

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce & Convention & Visitors Bureau

City Council Presentation Sept. 15th, 2014

Where we are at with the building:

Solicited the 3 Commercial Builders in Blue Earth for a “plan”

Hinrichsen Construction has drawn 3 plans & we have met at Giant Park with the proposed building size- flagged exterior & proposed rooms

Where we are at with contributions:

Building Fund-\$7,554.46

Plus an anonymous donor at this time pledging \$100,000.00, \$50,000.00 2014 & the balance 2015

Where we need to be with land agreement?

City Admin.-Kathy Bailey & appointed Council Member -Chelsey Haase were a part of a committee for the first 2 meetings

Bailey made a statement that we needed to get the Legal Agreement in stone about the land. We do need this for any grant applications. We would like that to be the next goal.

Presentations to others & grant needs-FUNDRAISER Committee to start plans soon.

Giant Stats

“Donation Jar” at the [Giant](#) – suggestion by visitor- went over well after being there 35 years

Giant Building Fund- Museum & Red Barn Donation Box Ttl-\$339.20, Giant Artist Family- \$350.00, Chad Elliot Concert-\$29.00, Hedberg Book-\$2,948.00-Check received From Hedberg for Matching funds of \$2,948.00

Red Barn Stats

The Red Barn closed the Tuesday after Labor Day & we want to share some of our giant stats with you!

Souvenirs: Red Barn Season-\$9,490.07 & Chamber Sales-\$1,861.21 (including tax)
= \$11,351.28

We had 3,967 guests sign our guest book at the Giant. All states were represented by July 4th & the countries represented were Holland, Belgium, France, Norway, Israel, Finland, Singapore, Mexico, Spain, Honduras, Germany, Australia, Taiwan, Denmark, New Zealand, Sweden, S. Africa, England, Scotland, Russia & many provinces in Canada, giant!

We sold Giant, Blue Earth & Daniel Boone Trail souvenirs.

We are so grateful for our **Giant** volunteers who man the Red Barn Mon.-Sat. Thank you to Thelma Frerichs, Doc Thoreson, Lois Strack, Mary Halverson, Wilma Bittering, Lill Robinson, Diane Jacobson & Nellie Turner for the time they spent picking up the money bag & opening up, running the TIC and coming back with the money bag with tourist tales almost every day! They enjoyed their time & we appreciate them all! Some of them even man the Chamber Office for us when we are out. Giant people doing giant things!