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Dear Friends:

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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO KEEP LOCAL HISTORY ALIVE???

A membership in the Big Bend Historical Society will help continue the work already begun. The price of only \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family is the same as in the past several years, and your monies contribute to this great museum that houses the rich history of the Almira-Wilbur-Creston area. Your help is needed!

NEW MILITARY ROOM A SPECIAL PLACE

The newest change to the displays in the Museum is the gathering of the military displays into one Military Room in the basement of the Museum. Workers cleared out the room, painted, added shelving, and arranged the military memorabilia. It is very impressive and nice to have these important items displayed together in a special place. Be sure spend some time looking at this display.

DEDICATION OF VOLUNTEERS KEEPING DISPLAYS EXPANDING

A group of dedicated board members and volunteers meet weekly to continue work on displaying and cataloging the many hundreds of items in the picture room. This past year, these volunteers have re-painted the walls and rearranged the pictures so that the pictures are more easily seen. Many thanks to you all! It's a big job, and they welcome more volunteers!

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students who may be looking for a community service project or a Senior Project centering around the history of the local area could help with several ongoing projects at the Museum. It's a great way to learn more about the history of our area, to help keep that history alive, and to complete hours related to the project. Just ask Ron Laughbon, Daryll Bahr, or Mary Alice Llewellyn, who can help you work out the details.

WILD GOOSE BILL DAYS PROGRAM FEATURES CRESTON

This year's program for Wild Goose Bill Days will feature Creston and Brents Country. The organizing committee members are Joanne Turner, Marge Watson, D. L. Watson, Kerry Arneson, Russ Sellars, Randy Martin, and Laura Morey. The program will feature a PowerPoint presentation that will include information about Sonora Smart Dodd and other notable people of the Creston area as well as display items that visitors can look at more closely. Plan to attend the presentation at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2011, in the auditorium at the Museum.

ITEMS DONATED TO THE MUSEUM ADD TO LOCAL HISTORY

The Museum is always looking for items that will help preserve the history of the local area. The criteria for receiving such donations from individuals or groups includes making sure the items are relevant to the Almira, Creston, Wilbur, or contingent areas. In addition, once the proper forms are completed and the items are accepted by the Accessions Committee, the items become the property of the Big Bend Historical Society and will remain with the Museum; the items will not be returned to the donor or to the donor's heirs. This will assure that the history of the area will be preserved for future generations. Contact Daryll Bahr for further information if you are considering donating historical items.

COME VISIT! VOLUNTEER TO HELP! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!