



Summer 2010 Newsletter

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VICTORY!

- ☛ 135 . . . years since the founding of Ankeny
- ☛ 69 . . . years since the federal government put an ordnance plant in Ankeny bringing 19,000 people a day to work in the sleepy little town of 750 folks of Ankeny.
- ☛ 15 . . . years since the “house” portion of our museum was moved to its current location and then moved into.
- ☛ 7 . . . years since we started raising \$685,000 for the expansion after outgrowing the house.
- ☛ 5 . . . years ago since we broke ground for our new “barn” portion of our museum.
- ☛ 3 . . . years since we had our grand opening of our brand new barn and our spectacular displays of Ankeny’s history.
- ☛ 2 . . . months since Don and Charlene Lamberti issued a fundraising challenge to help “burn that mortgage.”
- ☛ 1 . . . Month till we have our party and burn that doggone old mortgage along with some hot dogs, brats and burgers.

That is right. . . on Thursday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m.--- one day short of the exact 15th anniversary of the house moving three blocks in six hours, everyone who’s anybody (and that means YOU) will be here at our museum campus celebrating our accomplishments! Be sure that you mark that date on your “to-do” calendar. Enjoy food, beverages and friendship. . . and the smoke from a mortgage burning in a campfire.

Ankeny’s spectacular history and noteworthy stories will always need to be told. The facilities you have all worked hard to put together for future generations are now in place and being enjoyed.

Thank you for letting me be part of this great process!

Ron Sampson

New Donors—Original Donors— New Treasures and More . . .

One Further Note . . .

Please know that even with this hurdle being cleared, there will always be a need for funds for the museums. Although we work on a volunteer basis, our monthly power bill, telephone bill, insurance bill, elevator maintenance and various upkeep bills are not voluntary. In fact, they are pretty demanding. So our annual BBQ luncheon at SummerFest, Santa's North Pole Village concessions, membership drives, ice cream socials, tea/luncheons will continue to be enjoyed by all. Your financial and personal support is valued now more than ever.

We Broke
Ground 5-Years
Ago . . .

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Grand Opening Set For Sunday, July 15, 1-4 pm!

Finally!
One hundred and thirty-one years in the making . . . and now the Ankeny Area Historical Society is ready to show off the treasures, documents, photos, tools and stories that have made Ankeny the city that it is today!
On Sunday, July 15 from 1-4 p.m. the general public is invited to come and explore and experience good old Ankeny as never before. The free one-house has exhibit space dedicated to agriculture, schools, country life, Civil War, WWII and WWII, the Ordnance Plant, life at the turn

Inside of This Issue
Those pre-teen Ankeny seventh graders, all 530 of them . . . stopped by in May and soaked up facts and knowledge from our volunteers . . . and we are looking for other donation . . . and we are looking for some fun-loving volunteers.

Picture to the left: View of our house and barn from the corner of SW Third Street and SW School Street.

Picture to the right: View of our house and barn from the parking lot, west side of house and barn.





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Ground Is Broken for New Barn Addition
Eight years after the initial conversations began . . . (1997 years after negotiations began with the school system . . . 190 years after rough plans were put on paper and 99 years after rough foundations efforts were kicked-off . . . ground was finally broken in May and construction was set to begin on the new "barn" addition to the Ankeny Area Historical Society Museum. Numerous members, well-wishers, volunteers and dignitaries attended the ceremony where terrace third grader teacher Midge Schmitz and two of her students, John Nelson & Shelby Miller cheered out the first shovel of dirt to mark the beginning of the \$20 two-story building. After touring the \$20 for the museum. Estimator's class raised visitors by early 2006. The new addition will feature an agriculture section, school area, library and media center as well as several other displays. It will have an elevator, basement for storage and will allow the original museum to evolve back to a display of mostly period home exhibits.

Looking for a good time? Call 965-5795 To volunteer, for tours, BBQ, Feed, and more!

Donations Continue to Come From Individuals, Businesses, Clubs and Organizations
The fundraising effort for the new addition barn facility is nearly two thirds complete. With recent pledges and donations by the City of Ankeny to a matching grant of \$100,000 and \$25,000 from John Deere the effort to raise \$785,000 is progressing. Participating donors and their level of giving as of May 21st, 2005 is shown on page three of this newsletter. "Obviously, we still need more funding," said President Ken Szaszson. "Substantial progress has been made. And with success comes other success. We expect more good news of cash and in-kind donations as work on the building begins."

City officials and Historical Society supporters come together for the \$100,000 presentation.




We Had Our
Grand Opening
3-Years Ago . . .

BBQ, BEANS, AND SLAW READY FOR SUMMERFEST FEAST!

The Ankeny Area Historical Society's 21st annual BBQ feed will take place again this year right after the SummerFest parade (11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.) on Saturday, July 10 at Park-view's lunchroom.

A generous BBQ pork sandwich, chips, slaw, beans, ice cream and beverage will satisfy the taste buds. . . And a lunchroom full of Ankeny old-timers and new timers will make for great conversation and companionship. For a donation of just \$7.00 this can all be your's. Eat-in or carry-out. . . it is best tasting value at SummerFest.

After lunch be sure and tour our museums. They will be open from noon til 3:00 p.m.



We're ready to serve you!

L-r: Laura Hoover, Barb Agan, & Louise Vander Linden

ANKENY 7TH GRADERS KEEPING COMING BACK FOR MORE!

For the 5th year in a row over 600 Ankeny seventh graders, teachers and parental supporters came and toured the Ankeny Area Historical Society museums in May. During their visit the students learn about Ankeny's history, the background of the Ordnance Plant/ John Deere, local coal mining and agriculture practices, what a country school from the area looked like and how folks have lived and evolved over the years. . . not just in Ankeny but everywhere.



*Norma Righi talks to students
about Ankeny's growth*

NEW SIDE DISH AT THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Along with generous portions of ice cream, bars, cookies, pies and cakes. . . several slices of history were served this year at the annual ice cream social. Several of the original churches in Ankeny put their histories on display to enjoy along with the sweets and comradery of other Ankenians.

Two of the churches, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church are celebrating sixty and fifty years respectively. Photos and other treasures were on hand as well as a video of Holy Trinity's early years made by the late Arnold Nielsen.

Did you know???

You can go back and enjoy newsletters from the past by going to our web site www.ankenyhistorical.org.

RECEIVE HEIRLOOMS FROM ANKENEY FAMILY



Martha Ankeney Schaffer Goldberg contacted the historical society about some family heirlooms she had and would like to share with town that bears her family name. Donated were a settee, spinning wheel, pitcher/bowl with stand, corner cupboard and portraits of Anna Maria Newcomer Ankeney and John Thompson Ankeney.

The corner cupboard was built by John Thompson Ankeney for his wife Anna Maria Newcomer Ankeney from her favorite walnut tree on Sunnyside, their estate in Clearspring, Maryland. The Ankeney family were married June 7, 1841.

The name Ankeney has been spelled in various ways: Angny, Ancony, Angony, Ankony, Angene, Angana, Ancona, Ankny, Ankeney, Ankeny, Anganie. The spelling Angene is the French way of spelling of the name and believed to be the original name of the Ankeney family.

THE CHALLENGE WAS MADE—THESE FOLKS RESPONDED!

*Dennis & Sheila Adamson
Terry & Joann Adamson
Bill & Barb Agan
Lee Ahlberg
Ankeny Federated Women's Club
AHS Class of 1967*

*In Memory of Mike Albaugh
Dennis & Sue Albaugh
Alpha Rho of Beta Sigma Phi
Ober & Iolene Anderson
Gerald & Marie Ballard
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Raymond Hildreth
Gene & Kathryn Hill
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Huber
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Robert M. Johnson
Rachel Jones
Ken & Donna Kelling
Michael Kinkade
Kevin Koester
Battista Lamberti
Christ Lamberti
Margaret Law
Betty Leonard
Earl & Janet Leonard
Virginia Logli
Joyce Lundstrom
Lee & Cindy Lundstrom
Ward Mally
Gary Mikulec
Gene & Phyllis Muehlenthaler
Shirley Muehlenthaler
Scott & Barbara Nessa
Larry Noble
Ben & Jean Norman
Al & Cathy Overbaugh
Parkview Middle School
PDI
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*Polk County
Ken & Bettie Purdy
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Randy & Janice Ratcliff
Dee Reynolds
Norma Righi
Gene Samuelson
Ilene Scholes
Myrtle Sexauer
Dennis Shaltanis
Julie Shay
Krisan Shay
Marilyn Shay
Paul & Marcia Shay
Doug & Ellen Smith
Fred & Fran Smith
Roger & Sandra Spahr
Rich & Rosemary Hutton Taylor
In Memory of Joe Hutton
Lyn Van De Pol
In Memory of Ralph & Evelyn
Dann
John Voight
Daryl Voshell
Ollie Weigel
Jack & Ruby Wheatly
Barb White
Mike & Rose White
Paula Williams
Anna Louise Woods
Dorothy Wyant
Don & Caroline Zuck*



Supervisor E.J. Giovannetti Presents Check

Polk County Board Supervisor E.J. Giovannetti presented the Ankeny Area Historical Society a check for \$3,000 to officers Joyce Lundstrom, Ron Sampson and Rachel Jones at the May 25 meeting. The money is from the Polk County Community Betterment Grant Program. Money used for the grant program is gambling money from Prairie Meadows. The \$3,000 will be used to pay off the barn.

The historical society also received an additional \$2,000 Community Betterment Grant check. This money will be used for the Ordnance Plant display.

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

Rod & Dee Lein

Des Moines Register & Ankeny Press Citizen

Ankeny Building Association

Prairie Meadows Race Track & Casino

Ray Miller

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

VGI Design

Snyder & Associates, Inc.

Polk County

Ward Mally

Community State Bank

First American Bank

Northwest Bank

Richard Logli & Dena Randolph

In Memory of the P.A. Logli Family

Wells Fargo

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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

Gene & Bev Samuelson

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John Deere Community Credit Union

Don & Barbara Penquite

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In Memory Dale A. White

Dorothy Wyant

Family and Friends In Memory of Richard Logli

Family and Friends In Memory of Orville Ballard

Family and Friends In Memory of Larry Donaghy

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 Nello Lamberti

Family & Friends In Memory of Jean Jones

Family & Friends In Memory of Blasco Fontanini

Terry & JoAnn Adamson

Albaugh-McGovern Legion Post #42

Gerald & Marie Ballard

Orville & Bonnie Ballard

Bruce & Jeanette Beckwith

Casey's General Stores

Lynn & Nancy DeLapp In Memory Delma DeLapp
Marilyn Dennler

Larry & Dorothy Donaghy

Jeanne Ersland, Eleanor Tilton & Gale Gibson

In Memory of the Max & Ella Gibson

Nevin & Bonnie Harmon

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

Huber Grading, Inc.

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Ralph Mathis

Abel McCleary Family

MidAmerican Energy Foundation

Carl Moyer

Donald & Norma Righi

Everett Sather

Roger & Sondra Spahr

Evelyn Sexauer

Myrtle Sexauer

Ollie J. Weigel

Don & Carolyn Zuck

Dream Steam (In-Kind)

GOLD: \$500--\$999

Richard Logli In Memory of Rico Logli

Bill & Barb Agan

Phillip M. Thompson (In-Kind)

Fred & Fran Smith

Family and Friends In Memory of Jennie Tschterer

In Memory of Manilla Coppock

In Memory of Ralph Mathis

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Bob Brown Chevrolet, Inc.

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Craig R. Hawkins In Memorial of Nina & Harold Weston

Joyce Lundstrom

Amanda Kuhns-American Bank of Iowa

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Struthers Bros. - Lee Lundstrom

Silver: \$100-499

Family & Friends Memory of George Hart

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Family & Friends In Memory of LeRoy Bachman

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Evelyn Dann In Memory Ralph C. Dann

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Evelyn Rigby

Family & Friends In Memory of Thelma M. Heberer

Cecil & Carole Ballard

Denman & Company LLP In Memory of Larry Donaghy

Marilyn Shay In Memory Bill Shay

Ankeny High School Class of 1967

Friends of Rod Lein

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
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 Lee Ahlberg
 James W. Anderlik
 Duane Anderson
 Ober & Iolene Anderson
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 Victoria Bachman
 Gary & Toni Baugher
 Geri Begg In Memory of Wayne Begg
 Joe, Charles, & Maribeth Begg In Memory of Wayne Begg
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BRONZE: \$50-\$99
 Craig Hawkins In Memory of Erma M. Hawkins
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 Hazel Moeckly
 Kelly Morrow
 Richard & Gina Sokol
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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4 – Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 10—SummerFest BBQ

11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Open House of Museums

Noon—3:00 p.m..

July 27– Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

July 27– Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 1 - Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 19 - Burning the Mortgage—6 p.m.

Aug. 24—Monthly Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Aug. 28—LaVisef—Celebrating Uptown
3—9 p.m.

Sept. 5 - Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 28—Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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



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