## Daisy Unit Garden Club's for the Seminole Nation Museum Wish List

winds have begun sweeping their way across Oklahoma, signaling it is time for the Daisy Unit Garden Club to host their annual April Shower benefit for the Seminole Nation Museum. The event will be held on **Tuesday**, April 8 from 11am - 1pm at the museum, 524 S. Wewoka Ave. in Wewoka. In its 29th year, the April Shower has raised thousands of dollars in supplies and donations to strengthen the museum and our programs. We hope that you can be a part of this year's event!

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The April Shower aids the museum in its mission to help preserve and promote the rich and unique history of Wewoka and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma by encouraging patrons to donate much-needed supplies and materials to offset extensive and ever-growing operating costs. Donations are also accepted to fund Annual Projects that have a major impact on the museum. Through the generosity of your gifts, the museum can direct its own resources towards enhancing programming and impacting the Seminole County region. Gifts of any size CAN and DO make a difference!

A list of needed supplies is provided to the right and our Annual Projects are on the reverse. We encourage you to share this invitation and list with your friends, civic clubs, and neighbors. The Seminole Nation Museum depends on your support for our continued growth and success. Contributions from generous patrons like you make up well over 70% of our operating income and keep the museum moving forward.

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Postage stamps (Forever stamps) Paper towels and Bathroom tissue **Roaster Ovens** Hand tools and/or toolbox **Command Strips** Avery standard (#5160) address labels Avery (#5167) return address labels Weed killer - regular or concentrate Cypress-blend Mulch Dish soap & liquid hand soap

Dishwasher pods Dish towels Chainsaw First Aid Kit **Bubble Wrap** Clear shipping tape

28# laser paper (not Ink Jet) - Letter and legal size Standard 20# copy paper - Letter size Envelopes - #10 white self-sealing Storage tubs with locking lids Garbage bags - small, kitchen, leaf size, and drum Gardening supplies/tools Plants - annuals or perennials AAA-size and D-size batteries Flatbed scanner 8-foot lightweight aluminum ladder

> The Seminole Nation Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

#### **TO SHIP DONATIONS:**

**SEMINOLE NATION MUSEUM 524 S. WEWOKA AVE. WEWOKA, OK 74884** 

# 2025 PROJECTS

#### Your support makes a difference!

Contributions from the April Shower fundraiser continuously impact everything we do. From expanding educational programming for youth, to enriching our public exhibitions, to enhancing the building and grounds, your donations to our Annual Projects are helping to grow the Seminole Nation Museum into a cultural facility with regional and state-wide impact. This year, the 2025 Shower is highlighting two important projects that will allow us to enhance programs serving both youth and adults and to ensure the safety of the museum building and our historical and cultural collections.

### **Project #1 - New HVAC Units**



Existing 40-year-old HVAC units in north wing.

The north wing of the museum building tells the story of Wewoka and the people and events that make it one of Oklahoma's most historic cities. It also includes our collections storage area, where all of our artifacts and artworks not on display are housed. Constructed in the 1980s, the two HVAC (heating and air-conditioning) units servicing the space are now four-decades old and are not working properly. Annual maintenance costs to keep them running have become a financial burden, and the ancient units are inefficient and not cost-effective to run. Additionally, one of the units overheats and is no longer in operation as it presents a significant and immediate fire danger. Both units must be replaced.

The museum received a grant from the Oklahoma Historical Society to fund partial replacement of the units, but the museum must raise a cash match of \$7,500 to meet the terms of the grant and to purchase and install

the new units. The new HVAC systems will be significantly more efficient, saving the museum operating costs in the long-term and providing a safer, better regulated environment in which to preserve and exhibit our artifacts.



Melted sign off of overheating HVAC unit.

#### Project #2 - Pavilion Electricity



Last year, the museum undertook a project to build an outdoor education space to serve the public year-round. The 30'x60' post-frame pavilion constructed along Muskogee Avenue was completed late summer of 2024 and has been a hit! It has been used to the enjoyment and education of hundreds of youth through Sorghum Day, PLAY Day, and many other learning and play opportunities.

We intended last year to install electricity when the pavilion was built, but funding was not available to do so. For 2025 we are seeking to raise \$4,800 to add

electrical access to the structure. This will allow for lighting, sound systems, equipment, and other items to be used when needed, making the space fully-functional as originally envisioned.

#### **DONATE HERE!**

If you'd rather not write a check, you can use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right and support the April Shower and the Seminole Nation Museum. Any amount is welcomed. It's *that* easy!

