

Johnston (Station) Historical Society

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Newsletter

March 2011

President's Column:

The last months have been busy getting ready for spring and a new year for visitors. There are over 100 steins on display through July. There are five mannequins that Jan has dressed in uniforms a 1950s 4H girl, a boy and girl marching band members, an Air Force Officer, and a Johnston Firefighter. At the February meeting we had a show and tell session where those attending brought artifacts, pictures, and talked about their experiences in Johnston. In March we had the annual corn beef and cabbage dinner. Sharon is in the process of obtaining two

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Stein Collection

The Museum has on loan until June 1st, 2011 a collection of over 100 steins. These unique steins depict various themes including endangered species, national parks, national monuments, animals from all the continents, and branches of the armed services. The collection is available for viewing during regular museum hours or by appointment. For further information contact Dick Hyde at 331-0687 or by e-mail at jshts@q.com.



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grants. The first is to rebuild the porch and other maintenance needs. The second is to obtain presentation equipment to be used for meetings and outreach programs. The Board has authorized the purchase of a combination television/DVD player to view displays.

Dick Hyde

Johnston History Quiz

1. What year was the Johnston Fire Department started?
A. 1955
B. 1905
C. 1949

2. When did I35/80 open to traffic in Johnston?
A. 1959
B. 1981
C. 1962

Answers are on the bottom of page 5

Projects 2011

- Rebuild the Porch with Composite Decking and rail
- Create new displays and update current ones
- photograph and preserve the class pictures
- clean up the basement
- maintain the flower bed
- gather information about Johnston and for the family and business books in the research room
- place displays on DVD

Anyone interested in helping should contact the museum at
331-0687

Hours Museum is Open

Tuesday thru Thursday and the 2nd Sunday of each month
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
or by appointment
331-0687

Dateline: February 1924

Johnston, Iowa

The following news items were taken from *The Community Review* published semi-monthly by the Johnston Consolidated School:

Wednesday morning, February 6th, J.W. Hunt's bus collided with the car driven by Theodore Rittgers on Beaver Avenue. The ruts were so deep in the road that neither car could get out of the track. However, no damage was done to either car.

The bus that hauls the children to Saylor Center School was delayed several times Tuesday while the driver dug the bus out of snow drifts.

The Ankeny mail carrier could not carry the mail for two days because of the deep snow.

Stephen Lundstrom broke one bone of his wrist and threw the other bone out of place while cranking his Ford on February 10th.

Luther Holcomb's have installed a radio.

Meredith's garage burned down Monday morning, January 21. The cause was unknown.

Charles Rittgers put up ice Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24.

Cunningham's have been quarantined for diphtheria.

Mr. Leo Weeks presented his wife with a new Gardner car on her birthday.

Johnston Schools

The Johnston High School boys swimming have finished their season. They had a very good year finishing 12th overall in the state meet on February 12th.

Congratulations to the following students who were named National Merit Finalists. This is the largest group Johnston High School has ever had that received this recognition. They are now eligible for over 8,400 scholarships offered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Front row: Mike Shi, Sarah Mayer, Kevin Han. Back Row: Eric Welter, Matt Beary, Emily Parker, Kyle Naig and Bruce Hukee, Principal.



Johnston to Consider Two High Schools

A committee has been formed to explore whether adding an additional high school is the best way to handle future growth in the Johnston School District. Opening a second high school by the year 2015-2016 would put an estimated 788 students in each building with enrollment serving grades 10 - 12.

Also being considered is converting the current middle school and high school buildings into one 9 - 12 building capable of serving 2,500 students. This option would necessitate building a new middle school.

Obituaries

Obituaries are compiled by Dick Tarlton. This is a known list of deaths that Dick could obtain. If anyone knows of others please let Dick know. Our address is 6161 Northglenn Dr. Johnston, IA 50131 or by email: JSHS@Q.COM or phone 515-331-0687. Over 700 Johnston School related obituaries are now on file at the museum.

Name	Class	Date of Death
Helen Fauth Graham Hughes	1930	2-5-11
Richard "Ted" Steen	1945	2-21-11
Margaret Ann Goodman Klobnak	1947	2-24-11
Ruth Long Soloman	1947	3-7-11
Linda Banks Muehlenthaler	1965	8-13-10
Joseph Dean Simpson	1965	2-8-11
Brendan Bernard Mahoney	1997	12-30-10
Pat Sullivan	1957	3-7-11

Johnston Persons of the Year

John Rains

The citizen of the year is 26-year veteran of the Iowa National Guard John Rains. He is an active volunteer in the community. He is member of the Johnston Lions Club, where he has served as president and earned one of its highest honors.

David and Mary Curtis

The business persons of the year are David and Mary Curtis of the Bull's Eye. Over the years they have played key roles in major events including Green Days and the Northwest Polk County Business Expo.

Tim Gootee

The Ambassador of the year is Tim Gootee. In recent years he has worked at First Bank and recently joined Charter Bank as a Location Manager. He is being honored for his efforts on the Chamber's Ambassador Committee.

Answers to history quiz

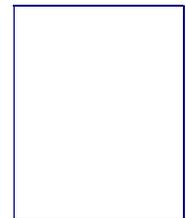
1. C 1949
2. A 1959

Mark Your Calendars

April: Sunday April 10th from 2 until 4pm will be an open house at the Museum. Those attending will be able to view the new displays that will be created in two of the upstairs rooms. Refreshments will be served.

May: Saturday May 14th will be a diner meeting the society will furnish the meat and people should bring a covered dish for a pot luck. The Johnston Station Jazz Band will play big band music from 4 until 6pm. the meal will be served at 6pm

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