

Johnston (Station) Historical Society

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Newsletter

Fall 2018

From the President

On Saturday the 15th of September members of the Board, including myself, met at the Johnston Historical Society, not to have another meeting, but to clean the wrap around porch.

Al Lathrum and Liz Van Zomeren brought their power washers. The rest of the crew grabbed cleaning supplies and all began a two hour cleaning session in extremely hot conditions.

I want to thank the following Board Members for what they accomplished on that day: **Al Lathrum, Liz Van Zomeren, John Brown, Elaine Egan** and her husband, **Larry**.

You could not have asked for a better group of people that not only dedicate themselves to the operation and upkeep of the Museum but would come in on their own time on a hot Saturday to make sure that the first thing that a visitor sees is a clean and inviting entrance to the Museum.

Thank you all for letting me be part of this.

Michael B. Knight, President



A special thanks to Al Lathrum for providing and manhandling the large power washer.



See our Flyer on Page 3 for information about our
MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

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In the Museum...



This issue's featured museum artifact is a fluted tapered belly cast iron laundry stove. It belonged to bride Ruby Bogaard, who married Laurence on March 15, 1935. Ruby told her husband, "I have to have a laundry to do laundry with." Her loving husband bought the stove, but she never used it!

The Bogaard family moved to Johnston in March, 1947. They farmed the area now occupied by the new Johnston High School. In the 1950's the west side of 100th Street (known as Applegate Road) was in the Grimes school district so the Bogaard boys graduated from Grimes High School as part of the classes of 1957 and 1959.

In 1976 the family moved to Grimes. Thank you, Judy Bogaard, for sharing this information.

Look Who We Saw!



From Jenipher Sutherland:

JHS/Johnston friends! Look who my mom and I ran into this morning! Mr. Obie Herrick! He was my 8th grade social studies teacher and he was my mom's middle

school basketball coach and high school social studies teacher!

Mr. Herrick is pictured here with Jenipher Holmgren Sutherland & Terri Seibert Holmgren at Waveland Café.



We have been blessed with great donors and volunteers who have donated their time, money and memories. Thanks to our most recent donors:

Gary Busby
Carla Johns
Dan Johns
Liz Van Zomeren
JSHS Volunteers!

The Board of Directors would like to thank each of you for your generous donation of cash and items. With these gifts, we are able to preserve and share the rich history of Johnston.

Welcome new members:
Riana O'Keefe
Steve Wonder

Thank you to our returning members:
Margaret Beck (21 years)
Larry & Elaine Egan (1 year)
Patricia Mosier Gutshall (4 years)
Joseph Miller (8 years)
Carol Kinsey Mossholder (8 years)
Helen (Moss) Tufts (21 years)
Ramona (Crowell) Ward (10 years)

Help us at Goodsearch.org



LIFETIME AMOUNT RAISED

\$5.84

Goodsearch.org helps non-profits raise funds by donating a penny for each Yahoo search done through their website. Designate the Johnston Station

as your charity, log into their site and search!

Johnston Historical Society

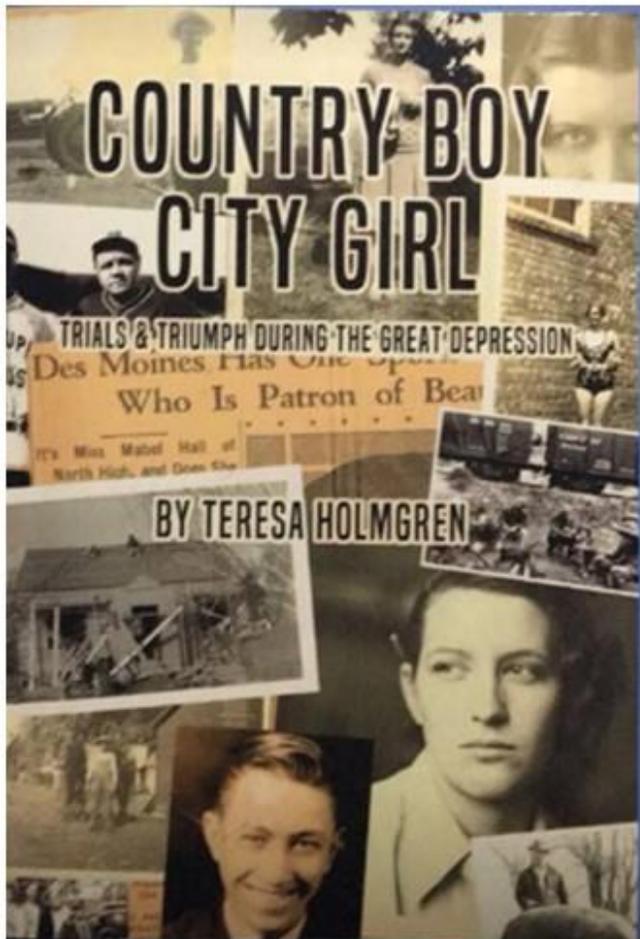
MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Doors open at 5:30PM; Dinner served at 6PM

Simpson Barn Upper Level
6169 Northglenn Drive
Johnston, IA

The Board of Directors
of your
Johnston Historical Society
invites you to celebrate
our successful year.



Author and Johnston resident

**Teresa Seibert
Holmgren**

will speak about her book
“Country Boy, City Girl – Trials
& Triumph During the Great
Depression”



We will also hear an
update on the city's
plans for our 50th
anniversary next year.

Let us know you are coming by calling 515-331-0687 or
emailing us at jshts@q.com

The Year was 1968

The air was crisp and the hopes were high. After moving to their new conference wins were few for the Johnston High School football team. The crowd gathered in the bleachers, however, cared little about the statistics. They didn't care that they had not won a homecoming game since 1959. This was their year – 1968 was going to be great!

The cheerleaders had whipped up enthusiasm at the pep rally. The marching band had been perfecting their rendition of Herb Alpert's "Tijuana Taxi" with the drill team weaving across the field forming wheels to move along the theme.

And tonight? Tonight the crowd celebrated.



Thank you, Class of 1968, for including the Johnston Historical Society in your reunion events.

Class of 1968 –

Where they are now:

36 live in Iowa (4 are still in Johnston!)
 3 each in CA and AZ
 2 each in WI, OR, NE and TX
 1 each in MO, MN, FL, HI and Washington, D. C.
 1 in England
 1 unknown; 13 deceased



As graduation loomed in the spring, the class of 1968 witnessed history in many ways:

April 11, 1968: LBJ signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968.	Average cost of a new car: \$2,822	First emergency 9-1-1 system is installed in NY.	1968 Best Actress Academy Award Winner: Katharine Hepburn: <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i>		
April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King is shot in Memphis, TN.			May 15, 1968: Charles City and Oelwein, Iowa suffered massive damage and heavy casualties after severe thunderstorms		
June 5, 1968: Robert F. Kennedy is shot in LA.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Top Grossing Film of 1968: "2001: A Space Odyssey"</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Cost of a new house: \$14,950</td> </tr> </table>		Top Grossing Film of 1968: "2001: A Space Odyssey"	Cost of a new house: \$14,950	Green Bay Packers defeat the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl II.
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Billboard Top 100 Song: "Hey Jude" by the Beatles					
April 29, 1968: Hair opens on Broadway.					
Cost of a dozen eggs: \$.53					
1968 Best Actor Academy Award Winner: Rod Steiger "In the Heat of the Night"					

Digital Newsletter

Digital – the wave of the future. You can be a part of it by receiving your JSHS newsletter directly into your inbox. Sign up for the Johnston Historical Society Digital Newsletter. This service, offered to our members, allows us to reduce our printing and mailing expenses and use those savings for other programming.

Email us at jshs@q.com with your name and email address to be added to our digital distribution list.



State Historical Society Meeting

The Johnston Historical Society will host the Board of Trustees for the State Historical Society of Iowa on March 13, 2019. The group will tour the 1902 Simpson House museum and hear about the city's 50th anniversary events. They will also be able to tour the Gold Star Museum. The board consists of 12 members from throughout the state. The society is the official historical repository for the state and provides grants, public education and outreach about Iowa history. John Brown, a board member for both the State Historical Society and the Johnston Historical Society, will serve as local host.

More StEPs Achievements

We have now received all 6 bronze certifications in the American Association for State and Local History's Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (StEPs). This is quite an accomplishment in just over a year and we hope this gives our members, donors and supporters even more confidence in our ability to carry out our mission of finding, saving and sharing our

local history. We now begin the journey to earn the silver certifications. Thank you to John Brown, JSHS Board member, for spearheading this effort



Need another holiday gift idea for your newspaper carrier, pet sitter or grandchildren? Your Johnston Historical Society is selling Casey Pizza Punch Cards.

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.

You can contact board member Liz Van Zomeren at 515-745-0118 or evanzomeren@mchsi.com to get your cards. You can also call us at the museum.



While thinking about holiday giving, a membership to the Johnston Station Historical Society is a wonderful gift!

Member Benefit:

Simpson House Rental

Need a space to gather your small group? The Johnston Historical Society would like to offer the use of the 1902 Simpson House as a membership benefit.

Reserve our facility for private events for free. A small refundable deposit is required, and certain restrictions apply.

If you are interested, contact us at 515-331-0687.

Interurban Update

Discussions continue with the City and Acco Unlimited regarding the future of the Powerhouse. A land transfer that would allow the building to be preserved without the significant cost of moving the building and use of the building as part of the adjacent city park are under consideration.

Rain, Rain...

We have a focused and immediate need. Our upper gutters are hanging on with baling wire. The estimate to redo those gutters is \$1681. If you are inclined to donate to this effort, let us know at 515-331-0687, jshs@q.com or talk to any board member.

We just replaced a blower on the motor for the upstairs air conditioning unit for a cost of \$581. When it rains...



A Collection of Memories

We had a visit from Gary Busby, former educator and administrator with Johnston Public Schools. Gary brought a trove of memories including scrapbooks, seat cushions, calendars and yearbooks.

There were several scrapbooks featuring the Washington, D. C. Club. These scrapbooks detail the planning, fundraising, and execution of 8th grade trips to tour our nation's capital in the 1990's. These students visited the Smithsonian, the National Archives, Arlington Cemetery and numerous other D. C. venues.

Were you a part of those trips? We'd like to hear your memories.



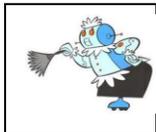
Christmas at the Simpson House



SAVE the DATE:
December 1, 12:30P – 2:30P

We are celebrating the holidays at the Simpson House Museum. Stop by for some Christmas cheer. Bring the kids and grandkids to work on some crafts and eat a Christmas cookie!

Are you cleaning out your closets and finding Johnston memorabilia? Think of us!



We review all donations for appropriateness to our collection. We would love to have a look at your treasures. Contact us at 515-331-0687.



Entering the
 Fall Season
 with our
 Flower
 Gardens

Obituaries

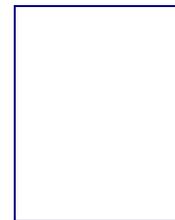
Obituaries are compiled by Nancy Budrevich. If anyone knows of others, please let Nancy know. Nancy can be contacted

- by mail: 6161 Northglenn Dr., Johnston, IA, 50131
- by email: jshs@q.com
- 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
Cheryl Broadie	Class of 1972/Resident	7/2/2018
Donald Crowell	Class of 1956/Resident	7/11/2018
Norma Smith	Resident	7/19/2018
Alice Anderson	Resident	7/22/2018
Kay Ellen Pash	Resident	7/24/2018
Jeffrey Larson	Resident	7/24/2018
Richard Haller	Owner, Iowa Pallets, Johnston	7/24/2018
Lauren Burkhardt	Class of 2011/ Former Resident	7/26/2018
Donna Larson	Resident	7/27/2018
Steven Rogers	Johnston Elementary Teacher	7/28/2018
Vera Messick	Resident	7/30/2018
Warren Hunsberger, Sr.	Former Resident	7/31/2018
Cornelia Dennison	Resident	8/1/2018
David Gray	Resident	8/9/2018
Sr. Shirley Crisler	Resident	8/10/2018
Barbara Sheesley	Johnston Employee & Resident	8/13/2018
Beverlee DeWaard	Resident	8/17/2018
Marie Faber	Resident	8/26/2018
Linda Schreurs	Resident	8/28/2018
Leon Freeman	Class of 1964	8/30/2018
Pamela Christensen Rouse	Class of 1971	8/30/2018

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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.

Johnston Historical Board Members

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

John Brown, Vice President
Nancy Budrevich, Treasurer
Liz Van Zomeren, Associate Archivist
Alan Lathrum, Membership

Museum phone: 515-331-0687
Website: www.johnstoniowahistorical.org

The museum will be open the 2nd Sunday of each month, April through November, 1:00PM – 3:00PM.

Other times by appointment

If you are interested in a tour, please call the museum phone and leave a message.