



Bye-Bye Birdie

It was 7 p.m. on a Saturday, and I was finishing dinner with my wife and daughter when I received the call: the museum's alarm had been triggered. I thought of every possible worst-case-scenario as I raced to the museum. The police called right as I pulled in and said that the building was secure.

I went in to investigate and searched all the points of entry and windows for any breaches, but all was secure. Then I noticed one thing out of place: a timeline that normally balanced on a case had been knocked to the ground. That's when I knew that I wasn't alone. I searched a little more and finally found a little bird perched on our case of Japanese Glass Fishing Floats. I could tell right away that we were evenly matched as a stare-down ensued. I decided, after chasing it with a tablecloth for a few minutes, that I would open all the doors of the museum and ask it nicely to leave. It didn't. So, I chased it around the museum for about 15 minutes, my gangly limbs flailing, and the bird reacting nonchalantly. It finally flew out of the museum under its own power, slightly annoyed by my hooting and hollering. My best guess is that it must not have read that we are currently closed due to COVID-19. My wife later helped me identify it as a "House Finch," now dubbed forever the "Museum Finch."

Jeffrey Syrop, Director



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Every Artifact Has a Story



Virtual Exhibit

The title says it: "Every Artifact Has a Story!" This virtual exhibit focuses on artifacts based on the stories that they possess, rather than their aesthetic value alone. Many of these artifacts come from deep in the museum's collection, and others cur-

rently are on display. They tell the stories of Native American and Pioneer life in North Lincoln County along with the years following and up to today. Many of these artifacts have been protected in tissue paper and acid-free boxes, patiently waiting their turn to shine and to reveal their intriguing stories.

Discover stories behind a Native American basket, a cone-top beer can found in the museum's wall, a claw-foot tub, a velvet quilt, a battered travel trunk, a diary from an early pioneer, and

many more.

Visit the museum website and click on the virtual exhibit logo. Once you're there, click on any of the 14 artifacts to reveal their stories through newspaper articles, documentation, information, links, historic photographs, and more.



1925 claw-foot tub from the Green Onion in Nelscott. Bathing facilities were scarce so the owners rented baths.

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"Defunct Devices Replaced by the Smartphone" exhibit ready and waiting when museum reopens

When the museum reopens, there will be a new exhibit for visitors to enjoy. "Defunct Devices Replaced by the Smartphone" features an Oliver typewriter (pictured), adding machine, tape recorder, phonograph, camcorder, an amazing collection

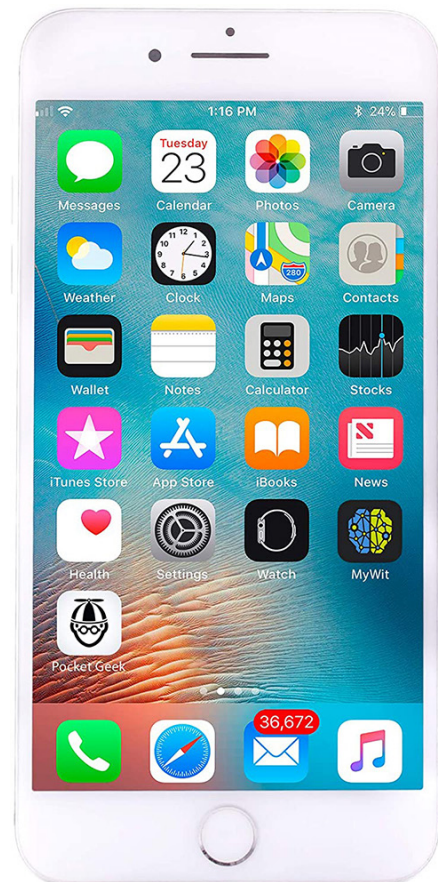
of film cameras from a 1907 Kodak Pocket Brownie 2B to a 1963 Polaroid Land Camera 100, and more. The exhibit also features advertisements touting these defunct devices as the latest technology of their time.



After viewing this exhibit, you might ask yourself, "What will be the next technology that will make current devices defunct?"



Watch and listen for information on the reopening of the museum and come in to see the new exhibit: "Defunct Devices Replaced by the Smartphone".



Protocols for opening being set

NLCHM’s board of directors and museum director are are working on plans to reopen.

The museum is a community gathering place, and the number one priority is safety for visitors, volunteers, and staff. The board and staff are work-

ing on protocols and safety measures to ensure that everyone can enjoy the museum.

Staff and board members have found alternative ways to fulfill the mission of the museum by reaching out through social media—with our new Historical Headlines e-newsletter—and by continuing to work behind the scenes. Thanks for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Hope to see you soon.
Looking forward to putting out the welcome sign again.



“Bolster the Building” reaches goal



The Board of Directors, museum staff, and North Lincoln County community thanks those of you who donated to the “Bolster the Building” fundraiser. Donors reached our goal of \$5,000 to replenish and sustain the building fund account for expected and surprise

expenses to the museum facility.
This past year brought quite a few of these expenses, and now we can rest easy knowing that the building is safe.

Many thanks to these donors to the fund:
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A virtual annual meeting

Instead of having an in-person meeting, the board is again turning to the world-wide-web for a video highlighting our past year’s accomplishments. Thanks for all of the support, and we hope to have a gathering for our annual meeting next year.

This year Vice President C.T Holman, Doug Force, and Craig Anderson are on the ballot for another three-

year term. Former board member and acting treasurer Richard Hawkins will return.
Please refer to your enclosed printed ballot for information on each of these. Go online to the page that follows to see the annual meeting video and to vote electronically: www.northlincolncountyhistoricalmuseum.org/annualmeeting



Board members Cynthia Farlow, Patsy McLean, and Mick McLean (front) and Director Jeff Syrop (back) hosting a Chamber of Commerce Lunch in 2019. Consider joining them and becoming a board member.

Join the board and make a difference

Do you love history and museums and think you have some skills and ideas to contribute to the museum?

If yes, please consider joining the museum’s board of directors. The board meets once a month to look over financials and to talk about future plans and past successes with the museum director.

Some of the skills consid-

ered when choosing interim board members are educational background, museum experience, not-for-profit knowledge, volunteer coordination experience, and any other areas that would help the museum continue to thrive.

Call the museum and ask to talk to Director Jeffrey Syrop for more information.

Curator’s Corner: 1940s fire hardhat

The circa 1940s fire hardhat pictured here belonged to Taft-Nelscott-Delake rural firefighter Ed Hendrickson.

Ed was born in 1907, worked as a heavy equipment operator, logger, mill worker, and school bus driver, and still found the time to volunteer as a firefighter in

North Lincoln County.
This helmet shows that he had a sense of humor, considering the "Smokey" cartoon on the side of the hat.

Ed passed away in 1987, and his helmet was donated to the museum in 1999.

It is fitting that it rests here at the museum, since



this building was the Taft firehall from the 1940s to 1960s. This fire hardhat is on display at the museum on our second level exhibit gallery in our Firefighter exhibit.

1940s fire hardhat (at left) belonged to Ed Hendrickson.