



CHANGNON-PIPER
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The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles Adds Newest Historical Character, Claudie Wells, to *American Girl: 35 Years of Strong Characters* Exhibit

CHICAGO/NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 3, 2022 — The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles is proud to announce a new display to their existing exhibit, *American Girl: 35 Years of Strong Character: Claudie Wells, 1922*. American Girl introduced its newest Historical Character, Claudie Wells, to its lineup in September of 2022. Claudie’s story takes place during the Harlem Renaissance, a period when Black artistry thrived.

“Since her introduction by American Girl earlier this year, we knew we had to share Claudie, her collection and her inspiring story with our visitors,” said Blake Changnon, CEO and president of the museum. “Since her introduction, we have been acquiring and purchasing her collection. We can’t wait to share it with you all soon.”

The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles opened its virtual doors last year with its inaugural exhibit, *American Girl: 35 Years of Strong Characters*. The exhibit showcased Blake Changnon’s extensive American Girl collection and celebrated the toy company’s 35th anniversary of creating strong, courageous and heroic characters living and growing up in different times in America’s history.

Launching in a few days, the museum will open its first collectible exhibit from the family archive. This year’s newest exhibit, as well as next year’s, will be featured on the timeless toy company.

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About The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectible

The Changnon-Piper Museum of Toys and Collectibles is a virtual museum that preserves, acquires, educates and inspires children of all ages through the collection generously on loan by the Changnon-Piper Family Archives. Visit us online at toysandcollectiblesmuseum.org and follow us on social media @CPMuseumTC.