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## MUSEUM NOTES 3-18-2016

### ORPHAN TRAIN PROGRAM

The museum will be hosting “Riders on the Orphan Train”, Monday April 11 at 6:00 P.M. Here is a brief story taken from The American Experience-The Orphan Train-PBS.

Elliott Bobo was two when his mother died and his father was known to hit the bottle pretty heavy. At the age of eight he was taken away from his father by the Children’s Aid Society. Elliott was given a cardboard suitcase filled with all his possessions, which wasn’t much. No shoes, just a change of clothes and put aboard an “orphan train”. He did not know where he might end up. As the trains pulled into town after town, the youngsters were cleaned up and paraded on makeshift stages before crowds of prospective parents. A farmer came up to Elliott and felt his muscles, “Oh, you’d make a good hand on the farm” and Elliott replies, “You smell bad. You haven’t had a bath in probably a year”. The farmer took him by the arm and was going to lead him off the stage so Elliot bit him. And that didn’t work, so he kicked him. Because of this, no one at this stop wanted Elliott and felt he was out of control. Elliot Bobo eventually found a warm and loving home.

Its stories like this that you will hear, some heartwarming, others horrendous. We hope that you will make plans to join us. This is a free event and open to the public.

### STUDENT ART SHOW

The Canadian High School and Junior High will have their art show during the month of April, at the museum. We invite you to a reception in their honor on Friday, April 15, from 5-7P.M. If you don’t make the reception, please drop by to admire their work during the month of April. Please note that the reception date has been changed as previously announced.

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