



Fourth Tuesday Program

Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas

Presented by Leo Oliva

The Tonganoxie Community Historical Society will host Leo Oliva for his program "*Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas*".

Railroads brought immigrant settlers to Kansas, created jobs, and helped feed beef markets in the East. They enabled regular mail service and the adoption of standard time. Most Kansas towns were founded because of the railroad, yet the advancement of the railroad industry came at a substantial cost to the Indigenous Tribes of the Plains. This program will explore the complicated legacy of the railroads in Kansas.



Union Pacific Depot in Tonganoxie under construction

Leo taught history at Fort Hays State University. He has written a dozen books, including several in the Kansas Forts Network series. He has published more than a hundred articles, mostly about Kansas history. Leo wrote a weekly newspaper column, "Our Kansas Heritage," for 22 years. He also edited the Santa Fe Association quarterly "Wagon Tracks" for 25 years.

**October 24, 2023
7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Tonganoxie Community
Historical Society
Site & Museum**

**201 West Washington St.
Tonganoxie, KS 66086**

TCHS presents programs on the Fourth Tuesday of every month (except June, July, November and December).

This program meeting will be held in the Reno Methodist Church on the museum site.

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and includes a brief business meeting and historical program.

All members of the community are welcome. The program is free; and refreshments are served after the program.



Leo E. Oliva



This presentation is part of Humanities Kansas's Movement of Ideas Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and workshops designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement.