

**FORWARD of an e-mail message from Clay Anderson, received TUE - June 22,2010:** \* \*

**"Thank YOU!"**

- **"To the entire City of Ashland and the Ashland Historical Society leaders:"**
- **from Clayton C. Anderson, United States Astronaut, STS-131 Mission Specialist 5**

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**From:** Anderson, Clayton C. (JSC-CB611)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010 9:04 AM

**To:** 'Webmaster@AshlandHistoricalSociety.org'

**Subject:** Thank YOU!

**To the entire City of Ashland and the Ashland Historical Society leaders:**

I am not sure how to say "thank you" for last Friday night. The words seem too simple, too indirect. The fact that Ashland considers me a part of her history is a bit overwhelming at times. To have ornaments made and a portion of a historical monument depicting my life in work is something that I never ever dreamed of. To sign my name to that wonderful work of the hands of Gene Roncka was one of the proudest moments of my life.

The evening was perfect. To see so many friendly faces at the Gallery was monumental. Those are the faces that helped to shape me and my family. They were the faces of the people that made me who I am today. My classmates, my neighbors, my teachers and coaches, my church friends, friends of my parents...all were there to share in a very magical moment for me; for Kirby; for Lorie and for Uncle Jim.

I have said many times how proud I am of my heritage...how proud I am to be "Nebraska's Astronaut."  
I cherish my time in Ashland and look forward to returning soon...to share more of my adventure.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Clayton C. Anderson  
United States Astronaut  
STS-131 Mission Specialist 5

- **Webmaster NOTE:** This e-mail from Clay was forwarded to all members and friends of the AHS-SFHPS & many others.

*Thank You so very much for your interest, in the Ashland (NE) Historical Society and the Saline Ford Historic Preservation Society*

**Ashland Historical Society**

**Saline Ford Historical Preservation Society**

We hope you enjoy the website:

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