

Winter 2022 Newsletter

Cowley County Historical Society and Museum



Note from the President-

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

The Cowley County Historical Society Museum is participating in a “Museum Assessment Program” (MAPS). This grant allows a professional to review and assess our museum. Recently we had the director of the Aurora, Illinois Regional Fire Museum, Brian Failing, spend two days reviewing the museum. He is writing a report with recommendations for us to follow. One recommendation that we have taken is to ask what can we do for you? If you are new to town, we can research your new home or building, if you need a place to hold a meeting without a charge, we can be your place. Do you have an event that you need a partner for? Just ask.

Our mission is to “Preserve and share the past with the future”. What better way to do that than to reach out to the community and ask what you would like to see in our museum. We would love to reach a broader section of the community. Are you aged 20-40, what can we do to get you more involved with the museum? For minority groups, what can we do to help share your history?

We continue to remain open with our regular hours, Tuesday through Sunday from 1-4pm. Please feel free to contact us at 620-221-4811 or our new email address- museumcchsm@gmail.com

- Janet Hostetter

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Welcome onboard Jessie and Brittany!



Many thanks to Kevin McClung for the birds-eye view photos of the museum roof for the Heritage Fund Grant. We greatly appreciate your help.



MAPS meeting participants

From top left, John Baker, Brian Failing, Elaine Rankin, Bill Mueller and below left, Madison and Ryn Metzinger, Janet Hostetter, Cheri Nichols, Jody Lawrence and Cindy Goertz.

News from Museum Friends

Museum Friends enjoyed an afternoon on the museum lawn in October reading "OLD" clippings from the Winfield Courier. Additional stories from members were shared after reading several of the stories. They also enjoyed "friendly competition" in November as members played the "Cowley County Trivia" game. Teams competed against each other to be named Cowley County History champions! - Cindy Goertz



Welcome Ryn! Congrats to Madison, Devon and Emery Metzinger on the newest addition to their family!



Left to right, Beverly Johnson, Lynette Thompson, Julie Mignone, and Jane Sandbulte.

CELEBRATE COWLEY COUNTY HISTORY DAY EVENT IS BACK!!!

The annual Celebrate Cowley County History Day event is back BUT has been postponed from the original January 29th, 2022 date to Saturday, April 2, 9:00-12:00, at Baden Square. The Celebrate Cowley County History committee decided to postpone the event until April due to the rapid spread of COVID in our community during the past few weeks. We hope you will put this on your calendar now and plan to attend in April.

- Cindy Goertz

American Legion Veterans' Day Event

Pictured from the left, flag bearer, Commander Wilkinson, Janet Hostetter, John Baker, Cindy Goertz and flag bearer.



Shown from left, Ron Howell, Commander Wilkinson, behind the podium, Janet Hostetter and John Baker, also a speaker at the event.

Veteran's Day Celebration

November 11 the American Legion Post 10, Winfield, led a traditional program celebrating and honoring America's veterans on the south lawn of the museum. All veterans present were recognized and given a flag with a special "Thank you for your service" note.

– Cindy Goertz

Hosting other clubs during November

Two P.E.O. chapters held their meetings at the museum during November. Chapter HK enjoyed learning about the art displayed in our gallery.

"Thanksgiving in Cowley County" was the program presented to Chapter CU. The museum was open to both groups to tour at their leisure following their meetings. – Cindy Goertz



A Blast from the Past

History came alive on the museum grounds on Sunday afternoon, September 13 as folks were encouraged to experience life as it was in Cowley County in the early 1900's. Costumed reenactors told stories, a REAL cowboy shared the Cowboy Way with a display and tales from the trail, hands-on demonstrations were led by area artisans, and old-time games and activities were led by the Southwestern Lady Builder Basketball players. The event was featured as a "go to" event on "Good Day Kansas" a daily TV program on KSN.— Cindy Goertz



Top left, Glenda Schmidt, top right Mary Hartley, below left Cowboy Rex Roberts, bottom right, the Melcher's grandkids.

Celebrating the 200th birthday of the Santa Fe Trail event

Sunday, October 10th, the 200th birthday of the Santa Fe trail was celebrated with an outdoor concert by Jeff Davidson, an accomplished western music performer and historian. Through music and poetry, he told the story of the Santa Fe Trail and the way it influenced the economy, ideology, and heroism of a young nation.

- Cindy Goertz

BOOKS:

Celebrate Winfield History Books	2001-2011 (SALE)	\$8.00
Celebrate Winfield History Books	2012, 2015	\$15.00
Celebrate Cowley County History	2016-current	\$15.00
Winfield's Golden Era of Sports:		\$15.00
History of CC KS. The Indians Vol. II:		\$33.00
Southwestern College:		\$21.99
Winfield – Postcard History:		\$21.99
Penrose Hills Albright		\$10.00
Prices include Sales Tax		
Shipping/handling is an additional		\$4.00

To purchase please stop by the museum or check out our website www.cchsm.com. Credit Cards and Paypal are accepted.

You may also send a check or money order with a list of books to:

CCHSM

1011 Mansfield

Winfield, KS 67156

Or email us at: museumcchsm@gmail.com



Commemorative Bricks

There are commemorative bricks for sale which make great memorials and support the museum. The bricks border the walkway from the parking lot to the front steps. To purchase, forms can be found on the table by the books for sale or contact Board member Elaine Rankin at the museum

The following are the levels of donations. Flat red bricks with 2 lines of 12 characters each for a \$75 donation. Flat red bricks with 3 lines of 12 characters each for \$100 donation. A contrasting brick with 12 characters each for a \$500 donation. Fewer letters may be used if you wish.

AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com) is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. Just choose the Cowley County Historical Society Museum to support.



All donations, both monetary and historical artifacts, are greatly appreciated. Our building is over 140 years old and requires significant ongoing maintenance in addition to operating costs. We continue to be a no fee museum and we have no plans to change that. Your continued support will allow us to best serve the community.

We are currently in need of boys' toys and anything from diverse ethnic groups. We are seeking to add a woman's coat from the 1960's to complete a fashion display.

***These businesses support us—won't you support them?
(We hope to add more during the coming months.)***

Premier:

Grouse Valley Equipment
115 N Main St
Dexter, KS 620-229-0210

Gold:

A.C. Veterinary Clinic
2800 N. Summit
Arkansas City, KS 620-442-4990

Barnett Ranch
26930 261st Rd
Dexter, KS

Community National Bank & Trust
1112 Main St
Winfield, KS 620-221-1400

Family Wealth Management
106 W 9th
Winfield, KS 620-221-2853

Galaxie Business Equipment
913 Main St
Winfield, KS 620-221-3469

KPM Computer Solutions
1414 Main
Winfield, KS 620-229-8316

Miles Funeral Service
4001 9th Ave
Winfield, KS 620-221-1111

Moore Cut Tree & Lawn Care Service
21778 85th
Winfield, KS 620-229-3103

Gold (cont.)

Wilson Oil Company
1705 Menor
Winfield Ks 620-221-1639

Winfield Plumbing & Heating
1910 Wheat Rd
Winfield, KS 620-221-2210

Winfield Veterinary Hospital
1920 E 9th
Winfield, KS 620221-9505

Silver:

The Barns at Timber Creek B&B
Cowley Courier/Traveler
Dawson Monument Co.
Health Center Pharmacy
Home On the Range
Dr. David Parsons, DDS
Edw B Stephenson & Co., CPAs Chartered
Graves Drug
Christopher Rogers, Administrative attorney
Taylor & Krusor, LLC
Trunk N Treasures
Winfield Family Optometry
Winfield Convention/Tourism

FUTURE EVENTS

Please note the Celebrate Cowley History event at Baden Square has been postponed to Saturday, April 2 at 9 a.m.

Mon, Feb 21, 4:30 pm-

Museum Friends

Sun, Mar 20, 2 pm-

“Fred Clark-Hall of Fame Baseball Player and Winfield Legend” Bob Hartley

Mon, Mar 21, 4:30 pm-

Museum Friends

Mon, Apr 18, 4:30pm-

Museum Friends

Apr 25-29 and May 2-6-

“History Alive” for all area 3rd grade students (registration details 1st wk of April)

Events may change depending on Covid- 19 and the weather. Watch for any changes on our website.

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Find us on the Web!

Watch for updates

www.cchsm.com



The Cowley County Historical Society dates from 1931 with major reorganization and a move to our present location in 1967. The CCHS's mission is to preserve and make available the colorful history of our county. We also support and encourage activities pertaining to local county history. Our bookstore showcases an assortment of items about local history. The Society also has a fine collection of historical records and vintage photographs.

Sharing the Past with the Future