CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS

Yesteryear Museum & Museum of Scouting

Mission Statement

For the collection, preservation and display of artifacts that pertain to our heritage and provide enjoyment and education for our members and the general public.

A Living History Museum and
A Scouting Heritage Museum

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News from the Flywheels

The Central Kansas Flywheels exhibited at the 2026 Farm Expo for the 23 consecutive year! We wish to extend a huge thank you to the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce for providing booth space for our organization over the years. Their generous donation of booth space to promote our museum has made it possible for our museum to be represented each year.

This year we were fortunate to occupy a space in the main lobby. This area allowed Will to greet and speak with people as they first entered the event. It is a good way to introduce our museum to the farming community.

CKF Yesteryear Museum informational booth

The Heritage Building suffered roof and guttering damage from the severe wind storm Salina experienced in early June. The center portion of the vinyl membrane was blown off along with the foam insulation underneath it.

Ryan's Roofing was able to inspect the damage the next day and completed repairs within three days. This included the gutter that was lost on the north part of the building.

The last part of repairs will be to replace six water stained ceiling tiles inside the building. The panels to be replaced will complete the repairs.

gutter damage

Wheat weaving sample.

We were happy to host the Kansas Straw Artists Association for a one day work session of wheat weaving in the Heritage Building.

The group of nine to twelve members meet every year at our facility to work on their craft. We look forward to seeing their creative process and the works of art they make.

They will meet here again in September to continue the tradition of wheat weaving and to exchange ideas and techniques.

The Kansas Tractor Club held its annual tractor drive hosted by the Central Kansas Flywheels. The participants started arriving at 8am to offload their tractors and register for the drive.

After a brief safety meeting, the drivers left at approximately 9am and returned at about 4pm. Eighteen drivers with different era tractors drove the route that took them west to the Culver area and back, a distance of over 35 miles.

A brief lunch was scheduled to allow for a rest and to check on the condition of both the drivers and their tractors. They were happy that no problems or breakdowns occurred during the drive.

informational and safety meeting prior to the drive in the Heritage Building

Boy Scout Troop 630 from Aurora, Colorado stayed at the museum overnight on their way home from Ozark Trail Scout Ranch in Missouri. While they were here they completed a service project of picking up tree branches that were littering the grounds from the wind storm. We are grateful for their help.

They also toured the Museum of Scouting and left very nice comments. It is always nice to be able to host visiting troops during their travels.

Isaiah Marcotte, an independent film maker based in Salina, used the Wells Church as a backdrop for a short film based on the fiery speech against slavery by John Brown. A crew of six spent an afternoon and early evening shooting scenes both inside and outside the church. The crew will return in the fall to conclude filming.

Once editing of the film is completed, Isaiah will be showing it at the Sa-

Jason Kravits of Wheatfield Productions in California sends emails about the ongoing editing of the short film "Arlene" that was shot last year also using the Wells Church. He assures us the editing process is going well and should be completed this year.

He stated he is in the process of sending out short clips to independent film festivals to hopefully have the film included in those festivals. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to more updates!

Wheatfield production crew

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