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**1. Please enter the name of your county.**

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Carson County

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**2. Enter your CHC chair name in the first box; a second box is given to list the name of a co-chair. Use the third box to enter in the address of your CHC office if you have a designated space or building; please do not enter the Chair's or another's personal address. Use the fourth box to enter in a telephone number if your CHC office has a designated telephone line for CHC calls and questions.**

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Name of CHC Chair - Linda Germany

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Name of CHC Co-chair - Mike Germany

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**3. Enter the name of the person entering in report information.**

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Linda Germany

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**4. Please provide the name and email address for the individual who can be contacted to answer questions about this report. If the individual does not use email, please provide a valid telephone number.**

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Linda Germany --- lindag.cchc@amaonline.com

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**5. How many individuals are currently appointed to your CHC? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text.**

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# of CHC appointees - 22

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**6. How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meeting, projects, and programs in 2011? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.**

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Volunteer hours - 1485

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**7. Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.**

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No Response

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**8. Indicate the number of full commission meetings you held in 2011. Please use numbers; do not use symbols or text. If your CHC was inactive in 2011 and did not provide services to the county, please enter the number "0".**

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CHC meetings in 2011 - 5

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**9. How often did you have a quorum present for your full commission meetings? Please check the percentage that best reflects your answer. You must have a majority of appointees present to constitute a quorum.**

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100% of full commission meetings had a quorum

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**10. What percentage of your CHC members have completed Open Meetings/Records training? Please check the box that best reflects your answer.**

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1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

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**11. Who is the repository for CHC money? Check all that apply.**

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Private bank account

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**12. Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to the source. Please use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; no text, no cents, no symbols. Each box requires an amount, so enter the number "0" if you do not have monies associated with the line item.**

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Balance carried over from 2010: - 2669

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Annual county allocation for 2011 (not including money for museums): - 0

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County money allotted for museums in 2011: - 30000

Any other money issued by county during 2011 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): - 0

CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.): - 0

Grant money provided to CHC in 2011: - 0

Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2011: - 100

"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): - 0

Any other money amounts not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report: - 700

**13. Provide any comments/clarifications about the above amounts. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.**

A request for a budget increase, along with a new budget, was presented to the Commissioner's Court for 2011 by our CHC. The money given to our CHC had been the same, \$500, since 1955. We were then told by the County Treasurer and the Tax Collector that to receive our CHC money, receipts were now required for everything. We presented the receipts we had, which were mostly THC Conference expenses because we had been saving CHC money for our Brochure project. The County gave a check made out to the Chair for \$1,000 and nothing to the CHC. The Chair donated \$700 of it back to the CHC since they had not received any money from the County for 2011 or 2012. We realize they were trying to help the Chair with expenses, but in the process the CHC didn't receive the \$1000 for 2011 and 2012 that they were counting on. We remain confused as I am sure you are by now.

**14. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from your COUNTY? In-kind donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge. Check all that apply.**

Space for a CHC sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.)

Administrative supplies or services--paper, ink, copier, etc.

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.

**15. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from individuals and/or organizations OTHER than your county? Check all that apply. Keep in mind that some of your CHC appointees may be providing these types of donations.**

Meeting space for CHC

Space for archive or records storage

Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above

Administrative supplies or services--paper, ink, copier, etc.

Computer hardware or software

Internet access

Project/event supplies

**16. Considering the boxes that you checked on the previous page, please check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC. Don't stress finding an exact answer; just estimate!**

\$550 - \$1,000

**17. Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees. If you do not already track appointee out-of-pocket expenses, please start tracking these expenses, encouraging the county to reimburse appropriate expenditures, and thanking individuals for their donations.**

\$1,000 - \$2,500

**18. A work plan is a document defining project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. How often is your work plan updated? Please check the option below that best reflects your answer.**

Updated annually

**19. Who participates in your CHC planning process? Check all that apply.**

CHC chair

CHC appointees

**20. Please select the answer below that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work.**

Initiated a survey of county historic resources in 2011

**21. If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, please indicate the survey formats that apply to your survey.**

Paper copy

Electronic format in Word or similar type of software

**22. Please check the box if your CHC keeps track of the following information.**

A list of ENDANGERED cultural and historic resources in your county

**23. Enter the names and locations of the endangered resources in your county—properties under threat of demolition, that are structurally unstable, that are in areas of encroachment, etc. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.**

LIBERTY SCHOOL -- about 7 miles west of Panhandle just south off of US Highway 60 PANHANDLE INN -- 3rd and Main Street in Panhandle JACKSON STORE --US 60 and Main (FM 294) in White Deer

**24. Enter the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources demolished in your county in 2011. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.**

None were demolished in Carson County.

**25. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.**

Reviewed marker applications

Maintain an inventory of subject markers in your county

Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in your county

Cleaned or repaired markers

Maintain an inventory of properties that are designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)

Periodically assess the condition of properties designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic

Maintain an inventory of cemeteries in your county

Maintain an inventory of cemetery organizations in your county

Periodically assess the condition of cemeteries in your county

Cleaned or repaired objects in cemeteries

**26. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2008-2011.**

Identified and/or researched historic highways, roads, and trails in your county

Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county

Researched where the new transmission line was being laid for the coming Grandview Wind Farm project in Carson County.

**27. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2010-2011.**

Researched or pursued repair for a historic school complex/campus

**28. In the text box below provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2011 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm. Details of this project could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.**

Went to Skellytown and looked into the work being done on the roof of the old Skellytown Elementerey School.

**29. Please check all comments, actions, and programs that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011. There is also the opportunity to indicate that you are unsure about certain actions or programs listed in this question.**

I am not sure what the VIP program entails

I am not sure what role a CHC would have in a Section 106 review

**30. Explain the extent of your role in reviewing and/or making recommendations for historic tax exemptions or incentives. Please skip this question if your CHC does not have a role in this work.**

No Response

**31. Indicate the work in which your CHC was actively involved in 2011. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.**

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Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

We are working with those involved in securing grants and funding to restore and preserve the old Panhandle Inn, a historic hotel built in 1924 by General Ernest O. Thompson, Former Texas Railroad Commissioner.

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**32. List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. You may also use this text box to provide more information about the items you checked above. Please skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.**

The Chair and Co-chair continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Texas Plains Trail Region and work to promote the historic and cultural sites in our 52 Panhandle counties. We also serve on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Tourism and Marketing Council to promote tourism in the top 26 counties. We work with Chambers, museums, and county and city officials to promote each city's special events held throughout the year.

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**33. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.**

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources

Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism event

CHC supports activities sponsored by one or more of the Texas Heritage Trails regions

CHC appointees volunteer at a historic site that is open to the public at large

CHC provided tours of historic buildings and/or sites within the county

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**34. List the events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with the boxes checked above. Details for selected activities can be provided in the Project Description section at the end of this report.**

Provided informative programs to local and county clubs and organizations. Worked on the TPTR Round-up and Conference held in Post, Texas. Tours were provided to two historic buildings in Panhandle during Museum Day in September. Helped to coordinate the dedication of a historic county Jail (Paddy) Wagon. Our CHC assists the Carson County Square House Museum with all of their activities. Initiated a new archeology project during October.

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**35. Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Indicate individuals and organizations with which you partner. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.**

County officials

City officials

Local law enforcement

Nonprofit organizations (heritage society, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Museum boards

Cemetery associations

Texas Heritage Trails Program

Tourism organizations

We partner with county and area newspapers to promote our events. We partner with the Carson County Historical Monument Committee to present information and help raise funds for the Ten Commandments Monument to be placed on our county courthouse grounds.

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**36. List the organizations with which your CHC has an effective partnership. A sample response for this request would be if Tom Green CHC noted that they regularly sponsored events with Fort Concho. Details of this partnership and particular events could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.**

We regularly sponsor events with the Carson County Square House Museum, the main one being all the different activities held on Museum Day each year in September.

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**37. Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.**

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s

CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum

CHC is considered as the board of the county museum

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**38. Provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.**

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**No Response**

**39. When considering a CHC's overall workload, please choose one answer that best indicates the percentage of time your CHC spends on museum-related work.**

26-50% of CHC time spent on museum related work

**40. How did your CHC report 2011 activities to your county officials? Please check all that apply.**

Presented summary of 2010 accomplishments to county commissioners court in 2011

Presented summary of 2011 accomplishments to county commissioners court in late 2011/early 2012

Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s

Attended county commissioners court regularly

Meetings with the county judge

Meetings with county commissioners

Submitted CHC meeting minutes

Submitted a CHC budget

Submitted CHC treasury reports

Submitted CHC bylaws

Provided suggested CHC appointments

**41. If your CHC budget or services are reduced or cut, how will your CHC most likely respond? Please check all that apply.**

Pay out of pocket to fund CHC activities as planned

Look for funding other than what is provided by the county

Have a discussion with county officials about our needs

Have a discussion with county officials about how less money will result in providing fewer services

Prepare documentation to show county officials the services, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations secured by your CHC

Have fundraisers to bring in extra money.

**42. Please check the types of elected officials that you regularly invite to CHC events and activities.**

County judge

County commissioners

Mayor/s of cities in your county

City council members from cities within your county

State legislators

Law enforcement officials to some events.

**43. What elected officials attended one or more of your CHC events in 2011? Please list the names and the events.**

CARSON COUNTY JUDGE, LEWIS POWERS--Subject Marker Dedication at the White Deer United Methodist Church in April; Veteran's Plaques Dedication at the new War Memorial Building in Panhandle in September; Jail Wagon Dedication at the Museum in September; Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in September; HTC Marker Dedication at the White Deer Cemetery in November; Veterans Day Program held at the Museum in November. CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF, TAM TERRY--Jail Wagon Dedication at Museum and Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle in September. WHITE DEER MAYOR, SONNY VIGIL--Jail Wagon Dedication at the Museum and Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle in September. WHITE DEER DEPUTY, DARELL LUSTER--Jail Wagon Dedication at the Museum and Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle in September. CARSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, KEVIN HOWELL--Jail Wagon Dedication at the Museum and Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle in September. PANHANDLE POLICE CHIEF, SACE HARDMAN--Jail Wagon Dedication at the Museum and Memorial Program at the Conway Community Church in Panhandle in September. WHITE DEER CITY COUNCILMAN, ED HILLMAN--HTC Marker Dedication at the White Deer Cemetery in November.

**44. Please check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2011 in support of Texas history and preservation.**

Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects

Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general

Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events

Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets

Wrote letters/email to state legislators

Wrote letters/email to federal legislators

Had face-to-face discussions with state legislators

**45. For 2011, in what areas did you make a concerted effort to improve CHC efforts relative to previous years? Check all that apply.**

- Bylaws
- Membership
- Preservation education for appointees
- Partnerships
- Community outreach
- Relationship with county commissioners court
- Initiated a new CHC project

**46. Briefly tell us why the above improvement effort/s were made, what actions were taken, and the results of those actions.**

CHC bylaws were last revised in 2007 so a committee was appointed, they submitted revisions, and they were voted on and approved by our CHC; New and fresh ideas were needed so after meeting with the County Judge, new members were presented to Comissioners, they were approved, and it has proven to be of great benefit to involve new people from each community and have all of the extra help on our projects; In order to branch out our partnerships we joined Preservation Texas and are learning new and differnet ideas to persue in our preservation projects; To educate the communities we continue to give programs to different organizations which has helped to bring awareness to more people and bring new people on board in our projects; We have needed more help from our commissioners court so we have met more times with them concerning our brochure, budget, historical monument, and various other projects, and have gained a better relationship with them; To branch out we initiated a new project in archeology in October by searching for artifacts where the old town of White Deer was before it was moved and were excited to find some. We are going to continue with this project when the weather warms up in the spring.

**47. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.**

- Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership
- Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees
- Used the THC website information to educate appointees

**48. If you met regionally with other CHCs in 2011, please indicate the counties that participated, topics or themes discussed, and how many times you have met as a group over the years to discuss CHC matters.**

No Response

**49. Please list the workshops that your CHC hosted in 2011, including information on the educational topic.**

No Response

**50. Enter the number of CHC appointees that attended the educational opportunity listed or attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.**

- THC Annual Historic Preservation Conference - 3
- THC/Friends of the THC grant writing workshop - 2
- THC/Texas Association of Museums (TAM) - 1
- Texas Heritage Trails Program - 3
- Texas Association of Museums (other than THC partnered training listed above) - 1

**51. Please list educational opportunities your CHC appointees attended OTHER than those already accounted for above.**

No Response

**52. Please let us know your thoughts about attending the Preservation Texas Summit in March of 2012. Check the one answer that best fits your thoughts on attending.**

My CHC will be represented at the 2012 Preservation Summit

**53. Please weigh the importance of the following THC services with the THC Conference and choose a ranking for each service listed.**

Much more important than conference	More important than conference	Equally important as conference	Less important than conference	Much less important than conference	I do not attend the THC Conference

Locally hosted THC workshops (markers, cemeteries, oral histories, etc.)	X	
THC website resources (handbooks, publications, general information, links, etc.)	X	
Access to listserves and preservation contacts databases		X
Technical consultation with THC staff through telephone and email	X	
Appointments with THC staff in their Austin offices		X
Publication of preservation success stories in Medallion and on Statewide Plan website		X
<i>Comments:</i>		

**54. Information for your 1st project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.**

Our CHC has been working to recognize all of the historic cemeteries and churches in the four communities in our county: Panhandle, White Deer, Groom, and Skellytown. Although this is an ongoing project, in 2011, we were able to recognize the White Deer United Methodist Church with the dedication of a subject marker in April and the White Deer Cemetery with the dedication of a Historic Texas Cemetery marker in November. The Sacred Heart Cemetery submitted their application and received their designation as a Historic Texas Cemetery, and submitted an application for a subject marker for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, founded by the Polish settlement in White Deer. The First Baptist Church of White Deer received notice from THC that their church, built in 1920, was approved for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker. We are also working with the churches and cemeteries in Groom and one in Panhandle. Multiple partnerships were formed including: The Administrative Council of the White Deer UMC; Northwest Texas Conference of the UMC; White Deer Cemetery Association; Sacred Heart Parish Council; Sacred Heart Cemetery Association; FBC Board and Congregation; White Deer Mayor and City Council, and Carson County Judge, Lewis Powers. We educated the public about preservation and county history through these projects by getting them excited to work together and gather histories of their churches and cemeteries; putting all of the information in the local and area newspapers; working on the application and dedication process with the different groups; and helping them to preserve the history they have gathered through the markers that preserve their history for future generations. We helped them to realize how much of the history of our small communities is associated with our churches and found in our cemeteries.

**55. Information for your 2nd project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.**

Our CHC has also worked hard on our Veteran projects in 2011, another ongoing project that we have continued to pursue in all the communities in Carson County, and we are proud of all that we have accomplished in regard to our Veteran Oral Histories, Veteran Programs, and Veteran Plaques for the new War Memorial Building in Panhandle. During 2011, the Panhandle committee members have been hard at work on oral history interviews of their Korean War Era Veterans; The Groom committee has been interviewing their World War II Era Veterans which they just finished in December; and White Deer/Skellytown has formed a new committee, compiled a list of their Viet Nam Era Veterans, and is ready to begin their interviews. After the interviews are completed, CDs are made for the family of the veteran, the Carson County Square House Museum, and Southwest Collections at Texas Tech. Our CHC also worked on the Veteran's program at the museum and helped with the list of veteran names for the plaques that were placed on the wall of the War Memorial Building and dedicated in September. CHC partnerships included: Carson County Square House Museum; Panhandle Herald, White Deer News, and Groom News; Panhandle, White Deer, and Groom Schools; Southwest Collections at Texas Tech; Senior Citizen's Groups in all four communities; Judge Lewis Powers, and the committee members from each community. We educate the communities with this project by periodically putting articles and pictures in the newspapers, working with senior citizen's groups on names, working with the schools on their veteran programs, and by getting a lot of people in the county involved, which brings awareness to our history. Honoring our veterans in all of the above ways always has a big impact on the communities, the veterans for their service to our country, and the programs given at the schools which are awe inspiring to all of the school children involved as well as the adults in attendance.

**56. Information for your 3rd (and final) project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.**

Our CHC worked with some of the early pioneer families of White Deer on the Texas Land Heritage Program for families who had owned and operated their land for 100 years or more. We put information in the local newspapers and printed out applications to give them to encourage them on this project. Some were elderly and needed help to write, so we helped them fill out the information, which was a rewarding experience. The partnerships included: working with the Texas Department of Agriculture on newspaper articles and info about the ceremonies held in Austin in October; working with family members; and working with local and area newspapers. This project helped to educate the public about how our area was settled, who the early pioneers were; how and when they came to this area; and the hardships they endured when they came to the plains of Texas. Through this project we were able to recognize two of our earliest Polish families who came in 1910 as well as another family who came to this county in 1907. It was the White Deer community's first landowners to be recognized and it brought a lot of pride to the community to honor the Urbanczyk, Haiduk, and Hodges families, who had the opportunity to share a bit of our history with the younger generation.

**57. Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.**

One other project we were successful in was the RTHL Survey in our county that we worked on and completed for the Texas Historical Commission in April and May of 2011. Our CHC is still working to finish our Carson County Historical Marker Brochure project. We spent 2011 getting bids, bringing it before the Commissioner's Court, and gathering the information and pictures to be put in the brochure. We have a committee and we are ready to begin typing the information and putting it on a CD for the printers. We have been saving money for this project for several years and now

have the funds needed to have it printed. The Commissioners said to present the final bill to them when we are finished and they might help us to pay for it. The biggest challenge we face in the coming year or so is to try to find help to save a one room school, the Liberty School, located in our county. We can't find a place to move it, and need funding to even begin.

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