

**PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release**

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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

**KANSAS DAY CELEBRATION AT THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK CO HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**February 1, 2026 @ 2-3pm**

**Admission FREE**

**Open to the public, All ages**

Over the past several years, it has become a tradition at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum to celebrate Kansas statehood with live performances in song and verse, harkening back to the cowboy years of Kansas. Kansas joined the Union in 1861 as other states left to form the Confederacy, leading to the Civil War. Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita were established 9 years later, in 1870, during the height of the cowboy era.

A celebration of Statehood in song and verse for Kansas' 165<sup>th</sup> year will be led by Orin Friesen, who hosts a cavalcade of the area's most venerable western folk artists, comprised of members of the Diamond W Wranglers, Home Rangers, and the Crowsons.

The annual event is made possible by museum volunteers- "Friends of the Historical Museum."

The program will be streamed live on the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum's Facebook Page (/wichitahistory) due to its popularity and limited seating

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Regular Admission: \$5 Adults (13+); \$2 Children

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*OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas.*