# The Overland Post

***Overland Trail Museum Current Events Newsletter***

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## THE MUSEUM IN DECEMBER

### A MUSEUM WINTER WONDERLAND

As fall changes to winter, the Overland Trail Museum is getting ready for the Holiday and Christmas Season. Lights and decorations are going up across the museum grounds in preparation for the different museum events happening in the month of December. On November 18, with the help of volunteers, such as The Busy Bees, Flatlanders Car Club, the Local 4H group, and volunteer families, the museum hosted "The Hanging of the Greens" where these groups and individuals helped decorate different museum buildings.





The 4H kids decorated Bison Hill and the Karg Barn as well as setting up trees in the High Plains Education Center. The museum staff was thrilled to see the young 4H kids enjoying their time decorating the barn, the hill, and the different trees they set up in the High Plains Education Center. Meanwhile, the "Busy Bees" busied themselves with decorating the stairs coming out of the Hamill building turning the staircase into a festive decoration for the museum. Marilyn Hutt, and Lana Tramp helped to decorate the Dailey Cash Store.



The Anthony Family volunteered to decorate the Stoney Buttes Schoolhouse and Chelsea Taylor worked on decorating the O'Connell House. The Flatlanders Car Club (who generously provided the funds for the chili and cinnamon rolls served for lunch) joined in as well, decorating the Conoco Filling Station. Thanks to these volunteers the Overland Trail Museum has been thoroughly decorated for the season and is ready for guests to come and enjoy the decorations.

# WARTIME SONGS THROUGH THE YEARS






To honor those who served, and those who continue to serve, the Overland Trail Museum hosted a Veteran's Day concert the evening of November 13, 2023. Professional singer and voice teacher, Sarah L. Davis presented songs of note from the military history of the United States. Members of the VFW greeted guests as they arrived and at the beginning of the program gave a flag presentation as well as the singing of the National Anthem. Ms. Davis was accompanied by pianist Elsie Fetzer, tenor David Chrisp, and piccoloist Dylan Kaiser as they presented songs from the different eras of American history.

During the performance, there was also several readings by veterans local to the area, including Erin Butler, Senior Airman U.S. Airforce; Ken Hazlitt, Master Sergeant; and Jeff Rice, Combat Radio Operator.The readings included such works as "Here Dead we Lie," "The Life That I Have," and "Dirge for Two Veterans." The money raised that night, as well as Ms. Davis' fee were donated to the Sterling VFW to further their programs.

# Upcoming Events

## Coming up at the Museum

***You won't want to miss our fun and festive December programs and events!***

Take a **step back in time** as you stroll through our beautifully decorated grounds and buildings while enjoying music, roasted chestnuts, cookies and cider and more! Bundle up, invite your friends and come out and celebrate the season with us!

**All Christmas events are offered FREE of charge!**

**Blue Santa ~ Saturday, December 2 ~ Noon-3:00**

Join the Sterling Police Department & the Logan County Sheriffs Department for a visit with Blue Santa!
Finger-print kits, cookies & cocoa plus fun activities throughout the museum!
*In place of admission, please bring a donation of non-perishable food to be donated to Cooperating Ministries of Sterling.*

## Christmas on the Prairie Open House

**December 4, 11, 18 & 21 ~ 5-7 pm**

**Monday, December 4 ~** Come take a ride on **Santa's firetruck**

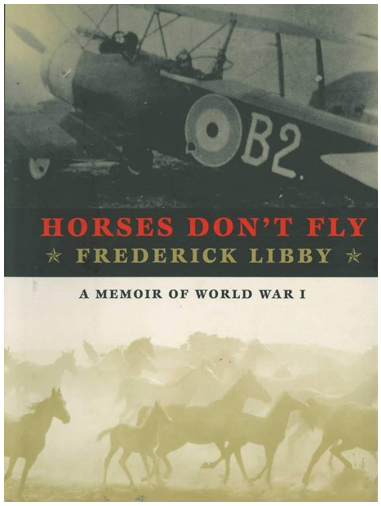
**Monday, December 11 ~** *"The Sounds of Christmas"*
Local church choirs will lead you in song in the HPEC

**Monday, December 18 ~** *"A Taste of Christmas"*
Local bakers will be offering up bite size Christmas treats!

**Thursday, December 21 ~** *Red Lantern Christmas Tour*
Gather at the side gate entrance and listen to the Red Lantern Christmas story while touring the museum by lantern light!

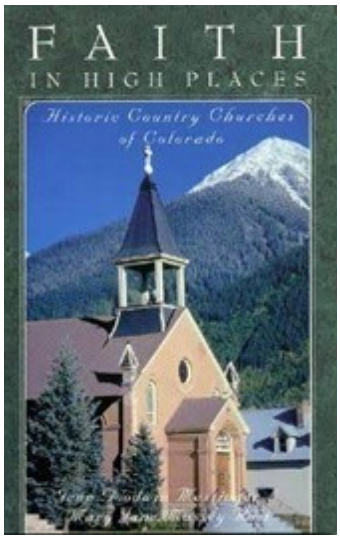
# Logan County Historical Society Gift Shop

**Horses Don't Fly: A Memoir of World War I** ***$19.95***




"From breaking wild horses in Colorado to fighting the Red Baron's squadrons in the skies over France, here in his own words is the true story of a forgotten American hero: the cowboy who became our first ace and the first pilot to fly the American colors over enemy lines.Growing up on a ranch in Sterling, Colorado, Frederick Libby mastered the cowboy arts of roping, punching cattle, and taming horses. Once he even roped an antelope. As a young man he exercised his skills in the mountains and on the ranges of Arizona and New Mexico as well as the Colorado prairie. When World War I broke out, he found himself in Calgary, Alberta, and joined the Canadian army. In France, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps as an "observer," the gunner in a two-person biplane. Told in a modest, self-deprecating, and often humorous voice in a pure American vernacular, Horses Don't Fly is, as Winston Groom notes in his introduction, "not only an important piece of previously unpublished history [but] a gripping and uplifting story to read."

**Faith In High Places: Historic Country Churches of Colorado** ***$16.95***




In Addition to majestic mountain and colorful terrain, Colorado's landscapes are scattered with rural and small-town churches. This book is filled with little-known historical anecdotes about the structures, the people, and places associated with them, and the colorful, often heroic, itinerant preachers who brought religion to the frontier.

Color and black and white photographs reveal a surprising multi-ethnic character of early Colorado. Faith in High Places fills an otherwise undocumented niche in Colorado history.

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The Logan County Historical Society will be holding their next meeting on December 11th which will be a Christmas dinner. The dinner will be at the Christ United Methodist Church at 6:30 PM for members. To make a reservation, please call 970-522-6562 by December 7th

# What to do at the Museum




## *LET US RESEARCH FOR YOU!*

**We are always taking research requests! Please call (970)522-3895 to speak with a museum staff member.**

## FACILITY RENTALS

ANNIVERSARY PARTIES, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, BRIDAL SHOWERS, BUSINESS MEETINGS, FAMILY REUNIONS, GRADUATION PARTIES, HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, RECEPTIONS, RETIREMENTS, & WEDDINGS

**OUR 2023 CALENDAR IS BOOKING UP QUICKLY!**

**CALL THE MUSEUM TO BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT!**




Talking Trail takes you beyond the information found on a sign, it connects you with a whole story.

All for Free!!!!

**EXPLORE *the museum.***
**EXPERIENCE *the story.***
**LEARN *the rich history.***
**DISCOVER *the heritage of our community.***

## *DID YOU KNOW...*

**You can buy yearly passes to the museum?**

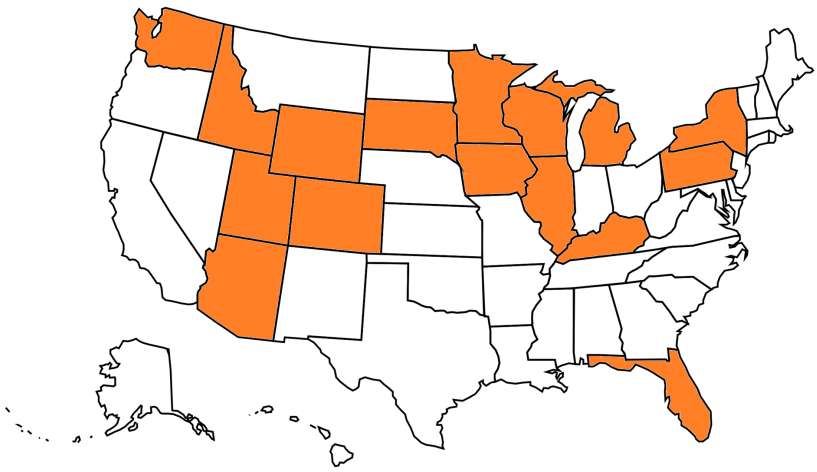
INDIVIDUAL PASS—$15.00
FAMILY PASS $30.00

Passes are good for a year from the purchase date

# Visitors During July

In the **month of November,** the Overland Trail Museum welcomed visitors from all over the **WORLD!**

People from **16 states** came through the entrance door to explore and learn about Logan County's history!



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