

Newsletter

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JANUARY MEETING

Sunday, January 27th
4:00 p.m.

at the Crown Point Meeting Room

Program:

Lorna Grow will speak on
Burial Customs and Folklore

Lorna Grow is from Dallas Center, and will
talk about customs of burial in times past
and in various cultures

Bring snack-food (cookies, chips, etc.) to
share.

October 23 (Wednesday)
November 24th (Sunday)
December: no meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Simpson House and Barn project is moving along. The site plan has been approved. (See back page). I'd like to point out some of the features that are in the plan.

The house will overlook a pond to the west. The front porch and side porch will take advantage of the beautiful view to the west, and activities that will take place on the lawn between the house and barn. Handicapped access to the house will be via a switchback ramp that will attach to the side porch. Twelve apple trees will be planted, reminiscent of the Garlock orchard.

The barn will have ground floor access from the west and south. Restrooms, serving kitchen, 950 square foot meeting room, utility room and storage room will be at ground level.

Access to the loft of the barn will be from ground level via two staircases or from the outside by a walkway gradually rising to a brick patio and a door to the loft.

Looking Ahead.

Meeting dates for the year 2002 ahead are:

- February 27th (Wednesday)
- March 24th (Sunday)
- April 24th (Wednesday) — Annual Meeting
- May 26 (Sunday)
- June 26th (Wednesday)
- July 28th (Sunday) Program:
Gerald Lablanc will speak on the
history of local cemeteries, particularly
Woodland.
- August 28 (Wednesday)
- September 22 (Sunday)

At the other end of the loft a wooden deck will overlook the pond to the west. Lumber from the horse stalls has been salvaged to be used in the barn.

“Autumn Blaze” Maples and Swamp White Oaks will be planted near the house, and White Pines, Norway spruce and Concolor Firs along the berm beside the walkway leading to the barn loft. We also want to plant antique roses, lilacs, etc. The funds for the purchase of these plantings will come from a matching grant we have just received from the DNR.

We have also applied for another grant, which, if our application is successful, will help with finishing the barn. Currently we are negotiating with the city concerning responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep in this city park.

A local band has approached us with a request to perform at the time of our grand opening!!

At this time we have close to \$135,000 donated toward our budget of \$227,000. If we are awarded the second grant, it will add \$15,000 toward our goal.

We need your help to make this dream a reality, and solicit donations of goods and services, such as concrete, steel beams, lumber, etc. as well as cash gifts.

Mary Jane Paez

Visit our website!

Thanks to Kathy Wallerstedt, the Historical Society has a web page. It is a work in progress; those of our members who are on-line will want to check it out from time to time. Go to:

www.johnstonhistoricalsociety.com

You'll find photos of house, barn, and just recently, the photo of President Mary Jane Paez receiving a \$50,000 check from Pioneer Hi-Bred International!



We've reached our first goal!!

Pioneer Hi-Bred International generously offered to match funds we raise for the house and barn moving and renovation up to \$50,000, and we did!

Treasurer Don Zarley reports that to date we have received nearly \$135,000 toward moving the house and barn and renovating them. Our total budget calls for \$227,000 to bring the project to completion.

In her column, President Mary Jane Paez describes plans for the site, and the interior renovation. Her story reflects some of the effort and time which Society members have given to make this happen.

Listed on one of the following pages are those who have thus far contributed to this effort.

NOW, WE REALLY NEED HELP FROM ALL OF YOU!!

The Society hopes that those of you who haven't as yet invested yourselves in the project will want to add your name. Send contributions and/or money for a named brick to:

Johnston (Station) Historical Society
Post Office box 109

Johnston, Iowa 50131

(The JSHS is an IRS code 501(c)(3) organization)





NEW MEMBERS

The JSHS welcomes the following new members:

Gary and Janice Busby
Dallas Center, IA
E Keith Hyde
Urbandale, IA
Kathy Wallerstedt
Des Moines, IA
Tom Leffler
Johnston, IA
Harry & Hazel Elder
Urbandale, IA



Gold Star Veterans

Seven graduates of Johnston High School who served during WWII, the Korean War, or Vietnam, and who lost their lives in those wars were honored at ceremonies on December 7, 2001 at the High School.

The Gold Star Committee of the JSHS, headed by Don Zarley who initiated the project, with Ferne Michael and Don Duvick, planned the ceremony at which a bronze plaque bearing the names of these graduates was dedicated and presented to the Johnston Schools.

Last year the names of these seven veterans were given to Johnston High School students as research projects. The students wrote short biographies about the lives and service of each man, and read them as a part of the dedication.

Also featured were the Johnston ROTC color guard, the Johnston High School Band and the Concert Choir. Representatives of the Armed Services, Johnston's mayor Bob O'Hollearn, and School Superintendent Richard Sundblad, as well as members of the Historical Society participated. Many from the Johnston community were in attendance, as were all Johnston High School junior and senior students.

The committee made a special effort to invite members of the honoree's families, and a number of them came. They expressed appreciation for the recognition which this ceremony and plaque have given to their family member.

The veterans so honored are:

Harlan Rex Daggett
Infantry, Korea
Warren Jack Edenburn
Infantry WWII
Donald W. Jeffrey
Army Air Force, WWII
Donald Roy Michael
Army Air Force, WWII
Harry Max Minnick
Infantry, WWII
Philip Raymond Reese
Marine Corps, WWII
Jack Dennison Rothwell
Marine Air Corps, Vietnam



Some years ago when the only school in Johnston was the old brick building where the fire station now stands, it was the custom

for the Janitor to ring a bell when it was time for school to begin in the morning.

Ray Schleih, who was a Johnston student in the 1930's, remembers that this school bell was large, about a foot in length with a wooden handle, and the janitor in his time was Ed Turpin. Ray has a photo of Mr. Turpin with the bell. As he recollects, Burt Turpin, Ed's son, succeeded Ed, and after that a Mr. McGovern

Ray has gotten curious as to the fate of the old school bell. Did any one save it after it was no longer needed? And does anyone know who might have it now?

If you have any information about the old school bell, call Raymond Schliehs, 515-276-0309, or write 5645 NW 55th Ave. Johnston, IA 50131



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE HOUSE, BARN AND WINDMILL

Our grateful thanks to all those who have contributed thus far. Most recent contributors are:

Dragoon:

Donald Duvick
Johnston, IA

Wagonmaster:

John and Anne Temple
Johnston, I
John Deere Credit
Johnston, IA
Donald & Marilyn Zarley
Des Moines, IA

Scout:

DeLores Wakefield,
Cave Creek AZ
William and Karen Miltenberger.
Biramwood, WI
In memory of Ben B. & Ruth Dewey
Robert & Eileen Grahl,
Potomac, MD
Barton & Virginia Schlenker
Johnston, IA

Caretaker

William and Patricia Byers,
San Diego, CA
Philip Murray
Johnston, IA
Faye Hanson,
West Des Moines, IA
Tom Leffler
Johnston, IA

Bricks:

Gary and Janice Busby, Dallas Center
Irene Aulich.
Charley and Emma Fisher
Irene Aulich, H. Albert Aulich
In memory of H. Albert Aulich
Margaret Beck, Panora IA
Emma Jean Stillwell, Johnston
Josephine Magonegil, Johnston IA
Josephine Magonegil, & Jean
Magonegil
William and Karen Miltenberger,
Biramwood, WI
For Ben B Dewey and Ruth Dewey
John & Anne Temple
In memory of Lowell Temple
The Kinsey Family:
For Shirley Kinsey, Robert & Ruth
Kinsey, Vivian Kinsey Wilma Hayes
Michael & Jo Hoss
For John & Lawanna McPherson
Don & Marilyn Zarley
For Ray & Mamie Zarley
For Don & Marilyn Zarley

In Memoriam

Louis Friestad Jr.

Louis Friestad Jr, a charter member of the Johnston Station Historical Society, died on December 18, 2001. He will be remembered in Johnston, among other things for his leadership in bringing the Johnston School District through the years of the 1970s when Johnston began its rapid growth.

Just one year ago Lou, along with his late wife Gay, was named Citizen of the Year by the Johnston Chamber of Commerce to recognize their many services to the community. Lou served as chairman of the committee of WWII veterans who initiated and carried through the construction of a WWII memorial in Iowa.

Louis Friestad's philosophy of life, which directed his life of service, may be summarized in his favorite saying: "The world is so full of wondrous things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings".

The JSHS sends sympathy to his many friends and to his family.



Yes, I want to renew my (our) membership in the Johnston (Station) Historical Society!

Single Membership: 1 year \$10 ()
Family Membership 1 year \$12 ()

I want to make a contribution
To the House and Barn \$ _____
(IRS code 501(c)(3) deductible)

Mail your check to Johnston Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Johnston, IA 50131

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Dushan Orlich

Dushan Orlich, of Grimes died on January 7, 2002. Born in Serbia, Duchan lived in the Johnston area for many years, and raised his family here. An accountant by profession, he was keenly interested in the history of the Johnston area, and was a Charter member of the Johnston (Station) Historical Society.

The Society extends sympathy to his friends and family.



TIME TO RENEW!

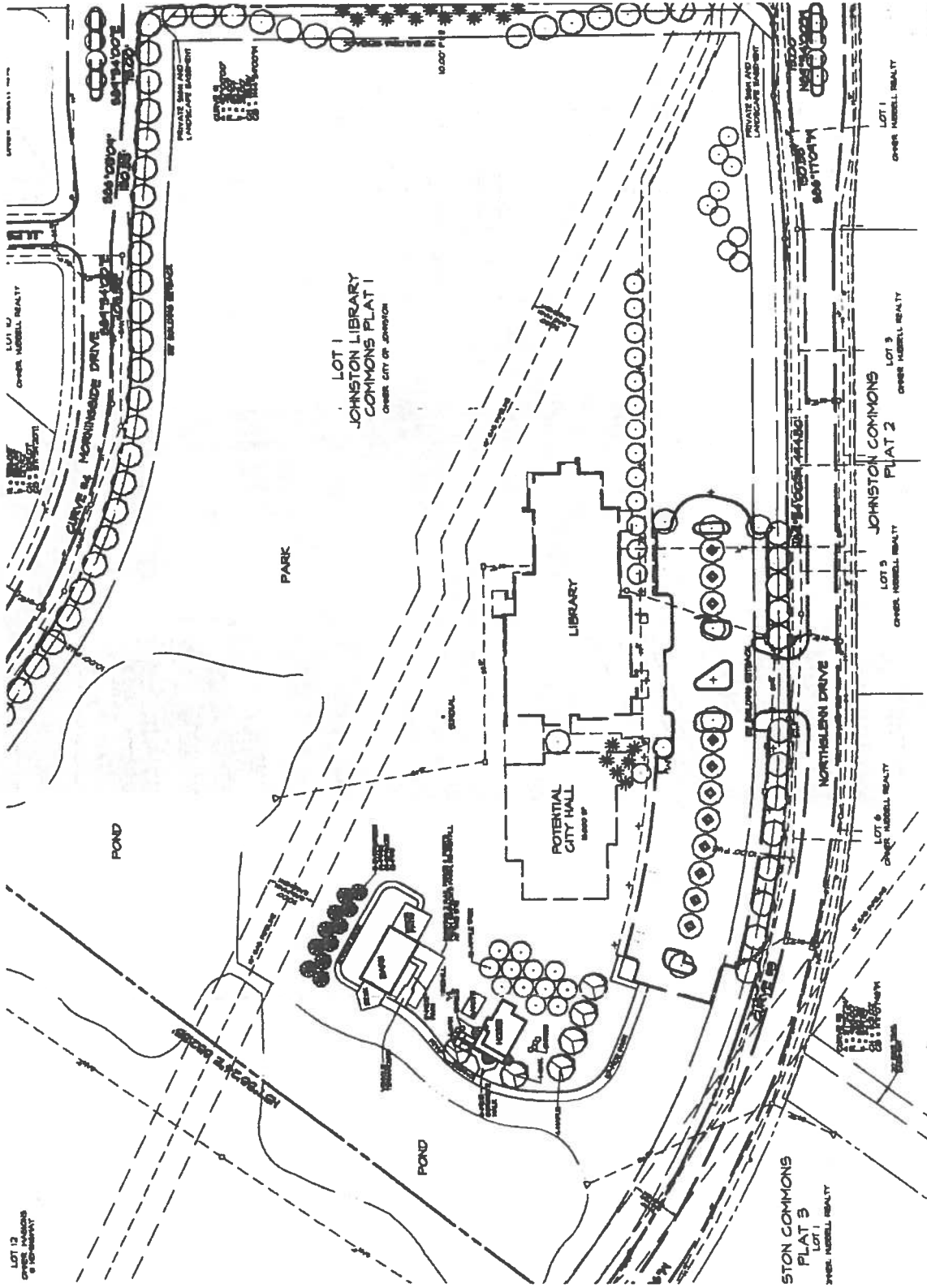
If your mailing label reads 01S or 01F you need to renew your membership.

Send your check for \$10 single, or \$12 family membership to:
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The Bauman House early in the 19th century.
The man in the photo is Carl Bauman,



Site plan of the house and barn showing planting plans

(Merle Hay Road is at the extreme right)

Courtesy of Kevin Moran. Kevin is a landscape architect.

He has donated his time to develop site plans such as this one for the JSHS.