Ground Is Broken for New Barn Addition

Four years after the initial conversations began. . .three years after negotiations began with the school system. . .two years after rough plans were put on paper and one year after fundraising efforts were kicked-off. . .ground was finally broken in May and construction was set to begin on the new “barn” addition to the Ankeny Area Historical Society Museum.

Numerous members, well wishers, volunteers and dignitaries attended the ceremony where Terrace third grader teacher Marge Schima and two of her students, John Nelson & Shelby Miller chiseled out the first shovel of dirt to mark the beginning of the 30’ X 70’ two-story building. After touring the museums last fall, Ms Schima’s class raised $20 for the museum. Estimates and hopes are for the building to be ready for artifacts and visitors by early 2006.

The new addition will feature an agriculture section, school area, library and media center as well as several other displays. It will have an elevator, basement for storage and will allow the original museum to evolve back to a display of mostly period home exhibits.

Looking for a good time?
Call 965-5795
To volunteer for tours, BBQ Feed, and more!

Donations Continue to Come From Individuals, Businesses, Clubs and Organizations

The fundraising effort for the new addition barn facility is nearly two thirds complete. With recent pledges and donations by the City of Ankeny in a matching grant of $100,000 and $25,000 from John Deere the effort to raise $785,000 is progressing. Participating donors and their level of gifting as of May 25, 2005 is shown on page three of this newsletter.

“Obviously we still need more funding.” Said President Ron Sampson. “Substantial progress has been made. And with success comes other success. We expect more good

City officials and Historical Society supporters come together for the $100,000 presentation.
SummerFest BBQ
Luncheon Help Sought

Sandwich servers, bean dippers, drink fillers and ticket-takers are all being recruited for the umpteenth annual BBQ luncheon hosted by the Ankeny Area Historical Society during SummerFest on Saturday, July 9. Chairperson JoAnn Adamson will be calling for volunteers to start early on Saturday morning with shifts lasting through the afternoon. Feel free to volunteer yourself, your spouse, your friends and neighbors...even your roaster...

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Sunday Open House Volunteers Needed

Tour guides are needed for this season’s list of Sunday open houses at the museum. The open houses are the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Guides have written materials to hand out as the visitors look through the two buildings. It is lots of fun and educational for guides and visitors.

In-Kind Donations Being Pursued

One of the best donations that can be made to the new building construction effort is that of “in-kind” gifts. As contractor Larry Pitts progresses with the new structure, many chores and materials could be donated by local individuals and businesses. If you think that you could help in some way, please contact Larry Pitts at 641-919-2290. This would be of commercial construction in nature. A call for volunteer help for various general tasks will be made later.

Plans Being Made for Golf Tourney on New Albaugh Course

Preliminary plans are underway for a fundraising golf tournament at the new, private golf course of local businessman and Historical Society benefactor Dennis Albaugh. The festivities will include 18 holes of golf, dinner, raffle and auction and will take place in August. Albaugh is the legacy donator to the new barn and it will be named for his family.

Contractor Selected For Building

Longtime Ankeny resident and contractor Larry Pitts was selected by his low bid as general contractor for the new barn addition. His selection was from among four local contractors who bid on the project. All attended several meetings with Society officials and the building architect, Arnie Fischer of VGI Design.

Homebuilders, Hy-Vee, Historical Society to Join For Fundraising

Dinner/Dance/Auction Oct. 8
The Ankeny Homebuilders Association, already a generous donor to the new barn effort, has agreed to co-sponsor a dinner, dance and auction at the Vittoria Lodge just south of Ankeny on Second Avenue. The event will take place Saturday evening, October 8. It will feature a freshly grilled entrée of pork, marinated chicken on rice, salads and other sides. The evening will have a silent auction as well as a live bidding auction followed by a dance.

Teri Sawatzky is chair of the event. You can leave a message for her at 965-5795.

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**LEGACY: $250,000 - $500,000**

Dennis & Sue Albaugh & family

**DIAMOND: $100,000--$249,999**

City of Ankeny

**RUBY: $50,000--$99,999**

Don & Charlene Lamberti & family

**SAPPHIRE: $10,000--$49,999**

John Deere Des Moines Works

Prairie Meadows Race Track & Casino

**PEARL: $5,000--$9,999**

VGI Design
Snyder & Associates, Inc.
Polk County
Community State Bank
First American Bank
Gateway Savings Bank
Wells Fargo

**PLATINUM: $1,000--$4,999**

In Memory of Verna Howard
In Memory of Jack Dennler
John Deere Comm. Credit Union
Barbara White, Family & Friends

In Memory of Dale A. White
Valley Bank
In Memory of Evelyn Dann
Zane Smith
In Memory of V.W. & Ann Smith
Terry & JoAnn Adamson
Albaugh-McGovern Legion Post #42
Ankeny Building Association
Gerald & Marie Ballard
Orville & Bonnie Ballard
Casey's General Stores
Lynn & Nancy DeLapp
In Memory of Delma DeLapp
Larry & Dorothy Donaghy

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**GOLD: $500--$999**

Gibson Family -- Jeanne Ersland, Gale Gibson

Handley, Block, Lamberti, Zinno & Gocke, P.C.

Huber Grading, Inc.
L & L Insulation & Suppy
Harris & Deloris Manny – Memorial
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MidAmerican Energy Foundation
Carl Moyer
Barbara Penquite
Don Penquite
Donald & Norma Righi – Memorial
Everett Sather
Roger & Sandra Spahr
Ollie J. Weigel
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**SILVER: $100--499**

Gene & Bev Samuelson
Alpha Rho of Beta Sigma Phi
Glen Cornwell Family – 

In Memory of Clifford Cornwell
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Jerry Homes, Inc.
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Kimberly Development Corp.
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FRIENDS: $1-$49
Friends Investing Together
Ethel Harmon
    In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
Craig Hawkins
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Ideal Rebekah Lodge
Bob & Jean Jones
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BRONZE: $50-$99
Clarence & Betty Altenburger
MidAmerican Match to
    Jan and Merlin Christians
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72 Degree Heating & Cooling, Inc.
Bless This House, Inc.
Nancy Carr
Merlin & Jan Christians
LeNora Coe
Gilded Angel Photography
DATES TO REMEMBER – 2005

June 5 - Open House 2-4 p.m.
June 28 - Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
July 3 - Open House 2-4 p.m.
July 9 - BBQ 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
    at Parkview Lunchroom
July 9 – Open House 2-4 p.m.
July 18 – Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
July 26 – Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

Come to our Regular scheduled meetings
and see how you can help!!!!

Our Mission
The Ankeny Area Historical Society is
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and historical records representing
Ankeny, Alleman, Bondurant, Carney,
Elkhart, Enterprise, Polk City, and Sheldahl
for the purpose of preserving American
Heritage.

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