

NCHS Update 5/17/17

Dan Ronnebaum came into museum on Tuesday morning and conferred with Greg about the placement of the trough of flowers. Dan returned in the afternoon with tractor and lift to move trough of flowers back on its base. Bob Ackerman was available to assist Dan and moved the rusty wagon wheel from Annex II to the trough. A letter of thanks will be sent to Dan for his assistance.

Bob Ackerman toured a couple from Denver during the lunch hour through the Jail and Sheriff's Residence and Annex II. The couple was staying in Marysville since the wife is a writer doing research on the Pony Express. She had read about our museum online and wanted to tour our facilities before she went to the Seneca Pony Express Museum. She was enthralled with our glass plate negative photos. Note that we are averaging one tour a week.

Dan Ronnebaum's sister, Mary Sack, came into the museum at 4 p.m. to pick up the final draft of the EMT History. She appreciates all the board's assistance with proofing the history. She also reminded us that the EMT organization has funds available and want to establish a memorial on the grounds of the Temple of Honor. She is think about a bench with a plate memorializing the EMT organization and its impact on Seneca and Nemaha County. Patty Byers came in and joined the discussion and suggested a permanent picnic table and benches like ones she and Wayne had seen in Manhattan. Historic photos and memorials were sealed into the table top. Patty agreed to put Mary on the agenda of the August 8th quarterly meeting and Mark asks that we send a query to the NCHS board to think of an appropriate EMT Memorial bench, sitting board or table & benches, etc. August will likely be a time to make that decision before the grass is reseeding after our foundation dirt work. People do like to sit on the steps of the Temple and eat, people watch or simply rest, but the memorial bench, sitting board or table/chairs need to be on the lawn. Many times, I stop and ask sitting on the steps if they are wanting a tour and the reply, "no, we just enjoy sitting here."

Patty Byers offered to assist with the Coffee, Donut and Burrito booth from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the car show. We did notify Deb Koch, chairman of the car show, that we are adding the burritos to our menu.

Ray Thieme called the museum about the a/c replacement and suggested that we ask Joe Mitchell of Mitchell Appliance when he comes to the museum for an estimate for installation of a heat pump unit to heat and cool Annex II. He says there has been discussions about the high utility cost of the current forced heat unit and a possible replacement. I have not heard from Joe, but will add that to the discussion for estimates.

I have attached the thank you letter to Clara for the bedding plants that Greg has planted in the tough for D.P. Murphy memorial garden. I did purchase a flexible hose from Seneca Hardware for \$21 to water the plants every day. We ask Diane to get the regular hose out of storage so that Greg can use on the other plants around the museum.

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