

Sargent County Historical Society/ Museum



8987 Hwy 32, Forman, ND , on the northside of Forman on highway 32 on the west side of the highway. It is over 36,000 sq. ft. all connected by hallways.

Dark blue building is the building that just was replaced due to the last building sitting there collapsed in the last snowstorm of the season on April 6, 2023.



View from the roof of the first building looking down on to the collapsed building #3 on April 6, 2023.



View inside of the collapsed building.





Community came out to help save the first two buildings by getting all the snow off the roof on the morning of April 6, 2023. The ceiling inside the second building was already leaking and was down about a foot inside. We knew rafters were broken by then.



What it looked like inside before the collapse.

Farm equipment, some Bobcat machines, the cook car and newspaper exhibit.

Gravel floors with wooden sidewalks and well lite metal building.



Prepping the site were building stood. We had to lose the concrete to the one room schoolhouse and log cabin and cut off some of the hallways to put the building back in the same spot.

Expenses for this new building: It is metal 70 ft x 172 ft with 14 ft inside clearance. It is insulated in roof to R-50 and sidewalls insulated. It has 2 overhead doors with openers and 4- 36-inch commercial doors(1 on each side).

Concrete- \$96,0000

Prep site- \$ 17,000 but taking down the old building was done by volunteers.

Dehumidifier in building - \$4210

Foltz Building- \$370,810

Crossroads Electric - \$37,000

DRN/ security in building - \$2300

Seamless gutters back on southeast side to drain water away from septic tank - \$2000

To replace hallways that needed to be rebuilt to match up again-\$7,000

Benches, display cases, 3 Tv's and mounts for them, barrier system and flipbook stands for information, cable system to hang curtains, and STEM/play area. - \$30,000

So far around\$ 560,000 into the building.

Insurance payment around: \$196,000

A survey was done for insurance on 3/16/2021 by Cory Olson from NDIRF (see papers on next page).

What we have left to do:

Heat in new building along with internet and phone system

Concrete to one room school and log cabin from new building

Take snow stops and metal hanging off of building #4 due to storm

New roof panels on building #2 southside/ holes in from saving roof and patched with foam for now

Also need to repair/ replace clear panels that connect bld #1 and #2 which has the hallway that connects the buildings, also need some lights in it

Repay around \$40,000 that had to borrow from fund to get things done

Do large signs and photo signage that was lost in collapse

Need to have videos redone that were lost in collapse on the 3 TV's that were in the building

Some outside drainage needs to happen so do not get water in new building

Also have ruts to fill in front lawn from rebuild

Also have some landscaping to repair in the front from rebuild

We would like to cut down trees on the north side of last building since the engineers say that helped the collapse of the snow due to them being tall.

The parking lot also took a beating from all the construction and work on the building

We would like to reinforce some of the rafters in the other buildings as some broke and were scissored at a cost insurance picked up for only 3 of them that were totally broken.

Not sure of total current cost for the above.

19 – Museum Buildings & Walkway – Hwy 32 East, Forman

○ **Building Property Coverage – \$1,216,900 – Replacement Cost**

- Year Built – 1998
 - Additions 2000, 2002
- Square footage on file – 35,568
- ISO Class – 1 – Frame
- Fire Protection Systems:
 - Fire Extinguishers: Yes, last serviced Dec. 2020 by Summit Companies
 - Fire Alarms: Yes
 - Sprinklered: No
- Commercial Kitchen Exposure – No
- Exterior Walls – Steel
- Roof Material – Steel
- Number of Stories – 1
- Updates:
 - Roof – Unknown
 - Electrical – Unknown
 - Heating/Cooling – Unknown
 - Plumbing – Unknown
- **Suggested Insured Value – \$2,388,960 – Replacement Cost**
 - Square footage determined on survey – 37,240
 - Building 1 and 2 – 13,160 SF at \$112/SF
 - Office area
 - Heated and Insulated
 - Building 3 and 4 – 24,080 SF at \$38/SF
 - Ceiling Insulated/no walls insulated
 - No heat
- **Personal Property Coverage - \$140,270 – Replacement Cost**
 - Review coverage and determine if limit is adequate
 - **NOTE:** All artifacts are not covered under this coverage. This was discussed and understood with Pat Olofson, Director. A coverage specific to artifacts would need to be purchased through a different carrier who specializes in this type of coverage



Insured: Sargent County
Policy#: FT-1694-03 term is annual starting 7/1 of the year.

I have documentation in our system showing the following
-7/13/2021 cc'd in on email to the County from NDIRF-Corey Olson regarding coverage levels for the buildings when he was out for inspection and what should be increased

-4/8/2022 email to County regarding coverage levels needing to be increased and received a statement back that they would be reviewed

-5/9/2022 Sent email to County regarding the coverage levels again and made a follow up call to make sure email was received was told that changes would not be made on the July 2022 renewal because it was not in the budget but would present to commissioners for July 2023 renewal

-5/24/2022 sent an email to the County showing the difference in valuations and recommended levels and the premium impact.

-5/25/2023 sent another email to County as missed one of the evaluators received acknowledgement that it will be helpful in budget planning.

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County Commissioners decided to not increase insurance, and museum was not notified so they did not know. This made it hard after the collapse since we only got back about 44-46 % of costs due to this. County pays for cost of insurance because they can get it through NDRIF.

Museum is a 501 C3 and gets a ¼ of a mill levy from the county. Which is around \$10,500 - \$11,000 a year. This museum applies for grants and asks for donation to keep staying open.

Check out the FB page Sargent County Museum for more photos and videos.

We have a website: www.sargentcountymuseum.org but we have not updated it yet until we finish off the exhibits for opening in May 2025.

Photos of the inside of the museum:



Small sample of building #1. It has over 68 ft of Military.





Overhead shot of building #4 the southeast part. Horse Drawn equipment and antique tools with railroad exhibit.

It is unheated with gravel floors and wooden sidewalks.



Bobcat/Melroe memorabilia exhibit area in new building.



Part of new exhibit area of Bobcats in new building.



Grand Opening Event in new building.



STEM/ Play Area in new building due to a \$5000 Ottertail Foundation grant.



Some displays and exhibits in building #2.



Building #2
overhead shot
of east end.

LED lights,
insulated,
dehumidifier
and heated.

We are handicapped accessibly throughout all the buildings. We do many tours for nursing homes, schools and the ND Veterans Home. We were one place the ND Veterans Home could visit during COVID since we had space and could follow all the protocols at the time.

Pat Olofson, the museum manager, can be reached at email:

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