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ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED BY VANDALIA FOR RENOVATION OF QUALITY SHOP

December 1, 2006—Vandalia Heritage Foundation announced today that it will provide additional funding to the Calhoun County Historical & Genealogical Society for the continued renovation and adaptive re-use of the Quality Shop on Main Street in Grantsville. The sub-grant will be used towards interior and exterior repairs to the structure in early 2007. Upon completion, the Quality Shop, and historically significant, adjacent Stump Hotel, will host a regional history and cultural center, including a Legacy site for local and family research.

Previous funding was provided by Vandalia in 2003 to the Calhoun County Historical & Genealogical Society for the exterior renovation of the Stump Hotel. The funding was secured through the efforts of Congressman Alan B. Mollohan (WV-1st) with grant administration and compliance conducted by Vandalia. Additionally, Vandalia Heritage Foundation has provided computer equipment and technical assistance through its Legacy Project—a community development and historic preservation initiative geared towards “collecting, preserving, and communicating family, local, and regional histories.” Vandalia’s Manager of Heritage Programs, Dusty Mathews, has provided a number of workshops in Calhoun County on a variety of topics, including artifact and material conservation.

Laura Kurtz Kuhns, President/CEO of Vandalia Heritage Foundation, noted the important role that the renovated Quality Shop will play in the local community. “We are pleased for the opportunity to once again support the efforts of the Calhoun County Historical & Genealogical Society. Its members should be commended for their continued commitment to preserving one of the county’s finest assets—its history. The renovation of the Stump Hotel and the Quality Shop has been a time intensive and challenging process, but certainly one that is worth undertaking. These renovated structures will breathe new life into the community, as a place for people young and old to gather and discover their family & local roots.”

Vandalia Heritage Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization committed to economic revitalization through historic preservation. Vandalia’s efforts to improve the quality of life in communities and neighborhoods throughout northern West Virginia extend beyond “bricks and mortar” rehabilitation projects, also into preserving the ‘unbuilt environment,’ or the rich cultural heritage of the region. For more information, please visit Vandalia.org.

For more information about the Calhoun County Historical & Genealogical Society, please contact President Robert Bonar. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Grantsville Public Library.

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