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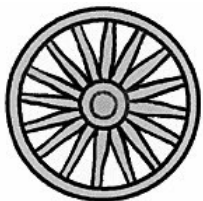
Summer 2015

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Society Receives 2015 Jasper Community Foundation Grant

President Mary Ann Nevins and Executive Director Ken Barthelman are shown accepting a Jasper Community Foundation grant from President Dan Skokan and V.P. Denis Wilcox. The money will allow us to complete our security upgrades and proceed to the next step in opening the museum to docent-led tours OR self-guided tours.

Four-foot plexiglass walls will enclose our Victorian Rooms for security, while still allowing an unobstructed view. The “doorways” in the 30’s rooms and along Main Street will be protected by white gates standing the same height as the exhibit walls.

We are extremely grateful to the Jasper Community Foundation for their generous gift and invite you all to come check out the areas later this summer.

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The Museum is open every day from May 1 through Sept. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. Last tour starts at 4 p.m. Tours for ten or more persons may be scheduled all year by contacting the office. Tours must be booked enough in advance for the Museum to arrange for guides.

Basic Annual Support levels are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. Mail address changes to JCHS, Box 834, 1700 S. 15th Ave. W., Newton, IA 50208 or call us at (641) 792-9118.

Donations & memorials are vital to the Museum. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the donor to have appropriate names engraved on a permanent bronze plaque in the Museum Memorial area. Gifts of artifacts are welcome, but do require advance approval by the Acquisitions Committee.

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Laugh with Linda

Issue 2

Thumbing through Bill Mauldin's book UP FRONT, I found a section where he talks about writing letters. This art form is almost foreign to many people of today. Oh yes, we email and twitter; but who actually sits down and writes a letter on perfumed stationery and seal it in a matching envelope? I would love to sound high and mighty and tell you that I still do this, but alas I don't. I email and twitter. Why, because it's fast; and I'm too darn busy to make the time to communicate in a more genteel manner. I don't even send thank you notes via the *snail mail*. [Postal Service] Well, shame on ME --- and you ----and you ---- and you, you, you --- and you. I feel a soapbox speech forming in my veins.

Mauldin states, "It's very hard to write an interesting letter if you are in the infantry . . . A lot of people aren't very smart when they write to a soldier. They complain about the gasoline shortage, or worry him or anger him in a hundred different ways which directly affect his efficiency and morale." The negative stories just seem to pop into our head. It takes time to think of and write about pleasant stories. Will you join me to spread the good cheer? Here are some writing style suggestions.



"My son. Five days old. Good-lookin' kid, ain't he?"

Send pictures of loved ones doing something unusual. Sometimes a shock picture is good. I always wished that I had captured the look on my boyfriend's face when he watched my 5-year-old sister run naked from the tub, through the living room and up the stairs to get on her P.J.s. Priceless!

Include an original poem. They don't have to be good.

Museum, museum thou shall be a friend to me.

And as thou growest into a fine institution,

May visitors not expect the admission to be free.

OR

Y Campers improve your archery skills

Point the arrows towards the hills.

And should the arrow hit a rut,

Not good to bounce and hit a butt. Continued page 3



Pictured to the left are our Tintinnabulation Bell Choir members. They've had a number of gigs over the summer, including St. Luke Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Park Centre and Community Heights Alliance Church.

They will be at the library Sept. 28th at 6:30.

Ken's Quiz

These events all occurred in the 1920's. Use each year only once. Answers are on page 5. 1920, 1921, 1922 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929

1. B.C. Berg was appointed superintendent of Newton schools.
2. Iowa manufacturers produce 60% of all washers. Maytag produces 75% of Iowa machines.
3. There were 5,200 automobiles in Jasper County.
4. The Capital theatre opens.
5. City council designates 1st Ave and 1st St as through streets. Cross streets to have stop signs.
6. YMCA dedicated.
7. Automatic Electric Washer Company does \$1,000,000 in business.
8. Cyclone hits Jasper County.
9. Alternating current arrives in Newton. C.F Neel's shop is the first to get it.
10. Newton basketball team beats Boone to take state championship. They travel to Chicago to compete in national tournament.

Laugh with Linda (continued from page 2)

Or, utilize unusual situations



Is Not Bill's Bird



Is My Nephew

Our cockatiel, Fibber, enjoyed being Bill's companion. One morning, Bill and Fibber were napping in Bill's favorite chair and shoulder, respectfully. Fibber woke up first and hopped over to Bill's coffee cup rim. She looked at her reflection, [yes, Fibber is a 'she' cause she earlier laid an egg.] and I thought that she was going to take a drink of coffee.

"Tee hee," I thought. Bill's asleep and he'll never know that the coffee has bird saliva in it." Much to my delight, Fibber not only shared her saliva but her feather dander, too! She took a bath in his coffee with wings spread and head bouncing in and out of the coffee, splashing with enthusiasm. Oh how I wish I had a camera. The devil in me had a hard time deciding if I should tell him about it. What do you think I did?

Recently, my nephew went to the Y Camp where he wasn't allowed to have contact with the outside world other than a letter from home. The letters I sent him utilized my writing styles and were sent on nice stationery with an appropriate envelope. The only thing missing was the scented sheets of paper. I felt that it would have been too creepy to get this from his aunt. I'm sure that the letters allowed him to "Keep Smilin'".

Quilts Moved AGAIN!

by Linda Perrenoud

They're movin' on out
To the top floor
To finally find a place with dry air
Yea, they're movin' on out
To the top floor
Try'en to find a home with less care

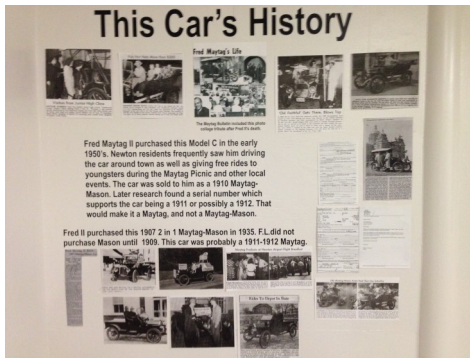
We're still working on adding descriptions to the exhibit and the Quilt Guild just finished cleaning a few quilts, so no picture yet.

The Piece Makers Quilt Guild helped some museum volunteers to move the entire quilt collection to the end of the Main Street area. Reason? Peeling paint in the former quilt room obviously meant that the moisture level was too much for the textiles.

We now have a lovely display that is tastefully positioned in front of the large murals. Don't worry; the murals aren't hidden at all. The space in front of the murals has been put to good use. The soft colors in the murals blend well with the textiles in the area.

A huge thank-you goes out to all who helped with the "Movin' Out" experience.

The Maytag-Mason Car and Newton Seed Store exhibits are now complete!



A Few Recently Donated Artifacts





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Ken's Quiz Answers

1. 1922
2. 1924
3. 1920
4. 1927
5. 1925
6. 1928
7. 1923
8. 1929
9. 1921
10. 1926



**New Museum tourism sign
on North Bound Hwy 14/6**

BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARNS

We are now having Brown Bag Lunch and Learns the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Our next is August 12th, and I will be doing a presentation on the history of the KKK's attempts at organizing in Jasper County.

Recent Lunch & Learn presenters included:

Austin Kramer on his family's steam powered Masdaam Sorghum Mill in Lynnville.

Jay DeYoung on Player Pianos—plus he serviced ours free of charge.

Dr. Tom Hoover on his new book all about Howard Snyder, F.L. Maytag and Snyder's inventions

WISH LIST

Volunteers

In two short months it will be Fall, and that means it's going to be time to do some exterior maintenance on the building. Our board and other volunteers take care of a lot, but paint preparation and painting is one area where we can always use help. Some woodworking skills would come in handy when working on garage door trim.



2015 Events

Here is some preliminary information for our upcoming events.

1. Sept. 28, 6:30 Tintinnabulation Bell Choir
1. September 13—Cemetery Walk, in conjunction with Lynnville Historical Society.
2. December 5-6—It's a Gingerbread Christmas at the museum.



Thank You

Basic Support Levels

Individual	\$10
Family	\$20

Annual support is for the calendar year.

We wish to give a Special Thank You to you who have made extra donations and memorial contributions throughout the years. You have kept us going! Your gifts made it possible for our museum to be as great as it is. Friends and family members will see your generosity of \$500.00 or more on a plaque displayed in our Memorial Room.

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WILMER TJOSEM: Herman & Pat Deaton

IRENE QUINN: Chuck & Jewel Gullett

HENRY (HANK) JENSEN: Steve & Linda Osborn

IZETTA MOORE: Fred Swank & Bev Nearmyer

MARGARET ATWOOD: Chuck & Jewel Gullett

2015 Calendar Of Events

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.

August

- 12 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Noon
- 25 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

September

- 9 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Noon
- 13 Cemetery Walk—Lynnville
- 29 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

October

- 14 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Noon
- 27 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

November

- 24 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

December

- 5 & 6 Gingerbread Christmas
at the museum

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web site for updated**

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DIDN'T RAIN ON OUR PARADE

By Linda Perrenoud

Saturday's soaking rains didn't impact our overall Garage Sale earnings. Fortunately, business was steady on Friday, so Saturday's low sales didn't hurt us. With most items selling for cheap, cheap, cheap I'm very happy with the profit total.

We had wonderful contributions and many volunteers such as Sue Eldred, Denny Hammer, Ray Heimann, Dotty Mittlestadt, May Ann Nevins, Linda Perrenoud, Jean Schnell, Marilyn Deutsch, Joan Smith, and Cynthia Poots. These people took turns setting up, selling wares, and then tearing down what was left over. The Salvation Army graciously took what we couldn't sell.

DON'T FORGET OUR CLASSICS



Although we use a lot of the Journal's space to show and tell about our new or revised exhibits, we are much more than that. This black and white picture of our authentic Victorian Parlor doesn't begin to do it justice. It is gorgeous. Come and see it again (or for the first time).

Other long time favorites include: 40 foot Bas Relief of Jasper County, North American Dioramas, 1930's Rooms, Coal Mining and Foundry exhibits, War Memorabilia (now including Korea, Viet Nam and Desert Storm). And much more.

And, I didn't even mention our extensive collection in the Ag Building.

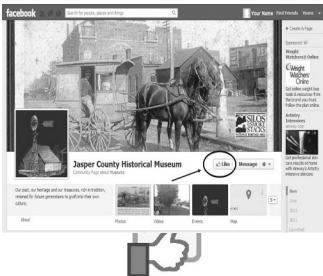
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Store for Homes (Picked up and delivered Maytag Dutch Oven)

Please Patronize Our Sponsors and Thank Them for Supporting the Museum

Thanks to all our volunteer docents and other volunteers who keep us going.

Special thanks to Jean Schnell for another year of planting our beautiful flowers in various containers on our grounds. We are also so appreciative of Bryan Healy again coming back to Newton to run Steam School and the Steam Engine in the 4th of July parade. Traveling on his own dime!