

IT'S OFFICIAL!
MUSEUM'S BRICK PROJECT
BRICK BY BRICK \$\$ DOLLAR BY DOLLAR



The Gage County Historical Society will begin the **largest fundraising project since 1994**. That was when board member Dr. C.T. Frerichs, singlehandedly, raised the funds necessary to renovate a Medical Wing on the north end of the Museum proper. In 2009, the City of Beatrice wrote for and received a Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Grant. This updated grant will make it possible to replace the one block (2nd Street) brick street, directly in front of the Museum. In addition, the brick, street sidewalks, and a concrete drive, flanked with brick sidewalks, will enhance this National Register Site.

The Society is now aware of their 20% dollar share of the project. **It is \$53,665.10**. Matching funds are necessary for grants. This capital improvement project will be in conjunction with the interactive tourist sign at a cost of **\$26,000**. Together these two projects will be just shy of **\$80,000**. This amount may not seem like much to many of you, but for us it is huge. We are not fully tax supported, so we must raise funds for general operating. Special projects require extra funding. Every dollar counts! Our hope is to receive half in grants and the other half in donations. Merna Greer's donation, back in 2010, will begin this drive. As soon as Merna heard of the project she came forward with a generous gift to get the ball rolling in fundraising.

There have been several fundraisers in the community and the Gage County Museum has encouraged and helped them in their endeavors. **Now is the time for the Museum to have their own major fundraiser.** Beatrice and Gage County were both organized on the very spot where the Museum stands today! Second and Court Street has always been a place to begin and grow in the heart of Beatrice and Gage County and today we begin again with the replacement of the bricks and a tourist sign that will be able to give information and share historic pictures. These are just a part of the Gage County Historical Society's 20/20 Plan.

**Send your tax-deductable,
"Brick by Brick \$\$ Dollar by Dollar" donation to:
Gage County Historical Society, PO Box 793, Beatrice NE 68310.
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