

Last year the Buffalo County Historical Society, through its Trails & Rails Museum, hosted 'Wild Science Thursdays' that helped young people keep learning through the summer while having fun.



32 school group tours toured the Museum, which includes the Kearney Public Schools, 'Pioneer Days' which are held the first two weeks of May annually.

Over 1200 guests came for the first ever Halloween event in 2011.



A new market is being tapped into by partnering with the Midwest Paranormal Investigators to host Paranormal Experiences at the Trails & Rails Museum. These participants are demanding to know the dates and names associated with the buildings.

Hundreds of people were attracted to the museum for the first time by the Buffalo County Stampede half-marathon. Participants came to run, but many runners and their supporters also took a look around.

The society hasn't forgotten the kind of family fun some people say is hard to find. The annual Wagons West celebration features music, games and fun in a family friendly setting. The Christmas Tree Walk is a holiday highlight.



The society started Fabulous Fridays: fun and interesting monthly sessions for adults on subjects such as preserving family photographs.

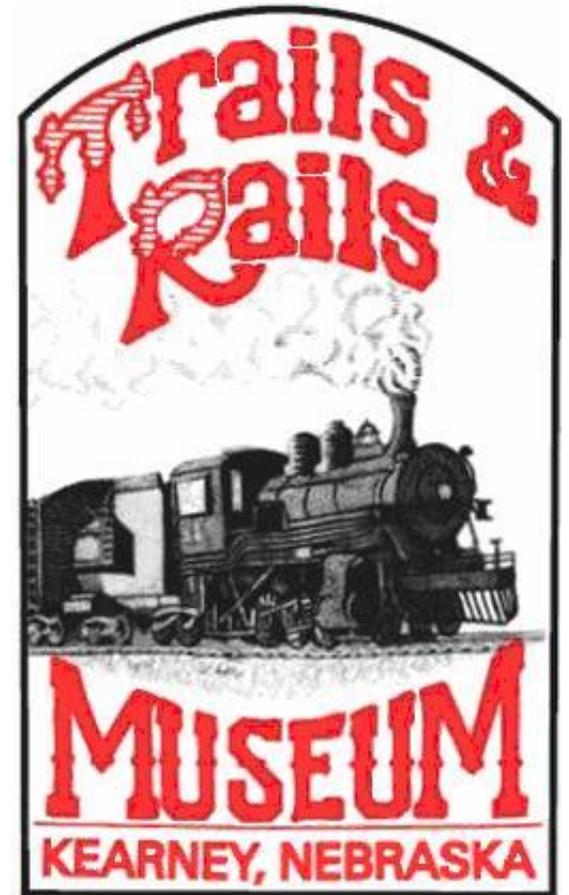
The society keeps cherished family memories alive and helps share them by displaying your family memorabilia, providing genealogical help, safeguarding records, and by encouraging efforts to preserve "old" but significant collections.

In 2011, BCHS utilized a portion of the capital improvement donations to do an entire electrical upgrade connecting all of the buildings to one main unit and preparing the grounds for the new building to be built on the west property.

Although the society looks at the past, those programs show it is rooted in the present. Now, it could use your help as it looks to the future.

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Be a part of history and participate in the BCHS 2012-2013 Building Fund Drive!



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The Trails & Rails Museum is owned and operated by the Buffalo County Historical Society.

The Buffalo County Historical Society is conducting a drive to give the county's residents a building to better display artifacts such as the curtain from the old Opera House that can't be fully unrolled, to better serve people researching their family histories, to provide a space for exhibits and events that help us understand our heritage, to make using the museum more comfortable for people with accessible bathrooms and better parking, and to help Trails and Rails Museum start preserving artifacts and setting up displays from the 20th century. The society needs your help.

Here is picture of what the building layout might look like:



Buffalo County Historical Society Mission:
 "The Buffalo County Historical Society is the primary institution with responsibility to collect, preserve, research, and interpret artifacts, documents, and published materials relating to the history of Buffalo County."

Buffalo County Historical Society (BCHS)
Pledge Agreement

I (we), as a member of or a supporter of BCHS, hereby indicate my (our) personal commitment toward preserving and sharing Buffalo County's vast history, by making the following pledge:

in the sum of \$_____ and payable as follows: \$_____ herewith **in full** or \$_____ herewith, and
 \$_____ by 2013
 \$_____ by 2014
 \$_____ by 2015
 \$_____ by 2016
 \$_____ by 2017

My donation will be via (please check one)
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This pledge is being made for the building fund of the Buffalo County Historical Society. I understand that 10% of the building fund be used in an endowment to maintain the building and 1% will be used to help pay fundraising costs.

Naming rights for the building are available for a donation of \$1.6 million, which is 51 percent of the \$3.1 million goal. Other naming rights available are: main exhibit room, \$500,000; archives, \$100,000; and gift shop or conference room, \$50,000 each. Donors may designate their preference.

Please check appropriate box:

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