



Seymour History Bulletin

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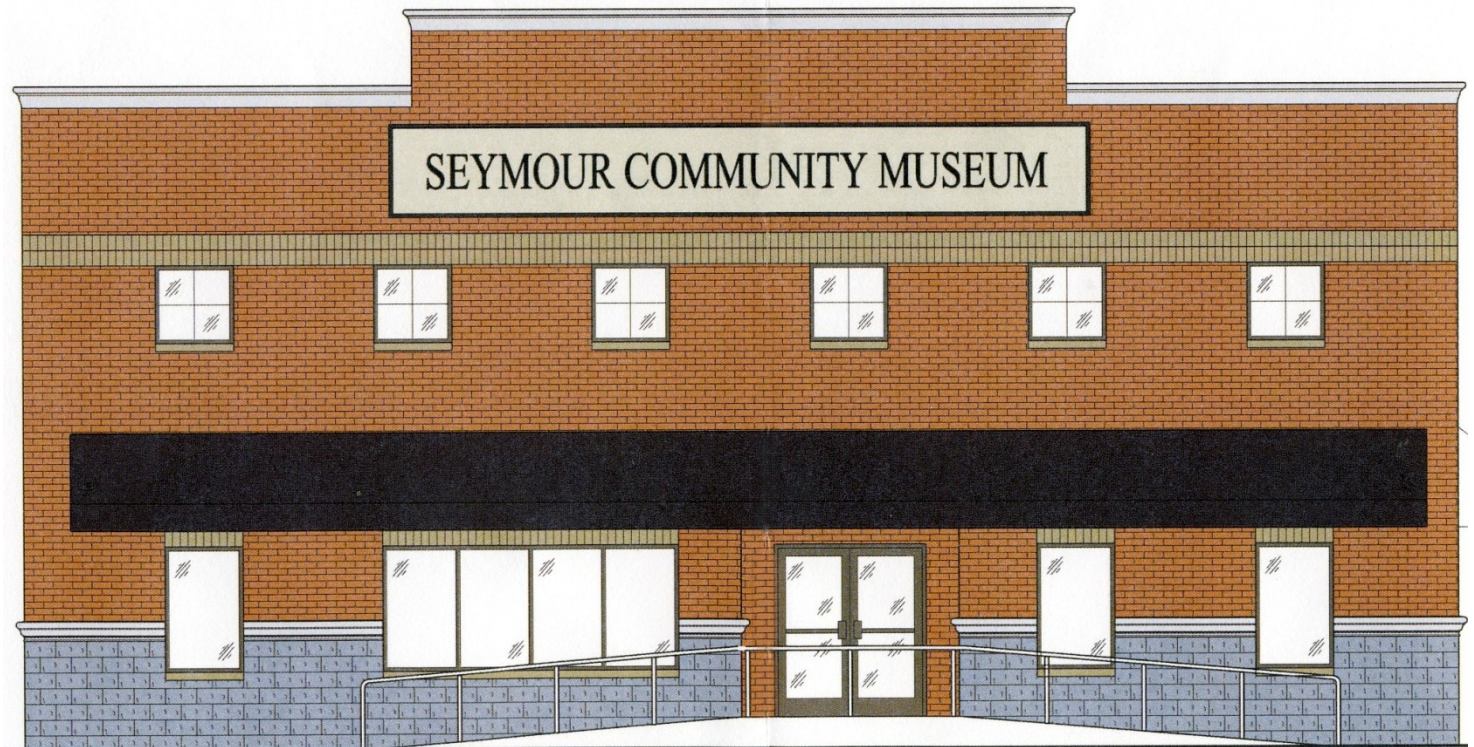
Dedicated to preserving Seymour Area History Summer 2011

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Groundbreaking Set for August 17th Program will take place at Music in the Park

Thanks to the support and generosity of many people who are committed to preserving Seymour area heritage for future generations, the building fund has reached the point where it will cover the cost of the new building.

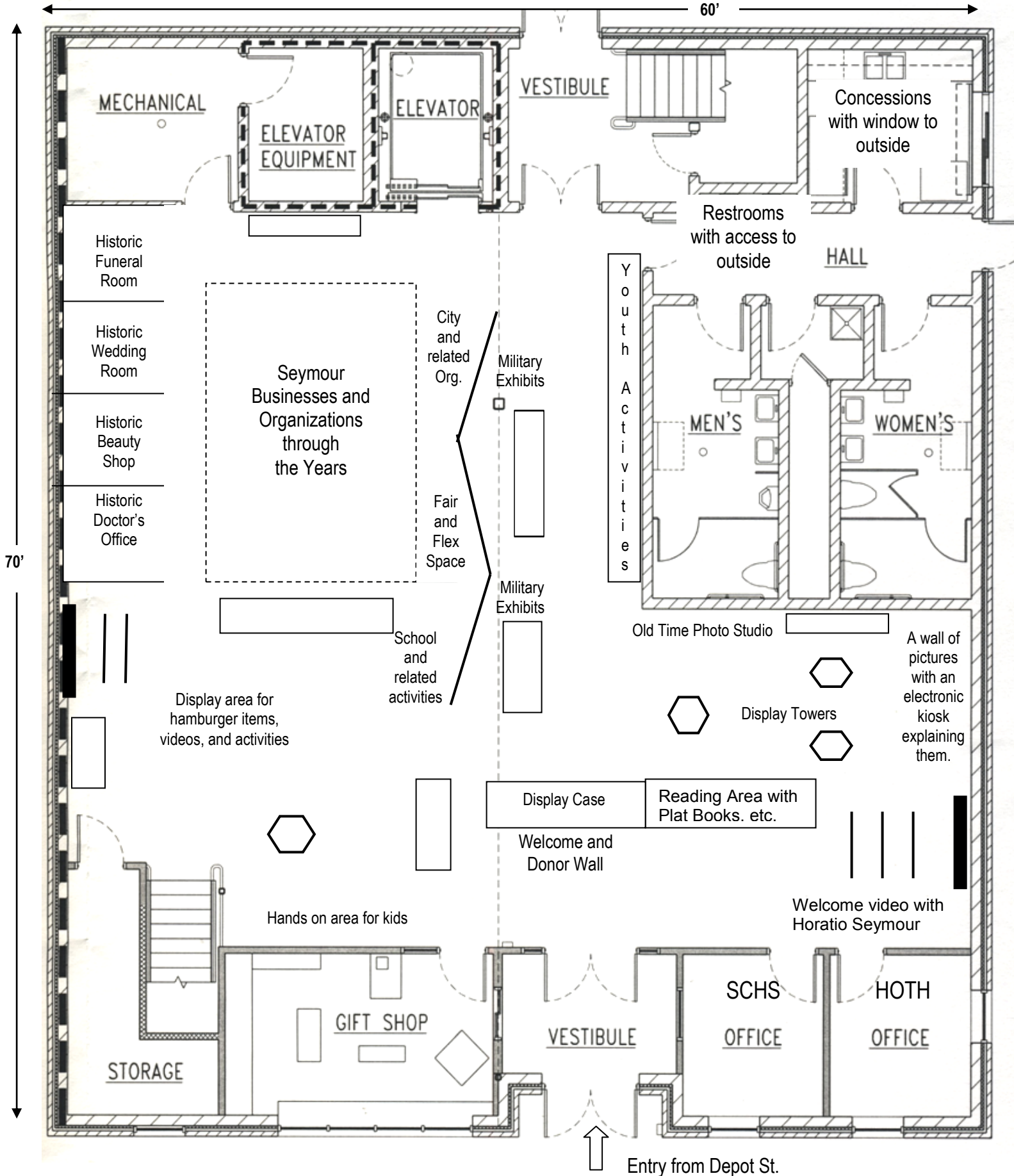
Additional funds are still needed to construct and maintain eye-catching exhibits that utilize modern technology. This edition of the ***Seymour History Bulletin*** describes the new building, lists all donors of \$100.00 or more, and explains how you can recognize your family or business for years to come.



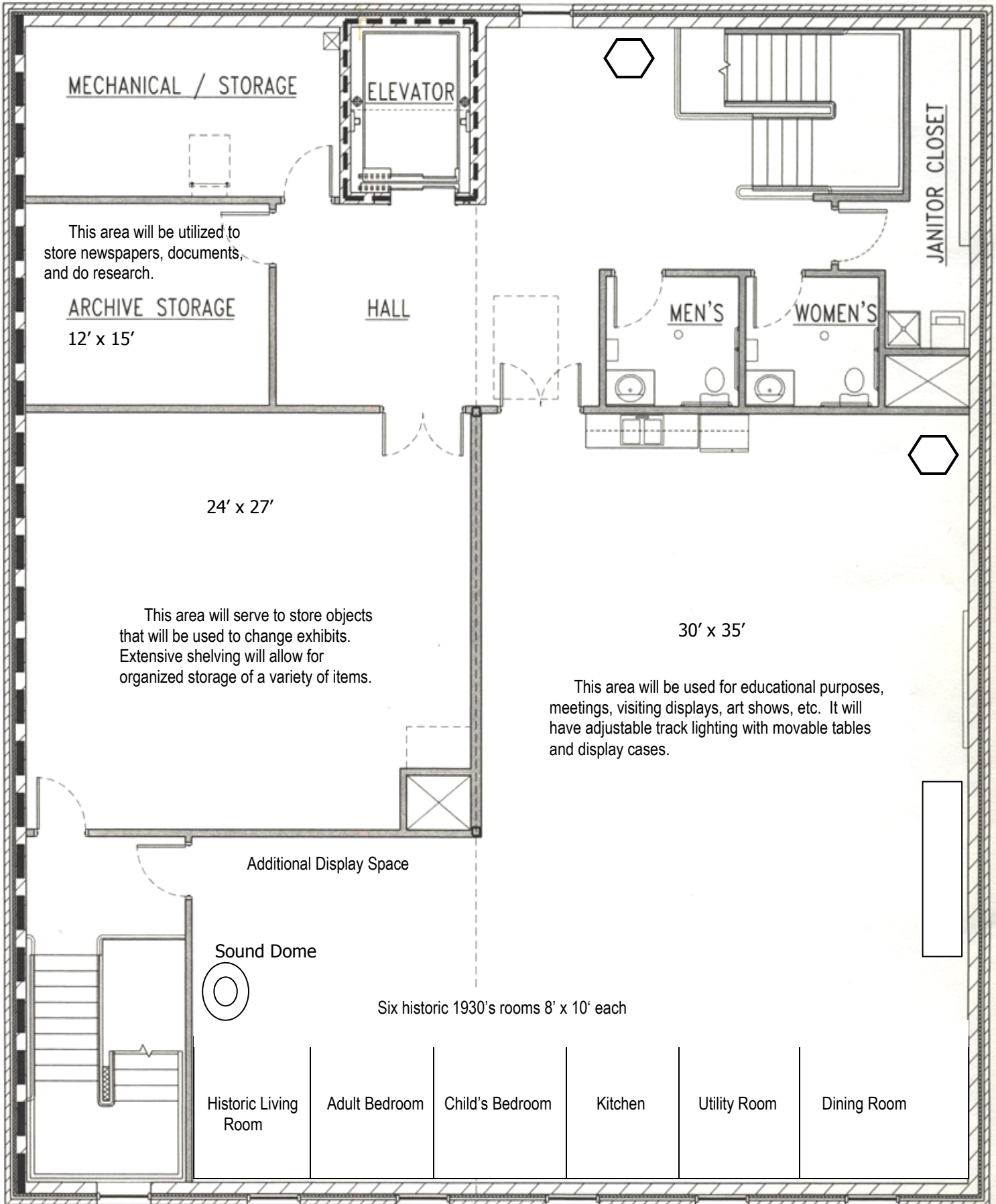
Facts about the new Seymour Community Museum

- It is two stories tall, 60 feet wide and 70 feet deep. Because of the high water table, there is no basement.
- It is located on Depot Street in downtown Seymour between the present museum and the gazebo.
- The old museum will be converted to an old time country store with the second floor used for storage.
- The building will be staffed and maintained by volunteers who are members of the Seymour Community Historical Society.
- The cost of the building is \$890,000.00. This does not include exhibits and additional costs such as landscaping, security system, computers, etc.
- Private donors or in-kind contributors have provided all construction costs and exhibit expenses.
- The building fund as of August 2011 is \$1,025,000.00. An additional \$200,000.00 is needed to expand exhibits and additional expenses.
- All donors of \$100.00 or more will be recognized on the donor wall in the entryway.

Interior Plans 1st Floor



Interior Plans 2nd Floor



Recognize Your Family, Loved Ones, a Business, a Location, a Club, a Team, or an Event, by Sponsoring an Exhibit, Display, or Picture.

As you look over the plans for the museum/learning center notice the variety of displays. This should give you a better idea of the sponsorships that are available. Everyone who donates \$2,500.00 or more has the opportunity to sponsor a picture, exhibit, or room. We will personally contact you to determine the brief message. Example: sponsored by the "John and Jane Smith Family," or "Courtesy of Acme Engineering." Another choice might be: "In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Doe."

Numerous large pictures and display cases will be located throughout the building. Perhaps you would like to sponsor a rural scene (cheese factory), a business scene (bank or store), or a display case featuring items that are meaningful to you (possibly school or military items). We will work with you and do our best to honor your request.

Listed below are the various levels of giving and sponsorships available

Donate \$100,000 to become a **Major Donor** and earn naming rights to a large room.

Example: The classroom/flex space on second floor.

Donate \$50,000 - \$99,999 to join the **Governor's Club** and naming rights to an office or room.

Examples: The archive room, storage room, or three historical display rooms.

Donate \$25,000 - \$49,999 to join the **Senator's Club** and earn naming rights to a room or large display.

Examples: The welcome video, historical society office, gift shop, two historical display rooms.

Donate \$10,000 - \$24,999 to become a **Trailblazer** and sponsor a small display room or large exhibit.

Examples: The historic kitchen, historic doctor's office, fair exhibit, school exhibit, etc.

Donate \$5,000 - \$9,999 to become an **Explorer** and sponsor a large picture or smaller exhibit.

Examples: A 3' x 6' 1907 picture of downtown Seymour, glass display tower, etc.

Donate \$2,500 - \$4,999 to become a **Pioneer** and sponsor a smaller picture or display case.

Examples: An 18" x 24" picture or display space in a case.

Donate \$1,000 - \$2,499 to become a **Settler** and have your *name* listed on the plaque in the vestibule.

Example: Your name or the person or business of your choice listed in bold letters under "Settler."

Donate \$500.00 - \$999 to become a **Scout** and have your name listed on the plaque in the vestibule.

Example: Your name or the person or business of your choice listed under "Scout."

Donate \$100.00 - \$499 and you will be listed under **Additional Donors** on the plaque.

Groundbreaking Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Members of the Board of Directors of the Seymour Community Historical Society and the Steering Committee for the Building Project thank you for your support of the new museum/learning center. You are invited to Nagel Park on Depot Street to participate in the groundbreaking. Local builder, Schuh Construction is the general contractor. Every effort is being made to utilize local help for the sub contractors. Numerous area businesses have volunteered to make in-kind contributions. The historical society is grateful for the commitment made by many people to bring the project to fruition.

Modern Technology for Exhibits

While donations cover the cost of the building, additional funds are needed to help construct displays that utilize modern technology. In order to build interactive video displays that appeal to youth, it is necessary to work with professionals who have the expertise to design and implement exhibits that portray history in a manner that is lively and compelling. An example of this can be found on the society Web site (www.seymourhistory.org) where Horatio Seymour is brought to life to discuss the new museum project.

The plan is for most of the exhibits to have a learning component that will make the display meaningful in a fun, dynamic manner. This, of course, adds additional expense, but pays educational dividends. We are grateful for your financial support. Please consider if you are in a position to increase your commitment or encourage others to donate to this community project. The enclosed yellow sheet details the number of options that are available to help guarantee the support of the museum/learning center through many generations.

Levels of Giving and Sponsorship as of August 1, 2011

We want to be certain everyone who donated is recognized at the proper level. While we have a checks and balances system in place please verify your listing, there is always a chance of human error. If you have any questions contact society treasurer Marge Coonen at (920) 833-2656 or president Bill Collar at 833-6064. Please understand you are credited for donations to the building fund. Additional contributions such as membership, memory forest, bake sale, memorial fund, etc. do not apply.

The totals include donations and pledges. In-kind contributions are not included at this time. **Within several months, all donors will receive a personal letter stating the amount of your gift and the exact wording on the donor plaque.** Please check the spelling and name or names listed below. If you merit a correction, or would like your name stated differently, please complete the yellow form and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you are at the "Pioneer" level or higher, you will be contacted personally as previously stated.

Primary Donor

Carl and Mary Ellen Kuehne

Major Donor \$100,000 +

John and Mary Green Estate

Harold and Agnes Krahn Estate

Governor's Club \$50,000 to \$99,999

Senator's Club \$25,000 to \$49,999

The Schuh Family

Home of the Hamburger, Inc.

Trailblazer \$10,000 to \$24,999

Bill and Holly Collar

Community First Credit Union

Harold and Dolores Pingel

Seymour Flying Club

Jon and Becky Stellmacher

Trailblazer \$5,000 to \$9,999

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Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home

Gustman Motors, Inc.

Deloris Kuehne

Roy and Lucille Puls

Randy and Ann Reed

Frank Schnabl

Seymour Firefighters Strife Co. #1

Seymour Lions Club

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Tesch Brothers Implement

Thrivent Financial

Pioneer \$2,500 to \$4,999

Baylake Bank

John and Adrienne Cumicek

Dr. Don and Gail Hoff

Joseph Kline

Nichols Paper Company

Richard and Ann Piehl

Robert and Helen Piehl

Seymour Chamber of Commerce

Don and Dorothy Reed

Seymour Women's Club

Settler \$1,000 to 2,499

Leland and Betty Blohm

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Roger and Janice Eick

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Ralph Melchert

Nichols Area Historical Society

June Raether

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Judy Severson

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Seymour Basketball Association

Seymour FFA Alumni

The Sewphisticated Stitcher, Inc.

Harold and Thelma Tech

Mark Truyman

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Scout \$500 to \$999

Arlyn and Julie Bush

Tom and Mavis Brownson

Jim and Sue Carlson

Lois Dalke

Clayton and Audrey Ebert

Duane Ebert

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Seymour American Legion Post 106

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Seymour HS Class of 1954

Harvey and Sue Shuler

Janet Sigl

Gerald Thomas

Truyman, Haase, Zahn Insurance

Vanden Heuvel Partnership

Al and Sally Wagner

Ron and Colleen Weyers

Dan and Pam Zak

Additional Donors \$100 to \$499

Nancy Lee Arts

Chase Bank

John Banker

Bob and JoAnn Battisti

Dan and Ruth Beilfuss

Brillin Health

George and Audrey Behrendt

Brian and Susan Brashaw

Jim Braun Family

Dan and Sadie Brice

Rick and Bonnie Buntrock

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Doug and Joyce Buttles

Kevin and Cherry Buttles

Jim and Nancy Campbell

Lynn and Joel Cartier

Additional Donors

\$100 to \$499 Continued

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Robert and Diann Ciesielczyk
Circle E Equestrian Stables, LLC
Joan Conradt
Orvell and Marye De Bruin
Tim Diermeier
Duane and Ginny Doersch
Steve and Darla Dorosz
John Dyer
Ted and Bobbie Jo Eisenreich
Kathleen and Dean Farr
First National Bank Seymour
Susan Frampton
Fran Gerl
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Michael and Karen Gonnering
Karen J. Hallada
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Stephan and Betty Hunt
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Infinity Feeds
J.J.'s Auto Body
Fr. Bob Kabat
Dirk and Debbie Kagerbauer
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Shirley Kielar
Pat and Mary Klass
Clifford (Dewey) Klitzke
Milton and Beverly Krause
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Otto and Connie Krueger
Cathy and Pat Krull
Randy and Kelly Lerum
Dick and Donna Lubinski
Warren and Gloria Maass
Betty Ann Kubiak
John and Kay Kurczek
Stan and Mary Larkin
La Vern and Helen Leisgang
Virginia Manzke
Donald Marcks
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Susan McMaster
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Alden and Geraldine Moeller
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Pete Mullen
Sharon and Ron Nachtwey
Ron and MaryAnn Nettekoven
Nichols Volunteer Firefighters
Lee and Zola Nimmer
Nsighttel Wireless
Barbara J. O'Connor –Schevers
Orion Labels
Ken Palubicki
Ellen Piehl
Janice Piper
George Piper, Jr.
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Elizabeth Bassett-Piehl
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Bernice Riehl
Lee and Nancy Rihm
St. John's United Church of Christ
Scenic Valley Co-op
Leo Schmidt
Doug and Sue Seidl
Marilyn Seidl
Winton Severson
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Shooting Stars 4-H Club
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Scott and Angela VerVoort
Tom and Joan Wichman
Judy Worsch
Jim and Rosalie Wurl
John Wurtzel
Bruce and Mary Yaeger
Bill and Joyce Zahn

Fashion Show a Huge Success

Close to 200 people enjoyed “**Stylin’ with the Party Band: 1910-1960s,**” a step back in time as forty models, mostly students from Seymour High School, displayed period fashions, music, dancing, fun and frolic. The program featured clothing from the collection stored at the museum. Accompanied by music from the **Party Band** and Dale Johnson, the models strutted their stuff from 1910 to the 1960s. The staff at Doxbee’s prepared a great meal and everyone had a good time.

A variety of pictures projected behind the models, portrayed street scenes of Seymour and its residents through the decades. Often the clothing of the model closely resembled the person in the picture. Of particular interest were military uniforms including one worn by Alvin Piehl in WWI.

SHS baseball players Troy Rottier and Alex Leisgang started the evening showing the contrast in baseball uniforms and equipment. Rottier filled out the hand-lettered uniform of Walter Ebert who pitched for Isaar in the 1920s. His diminutive glove was half the size of the modern basket displayed by Leisgang who was attired in a present day SHS uniform. As the evening progressed the audience viewed dress suits, wedding dresses, scout uniforms, a bowling shirt, “hot pants” a number of prom dresses and much more.

Seymour High School history teachers Dan Brice and Curt Jefson recruited the students to model the classic clothing from the collection of the historical society. Student participation in this project and their commitment of time and energy is a reflection of their interest in contributing to community activities and preserving our heritage.

The Seymour dance team, under the leadership of Terri Van Boxtel, contributed to the ambiance of the era by demonstrating the dance steps of each decade. The event was a fundraiser for the new museum.

Scenes from the Vintage Fashion Show



Troy Rottier and Alex Leisgang model the old and modern baseball uniforms and gloves.



Alex Schramm is ready to play 18 holes in his 1930's golf outfit.



Mr. and Mrs. George Falck, owners of the Falck Hotel in the early 1900's, were portrayed by Tara Eick and Jared Boerst.



Jessica Fiers models a 1929 swimming suit.

Improvements to the Web Site

Recently the historical society Web site was upgraded to include an archive of all the past ***Seymour History Bulletins*** and an image gallery.

To access the new additions, visit the site (www.seymourhistory.org) and click on "News." We are in the process of adding many pictures that illustrate Seymour area history. Thirteen different categories are represented including Agriculture, Businesses, Churches, Fair, Hamburger, Military, Organizations, Parades, People, Postcards, School, Sports, Street Scenes, and Other Topics.

If you are interested in seeing certain pictures from our collection, e-mail us the description and we will do our best to find the picture and add it to the image gallery.

The images have captions. If you have something to add to further identify the picture, contact the historical society and we will add your comments.

Facebook and e-mail

We are in the process of improving our Seymour History Facebook page and will add more pictures and announcements in the future. It will be a great way to keep abreast of the progress on the building project. If we don't have your e-mail address, add it to the enclosed yellow sheet and we will send you periodic progress reports.

Music in the Park

Thanks to the cooperation of Seymour area merchants and organizations, your historical society arranged to have music in the Gazebo in Nagel Park for 14 Wednesday evenings this summer. Society members John and Lynn Koenigs of the ***Party Band***, did another great job providing a variety of music. Please support the merchants that bring the music to Seymour.

American Family Insurance
Baylake Bank
Bakula, Ken - NY Life
BMO Harris Bank
Chase Bank
Cheezy Jim's Pizza (In Memory)
Community First - Nichols
Coonen Inc.
Countryside Photographers
Don's Quality Market
Doxbee's

DQ Grill and Chill
Edward Jones Investments
Family Insurance Center
First National Bank
Friends of the Library
Good Shepherd Services Ltd.
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Hotel Seymour
Huettl Bus, Inc.
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Krabbe's Kountry Klub
Lakeside Foods
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Marcks Trucking & Excavating
Menn Law Firm, Ltd.
Performance Pallet Corp.
Seymour Lions
Subway of Seymour
Trackside Gas and Conv. Store
Truyma, Haase, Zahn, Insurance
Ver Voort Construction - Shiocton

Music remaining this summer:

August 17 – Gary and **"Hauser's Hot Shots" - Groundbreaking for the new museum.** (6:30)

August 24 – Bernie Kroll, John Steltz and Roger Hartwig - **Veteran's salute and corn roast.** (5:30)

August 31 – Yodel'n Loren LeBlanc and the **"Honky Tonk Twisters"** (6:30)



"The New Generation" from Pulaski is Seymour's warm up to Pulaski Polka Days.



"Hauser's Hot Shots" from Tigerton will be playing for the museum groundbreaking at 6:30 on August 17.