



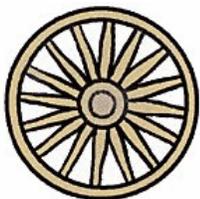
# JASPER JOURNAL

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## Jasper Community Foundation Funds Quilt Preservation Program



Executive Director Ken Barthelman and Board President Mary Ann Nevins are shown accepting a Jasper Community Foundation grant from President Dan Skokan. The grant will allow the museum to buy special boxes and tissue for proper temporary storage of a portion of the quilts each year. The life of the quilts will be extended by providing a "rest" period away from lights, dust and other environmental factors that can reduce the quilt's life expectancy.

## JCHM Awarded Annual Geisler-Penquite Endowment

The museum was again awarded a grant from the Geisler-Penquite Foundation to add to the Jasper County Museum Foundation endowment fund. Each year's grant is placed in a permanently restricted account and income from the endowment is available for current museum needs, such as the new computers and programming the museum purchased this year to begin moving our artifacts records to digital storage.

Museum Foundation President (and Historical Society Board Member) Herb Scott and Ken met with the Geisler-Penquite Foundation Board Members, and seventeen other area organizations that the foundation assists, at Teen Challenge in Colfax. We not only had a chance to express our appreciation and learn how other organizations utilize the funds, but also had a quick tour of the Teen Challenge facility (formerly the historic Colfax Hotel).

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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 \$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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**Expanded Fall Steam School Included Museum Tours**

There was a lot of activity on the museum campus Saturday morning, September 20th. We expanded our Fall Steam School to include more than just checking out the steam engine and shutting it down until it's next appearance July 4th, 2015.

Thanks to the efforts of Board Member Denny Hammer, and other volunteers, we had antique cars and tractors, antique engines, our working blacksmith shop, spinning wheel education, 1/2 price tours of the full museum and \$1 coffee and coffeecake to top it all off.

Volunteers included Emily Bollhoefer (spinning wheel), Keith Niedmann (blacksmith), James Wilson Mckinstry (photos) and Brian Healy (steam engine guru). Coffeecakes were provided by Mary Ann Iske, Lelah Main, Jean Schnell, Cynthia Poots and Bobbi Hammer. Mary Ann Nevins served the coffee and Ray Heimann and Ken gave tours of the museum.

**Docent Appreciation Party**

We want to thank all of our volunteer docents as well as Joan Smith, who lined them all up last Spring, and Cynthia Poots, who found substitutes when needed. Jean Schnell decorated the tables for the party and hostesses were Joan Smith and Dotty Mittelstadt.

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### Ken's Quiz #1

What Newtonian is credited in a 1906 Newton Business Men's Association publication, with starting the industrial growth in Newton, and what was his product?

### Ken's Quiz #2

Newton native, and ISU grad, Bert Benjamin made a major contribution to agriculture world wide, what was it?

## Annual Meeting of the Membership

Sunday, October 26, 2:00 PM

The Annual 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 and nominations and the election of candidates to fill Board vacancies.

It will also be announced at this meeting that potential revisions to our Articles of Incorporation and By-laws will be voted on during the January 2015 Quarterly Meeting.

## Presentation on Pennsylvania Barns

### During Membership Annual Meeting

Bringing famous Pennsylvania barns to Iowa can be a big job, especially one with a 90 foot beam! That's why Frank Heath, from Grinnell, will do it all with video. Video he captured during years of driving Pennsylvania back roads in search of the big post and beam, stone, and brick barns.

Soaring hay barns dot the Pennsylvania countryside like berries on a bush. They date back into the 1700's and have become works of art with the patina of centuries. The farmer didn't think of them that way; they were just another piece of farm equipment. But now they offer us beauty just for the price of passing by.

## CVB Editorials in the Newton Daily News

Linda Bacon, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, has been writing a series of articles on the museum that have been appearing in the Daily News. If you missed them, and have internet access, you can find them at [newtondailynews.com](http://newtondailynews.com).

We appreciate the publicity, as well as the listings of our events on the CVB website ([www.visitnewton.com](http://www.visitnewton.com)).

## NEW Faux Windows at the Museum



If you've ever taken a look at the museum as you drive by I suspect you've noted all the windows. What you might not have noticed is all of the windows, except those on the 2nd floor offices and library are fake.

When the museum was planned, they wisely elected to try to keep energy and window costs as low as possible by limiting the number of windows. At the same time they wanted the museum to look as it does today.

The solution was to paint the wall surface black, add wood strips and finish with Plexiglas. Over the years the Plexiglas and wood have deteriorated allowing moisture and a slew of insects to get behind the Plexiglas. No impact on energy consumption, but not very attractive.

Thanks to a bequest from the Swanger family we have been able to take care of some deferred maintenance issues, and this is one of them. Today's replacement windows are actually now less expensive than redoing the Plexiglas windows, so now we have attractive, fully sealed, replacement windows in place. Bye-bye bugs.



## ARTIFACT DONATION WISH LIST

As we build our new exhibits, we can use our members assistance in finding pre-1960's artifacts for business, industry, churches, schools, organizations, unions, etc. We are looking for donated items we can display, and not things such as membership lists, books, etc. because we have very limited storage, and they are very difficult to properly display.

We are also seeking artifacts from the Korean and Vietnam wars and Desert Storm for our new exhibits in the Military Room.

## MEMORIALS

Since July 7, 2014

**ERNIE BELL:** Alice Beatty, Jerold & Cynthia Poots, Bruce & Bev Curtis, Chuck & Jewel Gullett, Ken & Jean Schnell, Dan & Cheryl Ritter, Gladys Sparks, Martin & Tonya Smith, Conrad & Pamela Shaffer, Joan Smith, Dotty Mittelstadt, Bud & Marilyn Langmaid, Roger & Esther Beyer, Robert & Judith Hitchler, Larid & Julie Trusler, VanWall Equipment, Steve & Linda Osborn

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### **Answer to Ken's Quiz #1**

George W. Parsons invented the threshing machine feeder in 1892. By 1906 he had sold his interest in Parsons Band Cutter and Self Feeder Co. and invented a 2nd machine for Parsons Hawkeye Manufacturing Company. By 1909, F.L. Maytag had ownership of both companies and combined them into the Maytag Company.

### **Ken's Quiz #3**

Who proved he could misread proofreading marks and spell "thresher" incorrectly on the front page of the last Jasper Journal?

### **Ken's Answer—Ken**

### **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.

## **Audio-Visual Upgrade For Our Meeting Room.**



This should be the last time you'll ever see our less than stellar audio-visual equipment in our meeting room. It's a bigger problem than just the tangled cords you see. It's just totally outdated equipment, which doesn't provide for the best presentation for either the presenter, or the audience. Thanks to

the Swanger bequest, our new equipment should be installed in time for our Annual Membership meeting on Sunday, October 26th.

Our first Lunch and Learn, brown bag presentation in the meeting room, will be November 12.

## **Is Your Organization Looking For Programs?**

We're always eager to take our message out into the community. If your organization needs a presentation for a meeting, please call me at the museum or contact me by email. My current PowerPoint presentation is "History's Mysteries—Jasper County Style"

## **Thanks To All Our Board Members For All Their Efforts**

Listing everything our volunteer board did in the past year would take the entire issue, but I do want to single out our officers.

1. Mary Ann Nevins for her first term as Board President.
2. Lori Korte, former Treasurer, for her work and patience as we computerize our accounting.
3. Secretary Linda Perrenoud for her always interesting documentation of our board meetings.
4. V.P. Dave Rorabaugh and Ray Heimann for seemingly unending work on our grounds. Ray is eagerly anticipating our first freeze.
5. If you run into one of our Board, be sure to offer thanks for what they do for the museum. Our 2014 Board Members have been: Mary Ann Nevins, Dave Rorabaugh, Linda Perrenoud, Raymond Brown, Fred Chabot, Sue Eldred, Denny Hammer, Ray Heimann, Sterling "Skip" Richards, Lelah Main, James Wilson McKinstry, Brent Parker, Cynthia Poots and Herb Scott.

We elect, or re-elect Board Members each October, and at other times when vacancies occur. If you have interest in serving on our Board, please let the office know.



# Thank You

## Basic Memberships

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| Individual | \$10 |
| Family     | \$20 |

Memberships are 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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## **In Supporting The Museum**

I was reviewing some past Jasper Journal issues and noticed how many more donations we were able to list in the October 2012 issue compared to this year. I investigated and learned the tremendous show of support was a result of a fundraising letter that was sent out earlier. We haven't sent one this year, but want to remind you that your support is still needed, and this is a perfect time of year to show support. First, it's the start of our fiscal year and would help us get off on the right foot, and secondly, it's nearing the end of year deadline for including in your 2014 deductible donations.

Thanks

Ken Barthelman, Executive Director

## 2014 Calendar Of Events

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

### October

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

### November

- 12 Lunch & Learn 12:00
- 25 Board of Director's Meeting 7:00
- 27 Thanksgiving—office closed

**Check the Newton Daily News, our Facebook page, CVB events page, or our web site for updated information on future events**

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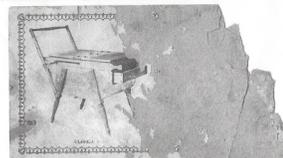
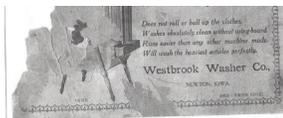
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### Answer to Ken's Quiz #2

Bert Benjamin developed the Farmall tractor, the first mass-produced row-crop tractor. He also developed the power take-off. We have a Farmall tractor and display on Benjamin in the Ag Building.

### Artifact Information Requested



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..



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

product and company.

Thanks to the efforts of Board Members Herb Scott and Dave Rorabaugh, we now have a little "Kitchenette" area to make coffee for events at the museum. Herb even donated the cabinet!

### Richard Cross Machine Shop Auction

Former Executive Director Bev Cross' auction will be at 8277 W 84th St N, Baxter, October 18 at 8:00 a.m.

There will be all types of equipment including black-smithing, hand and power tools. There will be approximately 1,000 lots in all.



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