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An Update From The President- Bernie Wilde

“History is learning about yourself and how you fit with past generations. History is everything. It’s your family, your city, and your community.”

That quote was part of an article of an article in the April 8, 2012, *Post Dispatch*. To spark an interest in how your community developed is to engage students to experience part of history.

The City of Arnold will be 40 years old in September and many changes came during that time because of growth. We need to teach the history of this area to the students who are tomorrow’s leaders. Boy Scout Troop 744 assists with mowing of Richardson Cemetery. Last month students from Ridgewood School learned how to read and record information from the headstones at Richardson Cemetery. This information will be filed in the Historical Society Museum for research. In a deed dated March 1, 1867, Skelton and Mary Richardson purchased the land for Richardson Cemetery. They are buried within the large stone walled area at the back of the cemetery located ½ mile north of Vogel Road.

Rehab work continues inside the new museum at 1723 Jeffco Blvd. The few items that remain include hanging drywall and painting the lower level bathroom and closet, and some furnace duct work. Funds are available to complete the lower level. On the main level are ADA compliant items for the bathroom: adding 2” to the doorframe, and sink and mirror, and a new door and hardware will need to be installed. That ADA compliant bathroom will cost \$2,000+.

Outside work includes a new four inch wide, 30’ long handicapped ramp with handrails on both sides plus a 16’X19’ pad for a wheelchair van on the north side (\$7,500). On the south side: current asphalt will be shaved down, removed and hauled off, and a French drain installed in front of the main garage before new concrete will be poured (\$6,500). New steps made of a composite material (\$6,500) will be built and attached to the building. Wal Mart has awarded another \$1,000 grant for an awning over the south steps. I continue to contact businesses for Grants. Work will progress as funds are available. Thanks to all of the members and non-members who have contributed to date. I have again added the coupon on page 4. Donations are tax deductible.

Our sympathy to the families of Ada Kneff, past president of the Arnold Historical Society, and Lorraine Mall, co-author of the Historic Arnold book, published in 1976. Memorials for both will buy items for the ADA bathroom.