



**INSIDE THE NEW FRONT OFFICE** of the Last Indian Raid Museum, Myrna Jones (above behind) and Michelle Hollars worked last week. The office is in the newly purchased building, as is the office (below) of Curator Sharleen Wurm.

## Museum expands and updates spaces

The floors are just about done, exhibits are rearranged and the office is in a new location.

After hours upon hours of work over the winter, the Last Indian Raid Museum has a completely different look.

In January, the museum bought the building previously owned by Rich Shaw between the old office and the gift shop. Curator Sharleen Wurm said the museum used money from the Lois Eckhart estate and money given by an anonymous donor to buy the building and do other work.

The museum received \$40,000 from Ms. Eckhart's estate. She said the donor doesn't want it known what he gave.

After the museum bought the building, she said, Doak Construction knocked out part of the walls between the office and the gift shop so they could put in doors to join the three. New laminate floors

were put into the new building and the gift shop.

The new addition now is home to Mrs. Wurm's office, the front office and the genealogy room. The genealogy room is set up to allow people to get files and look through them without having to sit at Mrs. Wurm's desk, as was done in the old building.

Last week, VonLintel's Refinishing Inc. out of Hays, did the floors in the old part of the museum.

After the floor is done, a parlor will be set up and the bank teller windows will go back in. The parlor will be a little larger than the old one, which will enable small groups to hold meetings there when the museum is open.

Mrs Wurm said they are also working on building a display gun cabinet.

Sections of the museum are being rearranged so the exhibits are set up differently.

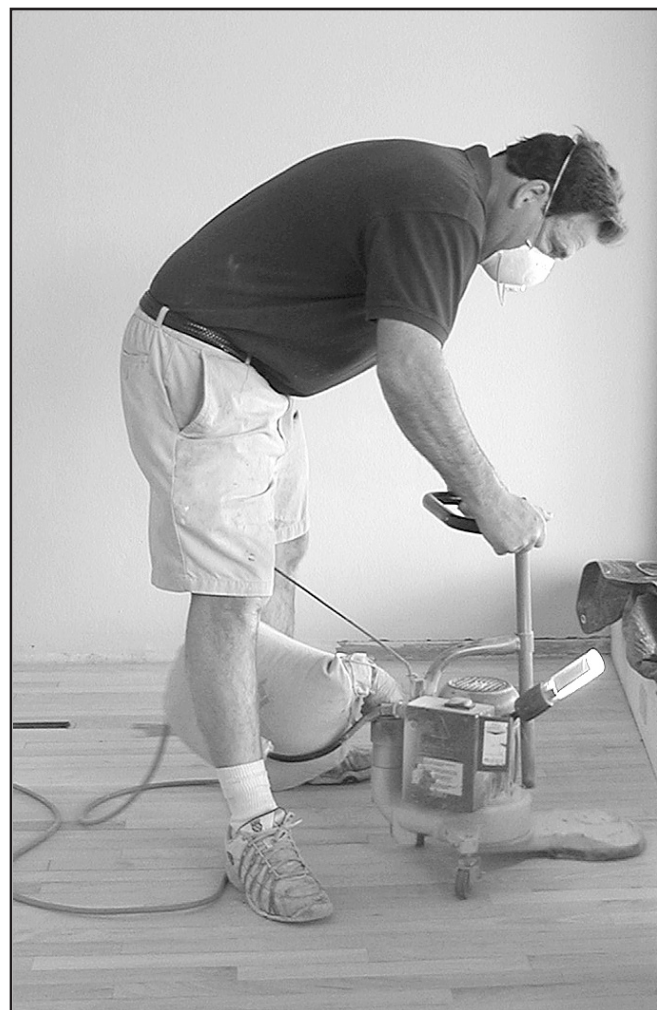
Work on Duke's Grocery is also almost complete, with repairs to the roof, needed after the hail storm last spring, about done.

Mrs. Wurm said the Last Indian Raid Museum is holding a coffee hour from 9 a.m. to noon next Wednesday. Everyone is invited to come have a treat and see what's changed.

After that, the museum will be back to regular hours, which are from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, the museum board will hold its annual meeting for paid members. Anyone who wants to pay their membership that night and attend the meeting in the Bohemian Hall is welcome, she said.

Then starting Friday, April 3, they will start collecting items for the rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19.



**WITH MASKS ON THEIR FACES**, men with VonLintel's Refinishing Inc., out of Hays (left and above) worked on the floor in the old section of the museum. The building which used to house the main office will be home to a small parlor which groups can use for meetings.

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