

39th Annual Christmas Tree Walk at The Trails & Rails Museum

December 5–13, 2026

2026 Theme: America 250: Constitutional Freedoms

The Buffalo County Historical Society invites organizations, businesses, and individuals to participate in our 39th Annual Christmas Tree Walk! With BCHS's active promotion and strong community attendance, this beloved holiday tradition is a unique opportunity to gain exposure, highlight your mission, and show your holiday spirit.

Please note: Due to limited space this year because of the NASA Hubble Space Telescope traveling exhibit, we will not be able to host our traditional silent auction of wreaths and mini trees. The silent auction will return in 2027!

We look forward to celebrating the season with our community and showcasing the creativity and holiday spirit of local organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Why Participate?

- **Reach hundreds of holiday visitors.**
- **Gain visibility through printed and digital event promotions.**
- **Support a cherished local tradition.**
- **Benefit from BCHS marketing through social media, press releases, and community outreach.**

Christmas Tree Contest (standard or thin 6-7 ft trees)

- **Open to nonprofits and for-profit businesses.**
- **Entry Fee: \$50 for for-profits; FREE for nonprofits.**
- **Nonprofit Prizes: 1st Place \$100 | 2nd Place \$50
3rd Place: Treats from a local bakery.**
- **"Where Our Lights Shine" write-up due November 14 (submission link provided after registration).**
- **Decorating: November 2–19 during museum hours (Mon–Fri, 1–5 PM). Artificial trees only.**
- **Voting: Visitors purchase tickets and place them in a container provided at your tree.**
- **Must register to participate.**

Register at www.bchs.us. Space is limited and assigned in registration order.

