

SEK MUSEUM ALLIANCE

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Your Guide to
Southeast Kansas Adventure and History

This Passport Belongs to:

Full Name

Address (Street Name)

(City, State, Zip)

Phone Number

Email

How it works

1. Visit a participating SEK Museum Alliance museum. Museum location is designated on the SEK region map with a blue dot. **17**
2. Museum will stamp and sign your passport **Verification Form.**
3. The more museums you visit, the more you could win.
4. Submit Verification Form:
 - Take a photo and email it to: **marcia.impressive@gmail.com**
 - Copy both pages and mail it to: **SEK Passport, PO Box 1241, Howard, KS. 67349**
 - Take a copy to your nearest **Participating SEK Museum** by 12/31/21

Level of Visits for Cash Prize Drawing

*For a chance to win cash, visit 10+ participating museums.
Drawing will be held between January 10 - 22, 2022.*

Level 1 - Visit 30 Participating Museums	\$300
Level 2 - Visit 25 Participating Museums	\$250
Level 3 - Visit 20 Participating Museums	\$200
Level 4 - Visit 15 Participating Museums	\$150
Level 5 - Visit 10 Participating Museums	\$100

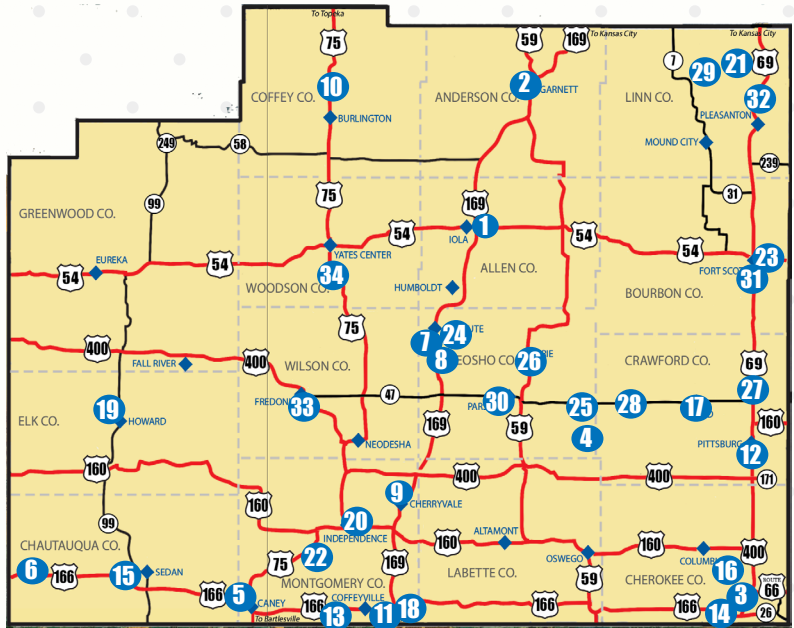
Participating SEK Museums

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Anderson Co. Historical Society | Garnett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum..... | Baxter Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Big Brutus Museum & Visitors Center..... | West Mineral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Caney Valley Historical Society & Museum..... | Caney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Cedar Vale Historical Museum..... | Cedar Vale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Chanute Art Gallery & Museum..... | Chanute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Chanute Historical Society | Chanute |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Coffeyville Aviation Heritage Museum | Coffeyville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Crawford Co. Historical Museum..... | Pittsburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Dalton Defenders & Coffeyville History Museum | Coffeyville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Decades of Wheels Car Museum | Baxter Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Emmett Kelly Historical Museum..... | Sedan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Galena Mining & Historical Museum | Galena |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Girard History Museum..... | Girard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Historic Brown Mansion | Coffeyville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Howard Benson Museums..... | Howard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. Independence Museum & Art Center..... | Independence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. La Cygne Historical Society & Museum | La Cygne |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. Little House on the Prairie Museum | Independence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes | Fort Scott |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum | Chanute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. McCune Osage Township Library & Museum..... | McCune |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. Mem-Erie Historical Society & Museum | Erie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Miners Hall Museum..... | Franklin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Osage Mission-Neosho Co. Historical Society | St. Paul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. Parker Community Historical Society..... | Parker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 30. Parsons Historical Society Museum..... | Parsons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 31. The Gordon Parks Museum | Fort Scott |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 32. Trading Post Museum..... | Pleasanton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 33. Wilson Co. Historical Museum | Fredonia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 34. Woodson Co. Historical Museum | Yates Center |

Drawing for Cash Prizes

Drawing will be held between 1/10/22 and 1/22/22 at a location determined by the SEK Museum Alliance Board.

Check will be made payable and mailed to the individual whose name and address is printed on the Verification Form. The drawing will be conducted by an unaffiliated third party. All decisions will be final. You must be 21 years of age to participate in the drawing. SEK Museum Alliance board members and officers may not participate in the cash drawing.



Allen County Historical Society 1



**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).



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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. 1st.)

Email: achsdirector@outlook.com

Phone: 620.365.3051



Anderson County Historical Society 2



**6TH AVE. AND 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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: May-Sept. Monday-Friday 1:00-4:00
(Due to COVID, call to verify. 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**



**740 E. 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 business, 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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 3:30
(Closed Sunday and Monday)

Email: heritagectr@embarqmail.com

Phone: 620.856.2385

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO ALL FLOORS AND PUBLIC RESTROOM.



Big Brutus Museum & Visitors Center 4



**65409 NW 60TH ST.
WEST MINERAL, KS**

The Tin Man in the Land of Ahs, Big Brutus is the foundation of a museum dedicated to the preservation of mining history in Southeast Kansas. The centerpiece of the museum is, of course, Big Brutus. When operating, Brutus weighed in at a whopping 11 million pounds and the boom reached 160 feet in the air. Words truly can't describe the size of Brutus. There's great access to hunting and fishing nearby, and we have both RV (with electric and water hook-ups) and primitive camping space.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Summer 9:00-5:00 / Winter 10:00-4:00
(Open year round except Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Email: bigbrutus@ckt.net

Phone: 620.827.6177 (camping reservations)

SOME AREAS MAY NOT BE ACCESSIBLE.



Caney Valley Historical Society & Museum 5



**310 W. 4TH AVE.
CANEY, KS**

The Caney Valley Historical Society owns four buildings in downtown Caney. The Museum holds military, business, and pioneer memorabilia, hundreds of obituaries, yearbooks, photos and news articles. The doctors building tells the histories of Caney's medical professionals. The Little White School House uses the original building from 1871 for school memorabilia. The 1887 Sandstone Event Center marks the public water well that was the starting point for all land surveys when Caney was settled. Souvenirs can be purchased on our website or at the museum. For a list of the many interesting places to visit in Caney, view the tourism brochure on our website.

Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: M-W-F 9:00-3:00 Year Round

(Closed national holidays. After hours by appointment.)

Email: caneyhistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.879.2233

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Cedar Vale Historical Museum 6



**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 just 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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Open by Appointment. Labor Day 9:00-Noon

Phone: 620.206.0002 (Faith Sanders)

620.206.0003 (Pat McKinley) • 620.515.3832 (Joel Haden)

620.206.0067 (Jean Smith) • 620.506.1260 (Barbara Denney)

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Chanute Art Gallery & Museum 1



**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.



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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

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY AND ALL FLOORS.



Chanute Historical Society 8



**0 E. ELM
CHANUTE, KS**

Our museum is located in one of the few free-standing Flat-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 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.



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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.



Cherryvale Historical Museum 9



**215 E. 4TH 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 toys and a rare set of WPA dolls used for teaching aids in the 1940's.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Sunday 2:00-4:00, April-October
(Appointments available.)

Email: cherryvalemuseum2019@yahoo.com

Phone: 620.336.2241

ACCESSIBLE. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE.



Coffey County Historical Museum 10



**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 our brave men and women who have served our country. Entrance to the museum is free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Summer (Mar-Oct) M-F 10:00-4:00 / Sat-Sun 1:00-4:00*
Winter (Nov-Mar) M-F 10:00-4:00 *as volunteers are available.
(Closed National Holidays)

Email: Visit.Us@coffeymuseum.org

Phone: 620.364.2653

ALL BUILDINGS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Coffeyville Aviation Heritage Museum 11



**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 in Coffeyville, Kansas 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. Including the production in Akron, over 300 Funk airplanes were produced and about 200 still fly. Many of the remaining Funk airplanes are flown to an annual reunion of the Funk Aircraft Owners Association in Coffeyville each September.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: By appointment only Saturday - Sunday

Phone: 620.251.2550

DONATIONS WELCOME.

Crawford County Historical Museum



**651 SOUTH HWY 69
PITTSBURG, KS**

Since 1978, the Crawford County Historical Museum has strived to deepen the understanding of Crawford County's rich, vibrant and diverse past. Take a journey back in time as you walk through 15,000 square feet of Southeast Kansas artifacts and historical displays. Indoor exhibits feature military, agriculture, medicine, music, a 1938 Peter Pirsch ladder truck and firemen memorabilia, horse-drawn vehicles, coal mining, vintage clothing, maps, photos, a pioneer room, plus more. Outdoor exhibits include a one-room schoolhouse, an authentic neighborhood mom-and-pop grocery store, coal mining steam shovel and an Education Pavilion to educate children about the roots of Southeast Kansas. Historical reenactments are held in Fall and Spring.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Wednesday - Friday 9:00-3:00

(Group tours and reservations available.)

Email: cromuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.231.1440

ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Dalton Defenders & Coffeyville History Museum 13



**814 WALNUT
COFFEYVILLE, KS**

The Dalton Defenders & Coffeyville History Museum is owned and operated by the Coffeyville Historical Society. The main attraction of the museum is the Dalton Gang Collection, however, it is also filled with displays and artifacts from Coffeyville and the surrounding area. It is located directly across Walnut Street south of the original Condon National Bank, which was one of the banks the Daltons tried to rob in October 1892. The museum contains rooms set aside that contain history on Coffeyville's industrial, Native American and military past, plus a special room displaying items related to Walter Johnson. The museum is dedicated to the memory of the brave citizens of Coffeyville who defended the town during the raid of 1892. Visitors can also walk down "Death Alley" to see the Old Jail and the murals depicting what happened on October 5, 1892.



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Hours and Contact Information:

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

Sunday 1:00-4:00 (Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years)

Email: kcrane5@cox.net

Phone: 620.251.5944

ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE.



Decades of Wheels Car Museum 14



**1111 MILITARY AVE
BAXTER SPRINGS, KS**

The Decades of Wheels Car Museum sits on historic Route 66. We are dedicated to the historic preservation of this iconic highway, as well as the golden age of automotive history. In our rotating display of over 300 vehicles, you'll find representatives from the 1900's era to the latest, leading-edge vehicles of today. It's all here, including historically significant cars, motorcycles, muscle/performance cars, and classic cars. We also have movie cars that are a must-see! Did you know within our block on Military we own five of the six businesses? We have everything, including an event center, arcade, museum, inn, and a restaurant. If you're looking for a place to stay, we hope you'll check out our 25-room inn with elevator access and guest laundry. 620-304-2217



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Please call 620.304.2214 for current hours.
(Closed all major holidays.)

Email: smountford_cafe66@outlook.com

Phone: 620.304.2243

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY AND RESTROOMS.



Emmett Kelly Historical Museum 15



**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.



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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 or peganded@kans.com

Phone: 620.725.3121 or 620.249.3976

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY ALL FLOORS AND RESTROOMS.



Galena Mining & Historical Museum 16



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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Days and times vary during different seasons. Check our Facebook page for more info. (Closed national holidays. May call for special appointments.)

Email: galenamuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.783.2192

ACCESSIBLE. ADMISSION IS FREE.



Girard History Museum 17



**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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Year round, Tuesday - Friday 9:00-3:00
Saturday 9:00-1:00
(Closed national holidays. May call for special appointments.)

Email: girardkshistory@gmail.com

Phone: 620.238.1706

SOME BUILDINGS ARE UNDER RENOVATION, SO THEY ARE CLOSED. 

Historic Brown Mansion 18



WALNUT & ELDRIDGE COFFEYVILLE, KS

Visitors entering Coffeyville from the south have long been awed by the sight of the three-story, 16-room W.P. Brown home. Listed on both the Kansas and National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Brown Mansion invites guests to step back in time to 1906, when it was completed. The home has five bedrooms, a library, parlor, dining, music and billiard rooms, kitchen, full basement and a third-floor ballroom. There are nine fireplaces throughout the house. Visitors can enjoy a tour given by knowledgeable guides, who will make the past come alive for them. We also offer rental of grounds for your special event! Contact our Event Coordinator at 620-688-2042 for more information. The Historic Brown Mansion is a “must-see” for visitors to Coffeyville!



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Mar-Oct, Tuesday - Saturday w/ guided tours at 1:00 and 3:00 (Closed Sundays and Mondays.)

Email: kcrane5@cox.net

Phone: 620.251.0431

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE FIRST FLOOR AND RESTROOM ONLY.



Howard Benson Museums 19



**141 S. WABASH AVE.
HOWARD, KS**

Eight 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.



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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 Museum & Art Center **20**



**123 N. 8TH STREET
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: museum123@cablone.net

Phone: 620.331.3515

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY TO ALL FLOORS AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS.



La Cygne Historical Society & Museum 21



**300 N. BROADWAY
LA CYGNE, KS**

Come 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 a lot of 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, check with our curator, Ruth, at the library across the street.)

Email: lchs@peoplestelecom.net

Phone: 913.757.4478

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Little House on the Prairie Museum 22



**2507 CR RD 3000
INDEPENDENCE, KS**

Little House on the Prairie Museum promotes children's education 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.



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Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes 23



**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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

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

Email: nconard@lowellmilkencenter.org

Phone: 620.223.1312

FREE ADMISSION. ACCESSIBLE.



Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum 24



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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 / Sunday 1:00-5:00
(Closed Monday and major holidays.)

Email: osajohns@SafariMuseum.com

Phone: 620.431.2730

ADMISSION REQUIRED. ACCESSIBLE.



McCune Osage Township Library & Museum 25



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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-6:00
Saturday 9:00-1:00 (or by appointment.)

Email: books@ckt.net

Phone: 620.632.4112

ACCESSIBLE.  

Mem-Erie Historical Society & Museum 26



**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 1:00-3:00

(Open by appointment. Please call number below.)

Email: memeriemuseum3@gmail.com

Phone: 620.244.5452, 620.605.8058, 620.432.3692

ACCESSIBLE ENTRY, FLOOR AND RESTROOMS.



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Miners Hall Museum 27



**701 S. BROADWAY ST.
FRANKLIN, KS**

Discover treasures through a collection of artifacts and 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 renown 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."



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Hours and Contact Information:

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

Email: minershallmuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 620.347.4220

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Osage Mission-Neosho Co. Historical Society 28



**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.



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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

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Parker Community Historical Society 29



**209 WEST MAIN
PARKER, KS**

Our 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: 913.898.6991 / 913.285.0700

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Parsons Historical Society Museum 30



**401 S. 18TH ST.
PARSONS, KS**

The Parsons Historical Society Museum, which includes the Iron Horse Depot, is a comprehensive “hometown museum.” Its collection includes historical photographs, school memorabilia and a large selection of items that pertain to the Missouri, Kansas, Texas Railroad. The museum contains period rooms, displays that highlight the local Red Cross and prominent Parsonians, and displays devoted to period costumes. The Boy and Girl Scout exhibits are the largest in Southeast Kansas. Other exhibits focus on WWI, WWII, and the “Bloody Benders.” A large model railroad is housed in a converted railcar. An in-house theater also offers various programming.

Hours and Contact Information:

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

Email: parsonshistory@gmail.com

Phone: 620.421.7000

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The Gordon Parks Museum 31



**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 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.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 - 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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Trading Post Museum 32



15710 N. 4TH ST.
PLEASANTON, KS

Trading Post, Kansas' history is an ever-expanding story of people working towards a better future for themselves, their families and their community. 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 restored historic schoolhouse, 1870's cabin and barn teaches each new generation how their world came to be by using personal accounts and objects to tell the story.



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Hours and Contact Information:

Hours: Apr-Oct, Wednesday - Saturday 10:00-3:00
Nov-Mar, appointments only.

Email: tradingpostmuseum@gmail.com

Phone: 913.352.6441.

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Wilson County Historical Museum 33



**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.



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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

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Woodson County Historical Museum 34



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

Welcome to The Hay Capital of the World, Woodson County, Kansas. There are over 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.)

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