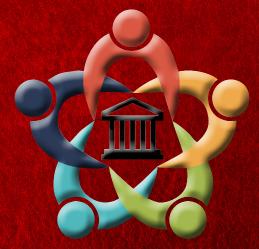
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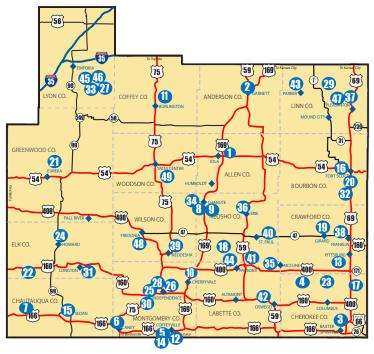
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Allen County Historical Society 1

Anderson County Historical Society 2



20 S. Washington ave. Iola, Ks

The Allen County Historical Society was formed in 1956, after the Allen County Centennial Celebration in 1955. Since our inception, we have grown to five buildings, four of which are museums open to the public five days a week.

This includes the Allen County Historical Museum (located at 20 S. Washington), the Major General Frederick Funston Boyhood Home and Museum (located at 14 S. Washington), the Allen County Old Jail Museum (located at 203 N. Jefferson), and our sole non-museum building, the Frederick Funston Meeting Hall (located at 207 N. Jefferson).



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: May 1 - Oct. 31: Tuesday - Saturday 12:30-4:00 Nov. 1 - April 30: Tuesday - Saturday 2:00-4:00 (Closed major holidays. Closed Thanksgiving Day through the following Tuesday and Dec. 24 through Jan. 1)

Email: achsdirector@outlook.com

Phone: 620.365.3051





6™ AVE. & US 59 HWY Garnett, KS

Founded in 1968, Anderson County Historical Society maintains a museum in old Longfellow School, housing a variety of artifacts with some connection to Anderson County. Don't miss the museum's renovated display of

medical memorabilia showcasing Anderson County's medical community. Harris House, a few blocks from the museum in Garnett, includes a period carriage house on the back grounds. Gerth Cabin, about 10 miles from Garnett in Greeley, was built and occupied by the first white settler in the county and dates back to the 1850's. While in Garnett, don't forget to visit the historic Anderson County Courthouse.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: May - Sept. Tuesday - Friday 11:00-3:00 Saturday 1:00-4:00 (Other times by appointment.)

Email: information@historyandersoncoks.org Phone: 785.448.5740

LIMITED ACCESSIBILITY ESPECIALLY AT HARRIS HOUSE & GERTH CABIN.

Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum (3)

Big Brutus Museum & Visitors Center 4



740 EAST AVE. Baxter Springs, KS

This outstanding 20,000-square-foot museum has two floors of displays, featuring area military history from the Civil War to Iraq, the cowtown and Victorian eras, native American and African American history, Route 66, Mickey

Mantle, an art gallery, replicated vintage shops and businesses, lead and zinc mining history, with an area dedicated to Picher, Oklahoma, and so much more! Pick up a map for the self-guided driving tour showing different actions that took place during Quantrill's attack on Fort Blair and the massacre in October of 1863. Another "must do" stop is our Route 66 Visitors Center-Phillips 66 station at 10th and Military. This unique station, built in the 1920's, is on the National Historic Register.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00-4:30 / Sunday 1:00-4:00

Email: baxterspringsmuseum@outlook.com

Phone: 620.856.2385

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6509 NW 60th ST. West Mineral, KS Come see the world's largest electric coal shovel in existence! Tour inside the massive machine and experience what coal mining was like in Southeast Kansas. The museum offers many exhibits, pictures, displays and

replicas. A video presentation lets you see the massive machine in action!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Open 7 days a week at 9:00.
(Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas)
Email: cindy@bigbrutus.org
Phone: 620.827.6177 (camping reservations)
SOME AREAS MAY NOT BE ACCESSIBLE.

Brown Mansion 5

Caney Valley Historical Society & Museum •



2109 S. WALNUT ST. Coffeyville, KS

Discover the enduring beauty of the Brown Mansion. Perched gracefully atop a commanding hill, visitors have long been awed by the sight of the three-story, 16-room National Historic Landmark. Southern and western verandas

offer sweeping views, and an ornate portico crowns the entrance, radiating opulence. Completed in 1906, the Brown Mansion is a living time capsule. Immerse yourself in the world of the Browns, surrounded by their cherished heirlooms. Your visit is not merely a stop; it's a voyage through a century of elegance and refinement. Step into history at the Brown Mansion where each room whispers tales of the past and every corner holds hidden treasures. Come and experience the warm embrace of grace and grandeur – it's a journey through time you won't soon forget.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Mar - Oct, Tuesday - Saturday w/ guided tours at 1:00 and 3:00 (Check in 15 min early.)

Email: coffeyvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com Phone: 620.251.0431

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE FIRST FLOOR AND RESTROOM ONLY.



310 W. 4th ave. Caney, ks

The Caney Valley Historical Society owns four buildings in downtown Caney. The Museum holds military, business, and pioneer items, Caney's yearbooks since 1911, and an extensive research area with thousands of

obituaries, books, photos, and news articles on Caney's history. The Doctor's building displays Caney's medical history. The 1871 Little White Schoolhouse holds a one-room school room and memorabilia. The 1887 Sandstone Event Center is an affordable public rental venue that can be booked on our website. Enjoy the outdoor displays, "hands-on" opportunities, free items for kids and purchase unique souvenirs in our gift shop and on our website.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: M-W-F 9:00-3:00 Year-round (Check website calendar for closures and specific hours. Closed national holidays. After hours by appointment.)

Email: caneyhistoricalmuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.879.2233 (call/text) 918.230.9670 (personal)

Cedar Vale Historical Museum

Chanute Art Gallery 8



618 & 622 CEDAR ST. CEDAR VALE, KS

Cedar Vale Museum was built in 1904 of brick and stone and is the largest building in Cedar Vale. It used to be the home of the of L.C. Adam Mercantile that boasted the slogan, "We buy and sell everything." This historic

landmark retains a high degree of architectural integrity. As attendees walk into the museum, they can't help noticing the tin ceilings and open floor plan. One of the favorite displays is Herb's Diner, which was originally located down from Cedar Vale High School. Open in the late 1920's, it was a favorite for chili and burgers. The museum offers many local historical items. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in August 1988.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Open by Appointment. Labor Day 9:00-Noon Phone: 620.506.1260 (Barbara Denney) • 405.368.5184 (Lorri Pontious) • 620.515.3917 (Marc Champlin) • 620.222.1065 (Debbie Littrell) • 620.515.3862 (Joel Haden) FIND US ON FACEBOOK



17 N. LINCOLN AVE. Chanute, KS

The Chanute Art Gallery, located in the heart of downtown Chanute, is the largest art museum in Southeast Kansas. It has been operating for nearly 50 years, run entirely by volunteers with an appreciation for the arts.

The Gallery has an extensive core collection of artwork produced by local and area artists and maintains a biographical history of the artists. It has monthly exhibits featuring the work of area artists in a variety of genres: painting, drawing, graphic arts, photography, pottery, sculpture and fiber arts, often drawing from the core collection. Call for details on the current show.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12:00-4:00, Feb - Dec (Closed major holidays. Call for after-hours appointment.)

Email: thechanuteartgallery@gmail.com Phone: 620.431.7807

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Chanute Historical Museum 9

Cherryvale Historical Museum [®]



0 E. ELM Chanute, KS

OFlat-Iron buildings in America. Octave Chanute was considered the creator behind bringing together our four local townships into what is now Chanute. Displaying

various examples of local history from the settlers to now, our museum boasts a wonderful trip down memory lane. We are dedicated to the effort of "preserving and telling" our history with stories of the past with an emphasis on our pictorial windows outside. When you are finished visiting our exhibits, please feel free to walk through the "Hero's Way, Walk of Fame," located just to the west of our museum along the railroad tracks.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: April - October, Saturday - Sunday 1:00-4:00 (Operated by volunteers. Other times available by appointment.) Email: chanutehistoricalmuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.212.6996 ALL AREAS ARE ACCESSIBLE.



322 E. MAIN ST. Cherryvale, KS

Take a look back to the 1870's and learn about the Bloody Benders of Kansas, the first American family of serial killers. Investigate Cherryvale Railroad history, and learn about the brick plants, zinc smelter, glass factory and

other industries that helped Cherryvale boom in the early 1900's. Cherryvale's native daughters Vivian Vance and Louise Brooks played important roles in movie, theater and TV history. View our collection of antique glassware, especially our Martha Washington plate, circa 1792, antique children's toys and a rare set of WPA dolls used for teaching aids in the 1940's.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Friday and Sunday 1:00-3:00, April - October (Appointments available.)

Email: cherryvalemuseum2019@yahoo.com **Phone:** 620.336.2241 or 620.330.6829

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Coffey County Historical Museum

Coffeyville Aviation Heritage Museum ¹²



1101 NEOSHO ST. Burlington, KS

The museum exhibits history of Coffey County and its people in over 14,000-square-feet of display space. In addition to six galleries in the main building, the museum also features an extensive Coffey County Genealogy

Library, an 1896 Rural Dale one-room schoolhouse and an 1895 Bethel Church. Some notable items in the museum are one of the largest antique doll collections in Kansas, a 1947 Mack Firetruck, a replica Conestoga Covered Wagon, fossils, a large arrowhead collection and a Veteran's Gallery dedicated to the brave men and women who have served the country. Entrance to the museum is free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00-4:00 (Closed most federal holidays) Email: erin@coffeymuseum.org Phone: 620.364.2653

ALL BUILDINGS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.





2002 N. BUCKEYE, Coffeyville, KS

The Coffeyville Aviation Heritage Museum includes airplanes, model planes and memorabilia of local pilots and service men and women. The building was built in 1931 by WPA. The Coffeyville Aviation Heritage Museum is housed in the only hangar remaining from

the Pfister Park Airport that was in operation from 1933 until 1960. There are various aircraft exhibits, but the truly unique exhibit is the memorabilia about the Funk airplanes, which were designed by Joe and Howard Funk. The exhibit commemorates the production in Akron, Ohio, of more than 300 Funk planes, 200 of which still fly.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Saturday - Sunday 1:00-4:00 (and by appt).

Phone: 620.251.2145 or 620.251.2550

DONATIONS WELCOME.

Crawford County Historical Museum 13

Dalton Defenders Museum



651 SOUTH HWY 69 PITTSBURG, KS

Crawford County Historical Museum in Pittsburg, Kansas has one of the largest collections of artifacts, historical displays, and educational material in Southeast Kansas. Located on the museum grounds are a one-room school

house, a 1912 grocery store, the CCHM Education Pavilion, and a Marion #37 steam shovel. CCHM hosts historical reenactments, programs, SEK Gas Engine & Tractor meets throughout the year.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Wednesday - Friday 10:00-4:00 / Saturday 10:00-3:00

Email: crcomuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.231.1440

ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.





814 S. WALNUT Coffeyville, KS

Embark on an extraordinary journey through time and Legends at the Dalton Defenders Museum. Step into history as it comes to life before your eyes. Immerse yourself in the relics of the heroic defeat of the Dalton Gang by the Coffeyville defenders – an unforgettable chapter from

Coffeyville's early days. Dive deep into the vibrant legacy of Wendall Willkie, once a proud resident of Coffeyville. Walk in the footsteps of baseball royalty alongside Walter Johnson – the pitching maestro who once graced the streets of Coffeyville. This is just a small glimpse of the treasures that lie in wait! Our diverse collections share stories of courage, legacy, and the indomitable spirit of Coffeyville. Don't let this unique opportunity pass you by. Come explore, and let the enchantment of history wash over you. Discover, connect and be captivated by the past like never before!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00-4:00 Sunday 1:00-4:00 (Year round. Closed national holidays.) Email: coffeyvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com Phone: 620.251.5944

ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Emmett Kelly Historical Museum



204 E. MAIN Sedan, KS

The Emmett Kelly Historical Museum was started in 1967 to preserve the memory of Sedan's native son. Emmett was born in Sedan in 1898 and became the most famous clown of all time. Emmett was also a talented artist, and many of his pictures are on display. He became an aerialist along with his wife, Eva,

as they were known as the Flying Kelly's. It wasn't until many years after doodling a little hobo down on his luck, that he became "Weary Willie," the most popular clown ever with the famous Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus. The museum has three rooms with one being the "Clown Room," complete with a huge train display with a three-ring circus set up in a small community similar to Sedan. Weary Willie's shirt and shoes are on display as well as clown outfits. There is the "Historical Room" with many artifacts from the past, including Sam's Print Shop, antique radios and antique medical and war items.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Between Memorial Day and Labor Day Tuesday - Friday 10:00-5:00 / Saturday 10:00-4:00 (Open by appointment. See contact info below.)

Email: rosie@sweaney.com Phone: 620.249.3976 or 662.299.7041 ACCESSIBLE ENTRY ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS.

Fort Scott National Historic Site 10



OLD FORT BLVD Fort scott, ks

Promises made and broken! Who deserves to be free? The fight for freedom! Soldiers fighting settlers. Each of these stories provide a link in the chain of events that encircled Fort Scott from 1842-1873. All of the structures at Fort Scott National Historic Site, its parade grounds, and its tallgrass

prairie bear witness to this era when the country was forged from a young republic into a united transcontinental nation.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: April 1 - September 30, 8:30-4:30, October 1 - March 30, 9:00-5:00 Email: fosc_interpretation@nps.gov Phone: 620.223.0310 MANY BUILDINGS HAVE ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMPS, BUT NOT ALL THE HISTORIC STRUCTURES. ELEVATOR TO THE SECOND-FLOOR

Galena Mining & Historical Museum 1

Galesburg Historical Society & Museum



319 W. 7th Galena, KS

Located on the 13.2 miles of the historic Kansas Route 66, the Galena Mining and Historical Museum is housed in the old Missouri-Kansas-Texas train depot. Inside the museum, you will find mining and railroad memorabilia,

along with a vast mineral collection, many items of local history, vintage Model T and A Fords, plus so much more. Outside there is a train engine, caboose, Army tank, helicopter and tons of mining equipment. You will find something to catch everyone's interest.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Days and times vary during different seasons. Check our Facebook page for more info. (Closed national holidays. Call for special appointments.) Email: galenamuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.783.2192 ACCESSIBLE. ADMISSION IS FREE.



106 2ND ST. Galesburg, KS

S haw motor bikes, Speedster car (1922) and Shaw implements are at home in Galesburg where they were invented by Stanley Shaw. Galesburg Museum has an extensive collection of Shaw Manufacturing advertising

and memorabilia from 1903-1962 when it was sold to Bush Hog. Other items of interest are artifacts from early businesses when Galesburg was a bustling business center: Galesburg State Bank (1903), general stores, grain dealer/buyer, lumber yard, hotels, livery, churches and much more. Two museum buildings chronical our history. Follow us on Facebook: Galesburg Historical Society and Museum. Free to public.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Appointment only. Call to arrange for a tour or appointment.

Email: janssenlucille@gmail.com Phone: 620.432.3053, 620.820.3821 620.605.8597



Girard History Museum

Gordon Parks Museum 20



300 S. SUMMIT ST. GIRARD, KS

The St. John's Episcopal Church was completed in 1888. It is 30 X 60 feet and 40 feet high at its peak. The interior is finished in oak. The stained-glass windows were shipped from St. Louis, Missouri. The building was donated

and transformed into a museum in 1975. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places April 22, 2009. It houses much of Girard's unique socialist history, along with many firsts west of the Mississippi.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: February - November, Tues - Fri 9:00-3:00 Saturday 9:00-1:00 (Closed national holidays. Call for special appointments.) Email: girardkshistory@gmail.com Phone: 620.238.1706 SOME BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS.



2108 S. HORTON ST. Fort Scott, KS

Gordon Parks was born November 30, 1912, to Sarah and Andrew Jackson Parks in Fort Scott. He attended local schools and left his hometown when he was 16, after his

mother's death. He became an internationally-known photographer, filmmaker, writer and musician. He was the first African-American to direct a movie, "The Learning Tree," for a major Hollywood studio. Based on his autobiographical novel of the same name, it was filmed in Fort Scott in 1968 and premiered in 1969. Parks also directed the movie "Shaft" in 1971. This valuable collection includes many of his famous photographs, awards, medals and honorary degrees, as well as replica furnishings from his apartments in New York. Gordon Parks chose his camera as his "weapon" of choice to combat racism, discrimination and poverty. Parks developed a style that would make him one of the most celebrated photographers of his age.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-4:00 (Hours may vary. Call ahead for tour or appointment.)

Email: gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu Phone: 620.223.2700 ext. 5850

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Greenwood County Historical Society 2

Grenola Historical Society 22



120 WEST 4th ST. EUREKA, KS

EUREKA! I have found it! - Came the call in 1857 when Settlers David Tucker and his son Edwin found water in what is now the City of Eureka in Greenwood County. One hundred and sixty-six years later, the Greenwood County

Historical Society works to preserve the history and sense of wonder that started on that April day so long ago. The museum houses collections of artifacts that deal with Native Americans, early settlers, education, farming, business and industry, horse racing, oil, medicine, and law enforcement in the county. Outside displays showcase farming and construction. Extensive obituary files and research are also available.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Year-round. 10:00-4:00 (Closed national holidays. Closed Dec. 18 - Feb. 1)

Email: gwchistory@gmail.com Phone: 620.583.6682 ACCESSIBLE, RESTROOMS.



251B ROAD 3 Grenola, KS

The Grenola Elevator museum is located next to the railroad in downtown Grenola. The interactive museum has much to see for both young and old alike. Have you ever been inside a covered wagon? Have you ever touched

a buffalo hide or sat in a one-room school? Have you seen a a real blackboard or tried to operate a switchboard? If not, you can do that in our museum! We have moved into a one-room school. There are three wagons, a surrey, a covered wagon and a drey. Several rooms are furnished of a bygone time. We have a boat made by a resident (one of 14 that he has built). We offer lots of pictures of families, documents of veterans and the uniforms the veterans wore.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Every Saturday from Mother's Day and Octoberfest 1:00-4:00. (You can call for appointment if not open.)

Email: skaih@hotmail.com Phone: 620.330.0091 or 620.358.2496

Heart of the Heartlands Museum Complex 23

Howard Benson Museums 2



6769 NW 20[™] ST. SCAMMON, KS

Located four miles east of Big Brutus in a former mining town called Carona, the Heart of the Heartlands Museum Complex strives to preserve the region's railroad heritage. The Webb Family Railroad Museum & Education

Center is located here and houses a wide variety of railroad artifacts. Also on the grounds is the restored Carona Depot that once served the community. There are several pieces of rolling stock including the KCS 1023, the last steam locomotive of the KCS in existence. Stop by or call for a tour!



141 S. WABASH AVE. Howard, KS

E ight museum buildings in downtown Howard feature 150 years of Elk County history. The Main Museum features a collection of 1800's history and Howard High School memorabilia. Visit the Auxiliary Building and enjoy

military artifacts, quilts, doctor, dentist and barber shop items, a general store and post office. The Benson Doll Museum features over 3,500 dolls. Visit the Gragg Agricultural Museum, the K & O Gas Station, the Union Center School House, the Mittie Davis House and the Heisler Honey House. All museums feature artifacts donated by Elk County citizens. End your visit at the "Memories of Howard" mural.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 10:00-4:00 (Call for appointment. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas) Email: heartlands@cox.net Phone: 620.423.5163 or 620.396.8594 MUSEUM AND GROUNDS ARE ADA ACCESSIBLE. LIMITED () ()



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Thursday - Friday 10:00-2:00 (We love appointments! Contact information below.)

Email: marcia.bensonmuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.330.7721 FREE. CLIMATE-CONTROLLED BUILDINGS.

Independence Historical Museum & Art Ctr 25

IGC Sporting Heritage Center 20



123 N. 8th St. Independence, KS

Hay Town to Independence! The evolution of a prairie settlement into a thriving city as seen through the museum's permanent exhibits. Twenty-five rooms of early settler lifestyle, oil industry, western and Indian cultures.

Collection of art, sculptures, antique china and other rare artifacts. Don't miss the military display, 1869 log cabin, 1884 school classroom, general store, doctor's office, bedroom, dining room, parlor, kitchen, toy room, blacksmith shop, antique tools, fire department, jail and more. While in town, visit historic downtown, Riverside Park and Zoo, William Inge Home, and the Independence Science & Technology Center.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00-4:00 (After hours and Sunday by appointment. Closed National Holidays.) Email: ihmacmuseum@gmail.com Phone: 620.331.3515

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO ALL FLOORS AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS.





212 N. PENN Independence, KS

Located in the restored J.C. Penney building, the Sporting Heritage Center is a must see! It features a first-class wildlife exhibit from Craig Boddington, one of today's most respected outdoor journalists. CNN called

Boddington, "one of the country's foremost authorities on African safari hunting." His collection of taxidermy is the result of 40-years of travel from Kyrgyzstan to Kansas and Mozambique to Montana. Animals from around the world surround a spacious gallery. The mezzanine features guns, hunting gear, and stories that will pique the interest of the most experienced hunter. The center is a project of the Independence Gun Club.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: By appointment year-round. Watch our Facebook page for regular days/times coming soon!

Email: igcsportingheritagecenter@gmail.com Phone: 620.515.9353

Johnston Geology Museum 🛛

Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame 20



14[™] AND Merchant St. Emporia, KS

Visitors are welcome to come and explore a variety of geological specimens in the Johnston Geology Museum at Emporia State University. These include a western Kansas Cretaceous mosasaur, a giant ground

sloth, a mastodon tusk plus many other unique displays. The museum contains geological specimens predominantly from Kansas. Included among the 45 displays in the museum are the world-famous Hamilton Quarry Fossil Assemblage, the Tri-State Mining Display, petrified tree stumps, and many other great treasures.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 9:00-5:00 Monday - Friday when university is in session. (Weekends by appointment only. Email Daphne at dmayes@emporia.edu or call the number below.)

Email: stemoutreach@emporia.edu

Phone: 620.341.5636





2615 W. MAIN ST. Independence, KS

The Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame recognizes, celebrates, and promotes famous native-born Kansans who have garnered national attention in music, television, movies, theatre and other related professions. Among the many

celebrities on display are: Jim Halsey, impresario for Country Music and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame entertainers; Vivian Vance of "I Love Lucy" fame; William Inge, Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winning playwright, and W.W. Hodkinson, the "Man Who Invented Hollywood." You don't know who may have been born around the corner. Check us out!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 8:00-5:00 Monday - Thursday (Closed national holidays. After-hours by appointment.)

Email: IHMACMuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.331.3515



La Cygne Historical Society & Museum 29

Little House on the Prairie Museum 🛛



300 N. BROADWAY La Cygne, KS

Come celebrate our 50th birthday and learn about the story of the naming of the river and why we have so many swans. The La Cygne Historical Society is a group interested in preserving and

promoting the history of La Cygne and the surrounding area. We have three buildings on the property: the main museum, the Zeta library building and the machine shed. We have several permanent displays, along with new displays each year. We feature the old drug store display with many old bottles and boxes from the drug store through the years. The machine shed has a lot of farm implements and tools from local farmers. The old Zeta library was the first official library in the town and is now being set up as a genealogy library for the historical society.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Open by appointment. (If closed, contact our curator, Ruth, at the library across the street.) Email: ruthmusic@yahoo.com or lchs@peoplestelecom.net Phone: 913.594.1047 (Ruth) 913.757.4478 (museum) ACCESSIBLE.



2507 CR RD 3000 INDEPENDENCE, KS

Little House on the Prairie Museum promotes children's Leducation by keeping the memory of Laura Ingalls Wilder alive through her Kansas homestead. Thirteen miles southwest of Independence, it includes a replica one-

room log cabin and Charles Ingalls' hand-dug well. It is home to the Sunny Side schoolhouse from 1871 and the Wayside post office from 1880. The 100-year-old vibrant red barn is home to miniature donkeys and horses. A mail-order 1880 white antique farm house features the Prairie Gift Store, where you can find the perfect souvenir to take home. Join us in June for the Prairie Days Festival, and celebrate the spirit of the prairie!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Sunday 10:00-5:00 (Open March 1 - November 1)

Email: LHOPmuseumks@gmail.com Phone: 620.289.4238

ACCESSIBLE. ADMISSION: \$3 ADULTS, \$1 CHILDREN.





Longton Historical Society & Museum

Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes 20



512 KANSAS Longton, KS

O ur museum presents exhibits that reflect the values and lifestyle of early times in Longton. We have a Veterans Honor Wall and a remote genealogist to assist with questions about families. One of our exhibits is an

extensive barbed wire collection presented by Perry Russell.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 9:00-12:00 first and third Saturday. (Call for appointments on other days.)

Email: Zubizoe@aol.com

Phone: 760.500.0547 ACCESSIBLE.





1 S. MAIN Fort Scott, KS

The Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes is a landmark museum that showcases dramatic and diverse stories of Unsung Heroes whose actions against injustice have changed the world. The exhibits feature

student-driven projects that discover unsung heroes from various points in history - individuals who changed the world through their courage and compassion, yet are not found in history books. Every year, visitors from near and far travel to historic downtown Fort Scott, to view one of LMC's cornerstone exhibits on Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who saved hundreds of children in WWII, but who was virtually unknown until a group of Kansas students discovered her story and shared it with the world.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00-4:00

Email: nconard@lowellmilkencenter.org Phone: 620.223.1312

FREE ADMISSION. ACCESSIBLE.





Lyon County History Center 33

Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum 39



711 COMMERCIAL Emporia, KS

Begin your Lyon County adventure at the Lyon County History Center in the heart of historic downtown Emporia. Since 1937, LCHC has been saving and sharing the stories of Lyon County history and culture. Exhibits

showcase the people, places and events that shaped the history of the county and its place in the national and international narratives. Visitors will be able to browse exhibits, relax in our lounge overlooking Commercial Street, explore the Loretto Langley Exploratorium kids' area or shop in our museum store. Admission to the History Center is free, but donations are gladly accepted.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 10:00-4:00 Tuesday - Saturday

Email: info@explorelyoncounty.org

Phone: 620.340.6310





111 N. LINCOLN AVE. Chanute, KS

Martin and Osa Johnson were documentary filmmakers, photographers, explorers, naturalists and Kansans. They traveled the world when few Americans ventured beyond our shores and captured the public's

imagination with their films and books of adventure in distant exotic lands. Ranked the #1 Museum in Kansas, our exhibits share the Johnsons' unprecedented visual history enhanced by unparalleled cultural artifacts so visitors can embark on their own global adventures in any gallery. We offer educational programs and tours throughout the year for children and adults with regular showings of Johnson films available in the museum's 30-seat theater.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 (Closed Sunday-Monday and major holidays.)

Email: osajohns@SafariMuseum.com Phone: 620.431.2730

FREE ADMISSION. ACCESSIBLE.



McCune Osage Township Library & Museum 55

Mem-Erie Historical Society & Museum 🚳



509 6th St. MCCUNE, KS

Don't rely on rumors, get the facts at the McCune History Department and Museum! McCune is and always has been a farm town serving the community for many miles around. We have now gone the way of many small rural

towns in Kansas and our country. We are trying to hold on to our past the best way we know how and that is through our history department and museum. Many exhibits are available dating back to the beginning of the McCune community in 1879. Special exhibits include the Roy Rogers room and the old country school room. McCune is the hometown of Olympic basketball stars, Dean Kelley (1952) and Allen Kelley (1960). The McCune History Department also offers considerable historical research avenues.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-6:00, Wednesday 2:00-6:00, Saturday 9:00-1:00

Email: books@ckt.net Phone: 620.632.4112



403 S. MAIN Erie, Ks

Come visit Erie, Beantown USA, host of the longest running continuous Old Soldier's and Sailor's Reunion in the United States, which began in 1878. The week-long celebration takes place in

July currently. Our museum focuses on the history of Erie and nearby rural communities, residents, and businesses and contains extensive collections of information on the 105 country schools in Neosho County. See the military collection and the school room, and observe relics of Erie's past.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Thursday - Friday 1:00-3:00 (Open by appointment. Please call number below.)

Email: memeriemuseum3@gmail.com Phone: 620.423.1004

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY, FLOOR AND RESTROOMS.



Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield @

Miners Hall Museum 3



20485 KS HWY 52 Pleasanton, KS

On October 25, 1864, on the banks of Mine Creek, two Union brigades of approximately 2,500 troops defeated approximately 7,000 Confederates from General Sterling Price's Army of Missouri. Federal Colonels Frederick

W. Benteen and John H. Philips led the attack in one of the largest calvary battles of the Civil War and a major battle fought in Kansas. Their dramatic story comes alive at Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield. We invite you to visit and discover more about this important place in Kansas history!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Visitor Center: 10:00-5:00 Wednesday - Saturday from mid-April to mid-October (closed state holidays). Battle-field open year-round with a self-guided walking tour.

Phone: 913.270.4217 PORTIONS ADA ACCESSIBLE. PLEASE NOTIFY US PRIOR TO VISIT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES.





701 S. BROADWAY ST. Franklin, KS

 $\mathbf{D}_{\mathrm{programs}}$ about the life and spirit of coal miners who came to the celebrated "Little Balkans." Outdoor exhibits include an authentic Miner's Company House in a coal

camp setting. MHM is built on the site of the Union Hall where the renowned women's Amazon Army march of 1921 began. Our Research Library is available for searching miners and coal camps. Stroll the historic sidewalk connecting MHM to Franklin Community Park to enjoy gardens, a playground and artifacts. Our mission is, "Dedicated to preserving and sharing Southeast Kansas coal mining history and its diverse immigrant culture."



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10:00-4:00

Email: minershallmuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.347.4220

ACCESSIBLE PARKING, ENTRANCE, MUSEUM AND RESTROOMS.





Neodesha Historical Museum a

103 S. 1st Neodesha, KS

Neodesha Historical Museum features artifacts from Neodesha's beginning days in the 1860's when the inhabitants included the Little Osage. The first oil well west of the Mississippi River, Norman #1, struck oil in 1892. That

started an oil boom across the entire region. The museum grounds feature a lifesized replica of that first oil well just a few feet from the original site. There were jobs for the lucky few at Standard Oil Refinery up until its closing in 1970. But to those less fortunate, we explore the 1930's when we played host to a CCC Camp and German POW camp. We have an impressive collection of WPA dolls made during that era. Lots to learn of our history at Neodesha Historical Museum!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Thursday - Saturday April - December. Saturday 10:00-4:00 January - March (Closed national holidays.)

Email: museum@neodeshaks.org

Phone: 620.325.2037

Osage Mission-Neosho Co. Historical Society @



205 WASHINGTON ST. St. Paul, KS

The museum is located across the street from the site of the original Osage Mission and St. Francis de Hieronymo Catholic Church dedicated in 1884. The complex includes a museum, a research room, a harness/

blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse and a wildlife gallery. The campus displays a collection of Native artifacts from the western region of the United States and an old-fashioned barber shop display.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9:00-1:00 (Sunday and after-hours by appointment.)

Email: museum@osagemission.org

Phone: 620.449.2320

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY, TO ALL FLOORS AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS.



Oak Grove Schoolhouse

Oswego Historical Society @



20505 20th Road Parsons, Ks

Come visit Oak Grove and travel back in time to a fully restored one-room stone schoolhouse originally built in 1877. Oak Grove is a local historic treasure that has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The school

was built on the Osage Trail, just a short distance from the Neosho River and near the site of an early Osage village. When you visit Oak Grove, you will stand on the same ground that was traversed not only by the Osage, but also by the U.S. Military during the Civil War, and after the war by cattle drives, stagecoaches, and thousands of settlers who followed the Osage Trail on their journey to homestead in Kansas.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: By appointment only.

Email: oakgroveschoolhouse@gmail.com Phone: 281.855.9818 or 620.423.0893 FREE ADMISSION. SCHOOL IS CLIMATE CONTROLLED. A PROJECT IS UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE ADA ACCESS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY EARLY 2024.



805 BARKER DRIVE OSWEGO, KS

The Oswego Historical Society is in the process of rebuilding after a storm destroyed the facility in 2022. The museum is projected to reopen in the spring of 2024. The society also is responsible for the upkeep of the Smith-

Hollingsworth-Thomas log house located at Third and Merchant. This house is listed on the Kansas State Historical Places and is the only log house in Southeast Kansas to remain on its original location. Tours of the cabin are available now by calling 620.717.2571. Also of interest is the Little Town Well at Fourth and Merchant, Little Town founder, John Matthews dug and walled the well by slave labor around 1843.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 1:00-5:00 Monday-Friday, June-October. 1:00-5:00 Wednesday, November-May.

Email: historyatoswego@gmail.com

Phone: 620.795.4500

Parker Community Historical Society

209 WEST MAIN Parker, KS

O^{ur} purpose is to preserve the heritage of Parker (established in 1888) and its area communities. We have three museum buildings, the first housing many larger pieces, farm and household items from the 1800's

to early 1900's. The second museum includes the Parker Message, early school days and professions and lifestyles of the local communities. The third building houses a restored one-room schoolhouse, including pictures, school rings, books, etc. Also visit our beautiful Heritage Park.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Open by appointment.

Email: parkerkansashistorical@gmail.com

Phone: 913.285.0700 or 913.499.9984



Parsons Historical Society Museum 4



401 S. 18[™] ST. Parsons, Ks

The Parsons Historical Society Museum which includes the Iron Horse Depot, Farm Heritage Museum, Katy/ U.P. Lookout Park, plus a large rail yard, is a comprehensive "hometown museum." Its collection includes school

memorabilia, and a selection of items that pertain to the town's heritage of the MKT Railroad. The Boy & Girl Scout exhibits are the largest in Southeast Kansas. A large operational model railroad collection is housed in a converted railcar. Several interactive displays are a favorite for children, and an in-house theatre also offers viewings. The seasonal Purple Martin bird habitats are also a favorite feature alongside the museum!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Friday - Sunday 1:00-4:00, May - October (After-hours by appointment.)

Email: parsonsmuseums@gmail.com Phone: 620.404.9262

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO ALL FLOORS AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS.



Red Rocks State Historic Site

Schmidt Museum of Natural History @



927 EXCHANGE ST. Emporia, KS

Red Rocks is the home of William Allen White, nationally acclaimed journalist, influential Republican figure, and advocate of social reform. Known as the "Sage of Emporia," his editorial "What's the Matter with Kansas?" was

widely published. He received the Pulitzer Prize three times for editorial writing (1922), special citation (1944), and autobiography (1947). His friendships with politicians like Theodore Roosevelt helped place Kansas in a national spotlight. A small-town newspaperman in Emporia, he was the voice of Middle America. His granddaughter, Barbara White Walker, donated the site to the state in 2001. Free admission in 2024 - donations welcome!



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 10:00-5:00 Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00-5:00 Sundays, mid-April to mid-October (Closed Mon-Tues and state holidays.)

Email: KSHS.RedRocks@ks.gov

Phone: 620.342.2800





ESU SCIENCE HALL 14™ & MERCHANT ST. Emporia, KS

The Schmidt Museum of Natural History contains a comprehensive collection of approximately 600 taxidermy mounts of birds, mammals, reptiles and fish from Kansas. A research collection of more than 2,500

bird and mammal skins from various parts of the U.S. is maintained for advanced study and research. The museum mounts are the work of Richard Schmidt whose career began as a school boy in 1925 and culminated with his retirement as a taxidermist at Emporia State University (then Emporia Kansas State College). The specimens in the museum are grouped taxonomically and allow visitors to see clearly the color and structural details useful in identifying species.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: 9:00-5:00 Monday-Friday when the university is in session. (Weekends by appointment only. Email Daphne at dmayes@emporia.edu or call the number below.)

Email: stemoutreach@emporia.edu

Phone: 620.341.5636



Trading Post Museum

Wilson County Historical Museum @



15710 N. 4th ST. Pleasanton, KS

Established on the banks of the Marais des Cygnes River, known to the Osage as "the place of many swan," was a French fur trading post, "Establishment de Chouteau." This post opened trade with the Osage and one of the oldest

existing settlements in the state was born - Trading Post, Kansas. From the Osage changing due to the encroachment of European settlers, the struggle of the first Americans settling the Kansas territory, the agony and triumph brought by Bleeding Kansas, to the explosive growth of the 20th century, Trading Post has overcome it all. Trading Post Museum, with its historic 1886 schoolhouse, 1870's cabin and agricultural barn, teaches each new generation how their world came to be by using personal accounts and objects to tell the story.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 10:00-3:00

Email: tradingpostmuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 913.352.6441.

ACCESSIBLE. FREE ADMISSION. DONATIONS WELCOME.





420 N. 7th Fredonia, KS

We're in the jailhouse now! Built in 1915, the museum's two-story building was home to the sheriff's family in the front and the jail in the rear. The cells now feature military displays, school room items, doctor's equipment,

pioneer items, jail history and more. Don't miss the displays of glass plants, courthouse history, General Portland Cement Co., hand-carved furniture and PP Belt, the "Edison of Fredonia" AND we have an Emperor Mammoth pelvic bone discovered locally! While in town, visit historic downtown, the Mill Dam, Stone House Art Gallery, search for bronze sculptures, murals and barn quilts, and view many historic homes.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 1:00-4:30 / Saturday 10:00-2:00 (Sunday and after-hours by appointment. Closed national holidays.)

Email: wilcohisoc@twinmounds.com Phone: 620.378.3965

NOT ACCESSIBLE.



Woodson County Historical Museum



208 W. MARY ST. (HIGHWAY 54) YATES CENTER, KS

TATelcome to The Hay Capital of the World, Woodson **VV** County, Kansas. There is more than 5,000 square feet of Woodson County heritage in our little museum. Come see an 1870's log cabin, a country church, a one-room

schoolhouse, antique farm equipment, a military room, a doctor's office and eight vignettes showing life in the late 1800's. While in Yates Center, also visit our Town Square and old stone jail which have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1984.



Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: June 1 - August 31, 1:00-4:00 (After-hours by appointment.)

Email: lzsuzans@gmail.com Phone: 620 625 5233 or 620 625 6001

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About Us.

The Southeast Kansas Museum Alliance was created in March of 2019 as an organization to mutually benefit museums

in Southeast Kansas. The SEK Region is comprised of counties defined by Kansas Tourism, which encompasses 16 counties.

Through collaboration, education, and support, work we together to promote activities, mutually beneficial projects and educate members on

various topics.

Museums participate in four general create tourism opportunities and encour- in our "Small Towns."

age advocacy for the preservation of local histories. Paid Association members receive additional benefits such as the opportunity to participate in this Passport and the video project.

Our first Passport was published in 2021

Our Mission.

The Mission of the SEK Museum Alliance is to work together to support the museums of Southeast Kansas through promoting their events and activities, sharing resources, and providing learning opportunities to advance our unique histories while promoting tourism in our region.

proved and to be highly successful for both visitors and museums alike. The 2024 Passport is based on the original version with a new twist. This second edition pro-

vides link information to an SEK Museum meetings a year from which they benefit Video that gives visitors an overview of through collaboration with other muse- museums in the region plus it offers many ums, learning opportunities, and working more SEK museums. With your Passport, together to promote their events and a visit to SEKMuseums.org, and the video, activities. These cooperative efforts help you can explore for days the "Big Histories"



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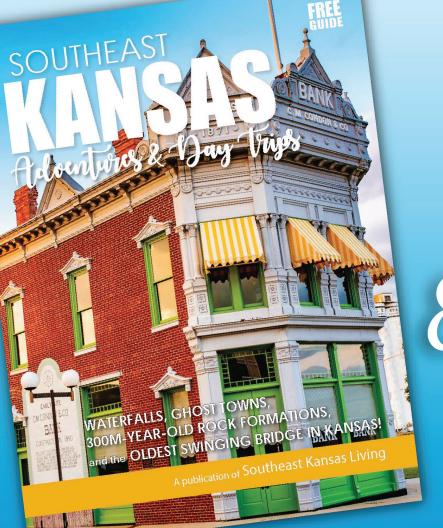




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