

House decked out despite buckled wall

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Christmas trees adorn the porches and rooms, garland and ribbons on the fence greet passersby and lights glisten in the windows at night at the Ennis-Handy House.

Though the 1907 Victorian house is sitting on a collapsed sewer line and a crumbling basement wall it is available for parties, and the Sherman County Historical Society board members are hoping for a lot of good will from area residents during the holidays to help with repairs that may cost up to \$9,000.

The sewer line and wall won't affect the availability of the house, said Historical Society President David Branda — the upstairs is functional, and temporary supports will keep the house stable until repairs can be finished. The house is decorated for the holidays, he said, and is a nice place to come and have a party.

The society is accepting holiday party bookings, he said; the charge is \$5 per person, not to exceed \$100 and besides use of the house can include use of the society's dishes and cutlery.

The society is hoping for bookings, donations and new members, as well as good sales of the latest holiday ornament with a picture of the Grant School from 1927, the year it opened.

The 2008 ornament is \$10, Branda said, and ornaments from 2004, 2006 and 2007 are \$8 each. A set of four, one from each year, is \$30. The ornament from 2004 is blue and has a picture of the Ennis-Handy House, the one from 2006 is gold and has a picture of the courthouse and the one from 2007 is red with a picture of the old telephone building. The one with Grant School is green.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce started the ornament program in 2004, Branda said, and then elected not to do it the next year, so the society picked it up in 2006 and plans to continue making a new collectors' ornament each year.

"We have a wonderful archive of pictures from the Parker Collection," he said.

The current ornament has a picture of Grant School from 1926, he said, the year the school was built. The ornaments are available at the house and at the High Plains Museum, he added.

Board member Christie Rasure put up the garland and decorated trees, Branda said; she is very creative.

A tree in the dining area is decorated in a tea party theme with cups,

spots, tea bags and napkins, one in the sewing room with hats, one in a child's bedroom with gingerbread men, trains and toys, and one in the front room is from ceiling to floor in traditional style with gold ribbon, red bows, lights and red, green and gold ornaments.

Wal-Mart donated the tree, Rasure said, adding that it was 12 feet tall, and the house has 10-foot ceilings. Board members cut it at the base as much as they could, she said, and then cut a little at the top to make it fit.

The tree included the lights and the red bows, she added.

Historical society board members knew the house had sewer problems for several years because when the sink and dishwasher in the kitchen were used, water came up into the sink in the basement. Temporary fixes had been done to keep the house in good shape, he said, but they knew more would have to be done eventually.

Branda said he noticed signs the house's sewer problems were getting worse the last week of October and suggested it was time to look at more permanent repairs.

The historical society board met and made arrangements for digging up the sewer line to make repairs, he said, but the sewer line collapsed under the foundation wall, and when they were digging, the basement wall gave and was pushed in.

No concrete footing was poured under the wall like would be done today, he said; the concrete floor in the basement only goes to the edge of the walls, not under them.

When the wall buckled, he said, it was decided to replace a section of the wall after pouring new footing. The new wall can be made of cinder blocks under ground, he said, and will be made of brick above ground to match existing construction.

Since that will not change the house's appearance, he said, that method was approved by the state and national historic registries, which the house is listed on.

Construction on the house started in 1906, Branda said, and finished in 1907, so the house is 101 years old.

The mortar between the bricks (in the basement walls) had water damage and was getting soft and crumbly, he said. With the boards that were put up over the basement walls, he said, the damage wasn't seen, but piles of mortar dust were collecting at the bottom of the walls.

Worst case scenario for the repairs, Branda said, is \$9,000. The



work will be done, he said, if it's just buying an ornament or renting the house for a party, any money coming in will help.



David Branda, Sherman County Historical Society president, pointed out where bricks had fallen and crumbled mortar piled up at the base of a wall in the basement of the Ennis-Handy House that buckled when work was being done on the sewer. Despite the need for repairs, the house is decorated for Christmas and is available for holiday parties. A 12-foot tree, donated by Wal-Mart, was cut to fit under a 10-foot ceiling in the front room of the house and decorated by board member Christie Rasure.

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Annual meeting planned

The Sherman County Historical Society will have its annual meeting at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Goodland Public Library.

The program will be Sherman County History Vol. 4, which is being compiled with publication planned in 2009.

Perry Baird is in charge of the committee compiling the book, said

David Branda, historical society president, and he and the committee will do a presentation on the volume's contents.

The meeting will also include the treasurer's report, Branda said, and the state of the society — what has happened in the past year and future goals. Light refreshments will be served, he added.

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