



2024 NEWSLETTER **DURAY COUNTY RANCH HISTORY MUSEUM** (DCRHM.org)

The museum gained two new board members this past year at the Ranch Museum! Jodi Brown comes from a ranching family and teaches at the Ridgway Elementary. Deby Kay, who has grown up in our area, has stepped into the boards' Secretary position.

The Ranch Museum hosted last-Monday-of-the-month informative ranch luncheons Jan-April (noon-1pm) this year with Linda Ingo, Mike Potter, Jack Flowers, and Joel Northey as our guest speakers at the museum. We will be offering these lunches collaborating again this year with CSU Extension through Eventbrite ticketing. We have some great speakers lined up for Jan-April 2025!

There were some very special pieces that were donated to the museum this year, to name a few: 1938 Edison player and 500 Edison/Victrola records, historic sheet music composed in Ridgway, ranch equipment, lumber, & historic Mesker Bros. Co. metal store fronts. DCWC also granted the Ranch Museum \$450 for hay wagon repair! And tarps from Mr. Blackwelder.

We couldn't accomplish as much as we do without our volunteers who donate their time and skills in: helping run the museum, re-oil the 1855 Shepherd cabin, service our player piano & new Edison record console, help create educational displays in the museum, and help plan for future museum. Thank you goes out to Candace Walls, Carolyn Beardshear, Russell Cox, Kib Reed, Neill Chismire, Jack Fay, Noble Heller, Susan Coe, Ridgway Fire Dept., Kevin Chismire, Sunny Wick, Julie Duff, Alice Goertz, and our board of directors: David Stytz, Karen Fay, Lanah Hutt, Elaine Brown (Treasurer), Joan Chismire (Pres), Lori Ethridge, Jodi Brown, and Deby Kay (Sec). Thank you doesn't seem enough for these wonderful folks.

We collaborated with many groups this year to offer hands-on learning opportunities to the 1st and 4th grade Ridgway students. What great kids we have!

Our September gallery show highlighted the Mesker Bros. store front pieces from Clinton Street and artist Susan Humphreys' collection.

We were supporters of the RIFF Filmfest, supplying the 8mm reel of Harry McClure's ranch on the outdoor Space to Create viewing wall.

We plan to plant our Milpa seed (Three Sisters) this April on 1 acre inside the tracks to harvest and add nutrients to ground for future heritage orchard of apple, plums, and apricot.

OUR SANTA'S WISH LIST (!!)

-*Remaining donations needed* to secure the historic ranch wagon used in the True Grit movie - \$2,500

-A (working) tractor with PTO

-Brush hog to cut/maintain our 10-acres just north of Museum building (where the experiential ranch museum will be built)

Thank you for supporting our Ranch Museum and community! Blessings to all – DCRHM

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\*\*\*We are a 501(c)-3 private non-profit museum & Region 10 Project (ask re: tax credits for donations/\$\$)

## RANCH HISTORY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP AND PROJECTS

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individual – \$25  
Couple – \$40  
Family – \$60  
Ranch/Business – \$100  
Individual Lifetime – \$500

### BENEFITS

10% off at our Gift Shop  
Free Admission for Museum for 1 Year  
Newsletter

You may donate through PayPal on our website: [ocrhm.org](http://ocrhm.org), or send a check to:

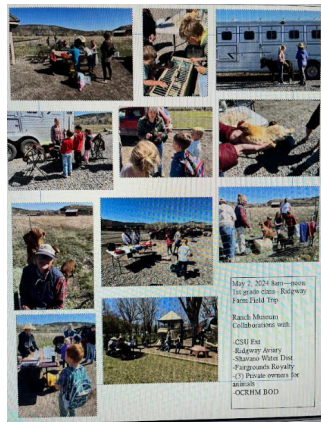
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### Suggested Museum Project Funding Options for 2024

- 1880's Original Historic log ranch home donated to the museum:  
Hiring moving company, assessing structure, stabilizing, acquiring proper permits, transporting 2.5 miles, preparing ground to accept structure, re-locating log cabin to the OCRHM parcel, and repairing rear of log home and any other areas.

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (TBD)

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Join today!**