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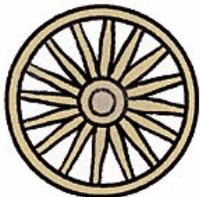
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Super Volunteers Get Ready for 2015 Season

Linda Perrenoud

What makes a non-profit run smoothly and keep up with must do chores? VOLUNTEERS of course. And brother, we have super-doooper hard-working people who are saying, “Yes” to keeping the museum in tip-top shape.



Anyone of any age can be a great volunteer. Just ask 13-year-old Ethan Short about why he got involved. “When I first came to the museum, I liked looking at everything. I saw that Ken needed someone to paint. Since I like painting, I volunteered to help. I’ve had fun, and it made me feel good that I helped.” Another young person who likes to help is Newton High School student Joe Williams who stops by when he’s out of school to lend a hand somewhere.

Of course, there are several ‘young at heart’ volunteers, too. There’s a crew of typists/scavenger hunters who are entering artifact data into a software program. Eventually, we won’t have to hunt through the thousand sheets of artifact listings just to find one item. Diane Dafflitto leads the charge on this front with enlisted typists of Susan and Skip Sterling, and Linda Perrenoud. It has taken four months to take pictures and enter in the artifacts from the Victorian Room. Thanks for the dedicated work!



Maybe you’ve read about the quilts that have been put into a restful state for a while. This work could not have been done without the helping hands of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild.



I also want to give a “shout out” to Paula Zickmund for painting the Vietnam jungle mural. It’s so beautiful, and I hated to put artifacts in front of it. Also, Sally Rorabaugh was my guiding compass when we



made the Korean paper mache snow mountain. Perhaps several of you have worked with paper mache especially on Homecoming floats. Gravity helps to hold the sticky paper together long enough to dry in the creative shape. We had a heck of a time trying to go vertical with our mountain scene cause gravity was against us. Learning from our numerous failures, we finally got the job done. After May 1, stop by to see these landscapes.



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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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FAIRY TALES DO COME TRUE!

or

CHANGES ARE AMUCK

Linda Perrenoud

Cinderella is proof that a new pair of shoes can change your life. During our winter break, the museum got many “new shoes”; and our fairy tale of getting more creative displays is coming true. Visitors will be very impressed with the changes. Get ready for a ‘sneak peek’ of what you can expect when you stop by this season.



Here kitty, kitty, kitty! Finally this fine Princeton Tiger has found a home of honor with a protective cover on its own pedestal. The poor cat has been shuffled from desktop to tabletop for years in an attempt to “show it off”. I know this because I was a part of the moving team.

“Dinosaurs, canoe, and bear – Oh, my!” There is an alluring place where children, both young and old, will be in awe by what they see. We can pretend that we are paddling in a canoe to escape a walking dinosaur. Perhaps, we can vision ourselves as an ancestral Indian maiden or brave. Oh, the dreams are endless when you enter into this area. Come and dream!



When you walk past this photo collage, you might think that it's new. Ha, ha, we fooled you. It's been here for years but hiding behind the Nash. It's amazing when an artifact is moved to a new location and be re-found again.



You are challenged to find your property, the high school, the stadium, and the mall. This bird's eye view of Newton is fun to

explore.

We've added four exhibits to continue the tribute to the people who have served our country during wartime.



Thanks to generous contributions from Jasper citizens, we have created scenes that are very different from each other. There are scenes from the desert, the jungle, a snow covered mountainous region, and a humble home.



Can you guess what war each environment represents?



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Retiring Board Member

James Wilson McKinstry recently retired from our Board of Directors. In addition to taking photos of many of our events and other activities around the area, Jim is largely responsible for securing the artifacts from the Newton Seed Store that we will be exhibiting. Gary and Connie Grimes donated a number of items and most of the rest came from James. He continued to bird-dog the area during demolition and has provided us with beams, bricks and more.

As Publicity Chairman, James also arranged for our monthly NDN column.



Changes are Amuck continued

Another display honors individuals who fought a war from home. Jasper County citizens, along with the rest of Americans, did their best to save on gas, food, supplies, and clothing. The slogan of “Make due with what you have,” was followed because they wanted to make sure that the soldiers had their gas, food, supplies, and clothing that THEY needed to fight the war.



Strong backs, huge muscles, and the smarts to figure out ways to glide a heavy piece of furniture on dollies is a needed skill in the museum business. Such is the life of our board members who have been moving furniture and dinosaur tracks all over the place.

Quarterly Membership Meeting & Presentation

Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

The business meeting will include a vote to update our Articles of Incorporation. The changes will include the elimination of “voting” members, but will not change the benefits our members and supporters receive such as free admission and the Quarterly Jasper Journal.

A copy of the proposed articles has been sent to all current members by 1st class mail. Following the business meeting, we will have a presentation by Ken Barthelman on our 2015 season.

Linda’s Riddle #1

(donations of these help us exhibit artifacts)

I enjoy holding animals, minerals and vegetables.
It’s clear to me what you can see.
Dust gives me little concern.
I can do a better job if I light up from time to time.
What am I?

A lighted glass display case.

BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING

I never thought we'd ever be able to announce breaking news in our Quarterly Journal, but we really do have big news this quarter. We have nearly completed negotiations for the Maytag-Mason car, once owned by Fred Maytag II, to be on exhibit here this summer. There will be additional information during my presentation at our April 26th Quarterly Meeting, as well as a public announcement during my April 23rd appearance on the "Proud to Know Newton" radio show on KCOB (6:00-6:30). They also will post the interview on myiowainfo.com



ANCIENT AUTO IS A 1910, two-cylinder Maytag-Mason touring car, and at the wheel is Fred Maytag II, president of Maytag company at Newton. Maytag-Mason was manufactured from 1908 to 1911 by a separate firm headed by his grandfather, F. L. Maytag, founder of the washing machine company.

Newton Daily News 1957 Centennial Edition

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn

Sally Rorabaugh displayed just a portion of her Elvis Presley collection at our March Lunch and Learn. It was very entertaining.

If you missed Larry Hurto's April Brown Bag presentation on the day Buffalo Bill came to Newton, you can view it on our Facebook page.



**Brown Bag Lunch & Learn—May 13—Noon
Masdaam Sorghum Mill—Lynnville, Iowa
By Austin Kramer**

Austin will be talking about his family's sorghum mill. The mill has been in his family since 1926 and is currently being operated by the 5th, 6th and 7th generations of the family. He will be sharing information about sorghum, their steam powered mill operations and uses for sorghum. He'll also be sharing a couple of recipes and bringing some sorghum to sample.

MEMORIALS

SINCE 1-10-2015

ALICE ROOSVELT GARLOCK: Ronald & Jennifer Spielman, Ruth Vanderzyl

ALBERT JAIMES: Wayne & Cathie Tinnermeier

DON E. LOUPEE: Patricia Beckman

JOHN CLEVERLY: Leslie & Lavola Trout

CARLENE EMMERT: Max & Dorothy Rabourn

JUNELLA LIVINGSTON: Max & Dorothy Rabourn

BEN & JEFF WARRICK: Charlotte Warrick

ROBERT STOCK: Margaret Gullett, Patricia Stock, Carla Hines, James Stock, Douglas Stock, David Stock, Daniel Stock, Thomas Stock

HAROLD MASON: Leslie & LaVola Trout, Verle & Helen Kooistra, Murry & Diane Dammeier

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Linda's Riddle #2

(hint—it's a donation the museum could use more of)

I am very bland.

I'm often over-looked.

My expression seldom changes.

At times, I can fall to pieces.

I can give ideas that you can't hear.

What am I?

(See answer below)

Ken's Quiz #1

The 1st Maytag automatic washer was built in:

1. 1947
2. 1949
3. 1950
4. 1952

We have one on display, along with original advertisements for it, to take you back to that time.

(See Page 7 for the answer)

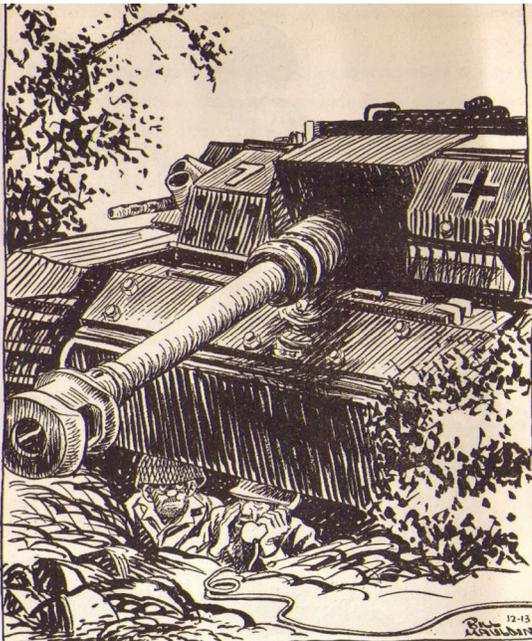
Riddle #2 Answer
I'm a mannequin

Laugh with Linda

Issue 1

For as long as I can think of something funny to write about, I'm going to write a column for the Jasper Journal. Right now I've got my sights on a very funny book. For several issues, I'll share cartoons and points of interest from the cartoons of Bill Mauldin. He's a new person for me to learn about, but perhaps several of you out there will remember him with a grin on you lips.

While working at the museum, I came across the book UP FRONT by Bill Mauldin. It features text and cartoons about two WWII soldiers who found themselves in various situations. I wondered why a cartoonist would write such a book and then I found this statement. Mauldin states, "The only way I can try to be



"Able Fow Five to Able Fow. I got a target but ya gotta be patient."

a little funny is to make something out of the humorous situations which come up even when you don't think life could be any more miserable. It's pretty heavy humor, and it doesn't seem funny at all sometimes when you stop and think it over."

OK, I can buy into this idea. He lightens up a miserable situation by drawing two regular army soldiers called "dogfaces". Their names are Willie and Joe who represent bedraggled infantry troopers who stoically endure the difficulties and dangers of duty in the field.

Mauldin's idea reminds me of what my dad used to tell me, "Keep looking at the bright side of everything then life won't get ya down." Yes, Mauldin, you figured it out at a time when Americans really needed an uplift. So until the next

time, "Keep smiling".

2015 Special Events

Here is some preliminary information for our upcoming special events.

1. May 1—Opening Day— including our new Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm exhibits.
2. June 1 (tentative) - 1st Newton appearance of the Maytag-Mason car since 1972.
3. June 20 —Steam School and Mini Heritage Days with Coffee & Coffee Cake and the unveiling of our Newton Seed Store/Campbell House exhibit.
4. July 4th—Steam Engine in the parade.
5. July 10-11—Annual garage Sale (**not** artifacts), donate items for sale and then buy more!
6. September 13—Cemetery Walk, in conjunction with Lynnville Historical Society.
7. 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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Robert E. Stewart

2015 Calendar Of Events

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

April

- 26 Quarterly Meeting 2:00
- 28 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

May

- 1 OPENING DAY
- 13 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 26 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

June

- 10 Brown Bag Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 20 Steam School & more 9:00
- 23 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

July

- 4 Steam Engine in Parade
- 10 & 11 Annual Garage Sale
- 28 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

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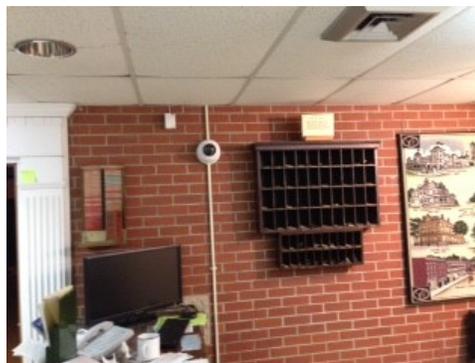
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Security Cameras Are Now Installed



For some time now the Society has been attempting to upgrade our security so we can begin to consider things like optional self-guided tours. Over the years we have been entrusted with thousands of artifacts from our generous donors. While self-guided tours would be a nice complement to our docent-led tours, we must also be a good steward and minimize risk of loss or damage to our artifacts.

Our next step is to better secure our open rooms, such as the Victorian Rooms and Main Street. We hope to have that implemented later this summer.

Security isn't our only concern when considering self-guided tours and we have made significant strides to address those concerns.

1. We have added signage to many exhibits to briefly "tell the story" behind the artifact. This was started years and years ago, but today's technology let's us improve readability considerably
2. We have grouped more artifacts together with related items to enhance their exhibition.
3. We have begun production of additional exhibit-specific brochures and intend to have hard copies, as well as web links for visitors.

With a little luck, you may be able to tour at your own pace by later this summer!

Ken's Quiz #1 Answer

The AMP was built in 1949, and is, of course, the reason Plant 2 was built.



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Sherman Sunbeams 4-H Club Pitches in to Help the Museum

The Sherman Sunbeams 4H Club and their leader, Jill Titus, assisted the museum during our Spring Clean-up Days. They raked and picked up all kinds of branches and trash and generally helped make our location more attractive.

We thank them for selecting the museum as their Community Service Project.