

North Middletown News

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Phase 1 of Brick Sidewalk Installed!

Chris Banks and BSA Troop 73 to the rescue

Eagle Scout candidate, Chris Banks, contacted the NMCHC earlier this year to find out if we would be interested in any help on our projects at the North Middletown Cultural Heritage Center. Chris is a member of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Lexington, Kentucky, and had attended other projects the young men had worked on here and at the Prescott Cemetery. We were thrilled to have been chosen by Chris as a worthwhile project and immediately set to work deciding what areas he would tackle on their work weekend.

After several discussions, we agreed that Chris would direct his troop in setting our brick sidewalk, pulling up the old carpeting from the former sanctuary, painting of folding chairs, lighting fixtures and pews, brush removal and working on the new property acquisition by spreading gravel for a new parking lot.

The last weekend of July was chosen as the project date and the NMCHC directors welcomed the young

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New Property Acquisition

Extended parking, recreation area and building

Our last newsletter sent out a call for help to allow us to acquire the property directly across the street from the NMCHC, in order to add parking and recreation areas, another building and more storage for the Center.

The call was answered by Jacqueline A Sue, of Corte Madera, CA, who donated \$5,000.00 toward the purchase of the property, Bud and Michelle Butler of North Middletown, KY, who fronted another \$5,000.00, and \$1,000.00 from Stanton Biddle of New York.

All of the donors are descendants of the Butler family of North Middletown, and their ancestors will be honored appropriately.

The building, which has historical significance as a general store in the early 20th Century, was purchased at auction in February, and the closing was in April. This has provided us with a vacant lot to add parking for the Center, a recreation area at the back of the property, and a two story house that will add storage and other various uses for the Center and its members.

We would like to thank the people who made this purchase possible. It was a very much needed addition to the NMCHC and will be a marked improvement on the local landscape as work progresses on the property.



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Eagle Project cont'd

men Saturday morning at 9am and the work began. Chris and his fellow scouts were able to accomplish all of the projects they hoped to do, and the results were fantastic! There is still much to do before the Center is complete, but we are so much closer now, thanks to the boys and their hard work.

Special thanks to the Buhler Family who have made the Center and the Prescott Cemetery a priority since 2007. Zach Buhler, the first of Troop 73 to have his projects here, was honored with his own brick in the sidewalk, and with the help of his dad, laid his brick on the last day of the project. Thank you to all of the scouts, adult helpers, directors and others who made this dream a reality, and a special thank you to those who purchased bricks, we couldn't have done it without you.

Purchase your brick now for Phase II, form enclosed.



Phase II Underway

Now that Phase I is complete, we are pleased to announce that you can still add a brick to the sidewalk during Phase II. Bricks are \$100 for a 4x8 brick and the cost includes engraving, shipping and setting of your brick. If you would like a larger brick, 8x8 bricks are available at \$250.

Checks can be made payable to the NMCHC and sent to PO Box 221, North Middletown, KY 40357.

Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

This is a great way to honor someone special to you, take a moment and order your brick now!



Tremendous gift from ASHM

In an unparalleled act of generosity, the American Saddlebred Horse Museum, located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, has offered the North Middletown Cultural Heritage Center, Inc. all of their display cases, signage, exhibit cubes and paraphernalia for the promotion of the Black Horsemen exhibit and other exhibits we hope to house at the NMCHC.

The ASHM is undergoing a 10 million dollar expansion with all new exhibits in time for the upcoming World Games that will take place at the Kentucky Horse Park beginning in September 2010, which is why they had items to relocate. Curator, Kim Skipton, the person behind the 2007 exhibit ~ ***Out of the Shadows: Bringing to Light Black Horsemen in Saddlebred History.*** When Kim realized they were going to have to find a new home for the many pieces in the museum, she immediately thought of us. With the approval of Director Tolley Graves, Kim contacted us to see if we would be interested. Needless to say, we were thrilled with the sizeable gift. Thank you to all who had a part in seeing that the NMCHC was the recipient of this gift!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TGIF

PLACE: NM CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

TIME: 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Youth aged 10-17 are invited to come to the Center for recreation each Friday, all year long!

RUMMAGE SALE & SOUP LUNCH

PLACE: NM CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

TIME: OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18

All proceeds support the NMCHC and Prescott Cemetery

HALLOWEEN DANCE

PLACE: NM CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

TIME: OCTOBER 30 FROM 7 – 10PM

ALL AGES WELCOME, \$2 COVER CHARGE, FOOD AND BEV FOR SALE

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

PLACE: NM CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

TIME: OCTOBER 31 FROM 6 – 10PM

GAMES, HAYRIDES, MUSIC, FOOD AND FRIGHTENING FUN!

Cry for help!

The NMCHC would like to ask for volunteers to help with two very important projects that need to be accomplished before the end of the calendar year.

First, we need to finish the hardwood floors in the Center. They need to be sanded two to three times and then stained and varnished. This has to be accomplished prior to the arrival of the new display gift from the American Saddlebred Horse Museum. If you have any skills or time that could help us accomplish this project, please contact us at your earliest convenience. If we don't find volunteers we will be happy to accept monetary donations to pay for the refinishing costs.

Secondly, we need a few strong men to help move the donated items from the American Saddlebred Horse Museum to the NMCHC in December. The exact dates have not as yet been determined but the projection is mid-December. Once we get the word to come pick them up, we need to retrieve them in a 2 day period. We believe we will need about 8 able bodies. We are also looking for donations of trucks and trailers for the 1-2 day period so that we don't have to rent trucks for the move. We would also gratefully accept a cash donation to help with the moving costs if we need to hire movers or trucks, instead.

Know Where You're Going

Know Where You've Been



Youth members of the NMCHC at TGIF



Just hanging out

Supporting safe and fun recreation for our kids



HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



JOIN US FOR A FRIGHTENINGLY
GOOD TIME THIS HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 31, 2009

~ FOR GAMES, FOOD, TRICKS,
TREATS, HAYRIDES AND FUN~

NORTH MIDDLETOWN CULTURAL
HERITAGE CENTER

6-10PM

EVERYONE WELCOME, FREE TO ALL!

Wedding Announcement

Congratulations are in order to Jacqueline A. Sue on her marriage to David S. Johnson, August 3, 2009. The bride is the author of several books, including *Black Seeds in the Blue Grass & Cornbread & Dim Sum*, and is a member and staunch supporter of the NMCHC.

The groom is a well known photographer from San Francisco, CA, and was the first African-American student of Ansel Adams at the California School of Fine Arts.

View Mr. Johnson's website at:

<http://davidsjohnsonphotography.com>

Mrs. Johnson's at:

www.jacquelinesue.com

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