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### Special points of Interest:

- Brown Bag Lunches
- Amazon Smile Foundation
- Remember to select "Like" on our Facebook page
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## New Exhibits

We have a number of exhibits in the planning stages for the coming year that we can tell you a little about now. It's too early for pictures or illustrations, but here's a little information on what we're thinking.

1. Newton Seed Store/Campbell House will be inside the Ag building on the east wall. We'll have a number of artifacts from the store plus use pictures and graphics to give a feel for the house that was inside.
2. Wittemberg Church and the Underground Railroad will be the subject of an exhibit on the lower level, next to our Civil War artifacts. Larry Hurto was recently successful in getting the church added to the National Underground Railroad Registry.

We'll also be completing some displays already started, including our grouping of photos, by decade, on the backside of the Herman Deaton Bas Relief, and the additions to the military room (see below).

## Scavenger Hunt

by Linda Perrenoud

The museum is currently working on new displays for Desert Storm, Vietnam, and the Korean War. Plus we're going to tell the story of how Jasper County citizens supported the World War II effort right here at home.

Murals, a life size cutout, snow capped mountains, and a hot steamy jungle will greet visitors next season. Meanwhile, the museum is in need of more artifacts to make these displays "TOTAL awesome, man"!

Will you please look around your place to see if you have the following?

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Inner tubes with patches                                       | Balloon tires                    |
| Feed sack shirt or dress                                       | Small pieces of scrap metal      |
| Milk pods with the 'silk'                                      | woven bushel basket              |
| Chicken wire   | 4 bushels of dried beans or corn |
| Fake snake , Little Red Wagon                                  | War appropriate K-ration cans    |
| Small artifacts from Desert Storm, Vietnam and the Korean War. |                                  |

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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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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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## From the President of the Jasper County Historical Society –

First of all, I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! It is going to be a great New Year for your Jasper County Historical Museum, as we look forward to meeting the goals set forth in our mission statement to preserve and retain for future generations, our past, our heritage and our treasures, which are all rich in tradition and deserve our diligent efforts.

We are completing our first year with a full time Executive Director, Ken Barthelman, who has been able to give us the benefit of his expertise in management of successful non-profit entities. His energy and enthusiasm have resulted in many positive changes, both highly visible and, possibly more important, those administrative and organizational changes which will guide our future as we grow toward being able to provide a more professional level of service to the public we serve. We are pleased to announce that Ken's contract has been renewed for this year, and we can all look forward to continued growth under his direction. Three new members were elected to our Board of Directors at the annual meeting in October – two of them are introduced to you in this issue, and you will meet the third one, Heidi Pearson, next time. They have joined a group of hard-working individuals who share our passion for preserving our rich heritage and sharing it with others.

All members of the Jasper County Historical Society enjoy the right to unlimited visits to your museum, and the right to bring an "out of county" guest with you free of charge. We strive to provide activities during the year to entertain and educate our members and the general public, and we encourage you to support those efforts by attending these events. It is always rewarding to the presenter to have an appreciative audience!

Again, we do want to thank you all for your continuing support and hope we have received your renewal for 2015. If you have questions about your status, please call the office and Cynthia will have the information for you.

### Retiring Directors



Retiring board members Herb Scott (left) and Raymond Brown were recently presented Certificates of Appreciation for their service from President Mary Ann Nevins.



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of year!**

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operations.**

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grants and other ways  
to support the  
museum, but many  
exclude funding day-to-  
day operations, so we  
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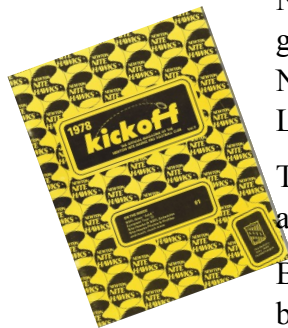
## **Quarterly Meeting of the Membership**

The Quarterly Meeting of our membership will be held in our meeting room at 2:00 P.M. There will be a brief meeting regarding old and new business.

A Proposal to amend our Articles of Incorporation regarding the voting membership class will be presented. It will be proposed that the voting responsibility be eliminated. There will be no change in benefits, such as our season pass to the museum, Jasper Journal mailing or our informative presentations, like that scheduled this quarter and described below.

**After the Brief Business Meeting**

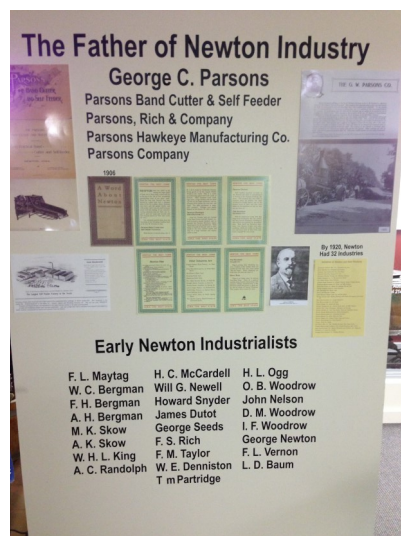
## **Learn All About the Newton Nite Hawks from the Quarterback Himself**



Baxter native Stan Allspach was the quarterback for the Newton Nite Hawks throughout the '70's and will be giving a presentation on their 1977 European Tour. The Nite Hawks swept the 5 game series with the Chicago Lions and were awarded the championship trophy.

The late Roger Spiess willed the trophy to the museum and it will be on display during the presentation.

Besides winning the trophy, the Nite hawks and Lions became the first two pro teams to play American football in Europe.



This small display was recently added to the wall as you enter the Washing Machine Center of the World exhibit. The 1906 Newton Businessmen's Association publication shown credits George Parsons as being the Father of Newton Industry.

I recently ran across old advertisements in 1878 Newton Journal newspapers where he promoted himself as the "Plow Man" and offered items of his own manufacture as well as repair of others.

## HOW TO BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS

by Linda Perrenoud

### IDEA #1:

I've got an exciting idea to share with those of you who aren't snowbirds or outside winter enthusiasts! Help the museum by taking snapshots of the various artifacts. That sounds easy doesn't it? Oh, sure it is; and it's more fun when you work with a friend. The museum has the camera, and you bring your enthusiasm. (Professional photography skills are NOT needed.)

We need a photo record of all of the artifacts. Our goal is to put the object numbers with a picture on computer software. There's an easy form to use, too!

So call a friend, call Linda Perrenoud at 641-521-2107 to schedule a time, and "call on" the museum to make your winter blahs go south.

### IDEA #2:

If Idea #1 isn't appealing, how about a sit down job where you can type? "Search and peck" typers are more than welcome to do this job. Yes, typers at all different skill levels are needed to type in object numbers and information into the computer software called Past Perfect. All you have to do is transfer information that has been stored in books. By putting the information into the software, the museum personnel can access the information quickly and efficiently.

Whoa! Wait a minute! I think I hear people saying that they don't work well with computers. Well, I'm here to say that what you have to do is simple. No, really; I'm not kidding. If you have the slightest interest in helping with this huge job, will you please call Linda Perrenoud at 641-521-2107? I will meet you at the museum and show you how to do this in 10 minutes. Of course, you'll stay longer cause it's so much fun.

### FINAL THOUGHTS:

The museum desperately needs your help to complete this HUGE task. You can set up your own time schedule as to when you want to help. Please think seriously about this and get in touch with us.



No more wires to trip over in our meeting room!!

The Quarterly Meeting will be here Sunday, January 25th at 2:00 P.M.

We hope you can attend.

We thank the Swanger Estate for providing funding for this much needed upgrade.

## MEMORIALS

SINCE 10-6-2014

TOM GRAHAM: Chuck & Jewel Gullett

ANDY EMMERT: James & Edna Farland

PAUL EGENES: Vernon & Gloria Terlow

CARROL SWANK: Fred Swank

ANITA PETERSON: Kenneth & Jean Schnell

WILMA GRIMES: Herb & Sybil Scott

**We sincerely thank all those who have chosen to help the Historical Society by remembering family and friends in this meaningful way.**

We have developed a tri-fold brochure with additional information on the Society and Museum that might be helpful for those considering remembering the museum with estate giving or an endowment.

Contact us for a "hard" copy or e-mailed digital version.







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## Ken's Quiz

Which of the following did Dutot & Skow, Skow Brothers Foundry or Skow Manufacturing NOT Produce?

1. Water Troughs
2. Man Hole Covers
3. Street Signs
4. Washer for Thompson Brothers (later Grinnell Washing Machine
5. 1st Electric washer for Automatic
6. Garage Equipment for Miles Mfg.
7. Slat washer for W.H.L. King
8. Woodwork for Newton Homes
9. Woodwork for Drake Library
10. Ruth Self Feeder for Randolph Stacker Company
11. Rotary Disc Sharpener
12. Caskets
13. 1st Matchstick Holder for George Newton.

## New Board Members

The Jasper County Historical Society is pleased to introduce the new members of the Board of Directors, which were elected at our Annual Meeting, October 26, 2014.



**Rowe Winecoff** was actually born in North Carolina, but considers himself an Iowa "native" since he has lived since his parents moved to LeMars, Iowa when he was 4 years old. He became a "Newtonite" when he arrived here in 1981 as Assistant Director of the Jasper County Mental Health Center, becoming Executive director in 1984. JCMHC later became Capstone Center. He is now retired from University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and is employed part-time for Optimae, a local mental health service, as a counselor

and therapist.

When asked what caused him to say "yes" when invited to serve on our board, he stated he has always been interested in history. He is aware of the rich history of Jasper County, but has not had the opportunity to spend as much time as he would like to become familiar with it. He also mentioned that Dave Rorabaugh, who was Chairman of the Nominating Committee was "very persuasive"!

Rowe is looking forward to contributing to the museum by serving as a Docent while learning of our history. He also feels his background in administration of a non-profit entity has provided him with some skills and experiences which will be of value to our organization.

In his spare time, he enjoys his family consisting of his wife, 4 children and 9 grandchildren. He loves the outdoors and spends time biking, hiking and traveling in the United States and abroad.



**Jerry Yates** moved to Newton from Oklahoma in 1967, but says "this has been his home for long enough he feels like a native". He is retired from the Maytag Company, where he was employed in a management position, and takes pride in his knowledge of the company and its products.

He said "Yes" when invited to service on our Board of Directors because of his interest in the preservation of our artifacts, and uses the word "enjoyment" when speaking of what he hopes to bring to our guests. His special area of interest is in the development and maintenance of the extensive Maytag exhibits, including some ideas to implement for the future.

Jerry plans to contribute by using his skills and experiences to promote attendance at the museum and looks forward to creating a higher level of awareness and enjoyment for our guests. He also enjoys maintenance projects and knows he will have many opportunities to assist in that area. In fact, he takes pride in the fact that he built his own retirement home on a lake in 2005, but had always planned to move back to Newton.

In his spare time he and his wife, Betty, enjoy their 2 adult children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He also enjoys fishing, golf and the ever present home improvement projects!



# 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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## 2015 Calendar Of Events

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

### January

- 25 Quarterly Meeting 2:00
- 27 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

### February

- 11 Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 24 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

### March

- 11 Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 24 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

### April

- 8 Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 26 Quarterly Meeting 2:00
- 28 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

### May

- 1 OPENING DAY

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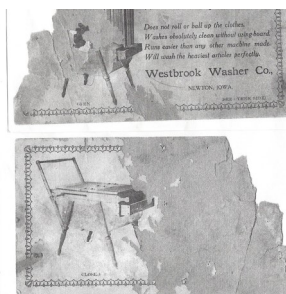
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### From the last issue - Another Newton Washer



These cards, picturing a Westbrook washing machine, were brought in several months ago. I have been unable to find any information on the company and would appreciate any information anyone might have on this washer from Newton.

Larry Hurto provided the answer to my question.

From the Newton Journal, December 4, 1907: A new washing machine will soon be put on the market by its inventor, Mr. Lee Westbrook of this city. Lee and his friends are very jubilant over the outlook and we all hope their expectations are realized. No company will be organized [sic] until the machine has been given a thorough test. If they stand the test given, The Westbrook Washing Machine company will be incorporated. The machine involves new principles which we will not attempt to explain, further than to say it forces the water and soap through the clothes by a sliding and spring-pressed motion. It is claimed that it runs easier and does better work than any machine [sic] put upon the market.

We haven't yet found any evidence of the company being incorporated.

### Artifact Information Still Needed



This is a manual lawn edger made by Dal's Lawn Edger Company, Newton Iowa. We would be grateful for any information anyone might have on the

### Ken's Quiz Answer

Skow produced everything listed except Garage Equipment for Miles Manufacturing.



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