

Olive Branch's Rotunda Restoration

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Since September 2009, a small group of trustees has been working diligently on the restoration of the old Olive Branch High School. The first local school building and the last remaining that has been untouched by contemporary hands. The building's exterior has been well maintained and served as valuable storage space for approximately 40 years in January of 2010, the building was accepted and rededicated into the National Historical Register, thanks to the Trustees for Olive Branch

Restoration.

Just over \$1,000 is in the coffers for starting the restoration. Bill Berry stated, "We fully realize we are in the throws of an economic situation. We feel it would be detrimental to become discouraged. This is a long term endeavor it will not be accomplished in a year or two. This project will require financial, physical and mental support to maintain momentum during these hard times but, this is a valuable building to our community and we must move forward to preserve it for prosperity." Membership is easy.

A small or large donation would be greatly appreciated. Ideas for fundraising, clean up projects, and just getting the word out with volunteers of time and effort are what will make it happen.

The group made a decision to use one of the large photographs of O.B. refurbished to be framed and offered for sale as a beginning fundraiser. Brochures are in the works and a request has gone out for all Tecumseh alumni to get in touch with Debbie Hall Brandt (De-

bygirl53@aol.com) with keyword #preservation#) to let her know who your class officers were. This will expedite the process of contacting all Tecumseh graduates.

Donations can be made to the project by dropping them off at the Tecumseh Board office, mail to 9520 West National Road, New Carlisle, Ohio, 45344 or through paypal at www.tecumseh.k12.oh.us/preserveolive-branch.aspx