

# Johnston (Station) Historical Society

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Newsletter

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## From the President

I know that you will agree that it was a lot of fun opening the Time Capsule/Trunk and going through all the items that had been stored in it.

We plan on putting other items in it representing the current time and then it will be opened in another twenty-five years and I am sure it will be just as fun then.

We as a Board are constantly trying to maintain and improve the Museum and its contents. Fundraisings, donor recognition, putting documents on-line, are just a few of the things we are trying to improve.

In support of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Johnston we are planning on having the 50<sup>th</sup> Historical Banners displayed at all Johnston Schools starting soon during the coming year.

**President Michael B. Knight**



The flowers are blooming at the museum! Thank you to **Carla Johns** and **Deb Krambeck** for getting the gardens off to a great start.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is where we will be. Stop by and say hello!

- 7/14 Museum open house 1P-3P
- 7/16 Adventure Ridge Park Picnic 6P-8P
- 8/11 Sundae in the Park 6-8P
- 8/13 Dewey Park Picnic 6-8P
- 9/8 Museum open house 1P-3P
- 9/27 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Gala
- 10/13 Museum open house 1P-3P
- 11/10 Museum Open house 1P-3P



The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our supporters who share in our passion for local history.

Thank you to those who donated items, money or time:

- Gold Star Museum**
- Piney Ridge Greenhouse**
- John Brown**
- Paul & Alisa Horn**
- Carla Johns**
- Deb Krambeck**
- Joseph Miller**
- Vivian Zimmerman**
- JSHS Volunteers**

## Welcome New Members!

**Gary Busby**  
**Scott Rong**



Thank you to our **renewing** members:

- Sherleen Clausen** (1 year)
- Marilyn Coonley** (5 years)
- Virginia Soelberg** (1 year)
- Thomas Rock** (3 years)
- Virginia Soelberg** (1 year)
- Vivien Zimmerman** (6 years)



A shout out to our **LIFETIME** members:

- Denny & Candy Elwell**
- Wesley Jordan**
- Ferne Michael**

## Course Completion

Congratulations to **John Brown**, JSHS Vice President, for completing the American Association of State and Local History course "Basis of Archive" in March. His commitment to continued improvement is appreciated.

## Johnston Historical Banners



Jim Evans and grandchildren view one of the Johnston Historical panels at the Lions Club breakfast in April.

The Johnston Historical Society unveiled a series of historical panels when the time capsule was opened in March. Now these panels are on a tour of the city as it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These panels provide information on various pieces of Johnston's past and were designed in a way to make them relevant even after the celebrating is done.

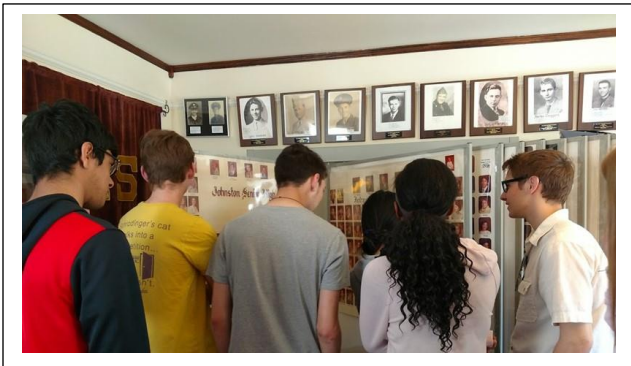
Topics for the panels include

- Johnston Schools (created by **Matthew Ding**)
  - Lions Club (created by **Mary Jane Paez**)
  - Saylorville Lake & Dam (created by **John Brown**)
  - Johnston Churches (created by **Rianna O'Keefe**)
  - Camp Dodge/Herrold (created by **Lois Waggoner** and **Elaine Egan**)
  - Creation of the City of Johnston (create by **Liz Van Zomeren**)
  - Interurban Railroad (created by **Mary Jane Paez**)
  - Johnston Pioneers (created by **Elaine Egan**)
- The panels were produced with the help of **Shelly Brown** who provided the graphic arts.

You may have seen the panels as they have rotated through the Johnston Schools or other events. If your location would like to display them, please contact the museum at 515-331-0687.

## AP History Class Visits Museum

The Advanced Placement US History classes of Johnston High School visited the museum on May 22-23. Teacher **Jessica Dowell** accompanied 36 students as they toured the Simpson House. Tour guides **Lois Waggoner** and **Nancy Budrevich** shared history with the students.



### Eating PIZZA and Earning Money

Our Casey's Pizza fundraiser is winding down. We have only 4 punch cards remaining.

Each card has 10 punches valid for one FREE medium pizza with the purchase of any large specialty pizza. That's 10 FREE medium pizzas for only \$15.00. Punch cards are redeemable for in-store purchases only and they will not expire.

Leave a message at the museum (515-331-0687) and we'll make sure you are eating pizza in no time.

### News in Color

As a cost-saving measure we are printing the newsletter in black and white. Those of you receiving it on-line still get all the glorious color. If you would like to be a part of that crowd send your contact info to [jshs@q.com](mailto:jshs@q.com).

### Museum Open for the Season

The museum is open for free tours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 1PM to 3PM. You may also call for a tour. Leave a message at 515-331-0687 to set up tour.



# Doin' Business

## A look at Johnston Businesses through Advertising

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST  
And  
NOON LUNCHES

**KINSEY TAP**

Open 8 a.m. 5816 Merle Hay Road

**Kinsey Tap** operated circa 1967-1976 and was Kingman's before that. Legend is there was a secret bar in the basement to satisfy those who could not buy beer on Sundays.

Who invested on one of these **Hyperion Heights** homes?

**New Homes  
Hyperion Heights**  
Located in the North Part of Johnston

**OPEN**

Sunday 1:30 to 7:30 pm.  
Week Days 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

Deluxe homes built by  
Shattuck Construction Co.

**\$30,000 Price Range**

1. Underground wiring 4. Natural gas heat  
2. City water 5. Varing in front  
3. Large lot 6. New Johnston Schools

**ONLY 10% Down**  
subject to Loan qualification

Agent  
**LEW CLARKSON**  
Real Estate Service  
WELCOME ALUMNI!  
CONGRATULATIONS, JOHNSTON.  
On Your New School

8/29/74

H. M. ILTIS LUMBER CO.

Lumber  
Millwork  
Builders Hardware  
Fence & Wire

Johnston, Iowa  
Johnston BR 6-1523  
Grimes 7313



Congratulations to  
The Fine Boys and Girls  
In Johnston School

Headquarters For Gooch's Best Feeds

Hog	Dairy	Rabbit	Salt
Cattle	Poultry	Sheep	Oyster Shell
	Baler Twine	Fertilizer	

One Bag - One Ton - Ten Ton Or A Carload  
Take advantage of our carload buying

Wholesale - Retail

**FOUR CORNERS FEED CO.**

Johnston, Iowa

We Deliver Phone BL 5-4684

Local businesses supported the high school annual by publishing ads in the book. This one for **Four Corners Feed Co** was from the 1959 Beaconite.

**Ottos' Conoco** was located at what was the fork of Merle Hay Road and 59<sup>th</sup>.

MOTO-SKI  
SNOWMOBILES

Some 75 Models at reduced prices  
OTTO'S CONOCO SERVICE-Den Otto, Prop.  
Phone 276-2703 or 276-9848 Johnston, Iowa

12/14/71

**Evans Maid-Rite**  
5785 Merle Hay Road  
Johnston

**1st Anniversary  
Celebration  
April 7-12**

Free Coffee & Cake  
Free coffee mug with every  
Maid-Rite or Cheese-Rite

**EAT MAID-RITE EATS**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

call 276-9864

New Delivery  
**Mama Lacona's  
Pizza**

Johnston Dairy-Sweet  
Johnston 276-3887

← **The Dairy-Sweet** (now Van Dee's Ice Cream Shoppe) is a long time business on Merle Hay Road.

**SELLNER DEEP-ROCK OIL CO.**  
Johnston, Iowa

Phones: Grimes 9602-9508  
Des Moines 5-1466

**The Bungalow**  
Johnston

Lunch specials February 5 through 9  
Monday - Ham & Beans & Cornbread  
Tuesday - Goulash  
Wednesday - Swiss Steak  
Thursday - Baked ham dinner  
Friday - Fried chicken

\$1.35 including potatoes, vegetables and drink  
Now serving evening meals Wednesday through Saturday

Call for Reservations  
276-9977

There were 3 cottages located behind the **Bungalow**. During the 1960's one of the cottages housed **Sue's Beauty Shop**. Sue's brother, Sid Wilson, owned the Bungalow and he turned one of the other cottages into a home for his mom.

call **Sue's Beauty Salon**  
MERLE HAY ROAD  
For An Appointment  
Open Tuesday and Thursday Night

Specialize in Zotos Permanent Waves  
276-8482 including Hair Cut \$10

Have your own stories about these businesses? Share them with us!





## New Secretary Needed

After an all too short term as JSHS secretary, **Elaine Egan** has resigned prior to her move to the Tulsa, OK area. Thank you, Elaine, for your work with the historical society.

We are looking for a new secretary. If you like to be in the know and can work on a computer your next volunteer opportunity is here waiting for you. Contact us at the museum at 515-331-0686 and we can talk.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Johnston Historical Society has submitted two Iowa State Historical Society grant applications:

1. Johnston history trivia book to celebrate Johnston's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2. Ridgedale Cemetery and Rittgers Stagecoach stop historical markers

JSHS is working in conjunction with the city and private donors to make these projects possible. Thanks to **John Brown** for doing the heavy lifting with these applications.



## Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking members who are interested in volunteering at the museum. You could be a greeter during the monthly open hours or help on cleaning days. How about pulling a weed or two in our magnificent gardens? Give us a call and leave a message at 515-331-0687.

### Goodsearch.ORG



Are you searching on-line? Raise money for the JSHS by utilizing the Yahoo! search engine via [goodsearch.org](http://goodsearch.org) and designating Johnston Station Historical Society as your charity of choice. We earn a penny for each search.

## Obituaries

Obituaries are compiled by **Nancy Budrevich**. If anyone knows of others, please let Nancy know. Nancy can be contacted

- by mail: 6161 Northglenn Dr., Johnston, IA, 50131
- by email: [jshs@q.com](mailto:jshs@q.com)
- by phone: 515-331-0687

Over 1,000 Johnston related obituaries are now on file at the museum.

Name	Relationship to Johnston	Date of Death
<b>Audrey Herrold Bricker-Archer</b>	Class of 1933	June 2018
<b>Hildred Clearwater Brothers-Cayce</b>	Class of 1934	March 15, 2016
<b>Jessie May Taylor Perdue</b>	Class of 1938	February 16, 2019
<b>Angelina Rastovac Marlowe</b>	Class of 1938	January 1, 2017

<b>Melba “Jeri” Carpenter Schleimer</b>	Class of 1939	February 9, 2013
<b>Richard “Dick” Mott</b>	Class of 1945 JSHS Member	March 20, 2019
<b>Marilyn Bauman Finney</b>	Class of 1949 JSHS Member	April 1, 2019
<b>Jimmie Dean “Jim” Schuessler</b>	Class of 1953 JSHS Member	May 2, 2019
<b>Donna Lathrum</b>	Class of 1958	April 1, 2019
<b>Marlin “Joe” Eaton</b>	Class of 1958	April 11, 2019
<b>Donna Langerak Cron</b>	Class of 1961	March 12, 2019
<b>William “Bill” Hague</b>	Class of 1963	January 28, 2014
<b>John D. Rasmussen</b>	Class of 1971	May 12, 2019
<b>Robert T. “Skip” Mable</b>	Class of 1975	November 22, 2018
<b>Sarah S. Downs Grove</b>	Class of 1990	January 22, 2019
<b>Jordan Taylor Spain</b>	Class of 2010	April 11, 2019
<b>William “Will” Rose</b>	Class of 2014	January 16, 2019
<b>Gabrielle Crahan</b>	Class of 2015	May 18, 2019
<b>Tami Lea Nelson</b>	Classmate of 1993	Mary 4, 2019
<b>Rebecca Nelson</b>	Food Service Employee	April 21, 2019
<b>Lillian M. Hand</b>	Teacher	May 16, 2019
<b>Nadine Woods</b>	Resident	February 2, 2019
<b>John Schneiders</b>	Resident	March 22, 2019
<b>Phillip Murphy</b>	Resident	April 10, 2019
<b>Sara “Sue” Groh</b>	Resident	April 11, 2019
<b>James Magel</b>	Resident	April 13, 2019
<b>Rev. Gordon Gittins</b>	Resident	April 17, 2019
<b>John C. Cahill</b>	Resident	April 20, 2019
<b>Charles J. Phipps</b>	Resident	April 25, 2019
<b>Lois Jensen</b>	Resident	April 20, 2019
<b>John Linn</b>	Resident	May 7, 2019
<b>William Kimball</b>	Resident	May 12, 2019



## Historic Mural Tour

History buffs gathered at the Simpson House on Sunday, June 9, to tour murals depicting Johnston History. **Mary Jane Paez** led the group as they viewed the murals inside Lawson Elementary School and those murals on the four corners of NW 86<sup>th</sup> St. and NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave.





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Johnston, IA 50131

### **Mission Statement**

*The purpose of the Johnston (Station) Historical Society is to bring people together who are interested in the history and preservation of the Johnston area, which includes the early settlements of Johnston Station, Beaver Creek Settlement, Ridgedale, Huntsville, Herrold and Dodge City.*

*To this goal, we work to get the community engaged and involved in Johnston's rich history by providing a museum and events to the public.*

Board  
OF  
Directors



### **Johnston Historical Board Members**

Michael Knight, President  
Elaine Egan, Secretary  
Jan Jensen, Archivist  
Marilyn Coonley, Membership

John Brown, Vice President  
Lois Waggoner, Treasurer  
Liz Van Zomeren, Associate Archivist  
Alan Lathrum, Membership

**The museum is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 1-3PM (April to November) or by appointment. Leave a message at 515-331-0687 if you are interested in a tour.**

Website: [www.johnstoniowahistorical.org](http://www.johnstoniowahistorical.org)