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Greetings from the Bates Hall Preservation Society Directors:

You are receiving this letter as November is our yearly membership/donation drive month. We also have reminders and news to share. [BHPS is tax-exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)3. EIN: 86-1744011].

BHPS Reminders and Updates:

*See all of the ways to contact BHPS in our letterhead.
*We continue to work very hard fundraising and seeking grants.
*EXCITING NEWS: With your help, and receipt of grants awards and many successful fundraisers, the Hall Project is slated to begin April 2027! Bid Advertisement went out in September. Bids will be awarded pending approvals.
*We are on the selection list for Thrivent Choice Dollars! Please contact us if you are interesting in helping us with Thrivent Action Team funding.
*Our funding thermometer continues to grow because of you! We cannot stop now. We have a lot to accomplish and prices are not coming down for materials or labor. Due to various fundraisers and donations we are proud to say we are currently at $350,000!
*We continue to fund-raise so we can make the Hall energy efficient. Insulation, new siding and windows. (See our window and brick campaign news release enclosed).
*Legacy Park will be created in 2027! We currently have 255 bricks purchased for placement in the Park. If you wish to be part of Legacy Park please get your brick ordered by December 31, 2026, to be placed at time of creation of the Park. They are $50 each and what a wonderful legacy. A lasting remembrance of family, friend, business, community group, achievement, milestone or that special moment. Already have a brick...please share the form.
*West Iron County art students will be creating the logging, mining, farming and veterans murals on the North wall. Bates resident Judi Hemeleski will be creating a stain glass creation for above the main entry doors.
*We currently have been receiving donations of Bates memorabilia for placement in our mini Bates Museum which will be located in the corridor connecting the back of the Hall to the Township Office. If you have a Bates item of interest to donate you will need to fill out the Memorabilia Form which can be found on our Web page, picked up at the Township Office or by contacting us. (Please do not just drop off the item(s) at the Township office. Paperwork MUST be completed and the donated item approved. Sadly, we are unable to accept every item due to lack of space.)
*We are always seeking volunteers and bakers for our fundraisers. Donate your time as much or as little as you wish.
*Exciting things are happening in Bates Township in 2027. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Margee Brennan

Margee Brennan, President

Vice President Sharon Ryden
Director Waunetta Seymour

Secretary/Treasurer Sue Passamani
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BHPS Announces Two Campaign Fundraisers

With the Bates Hall Project slated to commence in 2027, the Bates Hall Preservation Society is gearing up with two campaigns.

An active supporter of the project stepped forward with a fundraiser idea. She suggested, with the need to replace the single pane windows with double pane for energy efficiency, the task could be undertaken with "Buy a Window Campaign". Research was conducted by BHPS Directors and determined the cost of $1,500 per energy efficient window allowing for some cost of removal and install. The donor would receive a recognition plaque placed on the window frame. The window donation could be by one person, or a group, family, organization or business with appropriate recognition. With the "Buy a Window Campaign" idea just getting out in the public, seven windows have already been bought or donated, leaving five windows left to "Buy". Please contact Margee at 906-284-0988 with any questions or interest in this Campaign.

The second campaign was started at the beginning of the Bates Hall Project. That being engraved bricks which will be installed in the to be "Legacy Park". (The Park will be West of the Bates Hall after relocation). The current brick total is 253 as of this writing. This notice is to encourage those, who have been waiting, that the time is now to get your orders in if you wish to be in the initial creation of the Park. The red bricks are 4 inch by 8 inch with an allowable/approved wording of 21 character maximum which include spaces and punctuation on each of the four lines available. Orders blanks are available on www.savebateshall, the Iron County Chamber, the Bates Township Office, or by calling Sue Passamani at 906-265-4771. Bricks make a wonderful family legacy, lasting remembrance of a business, community group, achievement, milestone or that special moment and also is a great gift. (You do not have to be a Bates resident). BHPS can mock up a (paper) brick for gift giving! Orders, to be assured timely placement, are required by December 31, 2026. After that they need to ordered in groups of ten to save shipping costs.

Greetings from Bates:

We are beginning another fundraiser for the restoration/renovation of our 1907 Bates Hall. Our goal is for all to enjoy the Hall for another 100+ years. This fundraiser is printed bricks/tiles, one or the other, or perhaps a combo for a future brick project. Receiving enough orders to make any project viable means getting the word out so they are ordered and ready when they do fit into the project. They are four x eight (red) and will be $50 each. There is no limit on the number of orders. *[Note: We ask that you please get your order in as soon as possible to be included in our "initial" order. Future orders will be made when they reach 10. Thank you!]*

Checklist: **Website: savebateshall.com**

_____I wish to participate in the Bates Hall Project.
_____My $50 (per order blank) is made payable to: BHPS Brick Project.
_____I have filled out the order blank below.

I wish to have the following engraved on the brick/tile: (whatever is selected by BHPS for the project). [Note: Maximum 21 characters per line including spaces and punctuation with a four-line maximum. You will be contacted with any questions and a preview of your wording if contact information is provided. BHPS reserve the right to reject any wording deemed inappropriate and your payment will be refunded with the reason. Please direct any questions to Sue Passamani at 906-265-4771 or email info@savebateshall.com.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

_____I do not wish to purchase a brick but I would like to donate to the Restoration/Renovation Campaign.

I understand my donation or purchase is tax deductible under IRS Code Section 501(c)3...EIN: 86-1744011. Please keep a copy of this form and a copy of your payment for tax purposes.

Please Print:

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone Number: _____ I am able to receive a text: Yes No

Email Address: _____

Comments, if any: _____

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Please mail payment to: Bates Hall Preservation Society or BHPS or use our new Website!
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Thank you for helping us preserve history!