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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

For those of you perhaps wondering what's going on at the museum – let us catch you up. First off, our next meeting is this Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the museum in Laporte behind the courthouse. Then because our year runs from July to June, our next meetings are as follows (all on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the museum): Nov. 2nd, Mar. 1 (2018), May 3, June 7, July 12. The annual dinner meeting for Aug. of 2018 will be announced, so watch the Sully. Meetings usually last about an hour and are open to the public.

You may have seen some activity around the Shed located in the museum complex and you'd be right. Last year, due to a gift from the Lawrence and Elizabeth Dunlap Foundation, we were able to have the Aegis Resource Mgt. company install lighting throughout the Shed building. That step opened up a whole new world because we could now see what we were doing. And even though we'd been placing many objects to be displayed in the Shed, it now appeared that the original stone floor put in upon completion in 2005 would need to be cemented. Enter Jeremy Edkin of Laporte with an estimate that we then solicited membership and the public. And bless each and every one of you who gave, because we collected over 90% of the money needed to cement the floor and put a ramp at the entrance for moving things and handicapped accessibility.

Okay, now came the hard part: moving everything out of the Shed for Jeremy to install the floor. The first helping hand came from Shelby's Truck & Auto Center of Wysox who lent us a skid steer, for way longer than anticipated. The reason for that was that we didn't realize the suggested time for curing cement was 30 days. So next came the moving – and where to put it all. Large items went under tarps outside and the county commissioners allowed that we could use three bays of the garage for smaller things to store. So July 28th came along and it was time for strong arms and hands. So at this point we'd like to thank Mike and Debbie Krause, John Smithkors and son Justin, daughter-in-law Renee and grandsons Conner and Cayden, Wylie and Melly Norton, David and Mariah Fowler. The entrance onto Meylert Street was pretty ripped up after all this moving so Rick Rexer donated 4 tons of modified stone to create a road easement before Jeremy then installed the ramp. Weather played its part by trying to blow the tarps off, so Mark Minier kindly kept an eye out to fix them so that items stayed dry. After waiting the appropriate time we did the reverse moving on Sept. 8th. Mike Krause had made preliminary

plans for how to place the major items and we pretty much stuck to that with some amount of jockeying to fit everything. But here's the kicker: its going to take some time for us to get all the displays set up for viewing, place all background information with the items and have a "grand opening" of the Shed. So, we're looking at some time in 2019 to make a formal announcement for all to see this expansion of YOUR museum's complex.

Hats off to so many of the folks who have made this possible in so many ways to ensure the longevity of the history of Sullivan County. For this and more, you can either catch us on Tuesdays or Thursdays (weather and personal schedules permitting) or phone for an appointment at 570-946-5020 or email us at museum@scpahistory.com Meanwhile, visit our website at www.scpahistory.com and like us on Facebook.