

MARION HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

News from the Marion Historical Society

March 2018



Marion Historical Society Members and Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 another outstanding year. The *Veterans* exhibit and programs were well attended and the current *Good Roads* exhibit is bringing in a new audience, many for the first time. It's a hit with Marion High School too. *Art by Your Friends and Neighbors* opens Sat., May 19, 2018, chaired by Jay Kacena, and the director is working hard on our fall exhibit: *150 Years of Marion Hometown Teams*. We're looking for volunteers to help document some sports, and for memorabilia too, especially involving women in the pre-Title IX era.

The *6th Annual Pancake & Egg Breakfast* will be Sat., May 12 - all-you-can eat pancakes flipped by yours truly, plus the usual. We're pleased to add gluten-free pancakes to the menu this year thanks to the efforts of Bob Naujoks & Sharon Reilly. We need your support to continue to bring you our exhibits and programs. More on the last page--and please thank our pancake sponsors at the next opportunity.

I'm pleased to announce the Board has voted to establish an endowment fund to provide sustaining income for the future. In addition to the deposit of current reserves, the Board has resolved to direct a portion of its annual income to the fund, along with unrestricted donations. Language in the account prevents a withdrawal for any other purpose, assuring donors a lasting legacy with their tax-deductible contributions. I'll lead a 5-member Endowment Committee to oversee the plan and report to Society membership at the annual meeting each July. Call Lynette for more details.

Thanks to each of you for your continued support.

Vic Klopfenstein, President, *Marion Historical Society*

If you haven't seen the exhibit yet, there is still time. Don't miss the 1899 Locomobile--the first car west of the Mississippi River, home again after 90 years of storage in the *Iowa State Historical Museum*. We're very grateful to them for loaning it to us, as well as the *Hall Bicycle Co.* and Taube family for their historic bikes.



Getting the car here took a monumental effort by Mark Morgan, of *Foster's Heating & Air Conditioning*, who transported the vehicle here, and Tom and Bobby Barnes who remodeled our entryway and then organized a work crew from *Barnes Manufacturing Services* and the *Marion-East Cedar Rapids Rotary Club* to carry the car up the stairs.



If you can loan us a long ramp to roll the automobile out the door next month I know there are several Barnes and Rotary club-members who would be very appreciative. Call Lynette.

Schedule:

A Lincoln Highway Program

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 1:30-3:00 P.M. *Lincoln Highway: Byway and Future Days* by Janice Gammon, Coordinator of the IDOT *Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway Program*. Admission is free courtesy of the *McIntyre Foundation*.



Mar. 18-Apr. 30 *Home town Teams: How Sports Shape America* a Smithsonian traveling exhibit. In downtown Mt. Vernon at the old high school gym. Includes exhibits from 18 surrounding communities, including Marion. Admission is free.

Heritage Walking Tour & Dinner: *The Territorial Road--West on 6th Avenue*

Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 5:30-7:30 P.M. The territorial road into Cedar Rapids hosted an amazing variety of homes and businesses. Learn about them from board-member Judith Hull, author of *Brick Houses of Marion, Pucker St. Revisited* and *Territorial Road--6th Avenue from Thomas Park to Uptown Marion,* and a member of the *Marion Historic Preservation Commission*. Cost: \$15 per person. Call the Center to reserve a spot. Limited to just 40.

Iowa Artists, Region 8 Art Show

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10-2 P.M. At the Heritage Center. Free Admission.

1910 Stanley Steamer Demonstration

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 1:30-3:30 P.M. Mark Culver will demonstrate the startup and operation of a 1910 Stanley Model 70 touring steam car. Outdoors. Admission is free courtesy of the *McIntyre Foundation*.



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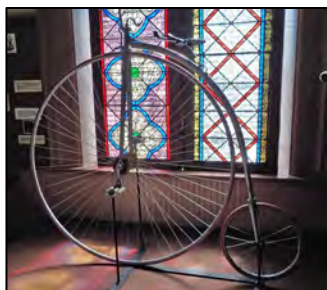
Saturday, May 12, 2018
7:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.
All-you-can-eat pancakes.



Gluten-free options new this year. See a board member or visit the Center for advance tickets \$7.00; \$8.00 at the door. Major sponsors: *Quaker Oats & Hy-Vee*.

Continuing through Sunday, April 29, 2018

Good Road: Bicycles, Motorcycles and Automobiles on Iowa's Transcontinental Highway.



Long before it became part of the Lincoln Highway, the road through Marion and continuing across the country hosted scores of endurance contests, relays, races, continental transits and other amazing firsts. Learn about the men, women and machines. Always free courtesy of the *McIntyre Foundation*

We remember these members who have passed since the last newsletter: Donald Bean, Barbara E. Fitzgerald, Charlie Kress, Jan Hornbeck

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Opening: 17th Annual *Art by Your Friends & Neighbors* Exhibition

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Artwork of all kinds from Marion & Cedar Rapids. See 60 different local artists and artisans. Vote for your favorite artist each day and help them win the *People's Choice* award. Sponsored by *Hills Bank & Trust*. Exhibition closes Sat., July 28. Free admission courtesy of *Hills Bank & Trust* and the *McIntyre Foundation*.



Fire Chief Deb Krebill, a.k.a. Hilda von Flamme, receiving her medal for winning the first Annual Marion Pedestrian Race at the Heritage Center in December.



Marion Historical Society Mission

The *Marion Historical Society* is a membership organization that serves to engage the public in the history, traditions, resources and on-going preservation of the Heritage Center museum for the enrichment of the community.



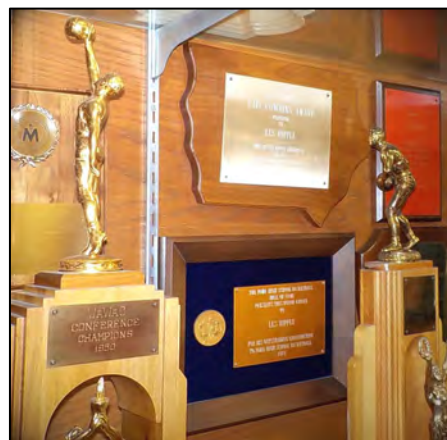
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Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 3:30 P.M. at the Heritage Center.



We're looking for volunteers who can help us tell the history of Marion sports for the fall exhibit, especially women, whose accomplishments were poorly documented in the pre-Title IX era. If you have photos, memorabilia or just stories, especially of team sports, contact Lynette.



SIXTH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SAT . MAY 12 · 7:00-11:00 AM

ADULTS/STUDENTS \$7 OR \$8 AT DOOR

12 & UNDER EAT FREE

All you can eat pancakes, Eggs, Sausages, Juice & Coffee

GLUTEN FREE PANCAKES & MUFFINS AVAILABLE

MARION HERITAGE CENTER

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