

Johnston (Station) Historical Society

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Newsletter

Spring 2013

President's Column:

Spring is here and we have opened the Museum for visitors. It was a long winter, but we are open again. Jan, Carla and Deb have been doing some much needed spring cleaning. Jan has been working at changing some of the rooms on the upper level to better display the historical items.

We are enjoying the beauty of the flower beds that Carla Johns so diligently cares for. She has spent many hours cleaning them off from the winter kill and preparing them for spring plantings. The tulips are in full bloom giving us a splash of color here and there until some annuals can be planted.

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Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Annual Meeting for members has been scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2-4:00 p.m. at the museum. All members are encouraged to stop by and see the changes that have taken place at the museum. The Board members will be present for you to meet. There will be coffee, tea and dessert.

Garage Sale Fund Raiser

The Johnston Historical Society Board is planning a Fund Raiser Garage Sale this summer. We will be asking members to donate items for the sale. So begin thinking about what you might donate. We will announce the date later, as well as when and where you can drop off your donations.

Do not bring items to the museum until we announce the dates as we do not have a place to store the items.

We held a meeting of officers on May 2, 2013 and discussed changes that we wanted to make to the museum. Jan will be purchasing some new display cases for the lower level with the grant money we obtained for that.

The school is working on the 100th anniversary of the Johnston School system. We will have more on the planned events as they become available.

**Dick Hyde
President**

Johnston History Quiz

1. Where was Ole's Inn located?
 - a. Corner of Merle Hay & Beaver
 - b. Corner of Merle Hay & Meredith
 - c. In the triangle near Iltis Lumber

2. Robinette & Hunt Garage was located where?
 - a. Beaver and Merle Hay Rd
 - b. Beaver, south of 62nd Ave
 - c. West side of Merle Hay Rd

Dick Tarlton, Board Member

As many of you know, we lost a dear friend and diligent worker involved with the Johnston Historical Society when Dick Tarlton passed away on May 5. Dick was involved with the Society since its inception and believed whole heartedly in preserving the story of Johnston as told in the many items that are contained at the museum.

He most currently served as our Vice President on the Board and took his roll seriously. His special contribution was tracking and preserving the obituaries of Johnston School graduates. He gave generously of his time in order to open the doors one day a week welcoming visitors.

In the past he was known for working at some of the Johnston owned cemeteries to preserve the headstones and honoring the veterans in those same cemeteries by placing flags on their graves near Memorial Day.

We thank you, Dick Tarlton, for your unselfish time spent at the museum. We know you wanted to do even more, but health issues restrained you in recent months. Although saddened to lose you, we are honored to place your obituary in our history binders as you have done so diligently for others.

Deb Krambeck
Johnston Historical Board secretary

Annual Membership Dues

If you have not paid your dues for 2013, please do so soon. If you are uncertain if you have paid, look at the number following your name on the mailing label. If it does not say 13, you need to pay.

The dues are now \$20 a year. Submit your money to Johnston Historical Society, 6161 Northglenn Dr., Johnston IA 50131.

Election of Officers

The board voted the following people into office at the last meeting:

Dick Hyde, President

Dick Tarlton, Vice President

Jan Jensen, Archivist

Carla Johns, Treasurer

We obviously are seeking a replacement for the Vice President position. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming involved, please call the secretary, Deb at 276-8217 or email her at d.krambeck@yahoo.com.

We are always looking for new members and anyone that would like to be a part of the board. The current president has indicated a desire to retire, so looking for someone that might want to take over that roll of leadership in the future.

Museum Hours

Museum Hours have been changed to:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of each month 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Please call the museum to schedule a time other than the times listed above.

Johnston Schools

Obituaries

Obituaries are compiled by Jan Jensen. This is a known list of deaths that Jan could obtain. If anyone knows of others please let us know. Our address is 6161 Northglenn Dr. Johnston, IA 50131 or by email: JSHS@Q.COM or phone 515-331-0687. Over 1000 Johnston School related obituaries are now on file at the museum, please let us know if you would like any information on them.

Name	Class	Date of Death
Arlene Lenore Otto Murray	1939	1-25-13
Maxine Stall Fjare	1944	1-21-13
Jane Ann Hall Wissick	1944	1-26-13
Carroll Ralph (Toad) Bassett	1947	10-28-11
Richard W. Tarlton	1950	5-5-13
Gladys Marie Boyer	1951	1-20-13
Betty Forret O'Leary	1952	12-25-12
Larry Bowen	1957	5-22-13
Charlene Ashley Grim	1966	2-2-13
Mildred Rastovac	1943	2-12-13
Christopher John Ceretti	1999	10-7-12
Brandi Ann Vik Beckman	1995	11-21-12
Sandra Jane Lowry Larsen	1963	11-25-12
David Carroll	1976	4-30-13
Shane Lee Kirkman	1985	3-26-13

Fire Station #2 and Police Annex formally dedicated

Part of a 14 million dollar project to upgrade Johnston's public safety is open for business. Fire station #2 & Police annex at 103rd and 62nd avenue opened on Sunday, March 24. A formal dedication was held on Friday March 29. A large turnout of citizens, and public officials gathered for the ribbon cutting and tour. The station is currently staffed with two firefighters at a time but in the future it could grow to as many as 5 personnel at a time. The station was built to primarily handle emergency calls west of 86th Street, however crews will also respond to other areas of Johnston and a portion of Grimes.



Answers to history quiz

1) B

2) C

Johnston History Tidbit:

The Inter-Urban Railway

When the Inter-urban Railway, an electric railway, was constructed from Des Moines through Johnston in 1905, and eventually on to Perry, there were numerous "stations" en route. Most of them were just platforms, where farmers could put out milk for the creamery, freight could be picked up or dropped off, and some of them had a small shelter next to the platform for waiting passengers. The railway hauled coal from local coal mines, and gravel from local gravel pits. There were two stations at Camp Dodge, one called "Arsenal" and the other on up the line at Herrold. But Johnston station actually had a depot for some years.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, June 9, 2:00-4:00

Annual Members Meeting at the Museum

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