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STEAM ENGINE ,THRESHER AND WATER WAGON

IN THE NEWTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

By James Wilson McKinstry



It has been said the only difference between men and boys are the price of their toys. Actually, in my opinion, it goes much deeper than that.

This July 4th of 2014 I witnessed a few good men, with supportive wives, making it possible to put an old Jasper County Historical Steam Engine back in action as a show piece, pulling a Thresher and a Water wagon of yesteryear.

I felt honored to take photos of this event and witness the extra effort from these men and their families. Some of these people even stayed the night to keep the fire going and play watch dog to these old artifacts.

Our sincere thanks to Bryan Healy, Denny Hammer, Dick Wobst, Allen Williams, Chuck Hanson and Joseph Williams, and others that supported this effort.



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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.**

Current annual memberships are
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the Museum. Gifts of \$500 or
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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A lot has been happening since our Spring issue, and on a personal level, today is a big day for me. As I write this, movers are unloading my family's furnishings as my wife finally joins me in Newton. I've still got a bit more stuff to load and move, but basically we're here.

I'm very grateful that two new Board Members have helped so much with this issue, **even writing their own introductions!** Their assistance in promoting the museum and making folks aware of who we are will be invaluable.

Since the Spring issue we have:

1. Displayed a vast array of advertising specialty items at the Pop-Up at Pappy's.
2. Completed the remodeling of our "Washing Machine Center of the World" exhibit.
3. Added our new "Jasper County Business and Industry" exhibit.
4. Added our new "Jasper County Schools, Churches & Organizations" exhibit.
5. Remodeled our "Granges of Jasper County" exhibit to provide more information on this important part of the county's history.
6. Updated our "post WWII Maytag" exhibit to free up space for Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm exhibits which will soon be underway.
7. Hosted a number of events such as: Brown Bag Lunches, Prairie Jewel Dixieland Band, FAM Tour, Jasper County Museum Garage Sale, Chamber Breakfast and a Main Street committee meeting at the Pop-Up.
8. Hosted our "Wonderful Tales" windmill exhibit open house.
9. We also have a number of recent acquisitions in place just waiting for your visit.

NEW BOARD MEMBER— JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

James Wilson McKinstry was born in Knoxville on March 5th 1938. During WWII he lived with his mother and grand-parents in Knoxville and Anamosa, Iowa. He has lived most of his life in Newton since his father returned from WWII.

His wife, Rosemary, passed away January 25th of 2014. To that marriage of 23 years, there were no children born. However, James has five children from a previous marriage and enjoys four step-children from Rosemary's previous marriage. Between the two families and foster children they had about 36 grandchildren. Great grandchildren are now being born.

He served four years in the Air Force, discharged in 1959, and took a fabrication position with Parsons Company in the machine shop. He was promoted to line supervisor and then head of quality control. He left Parsons when they closed their doors after about 12 years of service. He spent the remainder of his working career in sales and construction management. He retired from Maytag at the age of 59.

James published several genealogy books on both sides of his, and his wife Rosemary's families. He loves to photograph wild life and almost everything else. Because of his interest and talents in these areas, he believes this is where his time should be spent working with the museum.

His personal goal is to live and enjoy a diversified life and for the most part, he does.

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Ken's Quiz #1

Newton street names were changed to the current system in 1911. Do you know what changes were first approved at that time?

They were quickly scrapped and after over 900 suggestions, they came up with our current avenue and street system.

Answer—page 5

Membership Status

Please note that Memberships run from January thru December. If your 2014 dues aren't paid, we will not be able to send you additional issues of the Jasper Journal. Contact Cynthia if you have any questions.

HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK - WAVELAND CEMETERY - PRAIRIE CITY

By Skip Richards



Dick Mckleeven, in coveralls, is portraying James Elliott, the Founder of Prairie City

On Saturday, June 28, 2014, during Prairie City's Prairie Days celebration, the Prairie City Historical Society, in cooperation with the Jasper County Historical Society, celebrated their first Cemetery Walk. The weather was perfect, the predicted rain held off, and the people who portrayed the pioneers and the large crowd that participated, had an enjoyable and informative experience. The visitors were sent around to the various stops in groups as soon as enough were in attendance and refreshments were available for all.

The Walk started off at the Military Monument where Betty Buckingham, in period costume, gave the history of the Waveland Cemetery.

The first stop on the tour was with James Elliott, 1820-1921, the founder of Prairie City, Ia., in 1851. The city was originally named "Elliott" but was changed to Prairie City in 1864 when it was found out there was already an Elliott in Iowa. Mr. Elliott was portrayed by Dick McKleeven.

The next stop was with John Brewin, 1818-1894. He was born in England and was a farmer, honored citizen and pioneer. Mr. Brewin was portrayed by Lonnie Appleby.

The next station was with Vivian Wilson, 1893-1980. Vivian was the wife of Wilmer Wilson. She loved to ride horses, and she was a beloved teacher and China Painter. Vivian was portrayed by Rachel Peter.

The next stop was with Dr. Ella Johnson 1891-1972. She was a family doctor and the wife of Kress Johnson, Veterinarian. Together they treated all of Prairie City's residents both human and animal. Her Osteopath office was on the north side of the city square. She was also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge. Dr. Ella was portrayed by Linda Perrenoud.

Next we have Robert Thompson, 1879-1953. He was an immigrant from Ireland and a farmer. He settled in Gilman, Iowa, later moving to Prairie City. Mr. Thompson was portrayed by Graham Davis.

The next historical figure was Ashford Dowden, 1847-1901. He was an inventor, and farmer, 'The Golden Rule' was his Rule for Life. Ashford was portrayed by Alex Fraker.

The last stop on the tour was with Eliza Blee Zachary, 1819-1900. Eliza was the wife of L. E. Zachary, Banker. She was the mother of seven children, and the family lived in the three story white French-Renaissance house on the south side of the old Stage Road west of Prairie City. Eliza was portrayed by Mary Ann Nevins.

We'll be featuring another cemetery next year.

JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM STEAM ENGINE IS UP AND RUNNING

By Skip Richards



The hardy volunteer crew that worked on and got the Minneapolis Steam Engine up and running after being winterized last fall. Left to right: Travis Herduin, Allen Williams, Joe Williams, Denny Hammer, Brian Healy, Dick Wobst, Dan Heaberlin, and Chuck Hanson.

On Saturday June 21, volunteers met at the Historical Museum for one hour of instructions, by Brian Healy, on the operation of, and the safety procedures necessary in the operation of the steam engine. After the class room instructions, the volunteers went to the Engine House to work on the steam engine. Several hours were spent replacing seals, checking gauges, greasing and oiling appropriate places on the engine.

The next step was to fill the boiler with cold water and pressure test the whole water-steam system at 150 pounds per square inch (psi). In operation the steam engine operates at 100 psi. Any leaks were addressed and the steam engine was ready for the Sunday firing off.

On Sunday the water tanks were filled and the fire box was filled with wood and lighted.

After about 45 minutes the steam was up and the engine was driven outside. If you have never seen a steam engine running, there is lots of noise, with steam coming out of the stack and various parts on the engine. Fly wheels are spinning, pistons are flying back and forth, and a loud chuck, chuck, sound is heard. It is an awesome sight and sound.

The Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company built the Steam Traction Engine, number 8651 in 1915. The steam engine is rated at 20 horse power. Its length is 22.5', width 8', and the height is 10.5'. The highway speed is approximately 3 mph. Operating weight, with 200 gals of water, is 26700 pounds, which is over 13 tons.

An extra treat was a stew which was cooked in a Dutch Oven, on the very hot engine.

The steam engine was again in the Newton 4th of July parade. The steam engine is housed in the museum's Engine House and you can see the steam engine close up at the Jasper County Historical Museum every day, May 1 Through September 30, at 1:00, with the last tour starting by 4:00.

Memorials

since April 11, 2014

LELAND SMITH: Marjorie Benton, Barbara Henderson, Robert & Diane Wilson, Diane Balmer, Myra Goodhue, Linda K. Wormley, Gary Balmer, Randall Ferguson, D.R. & Jodi Gooch, James & JoAnne Rogers, Mary Ann Iske, Jack Nicholson, Bill & Nancy Shields, Larry & Sharry DeCook, Stephen & Patricia Baker, Wilma Manning, Paul & Kay Koeppen, Arlene Funk, Larry & Sharon Davis, Bud & Marilyn Langmaid, Debra Tesson, Roberta Jones, Ernest & Norma DeReus, Delores M. Butler, Doug & Lori Korte, Illa Guthrie, Lelah Main, Gary Kirchoff, Nick & Stacie Bunse, Ken & Jean Schnell, Roger Balmer & Kathryn Johnston, Sally Cooper-Smith, Paul & Ruth Ellen Ross, Thad Nearmyer.

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Ken's Quiz #1 Answer

1st Street was to be 50th Avenue and numbers would go up to the north and down to the south. 1st Avenue was to be 50th Street.

TOP 5 REASONS TO VISIT US TWICE THIS SUMMER

5. It's included in your membership.
4. You can visit or revisit the Ag Building
3. You can pay even more attention to the over 8,500 artifacts on display.
2. You can take the tour with different Docents, who each have their special areas of interest and expertise.
1. YOU CAN SEE IF WE'RE ACCOMPLISHING THE CHANGES WE SET OUT TO MAKE.

Jasper County Authors

We honor authors with a Jasper County connection by displaying their works in our lobby. If you know of one we don't have, ask him or her if they would like to donate their book to our display.

NEW BOARD MEMBER - JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Skip Richards



My name is Sterling Richards but I am better known as Skip. My wife Susan and I have been married seven years. We were both widowed, and we met online. Susan is from Canada, where her two sisters and three children and five grand children live. I have two married children. My son and wife live in Des Moines and my daughter and husband and three grand children live in Alleman, Iowa.

I am not from Iowa, I was born in Denver and lived in Rock Springs, Wyoming where I spent my growing up years. My father worked in the Union Pacific coal mines as an electrician and mechanic. In 1957 the mines were closed and we moved to Eunice, W.Va., where the mines were open. We lived in Company housing and shopped in the Company Store. My senior year in High school was in a segregated school. The black students went to a small school a few miles away. After graduation I went to college to be an engineer. After a year and half I figured out I could not spell engineer so I joined the US Navy. I am considered a Viet Nam Veteran

After four years of service, I got married and lived in Long Beach, California where we raised our two children. I received an Associated Degree in electronics, (before computers), and worked in a small company for about four years. Calif. is a nice place to visit but I did not like living there.

Meanwhile, my brother, parents and Uncle all had moved to Iowa. They were managing three Texaco Service Stations in Des Moines. In 1970 I moved my family to Bondurant and I worked in the service station business for three years. In 1973, I went to work in the US Post Office in Des Moines where I spent the next twenty seven years, retiring in 2000. During this time we moved to Altoona and then to Prairie City. My first wife passed away in 2005, after 42 years of marriage. Suzy and I lived in Prairie City for five years and then we moved to Newton in 2012.

While in Prairie City I was a member of the Prairie City Lions Club and a charter member of the Prairie City Historical Society, and a contributing writer and photographer for the Prairie City News. Most of my articles were about the Lions Club and Museum activities. After building Pine Wood Derby cars for 24 years I consider myself a 'skilled' Pine Wood Derby car builder. I started giving seminars for new cubs and their parents (about five years ago) on how to build Pine Wood Derby Cars. I started the seminars with the Cub Scout Pack in Prairie City and have added three Cub Scout Packs in Newton.

I have always enjoyed visiting museums and being on the board of the museum in Prairie City. When Mary Ann Nevins asked me if I would serve on the Jasper County Historical Society I was glad to do it.

I am a volunteer Docent and have written two articles for the newspaper, both about the museum. One article and picture is about the Steam Engine, and the other is about the Prairie City Cemetery Walk. I know there are many committees to serve on in the museum, The one I think fits my interests and talents is the Marketing/Social Media where I can write articles and take pictures about Museum activities.

My favorite part of the museum would be the military exhibits. I would like to help get that exhibit more complete. The hardest challenge for any museum is attracting visitors. We have to be more visible, not to just the older citizens, but younger families as well.

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All Members Are Invited To Attend Our Quarterly Meeting Sunday July 27, 2:00 P.M.



The featured presentation will be “Growing up Ojibway” by Carol Kramer. Carol will reflect on her life growing up on the White Earth Minnesota Indian Reservation. In her youth, most children were not expected to go on to an integrated high school after 8th grade. Carol was not only one of 4 Indians in her high school class, she went on to graduate with honors and became an elementary school teacher after college. Carol retired in 1999 after teaching for 30 years at Berg Elementary School.

This is a rare opportunity to hear first hand a little history that was not taught in our schools. You can learn more about the Ojibway people at www.whiteearth.com. Under the “history” tab on the site you will find a link to a detailed power point presentation on their history.

We want to offer thanks to retiring board member Barb Henderson for all her efforts on the museum’s behalf during her tenure. We wish her the best.

Item Donation Requests (help us keep our costs down and improve the museum)

Working Dehumidifier

Maytag Repairman Hat & Jacket

Artifact Donations—please check with us before bringing your treasures as we need to avoid duplicates and items that we have no place to properly exhibit or store. We are most interested in Jasper County artifacts.

2014 Calendar Of Events

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

July		
22	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
27	2:00 p.m.	Quarterly Membership Meeting
August		
1,2,3		Steam Engine at Mid-Iowa Antique Power Show (Marshalltown)
26	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
31		Museum closed Labor Day Weekend
September		
1		Labor Day
23	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
30		Last day for regular tours
October		
1		Tours by appointment in off-season (minimum group of 6)
(Date to be determined)		Docent Appreciation Party
21	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
26	2:00 p.m.	Annual Membership Meeting

Check the Newton Daily News, visitnewton.com or our Facebook page for news on future events

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Ken's Quiz #2

It was proposed in 1917 that north/south streets be renamed. It was voted down, but what was the proposed new system?

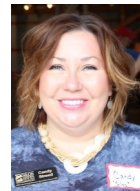
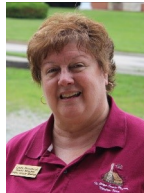
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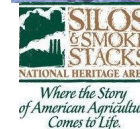
WINDERFUL TALES OPEN HOUSE

By James Wilson McKinstry

The ladies to the left from top to bottom were the hosts to this open house at the Jasper County Historical Museum. — Linda Maria Garrison Perrenoud - Dr. Delores Butler - Mary Ann Iske - Mary Ann Nevins - Dotty Mittalstadt and Phyllis Snook. I am sure there were other behind the scenes supporters but this day is what I witnessed.



Candy Streed representing Silos & Smoke Stacks also visited this Jasper County Historical Museum open house event. I found her to be a very pleasant person and attentive to our open house of "Winderful tales". <http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/the-story/> <https://www.facebook.com/ssnha>



As photographer to this event I believe the open house was visited by over 60 people not counting board members or the representatives from the Newton, Daily News. The two Staff writers were Ty Rushing and Zach Johnson.



This event encouraged me to take a little drive on the back roads between Newton, Iowa and Marshalltown, Iowa. This is a photo of an 1800s barn with one of the windmills about 3 acres or more behind the barn.

Snapping photos and meeting nice people was enjoyed by: JWMCK June 29th 2014





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Ken's Quiz #2 Answer

First Street was to be renamed Center Street and streets to the east would be names, beginning with Allison Street, Blaine Street, Cleveland Street, etc. Streets to the west of Center Street would be A Street, B Street, C Street, etc.

More than 100 citizens signed a petition in opposition.

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