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William Zimmerman steps in as new Collections Manager

MR. ZIMMERMAN SIGNS ON

MR. ZIMMERMAN ANSWERS FIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS NEW POSITION AND HIS LOVE OF ALL THINGS MONTICELLO.....

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MUSEUM TO BEGIN UPSTAIRS RENOVATION THIS SUMMER

The first phase of the museum's renovation plan will begin this summer with the installation of heating and air conditioning units. This first phase will

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The Limberger Express



1963 Junior High Class



Cub Scout Troop

1. What are your historical connections to Monticello?

I grew up on a small farm about a mile east of Monticello. I went to grade and high school in Monticello and graduated in 1964. (I even rode the bus with Roger Dooley!) My sister, Julie, still lives in our old house and another sister, Alice (Gene) Fahrney and her husband have their home on a part of our families old farm. My brother, Kenneth, lives just out of town west of where the Sales Barn used to be. I often get to Monticello to visit family or friends or to get groceries.

2. What part of the job do you find most exciting so far?

Going down into the basement alone! Seriously, as a certified pack rat, who never throws anything away that might possibly be of use, I find the museum just great. It really is fun and exciting to open a box or a closet and find something interesting. I am really looking forward to continued exploration of the building and all that it contains.

3. What parts of the museum/artifacts are you looking forward to delving into?

I'm probably most interested in the old photos. I've looked at all I can find on the computer and have begun scanning and cataloging more. The general history of the area, maps, and old books are also interesting to me. But almost anything you pick up at the museum has a history that is interesting when you really look at it.

4. Do you have a vision for what you would like to do in this position?

It's probably a bit early for me to try and answer that question. Certainly, I hope to move forward with protecting and cataloging all the material in the building - a lifetime's work I would guess. I would hope to take more direct control of the museum website in hopes of expanding it.

5. What is your favorite memory of Monticello?

I remember the movies they used to project onto a sheet down by the parking lot and getting rained out. And movies up at the Ford Theater, too. (I was once so frightened in a Tarzan movie that I hid in the men's bathroom until it was over). I remember going up to school during the summer and talking to the janitors there. In retrospect, I wonder how they ever got anything done with me bothering them all the time. I remember biking into town to visit my Grandfather, who worked at the Pease Hardware Store and spending time there. I remember riding with Hank Spring in the gas truck and being allowed to help fill it from the tanks once in a while. I used to collect old soda bottles down at the town dump, clean them up, and sell them to Mr. Streiff at this grocery store. I was all over town on my bike and knew lots of people and did odd jobs, painted houses, mowed lawn, but mostly just stopped to visit. It was a great place to grow up!

begin when the Museum closes after Homecoming in July, due to Main Street construction. The heating and air units will be installed by Advanced Heating and Air Conditioning, owned by local businessman and resident Tracy Wing.

For those of you who have not seen the upstairs storage area, to say it is in need of repair is an understatement (see photos). With the many wonderful artifacts and documents donated to the museum each year, space and lack of sufficient climate control in which to store these items is becoming an issue. In order to protect our items, we must begin creating a climate controlled, low dust and moisture storage space.

The board has chosen a 3-4 year phased renovation plan that includes renovating two of the six rooms per year over the next four years, with phase one being the installation of the heating and air. During the following phases, renovations will include drywall, shelving, adding an insulated drop ceiling, flooring and work space for cleaning and cataloging. The board has chosen to do this in phases in order to spread out construction costs and assure continued safe storage of artifacts and documents.

When the renovations are complete, the museum will have a safe, climate controlled environment in which to store and care for Museum items. This will allow all our artifacts to be safely stored and for more items to be cleaned and displayed on the museum floor.

If you have any questions or would like to donate to the project, please contact the Museum or any board member.



Looking through the upstairs from the hallway in the front of the building. The faux wall in the middle of the picture would be removed in renovation to open up the space to allow for better movement of large items and create work space.



Picture on Upper Left: Upstairs rear south room where elevator opens into. Ceiling in need of repair as well as walls.



Picture Upper Right: Middle South room. Needs ceiling replacement, wall repair and shelving. A great future room for tables to clean and sort artifacts



Picture Lower Left: Currently, the only room usable for storage of cleaned and cataloged items. The room is in good shape but we are running out of space to store items.



Picture Lower Right: This room is in pretty good shape, except for the flooring. Would make a wonderful storage room for large items or lots of shelving

Spring had Sprung and Prom's Abound

1958-1963 PROM PHOTOS FROM THE MUSEUM COLLECTION



1963 Prom - Queen Candy Buehl and King Bob Wittenwyler



Terry Freitag and Jean Babler Shippy



Grand Procession 1958



Prom 1958



Prom circa 1947



Prom circa 1954- Ed Riese, Donna Koller, Emilie Gempeler, and Eugene Wallom



Prom Court 1958



Prom Court 1961



Prom 1957



Rehmstadt Gym - Prom 1958

15th Anniversary

MAHS Annual Dinner

Tuesday May 18, 2010

Dining Room on Main

6:30pm



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- *Margaret Mead*

Dinner Menu

Roast Pork Loin with Rosemary Gravy
Mashed Potatoes

Green beans with lemon cream sauce

Corn bread with honey butter

Tomato and Cucumber Salad

Mixed Green salad with Herb Vinaigrette

Assorted Green County Cheeses

Sourdough Bread

Chocolate Tart with Raspberry Sauce

Coffee and Milk



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April 3 - July 11
October 1 - 30
10am - 2pm

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