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The Wedding Chapel Under Construction



OSU Irrigation Pump

Greetings from the Karrisburg Area Museum!

I have GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS! The good news is that we now have nearly \$101,000.00 in our building fund. The bad news is that the cost appears to have gone up to about \$120,000.00! Depending somewhat on how the finished building is fitted. A very generous contribution of MDU Stock from the Morse Family has made the new building possible. We are in the serious planning stage as we feel sure that the additional funds will be provided by our faithful supporters.

We did receive a grant of \$1000.00 from the Linn County Cultural Coalition to be used in the construction of the steeple on the Wedding Chapel. We have completed that part of the Chapel and it looks great. The bell even rings with clarity. We are looking at finishing the Chapel in 2006. Unfortunately, we discovered that the old building was infested with wood weevil which will require fumigation. (Not Cheap, but necessary)

Al and Iris Strutz are sorta "Mr. & Mrs. Museum! They are the only ones who can recall the details of where and what and how for many of the artifacts we now display. We do not want to lose this valuable information so have undertaken to take pictures of most of the artifacts. We will then number these and ask Al and Iris to read into a recorder all they can remember about them. We will transcribe this information so it can be stored in both hard copy and computer files. It will be a significant effort but will pay dividends in the future.

We are all amateurs at organizing a museum! So we have made arrangements with Roth Associates from Cottage Grove to give us advice on how to set up and display the house as a 'turn of the 20th century' home. We believe we can get a grant to cover most of the expense although actually *doing* the recommendations will take a lot of help. If you are interested in helping with this important job, let us know. We can almost always use help in painting and general upkeep as well as for display development. Contact President Don Bowers (995-6954) to volunteer.



Case Steam Tractor



Bruce Witmer Models



1910 Overland



Farmall Tractor



Hand Tie Wire Baler



Some of the many tools

These are just a few of the many exhibits on view at The Harrisburg Area Museum. More are being added on a regular basis. The House is full of old artifacts. It all adds up to a fine display of our heritage. A heritage that we can be proud of and that reveals something of the sacrifice and determination of our forefathers. We believe that it is important to preserve such evidences. For the 'old timer' it is a nostalgic tour of days long gone. For the modern day viewer it is a lesson in what can be done when there is a will to do it. We believe you would enjoy a tour and encourage you to do so and invite your friends and relatives. Our hours are normally 10:00 - 4:00 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Museum is a Charitable Organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code and contributions are deductible to the full extent allowed by law. *Please give serious consideration to a significant contribution. It will have long lasting benefit for the Harrisburg Community.* **THANKS**

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YESI want to help the Museum and enclose a 'one time' contribution of:
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□ SORRYI cannot help now but will visit on occasion and encourage others to visit.
Please return in the enclosed envelope to Charles S. Kizer, Treasurer at 24552 Rowland R
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