



Press Release

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Changes are coming!

There are some major changes coming to our museum, designed not only as repair, but to beautify the area and make it safer.

The board recently approved spending up to \$15,000 for three major projects – repairing the roof, cleaning and strengthening the façade of the building and construction of a courtyard in what is now the parking area in the front of the museum.

The courtyard will include stamped sidewalks, planters and benches to allow the public to sit and enjoy the view. Planters are being constructed by Boy Scout Richard Lucas as his Eagle Scout project. Two families have stepped up to donate funds to pay for the benches as memorials to their family.

We have received a \$150 grant from the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau to help with some of the costs. Still to be paid are approximately \$300 for treated timber, \$72 for patio squares and 200 for gravel and stones. Actual construction costs is about \$4,800 for the courtyard.

We also will replace the cement in front of the garage at an additional cost of \$3,200.

We expect to receive some annual allocation from Exxon Mobil for volunteer hours donated by Dave and Kathy Lynch and have applied for another grant. However, that money has not yet been awarded.

At any rate, the board believed it was time to take these steps – despite the poor economy and the costs. We are confident we will be able to achieve the expected results without breaking our bank account.

In the meantime, however, we are accepting any and all donations – of money or materials – to help reduce our costs. As you know, we are a 501c organization, meaning any donations are exempt from federal income taxes.

If you would care to donate, please send your check made out to the Conneaut Lake Area Historical Society, PO Box 425, Conneaut Lake, Pa., 16316, and mark it for the courtyard or the repair projects.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!