

Menan Haight Mail

July 2018

Happy Fourth of July, Menan. The celebration was largely injury-free this year, which is a plus. There were some glitches here and there, but the volunteers adapted and overcame them. We are still trying to get the bugs out of our crowd control issues. It's hard to have that many people in a town this small, and still have any room. I just want to express my appreciation to every one of our volunteers. It took dozens of volunteers to make it happen. And everyone was important. My Thanks to the people that organized the flag ceremony in the morning. To the people that help set up the night before. To the people that put all the time into organizing and cooking the breakfast so that it would come off smoothly. To the people that set up the booths and all the work that entailed. For the person that organized the parade. The flyover was fantastic. To those that collected all the garbage that thousands of people can generate. For those that helped put it all away. I appreciate everyone for every minute that they put in. Thank you all.

Also, my thanks for every dollar that was donated. We had a few problems this year, but new businesses stepped up and we came out okay. Thank you for every last penny. I want you to be reassured that we will take good care of your money. Just like this year, we will take it out next year and blow it up. It takes a lot of money to put on a party for 17,000 people. That was last year's estimate. This year it felt a little smaller. Although that may be because we had more room to spread out on. What do you think? Thank you for every corporate check that was mailed to us, and every penny that was dropped in the buckets.

Now that the 4th of July is wrapped up, time to go on to other things. I want to talk about a new library. Our Library is currently in a double wide trailer on rented school ground. The lease is coming up in 9 years or so. The School District has no real interest in renewing the lease. We need a plan. Better yet, we need a library. Help the Library Board come up with enough money to build us a new beautiful Library.

For those that have seen the sign on the north side of town, the Library Board has land to build on. The land was donated by Central Fire after Valley Wide donated the old convenience store to Central Fire. Kind of like really expensive Chess Pieces. The new site is just east of the booth area on our newly acquired ground.

I would love to have a new library, but there is an ulterior motive on my part. Menan used to be a bustling town, with starts mills, cigar stores, mercantile stores, repair shops and blacksmith shops. That is all gone now, and I can't help but feel we are a little of the worse for it. Basically, it boils down that every Community needs a Heart. A single point that you can look at and say "That is Menan." We have a new restaurant, and as nice and as successful as it is, a restaurant cannot be the heart of Menan. We have a new convenience store and farm store. As nice as they are, they will not create a heart for Menan. We have a brand-new fire station. As modern and up-to-date as it is, a fire station will not be the heart of Menan. I think a library could be the heart of Menan. If it's done right, it could be a place for people together and share. A place of knowledge and relaxation. Corny? Maybe. But how great corny can be. I know the library board has been looking at other libraries in the area, cherry picking the very best ideas. They have also engaged a BYU architectural design class to brainstorm ideas about a new library. This will be their Semester Project. They will have 25 possible designs to look at and choose from. The library is selling tickets for a dinner on the 19th. As part of the dinner, the 25 designs will all be presented by the design class.

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This will be an opportunity to get together and ask questions and discuss what we want out of a library. You don't have to buy tickets to the dinner, everyone is more than welcome to come and schmooze. Ask the hard questions. Ask the fun questions. Dare to Dream a Little Bit.

Library Taxes. Library taxes do not build libraries. Communities build libraries. Library taxes pay the staff and pay the power bill after the Library is built. If the community wants a Library, it is up to the community to build a library.

Another thing about taxes. This is not possible for a town of 700 plus to build and maintain a library. This will be the Menan/Annis/Grant Library. They pay their taxes, they should be involved in its creation and use.

On a separate yet connected note, we are having a general conversation about having a Menan Harvest Festival this fall. Just for Menan's Community event. Simple games, raffles, maybe an auction to raise money. Is anyone interested? More importantly, is anyone willing to help? Create and supervise a simple game for kids? Bake a cake? Donate an item to the auction? It's time to be in or it's time to be out. It would be more satisfying to be in and much better for the community.

If you want to be involved in any way, call:

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BUILD A NEW MENAN LIBRARY
Donation Picnic Dinner
THURS **JULY 19TH**, Menan City Park

 <p style="text-align: center;">3:30-5:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEE 25 DIFFERENT POSSIBLE ARCHITECTURAL IDEAS OF THE MENAN LIBRARY PRESENTED BY BYU-1 STUDENTS for their semester project <i>vote on your favorite</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5:00-7:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SMOKED CHICKEN, CEASAR SALAD, POTATO SALAD AND ROLL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Graciously CATERED BY MENAN'S OWN TETON HOUSE RESTAURANT</p> 
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\$8 a person or **2/\$15** pre-sale before July 11th
* surprise us with your generosity at the door if there is food available

tickets available at the Menan library | goal is to sell 250
perfect for avid readers, lovers of Menan, potential sub-contractors, fine food diners, date divas...

ALL proceeds go to the Menan|Grant|Annis Library building fund