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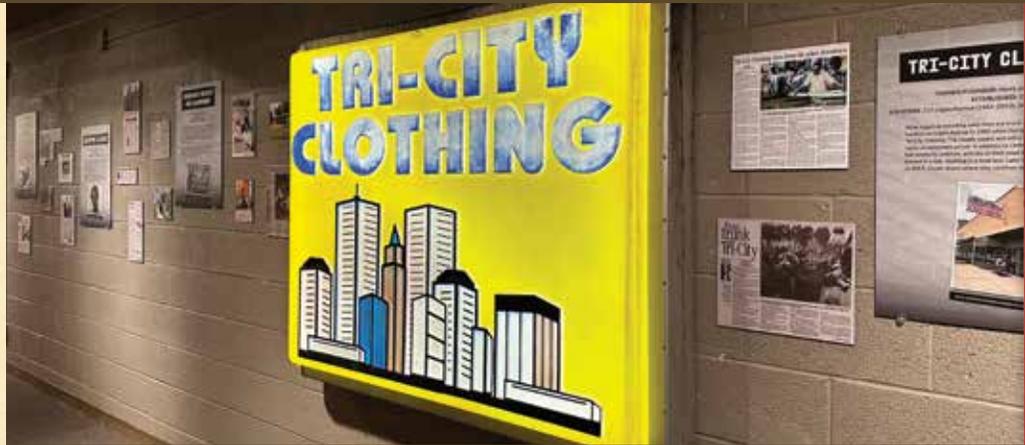
EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY



WAR WORK: DEFENSE MANUFACTURING IN THE CEDAR VALLEY

ON DISPLAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Did you know that Waterloo's local John Deere plant worked on tanks during World War II? What about Chamberlain Manufacturing's production of artillery or Rath Packing Company supplying fighting men and women with meat? During peacetime, manufacturing in the Cedar Valley provided locals with trusted products and services, but what about during the world wars? Visit this exhibit to learn just that.



CURRENT EXHIBIT

BLACK STORIES COLLECTIVE: BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES

NOW OPEN | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

Learn about Cedar Valley Black owned businesses in the newest installment to the Black Stories Collective exhibit. Hear from Black business owners and learn what it takes to start a business, how each business impacts the community, and what it takes to keep a business running. Featured businesses include Tri-City Clothing, KBBG FM 88.1, Pep's Barbershop, We Arose Co-Op, and more.

Pictured: Sign from Tri-City Clothing's former location that was lost to a fire. One of the longest running Black-owned businesses in Waterloo is now located at 305 E. 4th Street.



WHO WE ARE: BOSNIANS IN THE CEDAR VALLEY

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS NOVEMBER 14, 2023

As a result of the Bosnian War of the 1990s, refugees sought a safe place to call home and many settled in Iowa. With them they brought unique culture that has enriched the Cedar Valley and surrounding areas. Find out what it took to journey to Iowa from a war-torn region in our first installment of this exhibit.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The **RECENT ACQUISITIONS** cases, located outside the McKinstry library, feature donations made to the Grout Museum District. The contents of this case change quarterly.

Some recent highlights include:

- Republic of China Army cold weather gear brought home as souvenirs by Sgt. James Alan Roberts, US Army, c. mid-1940s.
- Winter and summer weight Berber djellabas brought home from Morocco in 1972 by Dental Technician 3rd Class Marvin Vore, USN.

SHOP THE GROUT!

MUSEUM STORE SALES:

DECEMBER:

5-9: 20% Off Hats and Shirts

12-16: 20% Off Military Items

19-22: 20% Off Space Items

JANUARY:

16-20: 20% Off Any In Store Purchase

FEBRUARY:

13-17: 15% Off Toys at the Imaginarium

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

DISCOVERY DAYS

DECEMBER 1 - MERRY GRINCHMAS
FEBRUARY 9 - WONKA CANDY SCIENCE

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

GROUT MUSEUM

FREE WITH ADMISSION

Enjoy educational, hands-on activities, free with your Museum admission.

TEA PARTIES

DECEMBER 16 - YULE TIDINGS
JANUARY 27 - MARS EXPLORATION
FEBRUARY 24 - BLACK INNOVATORS

10:00 AM - NOON

SNOWDEN HOUSE

MEMBERS: \$10, NON-MEMBERS: \$12

REGISTER AT:

GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

Now-May, join Museum Staff for a themed tea party with treats, crafts, and more!

NEW YEARS PLANETARIUM SHOW

DECEMBER 29

6, 7 & 8 PM

NORRIS CORSON FAMILY
PLANETARIUM

MEMBERS: \$15, NON-MEMBERS: \$20

REGISTER AT:

GMDISTRICT.ORG/CALENDAR

Further details TBA!

LATE NIGHTS at the IMAGINARIUM

JANUARY 25 | FEBRUARY 29

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Visit the Imaginarium outside of regular hours the last Thursday of the month January-April 2024. Science demos will be held at 6 & 7 PM.

WINTER NOTICES

SCIENCE DEMO & PLANETARIUM SPECIAL DATES

December 26-30 at
11 AM, 1:30, & 3:00 PM

CLOSED

December 22-25, 2023
January 1, 2024



HONOR A VETERAN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

VETERANS PLAQUES: \$200

Do you have a special friend or family member who gave time, talent and courage or perhaps even life to serve the United States in the Armed Forces? Honor your veteran on the Wilbur and Mildred Demmel and Melvin Juel Veterans Memorial Plaza.

A 5"x2.5" plaque with up to three lines will honor your Iowa Veteran. It's a gift that gives for years to come!

To purchase, call 319.234.6357 or visit gmdistrict.org/shop



GIVE THE GIFT OF A MEMBERSHIP

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP ARE A GIFT THAT KEEP GIVING ALL YEAR ROUND!

GMD Memberships allow the card holder unlimited admission to the Grout Museum District and the Norris Corson Family Planetarium for an entire year. Members also have access to free or discounted admission to hundreds of museums across the US through a reciprocal program. Other perks include discounts on programs, store purchases and facility rentals.

Purchase in store, by calling 319.234.6357 or online at gmdistrict.org/membership



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WINTER 2023-2024



The Grout Museum District's **Museum School** is an innovative program in its **25th year** that invites local third-grade students to attend "school" at the Grout Museum District for four days. The program is the only one of its kind in the state and is aligned to the Iowa Core.

Each class comes at no cost to them thanks to the generous support of local donors and sponsors. Help the Grout Museum District keep this program accessible to area 3rd graders for years to come!

Support Museum School at gmdistrict.org/donate