

## NCHS Update 5/23/17

- Karen Holthaus and her new knee are doing well this morning and expects to go home tomorrow. Her sister-in-law from Wichita is coming to stay with her tomorrow.
- Ray Thieme is doing well and is doing home health & therapy. He sees the doctor in Topeka today.
- Anita Heiman is gaining strength each day and expects to be at the museum today from 10 through lunch to help Marlene Geysler and Bob Ackerman access the items for the farm exhibit in the Annex II barn.
- Bob A and I met with the Eisenbarth Plumbing representative yesterday preparing for an estimate for a heat/air pump system in Annex I as well as the Jail and Sheriff's Residence. This method is a basic HVAC system that operates on the basic refrigeration cycle where latent heat is extracted from the ambient air and is used to evaporate refrigerant vapor under pressure. Functions of the condenser and evaporator switch when heating is needed. Heat pumps are somewhat less efficient in cold climates, can be fitted with electric resistance coils. Annex I would need 8 – 12 ceiling ducts with a unit in the attic space above the ladies' bathroom and one unit outside. We would have easy access to the filter which needs to be changed regularly. The current heating system would be left in place in case of an extended period of cold temperatures. If we as a board agree to this plan, it could be several months before it can be installed simply because Eisenbarth Plumbing has a long waiting list on service calls but in the meantime, we would contact Haverkamp Electric to install the electrical wiring into the attic and make the electrical drop line for the computers. I will send you the estimate when I receive it.

The Eisenbarth Plumbing representative, Bob and I toured the Jail and Sheriff's Residence and inquired as to possibility of installing such a system in those buildings so we could give year-round tours. The Heat/Air Pump system is acceptable for the buildings on the Registry of Historic Places according to Preservation Brief 24, Department of Interior. After a walk through, it was

determined that a system could be installed in the basement of the Residence with vents heating and cooling the older building. There are historic grants and loans available for this project. Kylie as sent some loan information from SDI and Chamber that we can consider. There does not seem to be a way to do the same with the jail since there is not overhead area or basement. The same type of system is currently being explored for the Temple.

- No word from Joe Mitchell of Mitchell Appliance, but I know he is running behind on his calls, too.
- Cement was poured on Saturday at the Flag & Medallion site for the Eagle Award project. Soon they will dye the cement and will need water to do so. We did not turn the water on at the Temple last year and have not turned the water on this year. We will need to do so for the foundation project and this Eagle Award project, but need your permission to do it now.
- Bruce Stanley, Betty Haug and Mary Sack walked our premises at the Historical Museum and Temple of Honor and are working on a plan for the EMT memorial which they will present on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> to the entire board. They are visiting with some of you for suggestions and will also get estimates for the work before presentation.
- Have a good day.

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