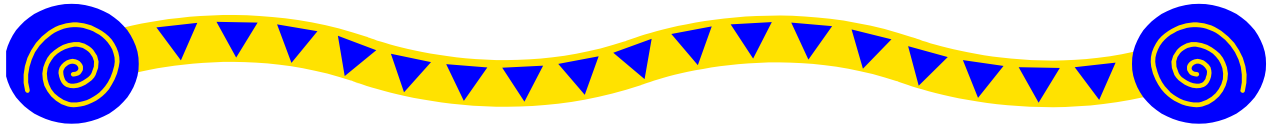


Jefferson County Historical Society
Oskaloosa, Kansas
Spring 2018 Newsletter



The Museum is open for the season
May 5-6 through September 29-30.
Season hours are:
Saturdays 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and
Sundays 1:30 – 5:00 pm

The annual meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society was held November 5, 2018 in Edmonds Chapel.

Officers elected were:

Leanne Chapman, President
Bill Manville, Vice President
Ardie Grimes, Recording Secretary
Mary Luse, Treasurer
Marilyn Sharkey, Corresponding Secretary

Community Representatives elected were:

Valley Falls: Bill Manville
Oskaloosa: Larry Elkinton
McLouth: Ardie Grimes
Winchester: Virginia Winsor
Perry: Margaret Dick

The meeting was followed by an excellent presentation, “Lawbreakers for the Common Good,” by Anne Hawkins, about local individuals participating in the Underground Railroad in Kansas. 42 were present for the program and 45 attended the soup supper which followed in the Reynolds Building.

During the months of October through April, the Old Jefferson Town grounds are quiet, but the work to preserve the history of Jefferson County still goes on. Yearly planning and setting of goals takes place during these quiet months. Evaluation of repairs and upkeep of the 10 buildings on the grounds is conducted by the Building & Grounds committee during this down time; with decisions made as to whether a professional is hired or whether a project can be completed by volunteer efforts. The Events Committee and Fundraising Committees plan events and activities for the upcoming season. Here are some of those events:

March 31: Lions Club Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am

April 1: Easter Sunrise Services at Edmonds Chapel – 7:00 a.m.

April 21: 9:30 – 11:30 am - Community Work Day at the Museum

April 28-29: Jefferson County Art Show and John Steuart Curry Scholarship judging

May 5-6: Opening weekend

On Display: History of WPA Wells & Poor Farm History

May 5 : Open House in Reynolds Building – Membership Drive 1-4 pm

May 26-July 1:

Military Uniforms in Collection from WWI – Vietnam

June 21-23: Old Settlers weekend

Art Display in the Curry House - Virginia Winsor to coordinate

Exhibits of Old Settlers in the Past

Selfie Station on the grounds

Tentative - Living History of School House Classes (Melynda Swoyer)

Tentative - Blacksmith demonstration

Tentative - Barn Quilt Display

June 23 – 24: Art Display by Peggy Liebert (former Mabel Dunbar of Oskaloosa)

July 14-15: Art Display by Atchison Artists in Curry Building

August 11-12: Art Display by James Caldwell

August 26: Tractor Drive – Major Fundraiser for Historical Society

September (tentative): Art Display in Curry Building

Sept 29-30: Last Weekend of Season; Tentative wagon rides

November: Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 4th at Old Jefferson Town, Edmonds Chapel

Tax-deductible donations or bequests will be gladly accepted at any time. Please send to Mary J. Luse, Treasurer, 16786 126th Street, Winchester, KS 66097.

If you would like to volunteer your time & energy on behalf of the museum, please contact Leanne Chapman, chapmanfarm94@yahoo.com or cell phone 785-691-6751.

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