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Clark County Today

Many of our members do not get to visit our area on a regular basis. The Museum would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the updates in recent times of the County. Several of the residents have made major changes to their real-estate investments while other organizations have started new projects to improve entities in the county.

This is the recent update on the Berryman building, that has put a new face on down town Ashland. It gives one a refreshing feeling when visiting the down town are.



The picture below is a new business in the past few years the Bison Mercantile. The building was remodeled and opened up 3 adjacent old business into one very nice store. This has added jobs and new interest in the down town of Ashland.



We have a new recent project, the restructuring of the old Hotel. It has been know as the Hardest House for years and has several owner in the past few years. A local community group has acquired the building and started to restore it. We have a new restaurant in it now. They have installed a new roof and are making plans to add other interesting activities to the building.



Minneola Today

There have been many changes in the down town area such as a major remodel of the Hospital. The School has had several areas updated and then the addition of hundreds of wind generators to the landscape.



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The wind farms generate a major financial improvement to the Minneola economy. The school has benefitted with funds as well as most other business in the town. This is a very large project as there are several hundred wind turbines in the projects.



Another change in the area is the improvements of the Ashland Feed and Seed. They build a new office building and have added major investments to the feed production process. This has generated good jobs and makes it a larger employer in the area. They have a repair center as well as manufacture of cattle feeds that are being shipped out of the local area.



The Gardiner Ranch has build a new facility and has one of the most modern sale barn and arena to accommodate their sales operation.



Ashland hospital district has build a new hospital and removed the old hospital. It is in new location at the west edge of town. The original nursing home facility has been incorporated into the new hospital project. It was added to the west side of the hospital connecting it to the main hospital area. This is a serious investment for the hospital district and will take many years to get the cost of it paid for.



Minneola Wellness Center is a new addition to the community.



Several new homes are being competed due the loss of original homes from the area fire last year.



There are several new homes have been built on various ranches in the area. Some are due to losses of last years fire.



Boziden ranch



Wilson ranch



Giles ranch



Gardiner

This is a new home in Ashland. We have also seen several homes being updated giving the town have a updated appearance.



Kendal Kay

Museum news

The Museum has experienced some challenges this past year.

We are always looking to find ways to cut our operating cost. A project we started last year needs to be continued. It is upgrading the lights in the museum. We have approximately 110 lights through out the museum. By replacing them with the new LED type lights we can cut our lighting cost by 60 per cent or more. This is a significant saving on our monthly operations cost. Any help with lighting would be appreciated.

With the help of a donation, we have put in a new security camera system. It is real time recording and can be accessed at anytime needed.

The natural disasters in our county these past years have put a burden on all of the organizations in the area. The Museum is not without exception. Many supporters are still recovering from past years counties problems. We look forward to the support of all members to help with the critical shortage for this year's operating cost.

The Museum is tasked very heavily with the loss of funds for operations these past several years. Our income has declined seriously, and the funds used to pay operation expenses are down by nearly 28 %, which was already at a minimum operating level. We are working hard to hold our costs in line.

We have a wonderful Museum, and it is here because of the support of its members. We look forward to all of the members and friends coming in to visit the museum. The Museum thanks the local schools for their interest in the history of the county. We have had several school class spending a day visiting the museum this year. This is a great educational opportunity for the students.

Any one interested in volunteering to help in the museum will find it a interesting experience. If anyone would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities and several area that one can put their talents to work. Stop by and see what you find interesting.

Endowment Fund

The Pioneer Museum is grateful to those who have remembered us by making contributions to the endowment fund. Contribution marked for the fund will be placed in the fund. This can be done with individual contributions and through estate planning. This fund has grown each year. Hopefully some day this fund will have grown to the point that it will support the museum.

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