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Mark Schulze, New Executive Director

Welcome to the latest edition of the Washington County Historical Association Newsletter. I am Mark Schulze and I am the Executive Director of this Association. I look forward to visiting with you through this newsletter and by your visiting our website www.newwashcohists.org. You can also phone me at 402-468-5740 or email me at info@newwashcohists.org.

I am working on several new programs and continuing with many of the previous programs as well. Please visit our website to see what is happening at the museum.

You will notice that some changes have been made to this newsletter as well. I believe that this should be an active and working document. I also believe that we

should be a program driven organization and that we need your involvement. Please consider joining our association when we mail the new membership drive information. It is a good investment and I will strive to make it worth your money to be a member.

I try to be active in the community where I work. Please keep me posted on upcoming events that are being held in your community or neighborhood. I do not promise to attend all, but will make an effort to attend a number of events. Remember, today's event is tomorrow's history. For the record, I have already visited Herman Elementary school; Dana College; Blair, Fort Calhoun and

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Arlington schools; joined Blair Rotary, Black Elk – Neihardt Park Board, and the Blair Historic Preservation Society.

This newsletter will also be available at our website.

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Omaha North Engineering Class to Help

The Omaha North High Engineering class, led by Dr. Lee Kahlstrom, has agreed to help the Association by reconstructing the front portion of the Tyson Cabin in the North Gallery of the museum in Fort Calhoun.

This historic building was built in the 1860's and taken

down piece by piece in 2003. It has been in storage since that time. Some of the wood is no longer useable, but each piece was carefully marked and stored so that reconstruction would be possible.

A farm display is already in the museum and this will be

added on to that display. While it will not be possible to put the entire cabin in the museum; It is hoped that we will be able to make it have the feeling of a real farmstead in early Nebraska times.

Mr. Ed Jipp will also be assisting in this reconstruction.

*About how
many soldiers
were there at Ft
Atkinson at its
peak?*

*Where is
Garryowen
located?*

*Where was
Nicholas Rix
born?*

*Email us with the
correct answers to
all six and win a
prize*

Executive Director Continued

I would really like to be able to email this to as many people as possible and cut down on our mailing bill in the future. If you could send me your email address, I will start that process for the next letter.

Special thanks needs to be given to Wanda Miller and to Catharine Genoways and her crew. Wanda is our record keeper of all Obit notices in the papers. This is a major aid to the genealogical societies and re-

searchers. Cathy and her family and friends do a fantastic job of decorating the Frahm House for Christmas. If you missed it this year, plan on attending next year. Each year there is something new and different. We look to expand our events at the house next year as well.

I would also like to thank Mary Gage for her work at the museum. She does an excellent job of keeping the place clean and ready for all

of you to attend.

Faith Norwood has been very patient with me and allowed me to learn the ins and outs of the museum. As Curator, she is always there to help you with questions about the museum and the history of this fine county.

It is exciting to be part of this community and I look forward to having this conversation with you on a regular basis.

Mark

Volunteers Needed

Docent: We will begin training for docents to help with our scheduled tours in the near future. If you are interested in assisting anytime during the week, being a re-enactor, or meeting the people as they visit the museum, please contact us so we can let you know about the training.

Scanners: We have a scanner and now need to start putting material into digital

form for the preservation of Washington County records. You never know what you will find in those records, so you might discover what really happened to Uncle Charlie. Call or email Faith Norwood on the web page to help.

Cataloguing our documents and collection. We need assistance in the catalogue department to accession the collection and make

it a more useable tool. This will take some training, but can also be a rewarding experience. We have the newest program and can now add pictures to our cataloguing. We also plan to bar code our items for future reference. A new laptop was donated to aid in this work. Call or email Faith Norwood to become a part of this program

A Good Place to Meet

The Museum, the Frahm House or the Fontanelle Township Hall are all possibilities for your group to meet. We can have small groups and tours at the Frahm or at Fontanelle. The Frahm might be a good place for a wedding or baby shower. We will also offer high or low tea at this facility. Girl scouts or your group might be interested in learning about proper Victo-

rian etiquette.

At the museum we can accommodate several different sized groups. We have space in our library for a small meeting. The north gallery can accommodate larger presentations and meetings.

We can also do presentations if your group is looking for a speaker. Contact us at the museum or by email.

Possible topics: Cemeteries of Washington County, the history of the county and Lewis and Clark are all possibilities. Sade Frahm is also willing to make an appearance at your event and speak on life at the house and the times of living in Washington County.

Check us out on the web or give us a call.

We Wish to Thank:

Donations of Artifacts

1. Patricia Hunsche on behalf of Louise Voss-Military Items
2. Dorothy Tripp-Veterinary equipment
3. Majorie Hilgenkamp-documents from the Bell Creek Sewing Club
4. Norma Sue Klotz- Photographs
5. Chuck Vestal-UNL yearbooks
6. Mildred Johnson Brown-Girl Scout uniform
7. Judy Hotze-magazines
8. Janice Robinson-Scrap books of Former Senator Robinson

9. Sherman Berg-Photograph

10. Jeff Barnes-Book
11. Lillian Prochnow-Photograph

Donations from Wish List

1. Diane Eilers-Slide projector and slide viewer
2. Mark Schulze-Table Cloth
3. Anonymous-Laptop Computer
4. Anonymous-Dell Computer

Please consider remembering us when you clean your closet.

What was the name of Arlington before it was Arlington?

What was the first church in Blair and where did it come from?

Where was the first college in Nebraska located?

Needs of the Museum

Fort Calhoun artifacts are needed. We are in the process of construction of our Fort Calhoun exhibit. If you have historically significant artifacts of this community and would be willing to loan them for the exhibit, please contact Faith Norwood on our web page with the information.

Our copy machine is on its last legs. If you have a good used one that you would like to donate, we would love to adopt it. Contact Mark Schulze.

If you have any historically significant artifacts you are willing to donate as you clean out your cupboards to make room for those recently added items from the Holidays-contact Faith Norwood.

The museum would like to decorate with the seasons on a regular basis; so we are looking for holiday items for all the holidays of the year—we do prefer they be of some historical significance-contact Faith Norwood.

Gently used Screen (slide or movie projector screen) so that we can make presentations.

We could also use a large screen that we could fix to the ceiling in the north gallery to show movies, etc.

Items we need for the Frahm House include: 60" round table cloth(s) for the dining room table; hot pads for use at the Frahm House kitchen; trivets for serving at both the Frahm House and Museum; silk plants or flowers for display purposes at the Frahm House

We also are starting to look for Washington County school year books and class pictures (with names listed please)

W-CHAT at Too Far North

We are planning four W-CHAT events this year. The first will be held February 18, 2009 at 7:15 pm at Too Far North in Fort Calhoun. The guest speaker will be Mr. Nathan Kramer and he will be speaking on "The Man Who Built Blair."

The remaining dates are April 22, 2009 with a speaker to be determined; August 26, 2009 with former Senator Lowen Kruse speaking on the Unicameral; and to wind up the year, Dr. Iain Anderson from Dana College will be

speaking on October 28, 2009. Mark those dates now for stimulating and exciting presentations. Wine will be for sale and light snacks will be available in this warm atmosphere.

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Upcoming Events

W-CHAT

Too Far North

Fort Calhoun

7:15 PM

February 18, 2009 Mr. Na
than Kramer

April 22, 2009 TBD

August 26, 2009 Sen.
Lowen Kruse and
guests

October 28, 2009 Dr. Iain
Anderson

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 PM

February 9, 2009 Ft. Cal
houn

March 9, 2009 Blair

April 13, 2009 Ft. Calhoun

May 11, 2009 Blair

June 8, 2009 Ft. Calhoun

July 13, 2009 Blair

August 10, 2009 Ft. Cal
houn

September 14, 2009 Blair

October 12, 2009 Ft. Cal
houn

November 9, 2009 Blair

December 14, 2009 Ft. Cal
houn

New Exhibits

February, 2009 Bonnets
and Beaus at the Frahm
House

May, 2009 Fort Calhoun at
the Museum

August, 2009 County
Schools at the Frahm House

October, 2009 Herman and
Kennard at the Museum

Watch for more de- tails on

The Fourth at the Frahm

Picnic at Fontanelle

Tractors on Display

Halloween at the Museum

Christmas at the Frahm

Museum Hours:

Wed-Fri 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Sat & Sun 1:00—4:00 PM