

**ANKENY AREA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Let's Fill It Up Before We Fill It Up!

Two Big Parties Will Christen The Barn Before Exhibits Go In!

Before the schoolroom is in session, before the country kitchen gets cooking, before the agriculture exhibit gets planted the Ankeny Area Historical Society members and friends are invited to a pair of events to see the building before it gets filled with history! With a late fall opening of the museum being anticipated, two September happenings will give a sneak-peak to the public and members.



***Ice Cream Social
Sunday, September 10***

Calling all bars, pies, cookies and cakes!!! It is the third annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The sweet treats will be on the grounds in the idyllic front yard of our century-old house-museum. Guests will be free to tour the house and the majestic expanse of the new history center, better known as the barn.

To donate a pie, cookies, bars, or cakes call JoAnn Adamson at 964-4900.

To come and enjoy a piece of pie, a cookie, a bar, or a piece of cake with your ice cream and beverage just bring \$3.00 and an appetite.



***Barn Dance/Potluck
Saturday, September 23***

An old fashioned potluck and barn dance will take place two weeks after the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 23. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and or dessert plus your own table service. Beverage, napkins, tables and chairs will be provided. The potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. and finish by 7:30 p.m. The entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Bluegrass band that meets and plays at Sanders Auto Lab and has been featured on many local newscasts. At press time for the newsletter, an attempt was being made to arrange for a square



Hundreds enjoy the Barbecue!

SummerFest BBQ Feed Satisfies Over Again!

The annual SummerFest BBQ luncheon again conquered the many hungry appetites that stood in line for the delicacies. Over 600 lunches of BBQ pork sandwiches, *cont. on page 5*

Following Story Reprinted from the Iowa Heritage Tourism Guide inserted in the Iowan

Ankeny's Early Days

Artifacts from Ankeny's 130-year history that had been hidden in boxes are now on display, thanks to a new barn addition to the Ankeny Area Historical Society museum.

The barn, located right behind the museum's 1905 Prairie-style farmhouse, houses an early school room — a fitting choice given that an elementary school was once located on that parcel of land.

"When they were starting to dig for the barn, the contractor found an old ink bottle on the site where the school was," says Rosemary Hutton Taylor, the society's office secretary. "That school was taken out when the tornado came."

The new building also features antique farm equipment and an early country kitchen as well as artifacts from Ankeny's ordnance plant, which made .35 and .50 caliber bullets for the WWII war effort. Other pieces of local history include a pump organ from St. Michael's Catholic Church in Carney, a fireworks recipe salvaged from the Ankeny plant that burned in the '40s, and a photo



history of the damage caused when an F4 tornado swept the area in 1974.

The museum complex is located at 301 Southwest Third Street in Ankeny, open the first Sunday of May through December from 2 to 4 p.m.

or by appointment. An open house will also be held following Ankeny's annual Summerfest parade on July 8. For more information call 515/965-5791 or visit www.ankenymuseum.org.

— Jill Brimeyer

Fundraising Efforts Continue To Gain Support

The on-going fundraising for the new barn continues to get support and interest.

In July, longtime Ankeny residents, businesspeople and AHS graduates Rod and Dee Lein pledged \$10,000 to the effort. In addition, the AHS Class of 1956 gave a donation of \$500 to the project.

Presentations to the public, clubs, and organizations continue as Historical Society representatives tell the background of the museum, Ankeny's history and the duties and functions of the group. In August, programs were given to the Ankeny Rotary and the retirees group at DMACC.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome new members Landscape Consultants, Inc. & Tamera Adams



**SEE HISTORY
BEFORE IT'S MADE!**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sept. 10
2 p.m.—4 p.m.**

**BARN DANCE
Sept. 23
6 p.m. — 10 p.m.**

**Ankeny Area Historical Society
301 SW Third St.**

ANKENY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
“NEW BARN” PROJECT MENU OF SUPPORT

LEGACY: \$250,000 - \$500,000

Dennis & Sue Albaugh & Family

DIAMOND: \$100,000--\$249,999

City of Ankeny

RUBY: \$50,000--\$99,000

Don & Charlene Lamberti & Family

SAPPHIRE: \$10,000--\$49,999

John Deere Des Moines Works

Des Moines Register & Ankeny Press Citizen

Ankeny Building Association

Rod & Dee Lein

Prairie Meadows Race Track & Casino

PEARL: \$5,000--\$9,999

VGI Design

Snyder & Associates, Inc.

Polk County

Community State Bank

First American Bank

Gateway Savings Bank

Richard Logli & Dena Randolph

In Memory of the P.A. Logli Family

Wells Fargo

Winnifred Spahr In Memory of Wayne R. Spahr

PLATINUM: \$1,000--\$4,999

Ankeny Hy-Vee

Norma Righi & Delores Manny

In Memory Frank & Mary Ghitalli, Paul & Isola

Fontana, Leno & Rose Carzoli

L & L Insulation & Supply Company (In-Kind)

Bell Brothers Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Family & Friends In Memory of Verna Howard

Family & Friends In Memory of Jack Dennler

John Deere Community Credit Union

Don & Barbara Penquite

Barbara White, Family & Friends

In Memory Dale A. White

Valley Bank

Family & Friends In Memory of Evelyn Dann

Zane Smith In Memory V.W. and Ann Smith

Rich and Patrick Taylor (In-Kind)

In Memory of Cor Hutton

Family & Friends In Memory of Jean Jones

Gene & Bev Samuelson

Family & Friends in Memory of Blasco Fontanini

Terry & JoAnn Adamson

Albaugh-McGovern Legion Post #42

Gerald & Marie Ballard

Orville & Bonnie Ballard

Casey's General Stores

Lynn & Nancy DeLapp In Memory Delma DeLapp

Larry & Dorothy Donaghy

Jeanne Ersland, Eleanor Tilton & Gale Gibson

In Memory of the Gibson Family

Handley, Block, Lamberti, Zinno & Gocke, P.C.

Huber Grading, Inc.

Harris & Deloris Manny

Ralph Mathis

Abel McCleary Family

MidAmerican Energy Foundation

Carl Moyer

Donald & Norma Righi

Everett Sather

Roger & Sandra Spahr

Evelyn Sexauer

Myrtle Sexauer

Ollie J. Weigel

Dorothy Wyant

Don & Carolyn Zuck

GOLD: \$500--\$999

Bill & Barb Agan

Fred & Fran Smith

In Memory of Manilla Coppock

Ankeny High Class of 1956

Bob Brown Chevrolet, Inc.

W.H. & Marjorie Chase

Commerical Federal Bank

Joyce Lundstrom

Amanda Kuhns-American Bank of Iowa

Ilene Scholes

Eric Sheldahl

Struthers Bros. - Lee Lundstrom

Silver: \$100-499

Family & Friends in Memory of LeRoy Bachman

Alpha Rho of Beta Sigma Phi

Glen Cornwell Family In Memory Clifford Cornwell

Evelyn Dann In Memory Ralph C. Dann

Gerald & Marilyn Dennler

Evelyn Rigby

Cecil & Carole Ballard

Marilyn Shay In Memory Bill Shay

Herbert J. Brown In Memory Mary N. Brown

Beryl Coulson - Coulson Signs

Don & Carole Lea Kraber

Maurices Inc. - Match to Carol Lea Kraber

Loren Sampson Family

Doug & Ellen Smith

David & Anne Gardner In Memory of John

Price, Edith & Bee Morris, J. Arthur,

Evelyn, & Judy Ault, & Hazel Ault

Silver: \$100-499 (cont.)

The Mutcher Family
Ben & Jean Norman
Clarence & Betty Altenburger
Ethel Harmon, Jill, Robert, & Jan
 In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
Lee Ahlberg
James W. Anderlik
Duane Anderson
Ober & Iolene Anderson
Ankeny Genealogy Chapter
Ankeny Lions Club
Ankeny Visual Image Committee
LeRoy & Evelyn Bachman
Victoria Bachman
Gary & Toni Baugher
Geri Begg
 In Memory of Wayne Begg
Joe, Charles, & Maribeth Begg
 In Memory of Wayne Begg
James Blair
Ruth Bond
Dennis & Pat Brazelton
Barb & Patrick Breen
Rob & Jennifer Davies
Gail Dippold
Robert & Nancy Frisk
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Anna Hick
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Harold & Charlene Hildreth
Raymond Hildreth
Jerry Homes, Inc.
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Kimberly Development Corp.
Robert & Virginia Koch
Cyndy Lammert
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Marlyn & Zelda Larson
 In Memory of Angela Larson Pilkington
Betty Leonard
Earl & Janel Leonard
Grant & Sherri Lewis
Luke Brothers, Inc.
John E. Lundstrom
Madrid Historical Society
Bill & Sarah Magnani
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Memory Lane Questers
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Janet & Marvin Nichols
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P & R Inc. - Brandt & Janet Crocker
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Greg Rasmussen

Louise Vander Linden
Bill & Eva Wallace
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Louise Woods

BRONZE: \$50-\$99

MidAmerican Matching Jan & Merlin Christians
In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
72 Degree Heating & Cooling, Inc.
Bless This House, Inc.
Nancy Carr
Merlin & Jan Christians
LeNora Coe
Gilded Angel Photography
Dale & JoAnn Goins
Ethel Harmon
Craig Hawkins
Heartland floors
Laks Jagnandan D.D.S.
Franny & JoAn Johnson
Ken & Donna Kelling
Margaret McBride
Bill Michael Family
Lynn Pitts
Delores & Fred Reynolds
Dennis & Susan Roupe
Dennis Shaltanis
Roger & Fran Stefani
Greg Suddeth
Steve & Darlene VanOort
Mike & Rose White
Larry & Marcia Zach

FRIENDS: \$1-\$49

Friends Investing Together
Ethel Harmon In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
Rich and Rosemary Taylor
 In Memory of Betty Hutton
Tim Garner
Gene & Kathryn Hill
Ideal Rebekah Lodge
Bob & Jean Jones
Joe & Edie Morr
Clare Ann Stubbs
Virginia Wheeler
Margaret Grant
Terry McAnally
Marvin Rankin
Ms. Schima 3rd Grade -Terrace '04-'05
Raymond Thornton
Lois Hughes
Hazel Moeckly
Kelly Morrow
Richard & Gina Sokol
Roy Stoll
Warren W. Thornton
Ward Mally

“Operations” Studied During Tour of Barn

As the barn sets to open, a group of members are going through the building with contractor Larry Pitts to learn the workings of the building. Brian Lundstrom, Terry Adamson, Rosemary Hutton Taylor, Marilyn Shay, and Don Penquite will all be given working knowledge of all the “ins and outs” of the structure and the mechanicals involved.

September 26 Meeting To Feature Arlen Twedt

Storyteller Arlen Twedt of Ankeny will take on the persona of Nils Bauge, an early area Norwegian settler at the September 26 meeting.

Twedt will explain what life was like on farms and in nearby towns between 1886 and 1890.

Five Alumnus To Be Honored By Ankeny Alumni Association

Rod and Dee Lein—Class of 1953 and the Ron Fontana '51, along with his brothers Ray '50 and Dick '48 posthumously were selected by members of the Class of 2006 as this year's Hall of Honor inductees.

The honorees were announced at the 2006 Alumni Banquet held in July. They will be presented at Ankeny's Homecoming on September 8.

Thirty-four alumnus have been inducted to the Alumni Hall of Honor since it's establishment in 1993. The Hall of Honor has two main goals: To recognize graduates of Ankeny High School for outstanding achievements and contributions to society after graduation and to promote role models for students enrolled in high school.

Summertime Tours Continue

We've had several tours over the summer, including the S.K.I.P program through the Parks and Rec. A special tour was given to the John and Mary Jane Harkin family. Special tours of our museums can be arranged by calling 965-5795.

“Lights On For Iowa Museums!” is planned for October 26. Our museum will be open that evening. Watch for more information in the Ankeny Register, Press Citizen and on our web site in October.


Plans are in the works for a joint venture with Ankeny's other museum, the Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum. The Aviation Museum is located at 3704 Convenience Blvd. near the Ankeny Airport.

SummerFest BBQ cont. from page 1

chips, slaw, beans and ice cream were served. An although the meals were consumed in record time, patrons made themselves at home and enjoyed the cool comfort of the Parkview lunchroom as they met old friends and made new ones.

Ankeny Area Historical Society

**PLEDGE
OF SUPPORT**



Individual Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Amount of Pledge: _____
Details: _____
1. Check enclosed for my total pledge of \$ _____, or
2. Check enclosed for \$ _____ and the balance to be paid
as follows: _____, or
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\$ _____, \$ _____, \$ _____
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Authorized Signature

Historical Society Representative

Make Check Payable To: Building Fund • c/o Ankeny Historical Society

DATES TO REMEMBER 2006

September 3 – Open House 2 – 4 p.m.

September 10 – Ice Cream Social
2 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September 23 – Potluck & Barn Dance
6:00 p.m.

September 26 – Monthly Meeting –
7 p.m. Nils Bauge (Arlen Twedt)
Storyteller

October 1—Open House 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

October 16—Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

October 24—Monthly Meeting—7 p.m.

October 26—Lights On For Iowa
Museums

The Ankeny Area Historical Society is established to collect and secure artifacts and historical records representing Ankeny, Alleman, Bondurant, Carney, Elkhart, Enterprise, Polk City, and Sheldahl for the purpose of preserving American

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