

## Open house planned for Opera House in November

The restoration of the Vermontville Opera House is progressing according to schedule and an open house is scheduled for Nov. 11.

"There were many expenditures that weren't covered by grant monies but organizations and individuals have been extremely generous and have donated varying sums of money for the project," said Hildred Peabody.

"This financial boost has helped us do a number of things not covered by the grant but necessary for the welfare of the building. We still have a need for your financial support, if at all possible," she said.

The following organiza-

tions, businesses, and individuals have contributed and "we sincerely thank them for their support":

American Legion Post No. 222; Bud and Bea Gillaspie; Vermontville Womens Club; Marion, Flossie and Roger Corey; Dean Doty; Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Assoc.; Nancy Kelsey Lundecker; Frances A. MacDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Deitrick Jr.; Doncards; Eaton Federal Savings and Loan; Jan McCrimmon; Carpenter's Den; Independent Bank; Sen. John J.H. Schwarz; Gary Sunkin; Vermontville Fire Dept.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Opera House will be Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Village Offices. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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## Opera House restoration under way

Tom Brandenburg installed the last of the drywall last week in the restoration of Vermontville's 1898 Opera House. After application of joint compound, the drywall will be painted and original woodwork reinstalled. Brandenburg has done most of the contracted work on the project, which was funded by a \$25,000 state grant and \$10,000 in local in-kind and cash contributions. A drive now is under way to raise additional funds for certain interior improvements not provided for in the grant. Completion is expected by the end of October. The historic building will be used as a community center.