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Museum Report

Due to the lack of funds there has been very little progress made since our last report. Even though there were no funds available, our contractor, Tom Jobin, was good enough to complete the bare necessities needed to make the Living History Area safe for the general public.

Jim Priesmeyer was assisted by his wife Jeffrie Lynn and board member John Doyle in completing the Time Wall in the kitchen and painting the entire Living History room. It will be necessary to complete the fireplace mantle, one exterior doorway and three doors before the final painting can be finished.

The funds required to complete the restoration phase of this area, including outstanding bills, are between four and five thousand dollars.

We will then be ready to turn our attention to the collection of furnishings and the production of displays that will transform the Living History area from a restoration project into a Museum!

Progress on the DOT stairway is moving forward, on paper at least. Provided we not assigned any additional tasks, ground will be broken, . . . soon

Open House to Feature "Model A" Collection

The Museum will be open to the general public Saturday, October 4th from Noon until 5:00 PM. At 3:00 the "Model A" Club will roll in and be available to answer questions about the dozen or so antique beauties they will have on display. Over the years since their production, 1928-31, the Model A has become the symbol of America's love affair with the freedom to travel.

For those who were unable to make the August Open House this will be an excellent opportunity to inspect the Museum progress. The Time Wall, in the nearly complete Living History area, has been a hit with all visitors to-date. The combination of the original 1880's newspapers, that once covered all the walls of the kitchen area, and the newly applied newspapers span more than 100 years of important current events that have shaped recent history.

Jim Priesmeyer will be available during the day to answer questions and outline the programs and services the Museum plans to make available to the public in 1998. There will be a brief History Association meeting at 5:00.

From The Desk Of The Executive Director

After completing the last *Estatoe* I felt sure that a reasonably clear picture had been presented showing: (a) the Museum Project progress over the past year and where that progress positioned us in the long range plan, (b) the progress made to-date has been accomplished requiring less funds than originally anticipated and (c) that since August 1st the only progress we have been able to make has been with borrowed money and time.

The first person I bumped into after the last *Estatoe* went out said "Hey, \$350,000.00 raised to date? We must be rolling in money." The next day we received a donation of \$500.00. The second person I ran into said "Boy the Museum sure looks great, another couple a thousand bucks and we should be done." The following day we received a donation of more than a thousand dollars. Now believe me if this trend had continued this story would have a different ending. Unfortunately the donations have stopped and the misconceptions have continued. So let's see if this clears things up.

We are ahead of schedule, under budget and penniless.

It goes without saying that we all perceive things differently and to that end I shall attempt in the future to always include a one line summery in each *Estatoe*. Be aware that I can not present a clear picture in one line. For example the Museum project has no funds, while the History Association has the funds needed to operate until year end. Neither the Museum project nor the History Association has written confirmation of additional funds beyond that point.

Volunteer Highlight

There is more than one way to be a Volunteer. Some share their time. Others share their treasures-tangible and intangible. All volunteers share a desire to seek the success of a common goal. Theresa McClellan was one of our sustaining members of the Museum Project. She will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,
Jim Priesmeyer

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Membership Drive Update

1996 Membership Total	51
1997 Membership to Date	104

Please notify Jim at 682-3671 if you find any error in the above listing.

We have achieved our goal for 1997 with three months to spare. Now let's see how much better we can do. Please take a moment to review the membership list. We can maximize our efforts by doing the following.

- (1) Check to see that you have renewed your membership within the past twelve months.
- (2) Consider increasing your membership to the next level of support.
- (3) Call a friend who is on the list and thank them for their continued support.
- (4) Call a friend who is not on the list and urge them to join today.

Thank You for your support!