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MUSEUM GAINS EXHIBIT HALL --USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FUNDS

Lincoln, Nebraska, April 11-The Pawnee City Historical Society & Museum, Inc. intends on developing a new 70' x 36' metal building for the display of their historic resources. Funding for the project will come from State tax credits in the amount of \$3,200, community donations of \$14,437 and a grant from USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$9,000.

Roger Meeks, rural development specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development commented, "The existing facilities of the museum are at capacity, making the proper organization and viewing of the historic resources difficult. The historical society's goal is to arrange their exhibits by historic theme to improve the education benefits of the displays. The development of the additional exhibit hall will assist the museum in meeting these needs."

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The USDA Rural Development grant funds for the exhibit hall are provided through the Community Facility Grant Program. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs contact Roger Meeks in the USDA Rural Development Office, 6030 S. 58th Street Suite B Lincoln, Neb. 68516 or phone (402) 423-9683. Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/.

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