

Johnston (Station) Historical Society

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Newsletter

Summer 2013

President's Column:

There have been a lot of changes going on at the Museum in the past couple months. Jan has worked on the displays by moving some and changing others. She has moved the military displays to a larger room where we can better arrange the artifacts.

Carla, as usual has been working on the flower gardens and has them in excellent condition.

We have been working with the Johnston Schools on some projects for the upcoming 100th

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Garage Sale Fund Raiser

The Garage (Barn) Sale has been scheduled for August 9 & 10, 2013 to be held at the Simpson Barn from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 8:00 to noon on Saturday.

We will be accepting donations for the sale two weeks prior to the sale date beginning on July 30. You can bring donated items to the museum on Tuesday or Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 when there will be someone there to receive them. If it is impossible for you to bring items at those designated times, please contact a board member to see if they can meet you.

So look around your house and see if you have anything you would like to donate. Perhaps you know someone that has items they would like to donate. The more items we take in the more money we will make.

Also looking for people that would be willing to help us price items on Thursday and/or work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Please contact Deb Krambeck if you would like to help at 515 537-6450.

anniversary of the Johnston school system. We will keep you informed on the planned events when we receive that information.

The Johnston Historical Society will have a tent and table at the Johnston Farmers Market on Tuesdays to advertise our museum and hopefully receive some new members. Stop by some time and see the items we feature at the Museum.

Dick

Johnston History Quiz

1. I 35/I 80 opened between Merle Hay and E. 14th?
 - A. February 1961
 - B. November 1959
 - C. March 1956
2. Holiday Inn building started on Merle Hay Road?
 - A. May 1972
 - B. April 1966
 - C. September 1969

Answers are on the bottom of page 5

Liquidation Sale of Auto Products

Automotive Products will be for sale at the building that once housed Johnston Distributing (Napa) at 6523 Merle Hay Road .in Johnston. Dave Goss, owner, has sold the building and has given the Johnston Historical Society the opportunity to sell the items that still remain there with proceeds to go to the Historical Society.

Dick Hyde and crew will work the sale on Saturday, July 13 from 8 to 5 p.m.

New Board Member

At our Board Meeting on June 9, 2013, we elected Nancy (Pontious) Budrevich to fill the position of Vice President held by Dick Tarlton who passed away in May. She will assume the responsibility of maintaining the obituary binders as Dick had done.

Nancy grew up in Johnston graduating from Johnston with the class of 1962.

We welcome Nancy to our board and look forward to working with her.

Annual Members Meeting

The annual meeting for members was held on Sunday, June 9, 2013 with an Open House from 2-4:00 p.m. Refreshments were served as we welcomed approximately 15 people who had never been in the museum. Most of those who toured were families who live in the area. Of those, only one was a current member and we received one new member..

History of the Simpson House

The history of the Simpson house reflects the settlement of the Townships of Polk County which are now a part of Johnston.

It all began when John Bauman and Anna Barbara Claus immigrated to the US from Wurttemberg, Germany in 1847. They were married in 1848 and settled in Ohio, where 3 children were born to them. In 1854 John and his family came to Jefferson Township in Polk County, Iowa, where they bought land along what is now NW 70th Avenue., just east of Grimes. Four more children were born here; one of them was John Henry Bauman in 1855. He married Mary Friar. Another son was Jacob; he married Louise Betz, daughter of Johannes Betz, who also immigrated from Germany. A plat map from 1875 shows farmland in this area owned by the Seibert and Betz families, as well as the Bauman family.

John Henry Bauman prospered, and built a fine farmhouse on some of the land, probably at the turn of the century. The well-build house boasted a large living and dining rooms with pocket doors, kitchen, and a large entry hall with a graceful staircase to the upper floor. There were 6 bedrooms on the second floor, and above them a pleasant and roomy attic with dormer windows.

Johns Henry's youngest daughter married E. J. Garlock. The Garlock family had orchards along what was then known as the "Ridge Road" now NW Beaver Drive. When the land owned by the elder John Bauman was divided among his heirs, the house and land around it went to Laura Bauman Garlock. It was at this time that Laura and E. J. Garlock planted their orchard along what is now 86th Street, and NW 70th Avenue. It was a community landmark, and the corner of 86th and 70th Ave. was known as Garlock's Corner.

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Johnston Schools

Obituaries

Obituaries are compiled by Nancy Budrevich. This is a known list of deaths that Nancy could obtain. If anyone knows of others please let Nancy 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
Bertha Clark Olmsteud	1939	6-20-13
Wayne Sellner	1945	6-21-13
Don Gross	1955	6-7-13
Sarah Janey Baker McCammon	1957	5-16-13
Johnny Lee Johns	1970	5-27-13

In 1955 the Garlock family sold the farm, house and orchard, all 200 acres to Laverne and Shirley Simpson, who were looking for a good place to raise their family. Laverne was in the trucking business in Des Moines. For a number of years the Simpsons and their sons continued to maintain the orchard, and they sold apples from a small building along the road near the house.

Early in 2001 Laverne and Shirley Simpson signed an agreement to give the house together with the barn and windmill to the Johnston Historical Society provided the Society move them from their current location by November of 2002.

Since then Society members have been working to make this dream a reality and continue to maintain the house in the Johnston Commons area. They have removed old fixtures and carpeting, rebuilt the front porch, and continue to make improvements to the house, which is now our museum, all the while remaining mindful of maintaining it to reflect its original beauty. The preservation of the Bauman-Garlock-Simpson house is a reflection of the Society's mission to discover and to preserve the history of Johnston community.

Johnston Historical Board Members

Richard Hyde, president
Nancy Budrevich, Vice President
Carla Johns, treasurer
Deb Krambeck, secretary
Jan Jensen, archivist
Chris Kinsey
Sharon Hyde

Answers to history quiz

- 1) B**
- 2) C**

Mark Your Calendars

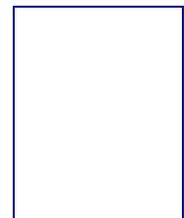
Saturday, July 13

Automotive Product Sale at Johnston
Distributing

Sat., & Sun., August 9 & 10

Garage Sale at Simpson Barn

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