

The WanderNebraska program begins on Memorial Day and ends on Labor Day.

## **Participation instructions:**

A map is included in the center of this booklet. Please use this map to collect stamps/stickers as you cross off the sites you have visited. Remember to return only the map to us after Labor Day, September 5, 2022 to receive your prizes.

Some sites may charge an admission fee.

## **Dear Friend of Nebraska history,**

2022 is the inaugural year of the Nebraska State
Historical Society Foundation's statewide travel adventure
program WanderNebraska – a program that encourages
travelers to visit Nebraska museums, parks, libraries and
other points of interest in order to win participation prizes
along the way. According to U. S. tourism statistics over
36% of vacations in 2021 were history-focused.

Nebraska's heritage attractions tell the story of Nebraska's "real" history--events, people, culture and places. WanderNebraska will take you to the back roads where this history can only be experienced firsthand - places which have deep meaning to our shared history.

Many of the sites you will visit are located in close proximity to historical markers which are easily accessible and provide educational interpretation of the stories and people of the past. To learn more about Nebraska history, download History Nebraska's app "Explore Nebraska History", an easy way to find Nebraska Historical Markers in the area or access marker information from afar. You can download it on the App Store or Google Play.

We hope your experience will be meaningful, interesting and educational. Thank you for participating in WanderNebraska.

Leslie Fattig, *Executive Director*LFattig@nshsf.org
402-435-3535

# 1) Museum of the Fur Trade

6321 Hwy 20 Chadron, NE 69337

**Phone:** 308-432-3843

**Hours of operation:** 

Monday thru Sunday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily (The museum begins closing at

4:45 pm.)

**Contact:** Kaya Fester, Director **Email:** museum@furtrade.org

Website address: https://www.furtrade.org

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/museumofthefurtrade

The Museum of the Fur Trade tells the story of the first business in North America—the fur trade. It showcases 400 years of that history, as well as interpreting an original trading post that operated at this location from 1837-1876.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

• Fur Trade Days, second weekend in July

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Agate Fossil Beds, Harrison
- Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford
- Dawes County Historical Society Museum, Chadron
- Chadron Art Alley, Chadron
- Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Bed, Harrison
- · Toadstool Park, Harrison
- Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron



2930 Old Oregon Trail Gering, NE 69341

**Phone:** 308-436-1989

Hours of operation:

Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am to 5 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm

to 5 pm

Contact: David Wolf, Director

**Email:** director@legacyoftheplains.org **Website address:** legacyoftheplains.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LegacyOfThePlains

Located on the Oregon Trail, the Legacy of the Plains Museum features an impressive collection of pioneer and early community artifacts, antique tractors, and farm implements; an 80-acre working farm; historic farmstead structures; and striking views of nearby bluffs, including Scotts Bluff National Monument. The Museum tells the timeless stories of the Nebraska prairie.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

We have expanded our event calendar enhance our visitor's experiences. Living history days, wagon rides, live demonstrations, and specific agricultural will be featured on special days. Demonstrations on planting, cultivating, and harvesting with 1890s through 1960 farm equipment, and have livestock and tractor on specific days. We also have a podcast and speakers' series that are telling the stories of the area. We want to make our visitor's experience and engaging and immersive as possible, so we can entice the people that already history lovers and make history lovers from those you aren't now.

- Scotts Bluff National Monument, Scottsbluff
- City of Morrill Museum, Morill
- · Abbott Visitors Center at Chimney Rock, Bayard
- · Robidoux Trading Post, Gering
- · Wildcat Hills State Recreation Center, Gering
- · Bayard Depot Museum, Bayard



## 3) Bayard Depot Museum

103 Main Street P. O. Box 345 Bayard, NE 69334

**Phone:** 308-586-1496

or 308-631-9388

### **Hours of operation:**

Monday thru Sunday, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, private tours are available

**Contact:** John Schmall, President **Email:** jschmall@hotmail.com

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BayardDepotMuseum

The Bayard Depot Museum is a local historic museum, detailing the settlement and development of the North Platte River Valley. From farm implements to quilts, the museum works to preserve and present the history of this incredible valley; specifically, those that settled in the shadow of Chimney Rock.

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Chimney Rock National Historic Site, Bayard
- Courthouse and Jail Rock, Bridgeport
- Scotts Bluff National Monument, Scottsbluff
- Legacy of the Plains Museum, Gering
- Bridgeport Pioneer Trails Museum, Bridgeport



609 Court Street Thedford, NE 69166

Phone: 308-645-2489 Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Contact: Helen White

**Email:** director@hwhite@neb-sandhills.net **Website address:** legacyoftheplains.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Thomas-County-

Historical-Society-112743453632369

The museum displays early items from settlement times given by families in the area. Clothing, kitchen items, tools, photos, school and business history, are included. There is a nice display of arrowheads and artifacts. We have the local newspapers for 100 plus years and fulfill requests for family history.

- Statue and Historical Marker of Little Girls Lost on Court House Block, Thedford
- Thedford Art Gallery, 509 Court Street, Thedford
- Nebraska National Forest, just west of Halsey
- Mullen Arts Center, Main Street, Mullen



# 5) Sandhills Heritage Museum

415 Jewett Avenue Dunning, NE 68833

**Phone:** 308-430-0786 or 308-880-0787 or 308-880-1441 or 308-214-1017

### **Hours of operation:**

Friday and Saturday,

10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm,

Sunday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Contact: Linda Teahon

**Email:** superiorasteraster16@hotmail.com **Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/

sandhillsheritagemuseum/

The museum is housed in the former Home State Bank building, built in 1918. In later years, the Dunning post office was also there of which a replica of the post office is present. The Hereford Crossroad exhibit is also on display in the museum.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

Landscaping is the museum's top priority in 2022 which includes putting up a windmill and set a livestock tank with a sodbuster plow and cultivator being placed inside the tank. The Sandhills High School FFA will begin planting a prairie grass display near the windmill and tank.

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- The National Forest at Halsey, Nebraska
- Thedford Art Gallery and Thedford Historical Museum, Thedford

# 6) Long Pine Heritage Society & Heritage House Museum

244 No. Elm Street Long Pine, NE 69217

**Phone:** 402-760-0163

**Hours of operation:** Saturday, 1:00 pm to

4:00 pm

**Contact:** Linda Alberts

Email: lindaalberts57@

gmail.com



**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/pages/Long%20 Pine%20Heritage%20Society%20&%20Heritage%20House%20 Museum/433808880146836/

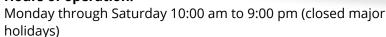
The Heritage House Museum houses all aspects of Long Pine History from the 1880's to present Day. A large diorama of the railyard as it was it in the past is on the museum. A short walk down the Cowboy Trail leads you to the former Roundhouse site with interpretive signs. New exhibits include: The Roundhouse Sign Project on the Cowboy Trail, Brown County Fossils, and "Terrorism in the Name of Law and Order" exhibit which includes Kid Wade, the KKK in Long Pine and Sheriff Dept. memorabilia.

- Rock County Museum, Bassett
- · Sellors Barton Cabin Museum, Ainsworth
- Keya Paha Historical Society and Museum, Springview

# 7) Custer County Museum

445 South 9th Avenue Broken Bow, NE 68822

Phone: 308-872-2203 Hours of operation:



CUSTER COUNTY

Contact: Tammy Hendrickson, Curator

Email: cchs4@live.com

Website address: https://www.custercountymuseum.org/

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/necchs

The Custer County Museum maintains a gallery of the pioneer photographer Solomon D. Butcher and has more than 100 photos on display. We have an extensive research center and genealogical library, which is noted as one of the best in the area. The museum has an exhibit of what a General Merchandise Store was like for the pioneers. Make sure to see the large mural by the artist Tom Talbot, as well as artwork from local artists.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- Living History Tour of a Part of Custer County, NE (Presented in two parts in mid – May)
- Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social (Friday evening June 10th (after museum hours)- 5 to 7 pm)
- Humanities Nebraska Speakers, two to be announced

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- The Dowse Sod House- near Comstock
- Broken Bow City Square Park with the century old Band Stand that sits in the middle of town.
- SJSB visitors center (the Red Barn) history of the prairie and the history of water aquafer
- National Historic Register- Arrow Hotel (current hotel)
- National Historic Register site- Downtown Arrow Hotel and CCHS sit in on the Square of Broken Bow
- Victoria Springs park- (near Anselmo) had the park and the historic log cabins
- Seven Valleys Museum (in Callaway)- museum and historic log courthouse and state marker
- Pressey Park (near Oconto on the South Loup River)

## 8) Seven Valleys Historical Society

102 No. Grand Avenue Callaway, NE 68825

Phone: 308-870-2107 Hours of operation:

By appointment, please call

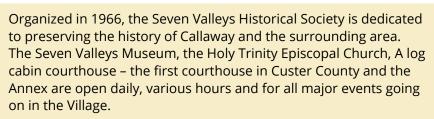
308-870-2107

**Contact:** Donna Glendy

Email: gglendy@hotmail.com

Website address: https://sevenvalleysmuseum.com/

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/bstillhistorical/



### **Summer 2022 Events:**

While you are in our quaint and quiet little Village along the Soup Loup River, notice all that Callaway has to offer. We are home to the Callaway District Hospital and Medical Clinic, the Callaway Good Life Center, a K-12 School District, the Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library, the Seven Valleys Senior Center, a city Park, Pool & Playground, plus our local business district and several Churches. Callaway is host to the annual Pioneer Picnic Celebration in June that includes a Rodeo, Parade, and Alumni Festivities and in September we host the nationally recognized Kite Flight.

- First Log Cabin in Custer County located in Morgan Park, Callaway
- Custer County Museum, Broken Bow
- Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway Visitor Center, Broken Bow
- · Historic Sod House, Anselmo



## 9) Lincoln County Historical Museum

2403 N. Buffalo Bill Avenue North Platte, NE 69101

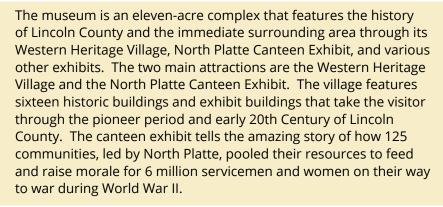
**Phone:** 308-534-5640 **Hours of operation:** Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 am to 5 pm, Sunday

1:00 pm-5:00 pm **Contact:** James Griffin, Director/Curator

Email: lincomuseum@gmail.com

**Website address:** www.lincolncountymuseum.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/npcanteen



#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- Heritage Festival June 11-12
- Corn Feed August 6
- Pancake Feed September 17

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park
- Golden Spike Tower
- Cody Park Train Museum



## 10) Haigler Community Foundation

251 East Norman Street Haigler, NE 69030

Phone: 308-340-1689 Hours of operation:

Saturdays, 11:00 am to 3 pm MDT and/

or by appointment 308-340-1689. We will have signs posted on the Conoco Station Museum (Highway 34 & Porter Avenue) with this info and/or travelers may stop at Haigler Country Café or Family Market, and they will contact us.

Contact: LaNeta Carlock, President

**Email:** carlock@bwtelcom.net

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/haigler.cornerstone.

center/

The Conoco Station Museum, located at Highway 34 & Porter Avenue in Haigler was built in 1920's as a feed store. There are stories of the underground area (not yet restored) used during prohibition days in our tri-state area. Restoration of Conoco Station outside and inside began 10+ years ago with dreams of becoming one of our Haigler's museums and a Dundy County Tourism Visitor Center (work in progress)

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- Memorial Weekend Haigler Alumni & community events, all museums open, Memorial Day service at Haigler Cemetery
- Art Exhibitions at the Cornerstone Center for Community Service
- July 4 Fireworks Display
- July 25-30 Dundy County Fair and Rodeo
- August 21 Haigler Summer Music Festival in the Park

- The Haigler Museum Complex has been developed over the past 15 years, is located mostly within the first block south of Highway 34 on Porter Avenue, and includes the Conoco Station Museum, the Cornerstone Museum, and the one-room Country Schoolhouse Museum. Museum grounds have a collection of tractors, wagons, and farm machinery. The old Haigler Jail is located to the north.
- The closed Haigler school facilities have been repurposed into the Cornerstone Center for Community Service and includes the Sunshine Thrift Shop, Flea Market, Art Exhibitions, and Library (open Saturdays 11 a.m. 2 p.m. MDT). The historic gymnasium

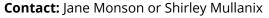
# 11) Dundy County Historical Society

522 Arapahoe Street Benkelman, NE 69021

**Phone:** 308-423-5404, 308-423-2291, 308-423-2682

## **Hours of operation:**

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm MST, Memorial Day to Labor Day



**Email:** goose@bwtelcom.net

The Dundy County Museum is housed in the old Morehouse Hospital building featuring 32 themed rooms depicting Dundy County history. There is an extensive doll collection which includes a history of fashion and also features replicas of the U.S. First Ladies' Inaugural Day ballgowns. You can finish your visit at the 100-year-old Drug Store Soda Fountain with an Old-Fashioned Frosty or other ice cream treat.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

• Living History Day is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend from 1:00-4:00 p.m. MST featuring speakers, demonstrations and style show.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Haigler Cornerstone Museum
- Texas Trail Canyon site two miles east of Haigler
- Three Corners (CO, NE, KS) and Devil's Cap 9 miles west and south of Haigler
- The Arikaree Breaks in Cheyenne County, KS is five miles south of Haigler, and the beginning of the sandhills just a few miles north across the Republican River



122 North 4th Street Indianola, NE 69034

Phone: 308-364-9259 Hours of operation:

Tuesday 1:00 pm to 7pm,

Wednesday and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 5 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am to

noon

Contact: Katie Foster, Director

**Email:** indianolapubliclibrary69034@gmail.com **Website address:** libraries.ne.gov/Indianola

We are a Public Library serving local patrons and working to preserve the history of our community. We currently house several of the Historical Society's photographs in order to preserve them in a climate-controlled environment. We received the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation grant to store our bound volumes of The Indianola News. Indianola first established a library in May of 1934; in 1990, the library moved to our current location.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- Indianola's Old Settler's Celebration August 12-14, 2022
- The Indianola Historical Society sponsors a speaker from Humanities Nebraska on August 13 @ 1:00 in the Community Building

- Perhaps not historical, but "Legendary Rocket Inn Pizza" can be found right across the street from the Library! \*It is really the best way to tell locals how to find the library.
- Lord's of Indianola (Hardware store -Main Street- Started in 1882)
- Indianola's POW Camp (one mile North of Indianola)
- Isaac Starbuck Building (Corner of H & Main built 1879)
- McCartney-Harrison House (Corner of 6th & D St Built in 1883)
- 1st Red Willow County Jail & Courthouse (H St., Indianola, Built in 1881)
- Historical Markers located @ the Northeast corner of Highway 6 & Main, the city park, Red Willow School (5 miles West of Indianola on Hwy 6)
- · Bartley Sale Barn, Bartley
- Danbury Depot Museum, Danbury
- . Museum of the High Plains McCook



# 13) Gothenburg Historical Museum

1420 Avenue F Gothenburg, NE 69138

Phone: 308-537-4212 Hours of operation:

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Appointments are available by calling 308-529-2196 or

308-529-0906

Email: gothenburghistory@outlook.com

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Gothenburg-

Historical-Museum

The museum collections range from the Indians and early settlers when Gothenburg was founded in 1885, the building of the railroad through this area in the 1860's, early businesses, farms and ranches, military and genealogy history. We consider the museum to be a "Window into the Past for Future Generations".

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- Annual Pony Express Rodeo July 3-4, 2022
- Gothenburg's Annual Harvest Festival September 15-18, 2022

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Pony Express Station Museum, Gothenburg
- Sod House Museum, Gothenburg
- Robert Henri Museum & Art Gallery, Cozad
- 100th Meridian Museum, Cozad
- Dawson County Historical Museum, Lexington
- Heartland Military Museum, Lexington



# 14) Robert Henri Museum and Art Gallery

218 East 8th Street Cozad, Nebraska 69130

Phone: 308-784-4154 Hours of operation:

Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00 am to

5:00 pm and by appointment

Contact: Peter Osborne, Executive Director

**Email:** rhenri@cozadtel.net

Website address: www.roberthenrimuseum.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/rhenrimuseum

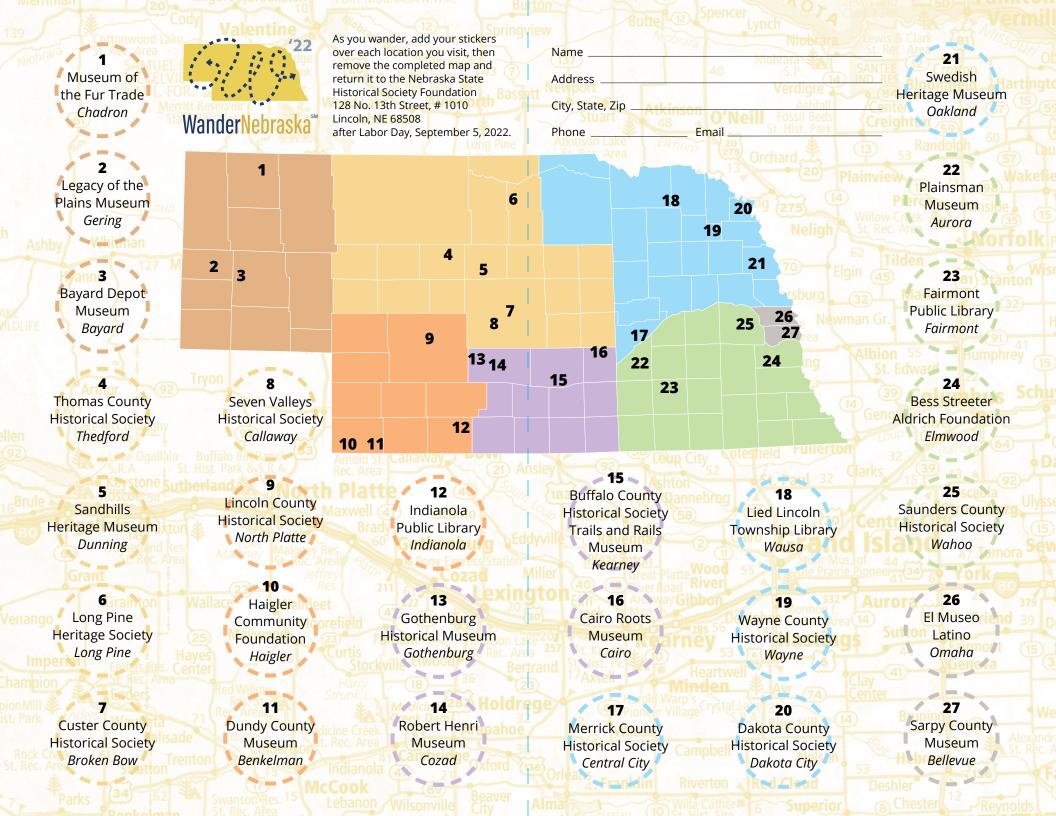
The Robert Henri Museum and Art Gallery owns the boyhood home of Robert Henri (Robert Henry Cozad) whose parents, John and Theresa Cozad were the original creators of Cozad, Nebraska. The museum also operates a gallery that includes the largest number of paintings by Robert Henri on display in the United States along with a large collection of his sketches and that of his students. The Museum was recently awarded the Rising Star Award by the Nebraskaland Foundation

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

The museum will be opening a new exhibit on Miles Maryott, an important Nebraska painter but also a controversial figure as well. The museum will also be open to regular visitation with guided and self-guided tours and regular artist of the month and artist in residence programs. The museum has recently received several new paintings which will be featured too.

- The 100th Meridian Museum (located next door)
- Willow Creek Pony Express Station, Cozad
- Heartland Military Museum, Lexington
- Dawson County Historical Society and Museum, Lexington
- Gothenburg Historical Society, Gothenburg
- The Pony Express Museum, Gothenburg
- The Sod House Museum, Gothenburg
- The Lincoln Highway





## 15) Buffalo County Historical Society, Trails and Rails Museum

710 West 11th Street Kearney, NE 68845

**Phone:** 308-234-3041

Hours of operation: (Summer Hours: Memorial Day thru Labor Day)Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:30 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm to - 5:00 pm

Contact: Broc Anderson and Jennifer Murrish

**Email:** bchs.buffalotales@hotmail.com and bchs.us@hotmail.com

Website address: www.bchs.us

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/buffalocounty.

historicalsociety

The Trails & Rails Museum is owned and operated by the Buffalo County Historical Society. We are a progressive museum located on the route of the Mormon Trail.

#### Summer 2022 Events:

- BCHS "Living History: Finding Home-The Lost Dog Tag in Kearney, Nebraska" May 19th 7pm – 8pm.
- Wagons West Celebration, June 11th 10am 1pm-Live music, delicious food, exhibitors, demonstrators, archive researchers, kids' games, and contests. FREE admission/donations are appreciated.
- Fabulous Fridays Every 2nd Friday of the month at Trails & Rails Museum featuring a Buffalo County History topic.
- New Exhibit: "Buffalo County Prosperity" in the Family History Center.
- Coming this summer: The first of a future quarterly "Living History" programs feature presentations and topics related to Buffalo County and its ties to the rest of the world! The first, "Finding Home The Lost Dog Tag in Kearney, Nebraska," by Lisa Atchison and Val Gwin, describe their journey in returning Staff. Sgt. Ralph E. Rigaud's dog tag to his family in Oriskany Falls, New York. Rigaud was stationed at Kearney Army Air Base for a short time before being deployed to Germany during World War II.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

• All in Kearney: G. W. Frank Museum, Ft. Kearny State Historical Park, Ft. Kearney Museum, The Archway,

## 16) Cairo Roots Research Museum

306 S. Berber Cairo NE 68824

**Phone:** 308-380-7251 or 308-485-4195

**Hours of operation:** 

Most Saturdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 or during the week by

appointment.

Contact: Suzie English

Email: se109berber@hotmail.com

We are a small-town museum focusing on the local area and its roots, heritage and history.

- Stuhr Museum Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island
- · Ravenna Historical Society, Ravenna
- Columbia Hall Danish History, Dannebrog (by appointment 308-380-1153)



17) Merrick County Historical Society

211 E Street Central City, NE 68826 **Phone:** 308-624-3367

Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm,

Tuesday, 3:00 pm to



5:30 pm. Please call to set up an appointment for the weekend or other times.

Contact: Megan Sharp, Director

Email: merrickcountyhistory@gmail.com

**Website address:** https://merrickcountyhisto.wixsite.com/website **Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/pages/Merrick-County-

Historical-Society/

The Merrick County Historical Museum is currently housed in the historic Traver House. The mission of the Museum is to tell the continuing story of the people of Merrick County and the surrounding area.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Lone Tree Monument, Central City
- · Plainsman Museum, Aurora
- Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora
- Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island
- Hall County Historical Society, Grand Island
- · Genoa Indian School, Genoa

18) Lied Lincoln Township Library

603 E. Norris Street Wausa, NE 68786

Phone: 402-586-2454

Hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Friday and Saturday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Closed on Memorial Day, 4th of

July and Labor Day.

Contact: Wendy Ketelsen, Director

Email: rlinctnlb@gpcom.net

Website address: http://libraries.ne.gov/wausalibrary/

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/

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Our library has a Swedish heritage collection and displays showing Wausa historical items.

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#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

Wausa has a community wide celebration over Labor Day weekend every year and the library has a Trivia night during this event. Planning new display cases at the library.

- Private Shannon trail in our town and several neighboring towns.
- Clown Museum in Plainview, NE
- · Harting Museum in Hartington, NE

19) Wayne County Historical

**Association** 

218 Lincoln Street Wayne, NE 68787

Phone: 402-363-8548 Hours of operation:

Sunday, 2:00 pm to

4:00 pm

Weekdays or special tours call Wayne County Historical Society Board Member Marlene Broer at 402-369-2862.



Contact: Rachel Kunz, President

Email: rakunz1@wsc.edu

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Wayne-County-NE-

Historical-Society-Museum-111246450327351

The Wayne County Museum is housed in a beautiful 1911 property. Built in the Neo-Colonial style of architecture, the house boasts stained glass, a courting corner, four coal burning fireplaces and fretwork. The most unique architectural element of the home are the intricate parquet floors. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- "History Loves Company" Exhibit
- Opening weekend with music and refreshment on the front porch, Saturday, May 29
- TBA-Summer Garden Tour

20) Dakota County Historical Society

729 200th Street Dakota City, NE 6873

**Phone:** 712-253-1609 or

402-987-3516

**Hours of operation:** Appointments only.

Contact: Dennis Reinert,

President

**Email:** dreinert@evertek.net

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/DAKCTYHSTSOC

The Society is dedicated to the preservation and publicizing of the history of Dakota County Nebraska. The purpose of the Society is to collect, preserve and maintain buildings, equipment and other artifacts of historical value relating to the settlement and development of Dakota County and to provide access to these items for the education and pleasure of the general public.

### **Nearby Historical Attractions and Summer 2022 Events:**

- The O'Connor House and the Combs School, Homer The O'Connor Grounds located at 2470 Blyburg Road, Homer Combs School Days – April, May and September
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the first Lutheran Church building constructed in the state in 1860, located at 1500 History Street in Dakota City. A Vespers Service will be held on August 28 at 5:00pm followed by an Ice Cream Social at the United Methodist Church.
- Cottonwood Days Date TBD
- · Historical Society Social/Humanities Program, Date TBD

## 21) Swedish Heritage Center

301 No. Charde Avenue Oakland, NE 68045

**Phone:** 402-380-9744 or

402-685-5652

**Hours of operation:** 

Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to noon

Contact: Julie Johnson,

President or Tom Wallerstedt, Curator

Email: SWEDISHHERITAGECENTER@gmail.com

Website address: http://swedishheritagecenter.org/

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swedish-

Heritage-Center/621230294568368

The Swedish Heritage Center of Oakland is a small museum which features many artifacts from Swedish immigrants to the northeast Nebraska area, as well as much historical information about Oakland, Nebraska. We are proud to house an actual dress which "missed the boat" coming over on the Titanic! We have room built on the main floor of the building which depict hat early Swedish and pioneer homes would look like. The lower level houses a newly remodeled meeting room. Kitchen and restrooms. And new in 2022, we have been gifted a large 23' Viking ship that is being situated in the Oakland area for display!

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Missouri River Overlook Blackbird Visitor Center, Decatur
- Wisner Heritage Museum, Wisner
- Burt County Museum, Tekamah
- Burt County Courthouse, on the National Register of Historic Places, Tekamah



210 16th Street Aurora, NE 68818

**Phone:** 402-694-6531

Hours of operation: Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Contact: Tina Larson, Executive Director

Email: plainsman@hamilton.net

Website address: https://www.plainsmanmuseum.org/

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/PlainsmanMuseum

Our vast collection of over 50,000 artifacts spans over 150 years of history, and tells the story of the people who called this region home. Our collections are housed in four buildings – the main building features and entire town under one roof; the Wesley Huenefeld Agricultural building highlighting all that is agricultural; the General Delevan and Lana Bates home and the District 66 one room school house. The indoor accommodations allow our exhibits to be enjoyed in rain or shine, and all of our buildings are ADA compliant.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- June 23-25, Annual Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild Show
- June 23-25, A'RoR'N Days
- July 1-31, "Community Works" Exhibition A collaboration between the Plainsman Museum and the Smithsonian Institute featuring the people of Hamilton County, NE.
- August 30 September 30, IMPACT Nebraska Artists "Color of Music"

- Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora
- Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park, Henderson
- Merrick County Historical Museum, Central City
- Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island
- Wessels Living History Farm, York
- York Children's Museum, York



# 23) Fairmont Public Library

600 F Street Fairmont, NE 68354

Phone: 402-268-6081 Hours of operation:

Monday, 8:00 am to noon, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm

to 9:00 pm, Wednesday, 6:30 to 9:00 pm,

Friday, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to noon. Closed:

Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday **Contact:** Wanda Marget, Director

Email: fairmontpubliclibrary@gmail.com

Website address: www.fairmont-nebraska.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Fairmont-Public-

Library

The Library has the Microfilm collection of all of the Fairmont Based Newspapers in our walls. Recently we joined forces with the Fillmore County Librarian Group and digitized all known Fillmore County Newspapers and they are on each of our websites. Our Library has digitized the Fairmont History Books. The library also has several books and information about the Fairmont Airbase that is located three miles south of Fairmont which was built to train men for the Wars.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

Check our Facebook page for summer events. There are two museums located across the street from the library and one is adding a Circus room soon.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

· Fillmore County Historical Museum



# 24) Bess Streeter Aldrich Museum and Foundation

204 East F Street, Box 167 Elmwood, NE 68349

**Phone:** 402-994-3855 or 402-867-4233

Hours of operation: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday,

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (or by appointment)

Contact: Kurk Shrader, Executive Director, Bess Streeter Aldrich

Foundation

Email: aldrichfoundation@gmail.com or kurkshrader@gmail.com

**Website address:** bessstreeteraldrich.org **Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/

BessStreeterAldrichHouseMuseum

The beautiful prairie mansion home of Bess Streeter Aldrich is celebrating its 100th birthday during 2022. Regular tours and character tours are available where guests can learn about Mrs. Aldrich while enjoying period artifacts and exhibit items. Special commemorative items will be provided to all guests.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- "Letters from the Elms" Exhibit & Other Aldrich Memorabilia, May to August
- "Diaries & Letters of Early Nebraska Settlers" Program, Lucy Adkins & Marge Saiser, Humanities Nebraska, Sunday, June 12
- "A Stitch in Time" Quilt Show Exhibit, August to Nov. 13

### **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Strategic Air & Space Museum, Ashland
- Grand Army Veteran's Museum, Elmwood (by appt.)
- Weeping Water Historical Society
- Murdock Museum, Murdock (by appt.)
- · Many in Lincoln: International Quilt Museum

## **Community Events:**

- Farmer's Market, Every Saturday Morning in the Park
- Community-Wide Garage Sales, June 10-11
- 4th of July Celebration, Murdock, July 4
- Cass County Fair, Weeping Water, August 10-13



25) Saunders County Historical Society

240 N. Walnut Street Wahoo, NE 68066

**Phone:** 402-443-3090

Hours of operation: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Contact: Erin Hauser,

Curator

Email: info@saunderscomuseum.org

Website address: www.saunderscomuseum.org

**Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/ SaundersCountyHistoricalSociety

Sitting on five acres, Saunders County Museum has eight buildings featuring a variety of artifacts. We have an 1886 Depot in its original location, along with a log house, one room school, church, post office, and a machine building featuring a variety of farming equipment. Our main building has exhibits on the five famous men of Wahoo, the Nebraska Ordnance Plant; Luther College and later John F. Kennedy College and much more! Some of our more noteworthy artifacts include two Academy Awards and a boarding pass from the Titanic. One of our buildings is the birthplace of Pulitzer Prize winning composer, Howard Hanson.

#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

- At this time, we are in the planning stage of our programming but we hold a Lunch & Listen every other month on the 4th Thursday that feature a wide array of topics relating to Saunders County History.
- We hold a BBQ fundraiser in June and a Antique Car and Tractor Show in August.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

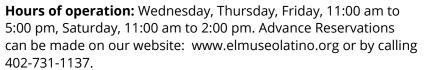
- Ashland Historical Society, Ashland
- Saunders County Courthouse, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Wahoo
- Louis E. May Museum, Fremont, Nebraska (23 Miles)

## 26) El Museo Latino

4701 South 25th Street Omaha, NE 68107

Follow directional signs from the Kennedy Freeway and East/ West signs on "L" Street. Parking is located across from the museum, on 25th Street, next to the fire station.

**Phone:** 402-731-1137



Contact: Silvia Wells, Managing Director

Email: info@elmuseolatino.org

**Website address:** http://elmuseolatino.org/index.php **Facebook page:** https://www.facebook.com/elmuseolatino

El Museo Latino opened its doors in the historic Livestock Exchange Building on May 5, 1993, as the first Latino Art & History Museum and Cultural Center in the Midwest. In 1997, the museum moved to its present brick and red-tile-roof building. The original construction of 1887 was a school and was reconstructed in the 1930s. Today, El Museo Latino is one of only seventeen Latino museums in the United States.

El Museo Latino is the only Latino art and history museum in Nebraska located between Chicago, Denver, Austin, and New York City. El Museo Latino features Latino arts year-round through permanent and temporary exhibitions, visual and performing arts programs, artists in residence programming and community events.

### **Summer 2022 Events:**

• Please visit www.elmuseolatino.org for up-to-date information on exhibits, programs and community events.

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

• El Museo Latino is approximately three to six miles from museums and cultural sites in Omaha.



## 27) Sarpy County Museum

2402 Clay Street Bellevue, NE 68005

Phone: 402-292-1880 Hours of operation: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

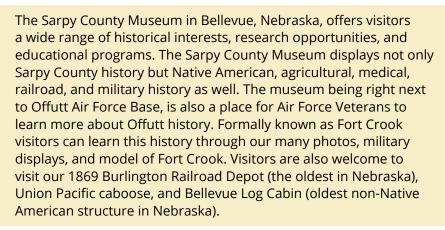
**Contact:** Ben Justman, Executive Director

Email: director@sarpymuseum.org

Website address: www.sarpymuseum.org

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SarpyCountyMuseum

SARRY COUNTY MUSEUM



#### **Summer 2022 Events:**

• Great Sarpy County Quilt Exhibit June 1 - July 30

## **Nearby Historical Attractions:**

- Cass County Historical Museum, Plattsmouth
- Durham Museum, Omaha
- El Museo Latino, Omaha
- Papillion Area Historical Society, Papillion

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# About the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

The mission of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is to solicit financial contributions and other forms of support to help preserve and protect Nebraska's historical assets, and ensure their accessibility to future generations.

The Foundation partners with philanthropists and a wide array of public and private organizations from all across our state and beyond in pursuit of this collective cause. The Foundation also provides regular private financial assistance to the state agency known as History Nebraska, formerly the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Since its founding in 1942, the Foundation continues to welcome all who value our state's unique heritage, and those who wish to join us in our work on behalf of Nebraska history.

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