industry's history

By Robert L Wayman



If you've paid attention to our Facebook, you might recognize two of these pictures.



For those who don't know, on July 22, we picked up 16 tons, that's 32,000 pounds, of metal shelving from Anschutz Library at KU.



This new shelving will be used to replace the old, mismatched shelving we currently have in our warehouse for artifact storage. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this trip possible!



# Scramble

The Historical Society hosted another scramble on August 9th. We didn't have as big of a turnout as we did in May, but we raised over \$600!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us! The proceeds from the two Scrambles we've hosted this year has been going toward the recent maintenance that has been done to the buildings.

The Historical Society is planning to host Scramble again on February 28, 2024.

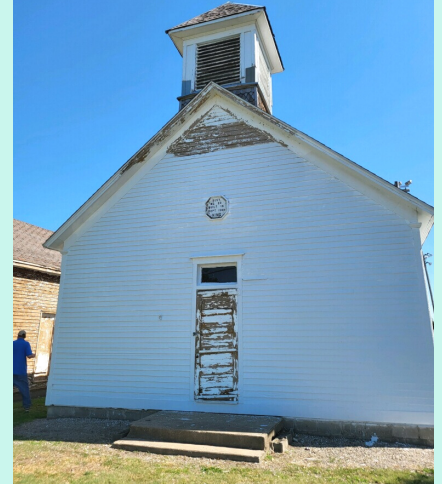


# Heritage Row

The buildings on Heritage Row have been getting a much needed makeover over the past few months.



Uniondale Baptist Church received a brand new coat of paint along with a new floor in the front entryway.



King School is in the process of being painted, with only the peaks of the walls along with the bell tower left to do.

We estimate it's going to cost \$7,000 more to complete the store and school. \$4,300 of that is just for the store roof.



Dexter store is also being painted. We've had to replace some of the siding due to damage done while powerwashing the old paint off. The biggest hurdle for the store is getting the roof replaced.

NEW ACQUISITION

The Museum recently received a wonderful donation. This sign is the original sign for Pleasant Valley School dated 1885. There were two Pleasant Valley Schools in Clay County at one time. This one, District 48, served the Oak Hill area.



STATISTICS For This Quarter

213

Visitors  
From

950

Artifacts  
Donated

4

Research  
Requests

12

States

8

Hours of  
Research



## RESEARCH

Doing a research project? Looking up your family genealogy?

We Can Help!

We have numerous resources to help answer your questions about  
Clay County.

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

Phone: (785) 632-3786

Facebook: @ccksmuseum

## HELP US SAVE TREES & COST

We would like your help in preserving the environment while also preserving our wallets. 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



Did you know you can make a donation to our fund with the Clay Center Community Improvement Foundation at any time? Donate Here: [www.claycentercif.org/make-a-donation.cfm](http://www.claycentercif.org/make-a-donation.cfm)



Give gifts of grain or livestock



Stocks



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



Donor Advised Fund



Donate from your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD)

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



We accept donations through PayPal! Find us as **Clay County Historical Society** in the PayPal Giving Fund.

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

**Your support helps us:**

Buy archival safe supplies

Repair warehouse roof and walls

Continue upkeep of historical buildings

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

Upgrade technology

Any donation over \$15 gives you automatic membership to the Clay County Historical Society. Membership benefits include first access to this newsletter as well as discounted tickets for Historical Society or Museum events.



Become a Member

## Benefits

For All Members

- Member Card
- *Museum Memos*, our Quarterly Newsletter
- Special Event Information
- Invitation to our Annual Meeting
- Discounted Event Tickets
- 5% Discount in the Museum Gift Shop with Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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

## Contact Us

### Address

518 Lincoln Ave  
Clay Center, KS 67432

### Museum Hours

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

### Contact

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## Museum Staff

Director: Jeff Gaiser

Curator of Artifacts: Diana Shaner

Curator of Documents: Grace Kensa

## Board Members

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