

KACM CHRONICLE

Quarterly Newsletter - Issue 17



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Happy Spring!

WHAT'S NEW

We are always changing things up to keep things fresh, engaging, and educational! We are excited to share what's new and upcoming at KACM!

GRATEFUL

It truly takes a community to keep our museum running for children and their families. We have so much love for our community and all our supporters for their giving hearts.

PROGRAMS

There are so many options for your children to get involved at KACM. From virtual activities to our many camps, there are many fun activities to choose from!

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Traci Winscot, Executive Director

First, we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you navigate through this uncertain time with your families. It has been a blessing to see how the community, and nation, have stepped up and shared new ways of keeping the "normalcy" alive.

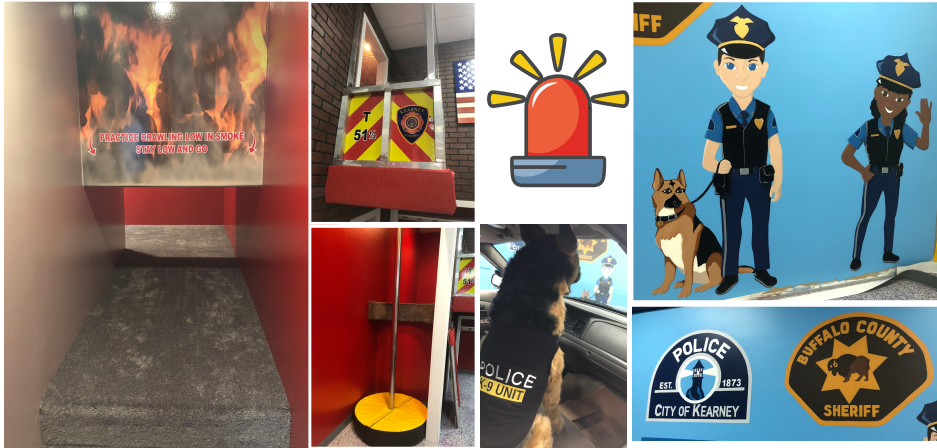
Here at KACM we are continuing to share beneficial resources to our children and families. Whether that's going 'Live' on our Facebook page with a llama hunt around the museum, showcasing educational, yet simple, at-home activities families can do together, or recording what we've been working on while you're away- we are here to help. We are also spreading Easter cheer by creating EGGstravaganza in a Bag - a family Easter experience! I encourage you to stay up-to-date with all of our "new" happenings on our Facebook page. We'll see you soon! :)



WHAT'S NEW: PUBLIC SAFETY EXHIBIT

Our museum strives to create quality, hands-on, educational experiences for children through our many exhibit spaces. It takes a lot of planning, funding, time and hard work to see a vision come to be a reality. With 50,000+ people enjoying our museum each year we know our exhibits are being loved by many which, as you can imagine, creates a lot of wear on items in our exhibits.

We are excited to announce that Public Safety is near its completion! With the help of our local Fire & Police Departments, Public Safety is evolving into a space for crime solving and being a community helper. Check out the new carpeted safety crawl and wall space painted by Kim Dart!



Stay low when there is smoke!
Slide down the fire pole!
Stand in the bucket on top of the ladder!

Meet Officer Garrels and Officer Caudillo!
K-9 Officer Bane is ready for duty and sits patiently in the police car.

DEEP CLEANING, SANITIZING, PAINTING, YOU NAME IT!

We may not be temporarily closed to the public due to COVID-19, but you can guarantee we are making the museum EVEN BETTER for the next time you come visit us!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jeff & Melissa Wells

Drew (7). John (4)



How does the museum help your family?

The museum is more than a place of play. It is a destination for exploration, creativity, and discovery. Children learn about community here and what it means to be an engaged member. It is also a resource for parents and schools.

The museum provides a safe environment for kiddos, year-round regardless of the weather.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

Children learn valuable life skills here like the importance of sharing, leaving an area nicer than when they found it, and respect for themselves and others.

What do children learn at the museum?

The museum is our go to choice in Kearney for meeting existing or new friends. We can come for 30 minutes or stay for hours and our children can explore, build, or craft alone or with others. The staff is very kind and encourages our kids throughout their exploration or next LEGO build.



GRATEFUL

by Jennifer Beck, Director of Community Engagement

Here at KACM, we are so very grateful to be a part of an amazing community! Over the past few weeks we have seen people in our community embrace each other through the hard. Whether it's been placing teddy bears in our windows, covering sidewalks with beautiful chalk art or utilizing social media to reach our friends and family, I have seen an increase in connection.

It looks like we are getting back to what really matters and taking the time to make connections of the heart.

During this time, I encourage you to be grateful. If you are finding your life to be full of blessings consider sharing them with a friend...but make sure to wash your hands first.

Keep smiling friends!



TREASURE CHEST

Speaking of being grateful, we would like to send a special THANK YOU for all those who donated to KACM during the 13th Annual Treasure Chest event this year. We had 215 guests attend and that's our highest number yet! We hope you had a blast and make sure you Save the Date for 2021: February 13, 2021 - Valentine's Date Night!

Total raised during Treasure Chest 2020: \$20,485
WOW! Thank You!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Emily DeVall
Teacher Scholars Academy
Coordinator
UNK College of Education



Why do your students choose to volunteer at the museum?

The students at UNK who are part of the Teacher Scholars Academy love the opportunity to volunteer with our youth at the children's museum.

They are able to have hands on experiences and build relationships with staff and children at the museum. All of our students are majoring in education at UNK. There are various activities they are able to volunteer at the museum and pending their interest level and availability they are eager to assist with. We are very thankful to help out at the children's museum and are always anticipating their next opportunity.

What do students learn volunteering at KACM?

Students learn responsibility, youth development, and assisting with activities put on by the children's museum.



BOARD MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT

We are truly blessed to have people on our board that are passionate about seeing the museum grow in its mission. As always, the board has been supportive this quarter. We are incredibly grateful to have such dedicated people on our team!

THANK YOU! Your support is truly appreciated!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MUSEUM STAFF

2020 Board of Directors

Amy Kuchera, President
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 Ashley Ott
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 Timaree Smith
 Jennifer Harris
 Christy Margritz
 Robyn Kendle
 Mindy Ullman
 Joni Jensen
 Carly Weber

KACM STAFF UPDATE



JESSICA JOHNSON

Operations Manager

We'd like to introduce you to our new Operations Manager, Jessica Johnson!

Jessica enjoys spending time with her husband, Jacob and their children Bianca, Elijah, and Mya. Her favorite food is sushi but she also enjoys great Mexican food! Her favorite museum exhibit is our Science area while her children love our Little Sprouts Market. One of her hobbies is to draw and paint. Jessica is looking forward to incorporating her artistic ideas into the museum and getting involved in the community. She is also excited to meet all of our members and guests.

Please introduce yourself on your next visit!

Our staff are simply the BEST and we are so appreciative of their hard work, fun spirits, and devotion to helping children have a great time.

Jessica Johnson has recently started a board in our back room where employees can leave compliments and words of affirmation for staff to read! Dubbed the "Affirmation Station" by Jennifer Beck, the board showcases all of the amazing work by the staff, from the staff. We are so lucky to have such dedicated people in our museum!



Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
 Executive Director

Jennifer Beck
 Director of Community Engagement

Jessica Johnson
 Operations Manager

Part Time Staff

Chloe
 Nic
 Ashley
 Katerina
 Emily
 Taylor
 Alisha
 Claremarie
 Sarah W.
 Sarah K.
 Paul
 Bailey
 Logan

HOW CAN I SUPPORT KACM DURING THIS TIME?

KACM still has some fun activities happening! We truly appreciate your support during this uncertain time for all. We are more than ready to have our doors open and our museum filled with family engagement!



KACM is Closed Until Further Notice



EGGSTRAVAGANZA IN A BAG
Now through April 9th

Looking for a fun way to bring a little bit of our EGG-stravaganza event to your home? We have prepared special kits to help you celebrate by having your own egg hunt! Each "Eggstravaganza in a Bag" includes 10 filled plastic eggs, and Easter craft project, and some coloring pages.



PLAYHOUSE RAFFLE
Now through June 18th

Purchase tickets for our Playhouse Raffle and this adorable house could be yours!

KEARNEY'S EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE
All Spring!

Get creative with supplies you have at home by designing your own "happiness eggs" and hanging them for your neighbors to see! Join the Facebook group- Kearney's EGG-cellent Adventure!

We still have fun things happening!



CLICK ON THE ITEMS BELOW TO SEND YOU DIRECTLY TO THE LINK!

[EGGSTRAVAGANZA IN A BAG](#)

[PLAYHOUSE RAFFLE](#)

[KEARNEY'S EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE](#)

[LIVE WITH MS. JENN- WEEK DAYS AT 11:00 AM](#)

[DONATE TO KACM](#)

[RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND GET AN ADDITIONAL MONTH FREE!](#)

DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS?



★★★★★

FIRST PLACE
KID FRIENDLY/FAMILY PLACE
RUNNER-UP
BIRTHDAY PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



ANNUAL EVENTS

*Mark your calendars
for these 2020 events!*

"EGG-stravaganza in a Bag" - Easter fun at home!
Purchase online now until April 9

Happy Birthday KACM in honor of Alia Arram
Thursday, May 21, 5:15pm - 7:00pm
(paired with a Free Family Fun Night)

Storybook Walk
Friday, June 19, 5:30pm-6:30pm at Yanney Heritage Park

Roadway Heroes
Saturday, August 8, 10am-12:30pm at Buffalo County Fairgrounds

LEGO Home-Building Competition
Friday, September 18, 6:00 pm

BOO!-seum
Thursday, October 29, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 5, 8:00am-11:00am at Buffalo County
Fairgrounds

*The Museum will be **CLOSED**
on the following holidays*

Memorial Day	Independence Day
Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Morning Mingle - *Members Only*
First Wednesday of each month from 9:00-10:00am

Free Family Fun Nights
Third Thursday of each month from 4:00-8:00pm

Kids Night Out at the Museum
Second Friday of each month from 6:00-8:30pm
Some run until 9pm if paired with Adult Trivia Nights

CAMPS

No School Camps
Follows KPS no school days, held from 8:00am-3:00pm

Summer Camps - NEW DAY ADDED! - Registration Open!
Tuesdays & Fridays from 8:00-3:00pm
Camp Extensions offered for purchase from 3:00-5:00pm for each camp.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



On Member Mondays at Funtastic
show your membership card and
enjoy \$6 admission.



Staying at the Holiday Inn?
Bring your room key and show at
the front desk to get \$3 off your
admission.

Are you a KACM Member?
Book a room at the Kearney
Holiday Inn and receive 10% off
their best available rate when you
mention the Keanrey Area
Children's Museum!



Show your KACM membership
card at time of purchase and 15% of
the proceeds will benefit the
museum!



Show your KACM membership
card at the Big Apple M-F for \$4.99
for wristbands to Ballocity and
Minigolf. No limit number of kids!
You save 50% every time you show
your card!

MUSEUM INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - CLOSED
 Tuesday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Wednesday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Thursday - 10:00am-8:00pm
 Friday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Sunday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

ADMISSION PRICES

Children (12 months-12): \$8
 Adults (Age 13 and up): \$7
 Seniors: \$6
 Children under 12 months: \$0

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your birthday with the Kearney Area Children's Museum!

We have two different packages for you to choose from, with everything your child and guests need to have a great time. We offer All Day Play and After Hours Celebrations (And an exclusive offer from Raising Canes)! Contact KACM for more information!

Contact us for questions about membership or to purchase one. Tax not included in above prices.

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Family Membership: \$90	Grandparents Membership: \$90
Family Plus Two Membership: \$102	Grandparents Plus Two Membership: \$102
Patron Membership: \$125	Daycare Membership: \$102
Patron Plus Two Membership: \$137	Daycare Plus Two Membership: \$192

Sharing & Caring Membership: \$12
-qualifications required to apply for this membership

GIFT SHOP

We just received a NEW SHIPMENT of Melissa & Doug items! Visit KACM to play, then stop by our gift shop on the way out to continue the play at home! There are exclusive deals for members and nonmembers. Come to our front desk and ask us what the deals are today!



MOTIVATION MONDAY

Encourage someone today!
 Do you have a favorite motivational quote?

THEMED TUESDAY

Pick a fun theme and incorporate it into your daily activities!

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Did you know...?
 Pick a topic and research a new fact about it!

TURN IT UP THURSDAY

Turn up the music!
 Get your bodies moving with a dance-off!

FANCY FRIDAY

It's the weekend!
 Time to celebrate by wearing something that makes you feel good!

Playhouse Raffle 2020



Raffle Ticket Prices

1 for \$10
 5 for \$40

- Purchase on our website or at the museum anytime!
- Drawing will be held on Thursday, June 18 during our Free Family Fun Night
- Sponsored by Kearney Noon Kiwanis!

You do not need to be present to win

Thank you to Kearney Noon Kiwanis for donating and building the playhouse!



Kearney Area Children's Museum
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