

Historical Society buys building

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The Miner County Historical Society has purchased the former Lighthouse Café building to be remodeled for the new Miner County Museum. Items from the former museum were put in storage two and one half years ago after snow, rain, and termites forced the building to be closed permanently.

When the effort to raise funds to erect a new building near the corner of Main St. and Hwy. 34 began fell short of its goal, the Board began to look at alternatives. The Lighthouse Café building became available, and met the criteria set by the Board for the kind of Museum it wanted to develop.

“The size of the building and the lay-out of rooms will work very well for permanent and

changing displays, an archive/library room, and office. Meeting and storage areas,” said Board President, Phyllis Lauer. The Board plans to get all the artifacts out of storage this fall, then work during the winter months to get displays ready for opening next spring.

The funds already collected in the building fund will make the down payment and cover repairs and minor interior remodeling. Operation costs and debt payment will continue to be dependent on dues from membership in the Society, donations, grants and occasional fund raisers. Anyone wanting to make a donation or become a member of the Historical Society can contact the treasurer, Leta Trusty at 772-4530.