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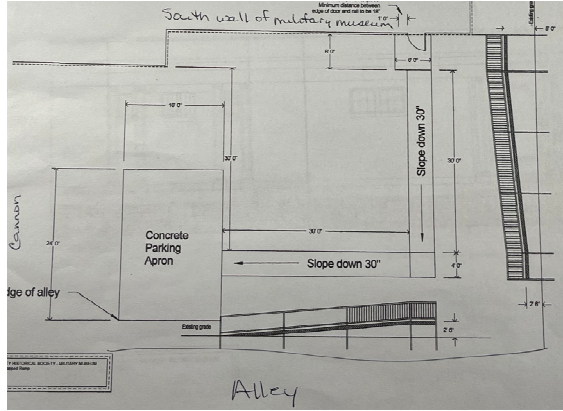
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## Ramp

The board has approved a design for a handicapped ramp exiting the south door of the military museum. We are currently in the process of getting bids on the materials and labor.

The South door will open onto a small platform. The ramp will descend to the south thirty feet before turning west for another 30 feet. A handicapped parking space will be at the end of the ramp.



## New Outside Exhibit

Progress is being made on creating an exhibit featuring our horse troph and hitching post.



## 2024 Events

- May 7th—Nemaha Central 3rd grade tours
- May 29-May 31—City wide Garage Sales
- June 8—Museum Day
- July 27—Tractor Cruise
- July 28—Car Show
- Sept. 18-20—Highway 36 Treasure Hunt

If spring cleaning, consider donating wood furniture and household items to the historical society for their garage sale. Please donate clothing or upholstered furniture to the mission.

**Nemaha County Historical Society Museum**  
**Hours**  
**Tuesdays—10 am to 4 pm**  
*If Increment Weather, Call First*

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## OUR MUSEUMS

Sheriff's Residence / Historic Jail / School Room

113 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

Temple of Honor Military Museum

33 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

Annex 1—113 N. 6th, Seneca

- Archives
- Burger Display
- Rotating Displays
- Obituaries
- Glass Negative Collection

Annex 2—113 N. 6th, Seneca

- Agricultural Displays
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Beautician
- Medical
- Railroad
- Photography
- Seneca Public High School

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# PLEASE JOINTODAY!

### Genealogical Records in Museum

- Marriage License Applications — 1904 to 1991
- Obituary Clippings — 1980s to present
- Journal of baby deliveries in Seneca area 1932-1955
- Strathman Glass Negative Collection
- Vertical File / Family Notebooks
- Check the [online archive](#) to see what else you can find

### Online Resources

- [Seneca Area Newspapers](http://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/) -http://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/
- [Sabetha Area Newspapers](http://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/) – http://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/
- [Tennal's History of Nemaha County](https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn) – https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn
- [Nemaha County Records on the Family Search site](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22) (login required – but is free) - https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22
- [Nemaha County KS History & Genealogy](http://www.nemahahistory.org)—www.nemahahistory.org

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### Online Archive

Have you checked out the Archive link on our website? This link is a way to 'peek into' the collection of historical items in the museums.

- Using the KEYWORD SEARCH link, one can enter a family name, place or historical event to see what the society might have. This search is most productive if only one word or search term is used.
- Clicking on any one item will open the page containing the description of the item.
- Clicking on an image will open the image in a separate window. That window includes an option to "REQUEST IMAGE".
- Clicking on REQUEST IMAGE opens a form for you to enter your name and email address. Submitting this request sends an email to the society. When we receive these emails, we look up the photos and can send them back to the requestor. We do ask for a small donation to help us continue to provide this online access.

<https://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/archive>

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### Help Us Fulfill Our Mission!

#### *To Collect, Preserve and Promote the History of Nemaha County*

- **Join**—An annual membership helps us maintain our buildings and the collections housed in them.
- **Participate**— Volunteer to help with our events
- **Sponsor**— We value our business partners and the support they provide thru their sponsorships
- **Donate**— CASH, Garage Sale Items, Time
- **Tour**— Come out and enjoy our various sites

But most of all help us continue to collect the history of the county by donating (or lending so we can digitally copy) church histories, school histories, scrapbooks, letters, military documents, diaries, deeds, wills, family histories, business photos, business histories, and personal memories.

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### Connect with Us

Web site: <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/>

Facebook: [Nemaha County Historical Society](#)

[Museum Catalog](#): Archive link on web site

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## Transcontinental Cable

*The Sabetha Herald*

25 Jul 1962

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### Give Info on AT&T Cable

A wrist thick cable now worming its way underground across the nation may provide the only direct transcontinental telephone communication in the event of a nuclear blast.

The 3,218 mile cable is much like six others already in transcontinental operation except that it is buried five feet underground instead of the normal 3 1/2 feet.

It also differs from the other lines because all its relay and other stations are sunk deep underground in concrete cocoons.

“Let’s say this cable will be blast-proof,” said a spokesman for American Telephone & Telegraph company. “A direct nuclear blast would cut it, but I doubt that anything short of that would do it.”

He said the cable is being located so it will be out of any of the nation’s prime target areas.

The cable now is in use between a point in upstate New York and Fairview, Kansas, and is scheduled for completion to the West coast sometime late this year.

“Many times we had to steer far out into the hinterlands with the cable in order to avoid a large city or an important military or other installation, a spokesman said.

“But now we think we have what certainly could be called a blast-proof and disaster-proof line to link the two coasts and all in between,” he added.

Over-all cost was set at 200 million dollars — the costliest project of its kind in the United States.

“The is not a government sponsored project, rather it is another step taken by the Bell System to insure survivability,” the company said.

The cable when completed will be capable of handling 9,000 simultaneous calls - at least 2,000 more than can now be handled by any of the six other cables.

Added to its value in the event of an enemy attack, the company spokesman noted its possible use in case of a natural disaster. “A serious natural disaster might break another cable where it will have to go 18 inches deep to get at this one,” the spokesman said. “Eighteen inches in this particular case is quite a lot.”

The installation includes 900 ground repeater stations and 11 huge switching centers, each the equivalent of a two-story building deposited underground in the 3-foot thick cement cases. Repeater stations boost the power of signals.

Personnel manning the centers would be able to survive for two weeks in the event of a disaster on food and water to be stored there.

Twenty-four underground power facilities, each with giant diesel generators capable of producing enough power to sustain the system, are nearing completion. Those too are underground and encased in heavy concrete.



A cross section of the cable was recently donated to the museum by Raymond Thieme. The cable was buried across the Thieme land in southeast Nemaha county.#

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## Korean War

Courier Tribune

6 Aug 1951

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### Induction Call For the 15th

#### Eight Men in the Group

Nemaha county has a Selective Service induction call for eight men, for August 15th. The call is the largest for some months.

The eight are:

Jack H. Koelzer, Seneca

Verner E. Bergman, Baileyville

Albert Schultejans, Kelly

William E. Block, Seneca

James C. Kramer, Seneca

Stephen A Engelken, Seneca

Wilbur R. Brown, Sabetha

Clemens R. Edelman, Sabetha

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*Courier Tribune*

13 Aug 1951

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### Call for Five

For Physicals

Will Be One Change

Due to Polio

Selective Service is calling for five Nemaha county young men to take physical exams, leaving here Aug. 22.

Frederick R. Fike, who registered from Bern, would have been one of those called, but is in a hospital at Topeka with polio.

These have been notified:

Max A. League, registered from Wetmore, Kansas City, Mo.

Leon J. Mitchell, Centralia

Adrian J. Korte, Centralia

Eugene H. Burdick, Seneca

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## CCC Notes

*Courier Tribune*  
21 Feb 1935  
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### Work into High Gear A Scene of Activity

#### Week-Day Visit Necessary to See CCC Service at Park Building Task

The Sunday visitors at the Nemaha county state park miss the interesting feature of construction. They do not see the Forestry service and the Civilian Conservation Corps in actual work of building the park.

There are a dozen or more contributing projects under way, each adding its bit to the welfare of the camp area itself or to the huge task of building the dam and clearing the ground of trees and debris.

In the camp itself changes are being made dally. The most noticeable improvement this week is the coat of green paint being applied buildings which house Company 2735. Windows and doors are being trimmed in white. The Company has managed to rustle its own paint and expects to treat all of its buildings. Interiors of recreation hall, mess hall, hospital, forestry service and officers' quarters are also being painted or kalsomined. Officers and men alike reflect the improved camp conditions and there seems to be a determination to bring about a high rating for the Nemaha county camps.

The scene of the greatest activity is, of course, the dam site. The excavator grader is now working every day that the weather permits. When that machine is working the dirt moves. Foremen said 1225 loads of dirt were excavated Monday. The dirt is coming out of the excavation which is to form the core of the dam. Dump trucks and mule teams line up in a continuous stream of carriers as they haul the earth away. It is only a matter of seconds to load a truck.

At a point in the old creek bed of the Nemaha where floods piled the debris of trees, workmen are using a crane hoist to remove refuse. These workers are in the muck and wear rubber boots. Nearby other men are digging drainage trenches against the possibility of flood water.

All down the right of way of the lake as far as the saw mill, the Corps is cutting trees, burning crooked trunks of trees which cannot be utilized for lumber or clearing away brush.

#### Notes

Stakes have been driven to outline the right of way in Kampler hill where the channel leading from the spillway is to cut across 68 and along the face of the bluff on the Tangeman place. Traffic now crosses the drainage ditch over a temporary bridge, cuts into the-forestry-shop area and then back on the highway at the top of the hill. The road is nominally closed to traffic.

**Thank you For Your Support!**  
**Join Us This Year by Renewing Your Membership**

## Keystone Barbed Wire

*Seneca Tribune*

3 Sep 1879

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### **Barb Wire Fence Works.**

Mr. Geo A. Marvin, of the firm of Marvin & Bro., of Nebraska City, is in the city making arrangements to put in a barbed fence wire factory. These gentlemen are the owners for the States of Kansas and Nebraska of this patent; and it is conceded to be the most durable, efficient and cheapest wire now offered to the public These gentlemen have already bought property of us, and will have two machines on the ground within a week, and soon the hum of machinery will be heard in the manufactory of the best fence wire now offered in this or any other country. The barbs are made of the best bright wire steel, are set on with ponderous machinery so firm (on either single or double wire) that they are immovable. This wire will be furnished to the trade at considerable less money than they are now paying for an inferior article. Farmers can have their old smooth wire barbed and painted at four cents per pound, making it as good as new Special rates will be given to agents and dealers We look upon the establishing of this factory here as being a great addition to the business of the town and will work largely to the interest of the farmers of the county and State.

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*Seneca Tribune*

5 Feb 1880

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### **Keystone Barb Wire Works.**

#### **Special Inducements to Farmers.**

We have just received a large lot of wire direct from the manufacturer and are now prepared to furnish to farmers the best quality of steel annealed, four pointed barb wire, at 9 cents per pound. We guarantee our barb not to slip on single wire, and by presenting but one solid strand, and that painted, it offers greater resistance to wet and moisture by its smooth, solid surface, than any twisted or corded wire possibly can. We also barb and paint old wire for four cents per pound. Although wire has gone up with the late rise in price, we will still be able to furnish at nine cents per pound. Come and examine our wire before buying elsewhere. Office and factory in Andrew S[opher's brick building, on Main street, Seneca.

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*Seneca Weekly Courier*

26 May 1882

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### **Barb Wire Works.**

Last Tuesday a Courier representative visited the Keystone Barb Wire Works, Tyler & Marvin proprietors, and was shown through the establishment by Mr Tyler.

The wire manufactured by the Keystone Barb Wire Works is of the Wing patent, and is considered a very effective wire, Messrs Tyler & Marvin having the right to manufacture in Kansas and Nebraska; but have established their headquarters in Seneca, and made the Keystone Barb Wire trade one of the permanent features of the city.

The establishment has been in operation over two years, and, from manufacturing in a small way at the beginning, has built up a large and commanding trade. New and improved machinery has been introduced - some of it being very intricate almost approaching the human hand in perfection of mechanism; and a visit to the factory is well worth one's time and attention.

Besides the proprietors, six men are kept employed, and the capacity of the works is from eight hundred to one thousand pounds of wire per day. In addition to the manufacture of fence wire the manufacture and sale of Shunway's Iron stays and of the Keystone hog wire, together with barbs and staples, is made a specialty.

Mr Marvin is also interested in the manufacture of a bed spring, which is said to be a success, but being of the newspaper persuasion, and therefore never having had occasion to try one of any description, we cannot speak of their respective merits.

In conclusion we would say that the Keystone Barb Wire Works is one of the big enterprises of Seneca, and The Courier is pleased to know that it is meeting with the patronage which it justly deserves.

# 2024 Nemaha County Historical Society Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THANK YOU for your support!

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership (newsletter sent by e-mail) \$20.00/yr \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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[Name to be placed on memorial plaque]

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Thank you for your interest and support.

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