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Sarpy County Museum Discusses A Century of Boys Town History

Join the Sarpy County Museum on Sunday, January 29th at 2 PM as they host Tom Lynch, Boys Town Director of Public Programming to discuss the century of history in Boys Town being celebrated this year. This free event, at the Sarpy County Museum, is open to the public.

In 1917, Father Flanagan borrowed \$90 to rent a boarding house at 25th and Dodge Streets in downtown Omaha and officially opened Father Flanagan's Home for Boys. Over the next 100 years, Boys Town became an international name in serving children. December of 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of Boys Town and there will be several events and celebrations throughout the year.

Tom Lynch graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in History. In 1984, he came to Boys Town as a graduate student to assist in the creation of the Hall of History museum and archives. Through the years he has held several positions at Boys Town and is currently the Director of Community Programs. In 2012 he was sworn in as the Chairman of the Historical Commission for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Father Edward J. Flanagan.

About the Sarpy County Museum

The Sarpy County Museum, incorporated in 1953, is committed to protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County's rich history. It does this by hosting a variety of free programs, archiving local records and assisting with genealogy research. The museum is generously funded by Sarpy County and continues to rely on donations from members, volunteers and community supporters. The museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, contact the Sarpy County Museum, 402-292-1880 or <u>museum@sarpycountymuseum.org</u>.