EXHIBITS

Civil War in Benton County: Untold Stories | Open thru November 12
Learn about some of the true stories of bushwhacker attacks, food shortages and other daily life and death challenges for Benton County civilians in a war-torn land on the edge of the American frontier. This exhibit shares personal accounts from letters, local family histories and other documents detailing experiences of daily life during the Civil War period.

A Dash of Apple Vinegar | Open thru December 31
Apples were once the backbone of the Northwest Arkansas economy. So much so that this area was known as the Land of the Big Red Apple. Most of the good apples were shipped out to market on the train, but where did the bad apples go? This exhibit takes a closer look at the apple cider vinegar industry in Benton County in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

1895 HAWKINS HOUSE THEMED TOURS

Back to School | August 27-October 29
Step back in time to Rogers at the turn of the 20th century on this guided tour to take a look at ways families prepared for their children to go to school. What clothes would they have worn? What would they have taken for lunch? What subjects would they have studied? Learn how education was changing and what opportunities it offered children and their families.

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas | December 3-31
Join us for this special holiday tour depicting several scenes from Clement Moore’s 1822 poem ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. You will see how a 1900s-era family in Rogers would have celebrated Christmas quietly at home with a mixture of homemade and store bought decorations and a large Christmas-day dinner.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

An Evening of Historical Spirits | September 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
The Rogers Historical Museum Foundation presents “An Evening of Historical Spirits” with presentations on Benton County’s apple and apple brandy industries provided by the Museum, RG Macon & Carson Apple Brandy and Sweet Freedom Cheese, along with an apple brandy tasting. Musical entertainment provided by the Arkansas Arts Academy. The event will take place at the Rogers Historical Museum. Tickets are $40 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.com. Adults 21+. Sponsors include Nabholz Construction Company and Hight Jackson Associates. Contact Sherry Ashley at (573) 380-5515 or sheryle2@att.net for questions regarding this event.

The Great Cardboard Train Race @ Frisco Inferno | October 8, 10:00 a.m.
Grab three friends who like to have a good time and enter your team in The Great Cardboard Train Race! This free event is the kick-off for Frisco Inferno, the official BBQ contest of Bikes, Blues & BBQ. Bring your completed entry form to the museum by Saturday, October 1 and pick up your official “train kit”. Create your very own amazingly cool train following the general guidelines provided. Show up at the Museum on Saturday, October 8 ready to race! Ages 5+. For registration form and more information, visit rogershistoricalmuseum.org/great-cardboard-train-race.

Ghost Walks Tour | October 27-28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Every town has mysteries and stories of murder and mayhem. Rogers and the surrounding area is no exception. For two evenings in October, the Rogers Historical Museum will offer Ghost Walks tours in historic downtown Rogers featuring true local stories of murder, mystery, and mayhem told by five different costumed interpreters. $5 admission. This tour begins and ends at the Museum and is suitable for older teens and adults. For tickets and more information, visit rogershistoricalmuseum.org/ghostwalks.

22nd Annual Holiday Open House | December 10, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
This year’s theme is ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. This free event features guided tours of the 1895 Hawkins House featuring Clement Moore’s 1822 poem and a look at how families in early Rogers celebrated the season at home. We will also have holiday crafts and refreshments, and of course Santa Claus will be at the museum so bring your list!
The Rogers Historical Museum is a department of the City of Rogers governed by a five-person Museum Commission and managed by nine staff members.

Founded in 1975 as the City of Rogers community Bicentennial project.

Mission: To enrich lives through education, experience, and exploration of our heritage.

Tagline: REAL. TRUE. FUN.—Real objects from our past. True stories about our community and its people. Family fun and lifetime learning.

Moved once and expanded twice since its founding.

The Key Wing opened in 1987 and was named for one of the Museum’s founders and first Museum Commission chairperson Miss Vera Key.

The Hailey Building, now home to the Museum’s galleries, was originally built in 1946 for the Newt Hailey Ford Dealership.

The Museum’s Hawkins House was built in 1895 and is among the oldest brick homes remaining in Rogers.

Has two hands-on children’s areas: The Children’s Gallery at the Hailey Building and Grandma’s Attic at the Key Wing Education Center.

Regularly displays community exhibits in four locations around Rogers: Rogers Public Library, Rogers Wellness Center, Center for Non-Profits, and the Rogers Executive Airport.

Collections number over 65,000 individual items.

Programs and loan materials serve over 10,000 school children annually.

Since 1990, the Museum has been awarded grants totaling $2,078,396.55.

Only museum in Northwest Arkansas to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and currently one of nine museums in Arkansas.