



BELLE PLAINE

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

June 1, 2022

Dear Friend,

Belle Plaine Historical / Genealogical Society annual membership renewal starts July 1. Our mission is to preserve and maintain exhibits and collections pertaining to the history of Paradise Valley and its people, with specific emphasis on the city of Belle Plaine and the surrounding townships.

The Belle Plaine Historical / Genealogical Society was established in 1998 with its main goal to establish a museum. A building was secured in 2010 with the help of the Stunkel family and donors like you.

The Museum is active in the community participating in events such as Belle Plaine's Downtown Festival, 4th of July, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. We also joined the Belle Plaine Area Chamber of Commerce in the Kansas Wheat Festival parade in recognition of Sumner County's 150th anniversary.

We completed a mural of the 150th Anniversary logo on the side of the Museum. We edited the Facts and Fables 2nd edition currently for purchase at the Museum. We are beginning to work on a 150th anniversary book.

The Historical Museum's Facebook page has grown with bits of local history shared and we started a dedicated Facebook Group "Belle Plaine History and Stories" with over 600 members sharing photos and memories.

Come join us at our monthly Historical Society meetings the 4th Thursday of the month. Please consider becoming a member or donating to help us continue to preserve Belle Plaine's story.

Here are ways you can help:

- Become a member—application enclosed
- Join us the 2nd Monday and 4th Saturday of each month to share memories and plan projects
- Donate today or create a memorial for a loved one
- Volunteer—perform research, set up displays, assist with renovations and plan education programs
- Contribute a memory or photos that may be used in the 150th anniversary book
- Donate Belle Plaine Yearbooks, class photos or historical business memorabilia to the Museum
- Support Pizza Hut fundraisers for the Museum
- Tour the Museum and purchase retail items, hats, Tom Coke books, Museum shirts, cups, notecards, 150th Anniversary shirts, and Facts and Fables, 2nd edition.
- Visit our Facebook page, like, share and follow us to see pictures, events and activities, and view our retail items for sale. Tell a friend about us.

Please consider including a gift to the Museum, our 501(c)3 status makes your donation tax deductible and helps fund educational and historical programs. The Museum operates completely on donations, memorials, fundraisers, sale of retail items and membership dues to meet expenses of utilities, renovations, maintenance, and insurance.

We appreciate your continued support and membership. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Sandy Beaman, President

Deborah Waggoner, Vice-President

Annette Simpson, Secretary

Teresa Heater, Treasurer

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BELLE PLAINE HISTORICAL/GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

You can help preserve the Heritage of Paradise Valley.

A membership in the Belle Plaine Historical/Genealogical Society is a great idea. When you purchase a membership, or purchase a gift membership for someone, you are also giving an important gift to the community. With your membership, you help support the Historical Society as well as a variety of projects aimed at preserving a rich and lasting heritage.

Show your support and help preserve the rich heritage of Belle Plaine, by choosing Individual or Family Memberships or by providing a donation. Our 501(c)3 status makes your donation tax deductible.

Join us at the BELLE PLAINE HISTORICAL/GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meetings at 7:00pm on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Museum (204 West 5th Ave).

BECOME A MEMBER OR GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are you interested in volunteering?

Annual Membership

_____ Individual \$12.50

_____ Family \$20

_____ Business \$25

Donation

\$ _____

Is this a gift or donation? In the name of _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____