



# HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

FALL NEWSLETTER 2018



Quarter 3, 2018

## Museum Hours

Monday – Closed for Cleaning  
Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Thursday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

## Admission Rates

Members – FREE  
Children under 12 months – FREE  
Children (1 yr – 13 yrs) – \$8.00  
Adults (14 to 59) – \$7.00  
Senior Citizens – (60+) \$6.00

## Membership Rates

Family\*-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month  
Grandparents\*-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month  
Patron\*-\$125 for one year | \$14 a month  
Daycare\*-\$102 for one year | \$11 a month  
Day Care Center Plus-\$192 for one year | \$20 a month  
Sharing and Caring Scholarship -\$12 for one year (Income Guidelines apply)  
\*Add Plus Two -\$12 more for one year | \$1 a month

# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Traci Winscot, KACM Executive Director



I love fall. Do you? The trees, the weather, the football– all just makes you want to enjoy the beautiful outdoors! Speaking of outdoors, have you had a chance to partake in our Little Sprouts Outdoor Classroom yet? We opened it one year ago (time flies!) and it's been fun to see families and camp kiddos building sand castles, playing in the aggregate pit, and hopping, skipping, and jumping on the tree trunk inspired stepping stones. I encourage you to check it out if you haven't already.

You know we are always up to something at the museum so this time we decided to host some fun for parents. Let us introduce Couples Trivia Night! In partnership with our monthly Kids Night Out, we are providing a fun activity for the parents too. Drop the kids off at the museum and bring your significant other down to The Rustic Patch for a night of 80's-themed-trivia, food, & drinks. I encourage you to register soon, even though the event isn't until November 9, as it's just open for 20 couples!

*Traci Winscot*  
Executive Director

## COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT + KIDS NIGHT OUT

NOVEMBER 9

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& First National Bank

WINNING TEAM  
WILL RECEIVE A  
ONE-NIGHT HOTEL  
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TICKETS/SWAG!



### COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us at The Rustic Patch for adult-only food & fun from 6:15pm to 8:45pm.

**Cost of event:**  
? \$40/couple includes hors d'oeuvres & 80's themed trivia (BYOB) 

**Package Deal:**  
 \$60/couple also includes 2 child admission to Kids Night Out at the Museum

**When you are finalizing your check-out, use the code MEM if you're a member, NONM if you're a non-member to receive the package deal pricing.**

### KIDS NIGHT OUT AT THE MUSEUM

The kiddos can have a blast at KACM from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

**Cost of event:**  
✋ \$15 member child/\$20 nonmember child

## Volunteer Spotlight

*Jenna Rice*

### Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I started off volunteering because volunteer hours were needed for one of my social work classes at UNK. However, after volunteering at Kids Night Out and the big Christmas program, I realized I couldn't just stop coming after I met the required hours. I have so much fun with the kids and this is one place I get to get away from the college life and enjoy the world of make believe!

### What is your advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?

You just need to do it! It's so easy to get involved! The museum has so many programs every month and special holiday programs. If you need it for school or just to get experience working with kids, it's really a great opportunity.



### Why is the museum vital to our community?

I would say the museum is vital to the community because it gives kids a place to play and interact with others like no other establishment in town. All of the different sections of the museum have some sort of learning element that can teach the kids a little bit more about building, housing, grocery shopping, and even how to take care of pets! It also seems like a great thing for parents because with some of the programs, like Kids Night Out, it gives them a date night to themselves.

## Member Spotlight

*Jeff & Melissa Wells  
Drew (6) & John (3)*

### What do children learn at the museum?

Children learn how to have fun while gaining valuable life skills like sharing, leaving an area nicer than how they found it, and respect. Throughout the museum, they also gain critical thinking, empathy, and countless other skills.

### How does the museum help your family?

The museum provides our family with a safe place to have year-round fun no matter the weather. We can come for 30 minutes or stay hours and our children can explore, build, and craft alone or with others. It is our go-to choice for play and meeting new or existing friends. The staff is very caring to our children and encourages them throughout their exploration. Our kids especially love the renovated Lego area and train depot.



### Why is the museum vital to our community?

According to our oldest Drew, 6, the museum is a place to have fun and play. He couldn't be more right. Play is not only fun, but it's also powerful. Children learn social skills here, the museum encourages creativity, families spend quality time together, and children also learn about community and what it means to be an active member in their community.

# KACM's First Major Exhibit...



Did you know that almost 30 years ago the Kearney Area Children's Museum board of directors purchased its first major exhibit and it was a hot air balloon? To pay tribute to our history and courageous founders, we had the balloon restored and now it's proudly placed in our Science Zone.

To help cover the cost of the restoration process, the museum received funds from the Baldwin Foundation and the Kearney Lottery Trust Fund. Signs & Shapes International out of Omaha, NE brought our treasure back to life. (Fun fact: Signs & Shapes creates many of the Macy's Day Parade floats!)

Once it is complete, children will be able to press a button and watch the balloon fill up with air and rise into the ceiling!



## 2018

### Board of Directors

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### Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot  
 Jennifer Beck  
 Radhika Thapaliya

### Museum Part-Time Staff

Brin, Chloe, Joni, Taylor, Nic, Ashley,  
 Emily, Katerina, Paul

## FÜN FACTS

- ♦ Dogs sweat from the paws of their feet and their noses.
- ♦ "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- ♦ The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- ♦ Sneezing with your eyes open is impossible.
- ♦ Most of the dust in your home is actually dead skin! Yuck!

# What have we been up to the past 3 months?



# New Staff Members

*We have some new friendly faces at the Museum this semester!*

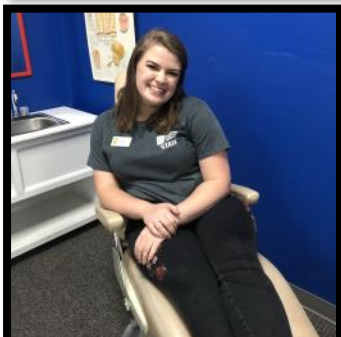


Katerina

**Favorite Food:** Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo

**Desired College Plans:** to attend the Creative Center in Omaha

**Something she's scared of:** Spiders!



Emily

**Favorite Food:** Avocados

**Current UNK Major:** Family Studies

**Something she's scared of:** Spiders!



Nic

**Favorite Food:** Chicken Nuggets

**Desired College Plans:** to major in Elementary Education

**Something he's scared of:** Spiders!

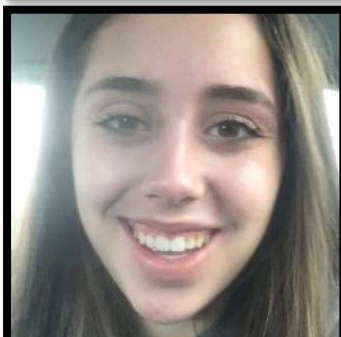


Ashley

**Favorite Food:** Strawberries

**Desired College Plans:** to major in Elementary Education/  
Secondary Education

**Something she's scared of:** Snakes!



Taylor

**Favorite Food:** Homemade Tacos

**Desired College Plans:** Forensic Science Anthropology

**Something she's scared of:** Snakes!



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*Thank you!*



## A Season of Thanks

Summer time has come and gone and the signs of Fall are upon us. It's time to bring out the cozy sweaters, make soup in the crock pot, and sip on some warm mugs of apple cider. As we all transition into a new season, let us slow down our evenings and create space for thankfulness. After all, we're almost to the end of 2018 (can you believe it) and these last few months are perfect for adjusting our hearts and minds to be aware of the blessings.

### Thankfulness Tidbits

- ♦ Turn off the TV and all electronic devices during meal time. Talk about blessings in your life and ask questions that are outside the ordinary "how was your day" and encourage conversation.
  - What made you happy today?
  - How did you help someone today?
  - Share one way you can change the world.
- ♦ Set aside time each week to enjoy each others company without any outside distractions or commitments.



**Jennifer Beck**  
Director of Community Engagement



## Brainstorm Box

It's always a good time to give back to others, but as we enter into this Fall season let's give back!

What are some ways your family can give back to the community these next few months?

Ideas: donate clothes or canned food, make Fall cards for a local nursing home or for the those at the Veterans home.



# Fall Into Fun and Great Deals

## Birthday Party Time

Fall is here, that means cool weather is on our way. Are you looking for a warm, cozy place that is loaded with fun activities for children for their birthday party? If so, Kearney Area Children's Museum will be a perfect spot for you. With more than 20 exhibits and a large party room, we will be your go-to destination for your kiddos birthday party. Prices are \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members for All Day Play and \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members for After Hour option. Book your party today!



## Gift Shop Highlights

Check out new items in our gift shop! From fun coloring books and pads to awesome learning mats, our gift shop is full of activities for children ranging from 0 to 11 years old. Remember members get 10% discount on all gift shop items!

If you haven't signed up for our membership yet or need to renew it, this is the right time. Please visit us at our website [kearneychildrensmuseum.org](http://kearneychildrensmuseum.org) for more information on membership and birthday parties.



**Radhika Thapaliya**  
Operations Manager



## Check out these NEW events!

**Join us!**

**Oh, the Things You Can Be!**

**Career Day**

Sponsored by: **NEST<sub>529</sub>**  
COLLEGE SAVINGS

**October 7, 2018**  
**1 - 5 p.m.**  
**Kearney Area Children's Museum**

Career Day is an afternoon of learning and inspiration, with activities that encourage children to learn about and imagine themselves in different careers. Professionals from the community will have interactive activities and a photo booth will allow children to dress up and "try out" different careers.

**Kearney Area Children's Museum**  
The Alia Arram Memorial Building | 5827 4th Ave. Kearney NE 68845

**COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT + KIDS NIGHT OUT**

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# BOO!-SEUM



## Admission

\$6 - Member Child

\$3 - Member Adult

\$10- Non-Member Child

\$5 - Non-Member Adult

1 year old & younger are FREE

ACTIVITY STATIONS, 2  
HAUNTED HOUSES, AND  
SPECIAL TRICKS & TREATS!

Thursday, October 25, 2018  
5:30-8:00pm

Dinner available for \$3 per person

## EXCLUSIVE HAUNTED HOUSE ACCESS

Experience our spooky haunted house  
on Friday evening! This haunted house is  
geared towards 7 years old and up.

Are you a scaredy-cat?!

Friday, October 26, 2018  
7:00-10:00pm

Great for  
TWEENS!

NEW!

Admission at the door

\$5/person

\$20/family



**We are excited to partner with Funtastic!**



KEARNEY AREA  
children's  
museum



INTRODUCING

## *Membership Monday*

SHOW YOUR KACM MEMBERSHIP CARD AT FUNTASTIC ON MONDAYS  
AND YOUR ADMISSION IS ONLY \$6/PERSON!



**Also, don't forget to show your card at  
Raising Canes EVERY time you eat!**

**HELP  
SUPPORT THE**



KEARNEY AREA  
children's  
museum

Show your membership card when ordering, and **20%** of your  
purchase will be donated to the Kearney Area Children's Museum

**VALID JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31**

















Raising Cane's  
2nd Ave. & W. 38th St.  
Kearney, NE





# October 2018

## Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Mon: Closed</b> <b>Tues: 10-5</b> <b>Wed: 10-5</b> <b>Thurs: 10-8</b> <b>Fri: 10-5</b> <b>Sat: 10-5</b> <b>Sun: 1-5</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>Membership Monday</b> Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	<b>2</b> <b>National Custodial Worker Recognition Day!</b> Thank those who keep our schools and workplaces running smoothly!	<b>3</b>  <b>Morning Mingle</b> 9:00-10:00am Members Only <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Kooky &amp; Spooky!</b> Make It & Take It Classes Littles 3:45-4:30, \$5 Juniors 4:30-5:15, \$10	<b>5</b> <b>Friday Activity</b> Silly-Face Pumpkins in Art	<b>6</b>  Show your membership card when ordering, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Kearney Area Children's Museum! Valid at: Raising Cane's 2nd Ave. & W. 38th St., Kearney Valid From: January-December 31, 2018
<b>7</b>  <b>"Oh, the Things You Can Be" Career Day</b> 1:00-5:00 pm at KACM Join us for extra activities and fun career professionals!	<b>8</b>  <b>Membership Monday</b> Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	<b>9</b> <b>National Stinky Cheese Day!</b> Maytag blue, Roquefort, Brie, bleu, camembert, gorgonzola, this day is celebrated today.	<b>10</b> <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Kooky &amp; Spooky!</b> Make It & Take It Classes Littles 3:45-4:30, \$5 Juniors 4:30-5:15, \$10	<b>12</b> <b>Friday Activity</b> Build a Haunted House in LEGO Area Kids Night Out at KACM! 6:00-8:00pm, Ages 3-12 \$10 Members \$15 Non Members	<b>20</b> <b>Saturday Activity</b> 10:30-11:30 Free with general admission and for members Provided by our local Girl Scouts
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Membership Monday</b> Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	<b>16</b> <b>National Boss's Day!</b> Thank your boss for their leadership today!	<b>17</b> <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Free Family Fun Night</b> 4:00-8:00 pm October Fun! 	<b>19</b> <b>Friday Activity</b> Creepy Spider Crawl through KidsFit	<b>27</b>  <b>Friday Fright!</b> Haunted House Open at KACM 7:00-10:00pm \$5/person \$20/family up to 6
<b>21</b>  <b>Holiday Inn</b> Booked a room at the Holiday Inn? Bring in your room key to receive \$3 off your total admission price! Are you a Museum Member? When booking a room at the Holiday Inn mention the Kearney Area Children's Museum and get 10% off their best available rate!	<b>22</b>  <b>Membership Monday</b> Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	<b>23</b> <b>National TV Talk Show Host Day!</b> It's also Johnny Carson's Birthday!	<b>24</b> <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>25</b> <b>BOO!-seum</b> 5:30-8:00pm \$6 Member Child \$3 Member Adult \$10 Non Member Child \$5 Non Member Adult \$0 1 year and younger Dinner \$3/person Cotton Candy \$5/bag	<b>26</b> <b>Friday Fright!</b> Haunted House Open at KACM 7:00-10:00pm \$5/person \$20/family up to 6	<b>27</b>  <b>Friday Fright!</b> Haunted House Open at KACM 7:00-10:00pm \$5/person \$20/family up to 6
<b>29</b>  <b>Membership Monday</b> Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	<b>30</b> <b>National Candy Corn Day!</b> Do you like candy corn or candy pumpkins?	<b>31</b>  <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Wacky Fact Wednesday!</b>	<b>PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!</b>	<b>Couples Only Trivia Night!</b> November 9 @ The Rustic Patch 6:15-8:45 \$40/couple includes hors d'oeuvres & trivia (BYOB) Package Deal: \$60/couple also includes 2 child admission to Kids Night Out at the Museum Kids Night Out at the Museum November 9 from 6:00-9:00pm - Extended Time! \$15 Members, \$20 Non Members	<b>27</b>  <b>Friday Fright!</b> Haunted House Open at KACM 7:00-10:00pm \$5/person \$20/family up to 6