

TO: Citizens and Friends of Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum (VBCH&HM)

FROM: VBCH&HM Board Members: Bonnie Adcock, Sue Bailey, Joyce and Joe Chandler, David Cook, Diann Goney, Landon Medley, and Donna Sullivan

SUBJECT: VBCH&H Museum Establishment and Support

DATE: March 21, 2019

Greetings! It has been almost one year since the last county officials who were housed in the Old Courthouse moved their offices to the New Administrative Building. In March 2018, several concerned citizens began meeting to lay the foundation for a Museum that would bring alive the history and heritage of the county. During this past year, we asked for and received permission from the County Commission that the Old Courthouse be the location of the Museum. Also, the County Commission approved a Mission Statement and By-laws that would guide the development and the operation of the Museum. The building was completely vacated and cleaned during late summer 2018. Exterior signs have been ordered. At present some repairs to the building are needed.

Board members have discussed at lengths the purpose, goals, needs, acquisition of artifacts, and funding. If this lofty goal of having a County Museum becomes a reality, your help is needed. Volunteers, donors, and financial supporters are needed to ready the building for the artifacts, as well as, donations such as family photos and history and items that tell stories of our history and heritage. Thus, we are writing this letter requesting your support and help on this special countywide project.

The VBCH&H Museum Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM at the Old Courthouse. You are invited to attend and/or bring your input to members of the board. Our phone numbers are located in the Ben Lomand directory. For permanent donations and temporary loans of items, please contact a board member. Your financial support is needed for display furnishings, museum quality storage items, office furnishings and supplies, copying, etc. When giving financial support, please provide the information on the next page and include it with your check made to the "Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum"

Thank you for being a part of the founding of the Museum. The goal is to open the Museum during late summer 2019. Once the date is known it will be published in various locations throughout the county and on the Van Buren County Website.

Financial Support for the
Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum

Make checks out to the Van Buren County Historical and Heritage Museum, please complete and send to the address listed at bottom of this form.

Your Name _____

Address _____
(street/road) (city) state) (zip)

Check the amount given:

Donation Amount: ___\$10 ___\$20 ___\$50 ___\$100 \$_____ Other Amount

Friend of the Museum ___\$500.00 Patron of the Museum ___\$1000.00

You may give in honor or memory of someone or recognition of an organization, club, church, school.

In Honor of _____
(name)

Relation to You _____

In Memory of _____
(name)

Relation to You _____

In Recognition of _____
(name)

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Names of donors without the amount given will be posted. The names of Friends and Patrons will be posted. Also, names of those honored, memorialized, and recognized and the names of those who gave the gifts will be posted.

Send Donations to:

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