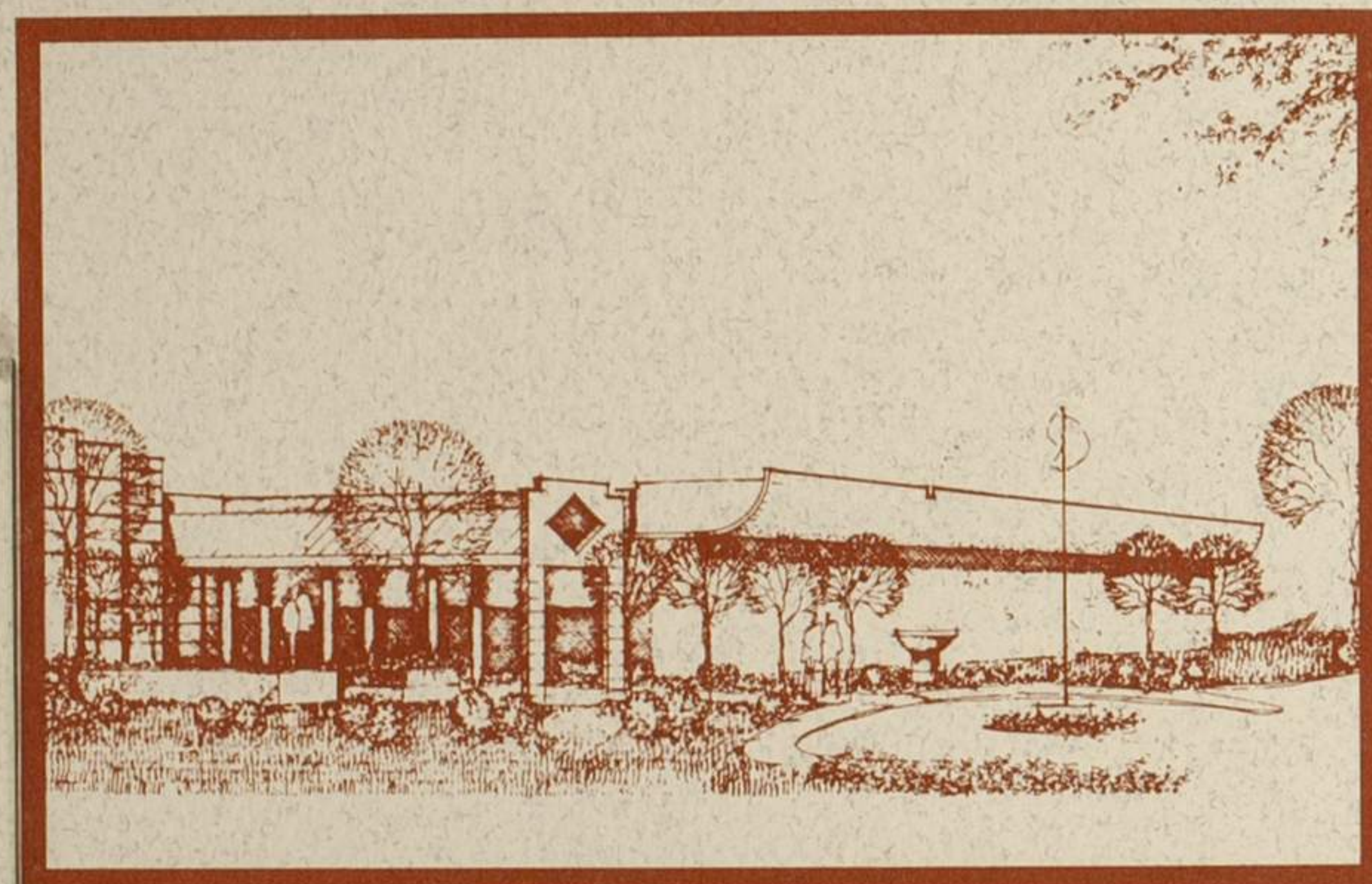


Expansion of the Wyandotte County Museum Complex is an ongoing concern among its members. Through time, all growing museums must develop additional storage and exhibit spaces in their efforts to maintain quality collections and to provide adequate care for those items left in their trust. Just as a successful business expands to fit its assets, so must a museum adjust to its increasing number of artifacts. Unlike private businesses, most museums are non-profit institutions which rely heavily upon donations for their existence. The Wyandotte County Museum needs your support to serve you.



History is not a tangible product nor can it be marketed or sold but the records of the past enhance our lives in ways that cannot be measured in monetary terms. The story of where we began, our triumphs and failures and our sense of identity as individuals, communities and as a nation can be told through artifacts. Chairs, hats, toys and tools saved from the past can be as enlightening to the student of history as books. But books and artifacts need homes where they will be appreciated and cared for. The Wyandotte County Museum wants you to help us care for your past because we think your descendants in the next century would be proud that you did.

I would like to make a special contribution for the care of the collections and the building expansion and have enclosed the amount of \$ _____.

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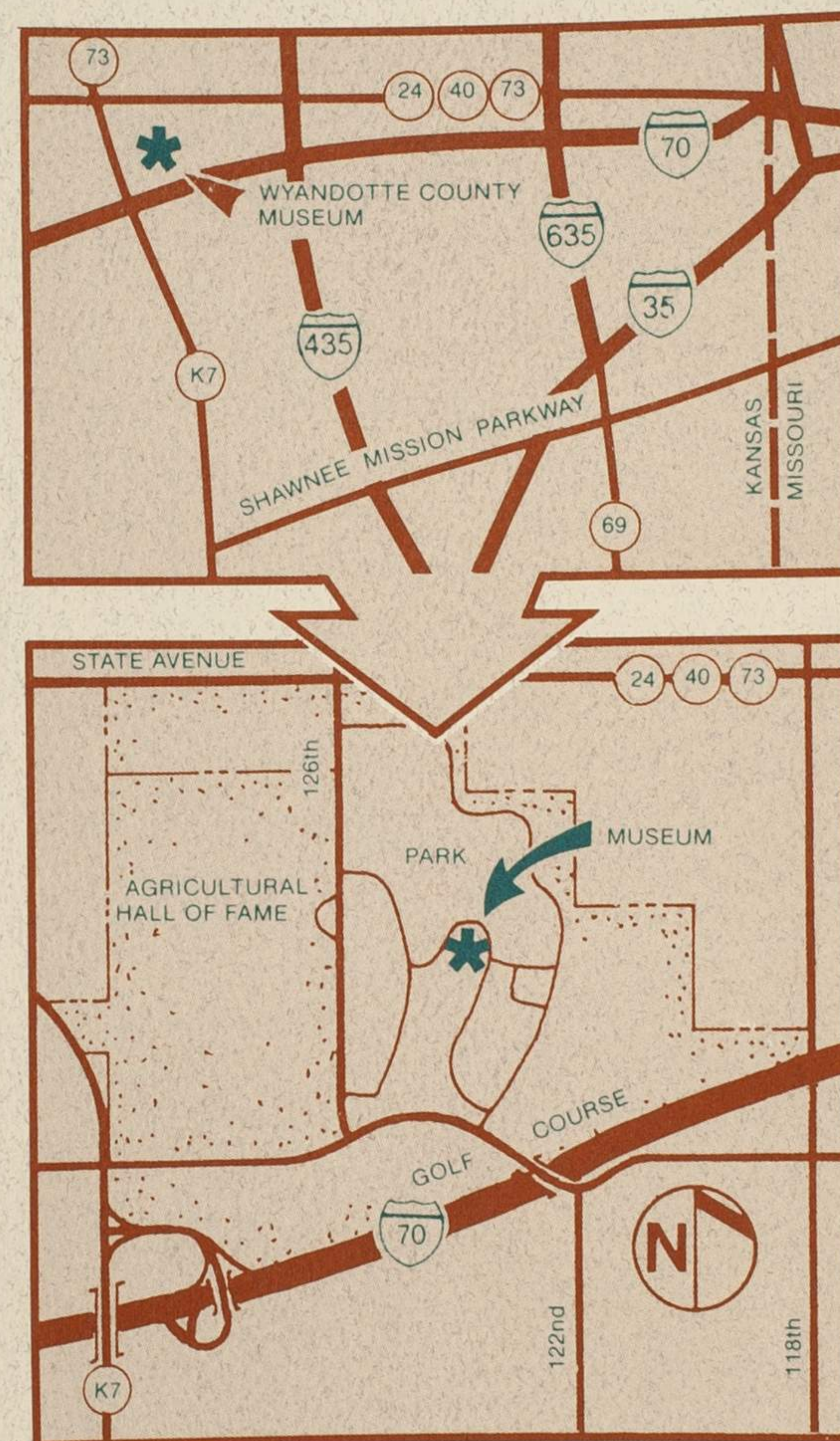


The Wyandotte County Historical Society was founded in 1889 by local residents who sought to erect markers on specific places of historic significance. These endeavors continued exclusively through volunteer efforts, and in 1955, the Society became the sponsor of the Wyandotte County Museum. The Museum building has been completed in sections. With the help of county funds, construction began on the first section in 1962. The second and third sections followed, and by 1975, a fourth section was completed giving the Society approximately 7,800 square feet of building space, which is used for membership programs and activities as well as storage, research and exhibit areas for artifacts. In 1991, plans were developed for a fifth expansion of approximately 4,000 square feet. When completed, this will provide much needed space to exhibit stored artifacts, including the Harry M. Trowbridge archaeological collection.

Donations of artifacts, photographs, books and other relevant materials are vital to our continual progress as an educational resource. All donations are tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged. Financial support from individuals, businesses, foundations and institutions is warmly welcomed.

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OUR LOGO

Contained in our logo are objects from our collections surrounded by the unending circle of life.

Bisecting the circle is a Native American ceremonial pipe, sometimes called the peace pipe.

The buffalo skull is prominent because this animal provided the primary economic base for the Indians of the Kaw Valley river basin for millenniums before the white man came.

Symbolic of the diversity of Wyandotte County cultures is the Prairie Basket quilt pattern, with Strawberries from Strawberry Hill, Irish Shamrocks, French fleur-de-lis, Indian arrowheads and other symbols representative of our mosaic heritage.

The beautiful old fire engine has been central to our collection for many years. It represents the urban way of life which came with the European, African American and Hispanic settlers who developed Wyandotte County.

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