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Weather: The weather in Granada and Amache has been dry and warm. Many of the days have been warm enough that we have not had to wear a coat until after Thanksgiving break. Unfortunately, we will have to fire up the sprinkler system at the cemetery again if we do not receive good moisture.

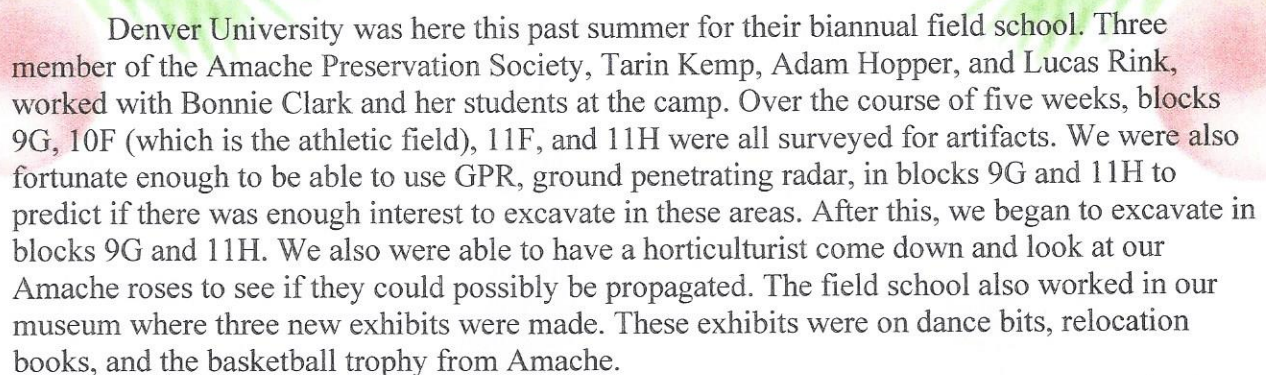
Amache News: Mr. Hopper traveled to Denver for an Amache meeting with the National Park System and many other groups to discuss the future of Amache and what the next project should look like. There is still an outstanding grant for Amache. Originally it was to bring back an existing laundry unit and put it close to the barrack. However, that project does not look viable now. Instead, they are now looking to take the 11-F Recreational building that is located in the Granada City Park and put it back on the original foundation. That foundation is not far from the other buildings that have been restored. It may be the quickest and most efficient way to satisfy the outstanding grant that needs to be finished. This grant is a little over \$260,000. There is only two short years to get the project finished. We will be going to the City Council meeting on the 14th of December to ask for the building. The Amache Preservation Society would purchase and build or purchase and have someone build the gazebo or another building as part of the cash match for this particular grant. We do not have any particulars yet on the building, but we know that we must move fast on it. Time is of the essence on this project.

According to Mr. Hopper, the other discussions of interest were to decide where the restoration of Amache should go in the future. The number one item would be for a visitor center with a museum in it. Other important ideas were to reconstruct a Mess Hall, bathroom, and laundry unit. All are very important and we would like to see all of them completed as soon as possible.

We have visited with the City of Granada and with the National Park System to have Amache become a full National Park. Many years ago, past Amache Preservation Society members wanted to make it a full National Park, but the current City Council was not for it. However, with the conversations that we have had with the City Council, it looks very positive. The City Council had a phone meeting with Mr. Greg Kendrick of the National Park System in late summer to discuss the idea. After the call, the council was in favor to move forward. The council notified Congressman Cory Gardner's office and they have followed up with us during several phone calls. We will discuss if any further action has taken place at the next City Council meeting. We have been told everything was on hold until after the National elections were over. We expect more information to come soon!

The reconstructed barrack is complete. We will need to establish the plaque of the cash match that came from the Hilton foundation in the name of the Ozaki family. We have been in contact with the company that will make the plaque for us. WE also have other families that have graciously donated to several projects that we will be getting plaques for and establishing. We wish to thank everyone for the gracious support over the years on all of these projects. Without your help, it would not have happened at all! We do have a pot bellied stove that will go into one of the barrack rooms. Mr. Hopper was also able to find a wooden army cot at an antique shop that will go into the same room. We still need a pump-up fire extinguisher, pale, and wool blankets to fulfill the move-in room.

Merry Christmas!



Denver University was here this past summer for their biannual field school. Three member of the Amache Preservation Society, Tarin Kemp, Adam Hopper, and Lucas Rink, worked with Bonnie Clark and her students at the camp. Over the course of five weeks, blocks 9G, 10F (which is the athletic field), 11F, and 11H were all surveyed for artifacts. We were also fortunate enough to be able to use GPR, ground penetrating radar, in blocks 9G and 11H to predict if there was enough interest to excavate in these areas. After this, we began to excavate in blocks 9G and 11H. We also were able to have a horticulturist come down and look at our Amache roses to see if they could possibly be propagated. The field school also worked in our museum where three new exhibits were made. These exhibits were on dance bits, relocation books, and the basketball trophy from Amache.

We have finished painting the new Amache Research Center, and have been renting it out in exchange for fund so we may continue its upkeep. We have to fix the sprinkler system for this spring, but other than that we have utility bills on this building. It worked very well this summer when it was used to house the Denver University students and other church groups and school groups passing through to learn about Amache. We do not charge for church and school groups that are spending the night and are learning about Amache.

Presentations: We have had several presentations; however, most of the presentations we give are here. Many groups are coming to us and we do little traveling. We hosted a group from Gardena, California this fall, as well as many others.

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