



Roundhouse Rumblings

June 2011

Kay Clampitt, editor

Dear friends,

I cannot believe this is June already! Kids are out of school and busy with summer activities - baseball, driver's ed, riding bikes, summer jobs, lawn mowing, swimming, and summer camps.

Our favorite camp is drama day camp conducted by Old Creamery Theatre of Amana, IA. This will be our fifth summer to host Camp Creamery, and we are looking forward to another great week with the kids and actors as they learn & practice & practice & learn. The highlight of the week is the Friday night performance when the entire show comes together and family and friends experience the end result. The kids always do a fantastic job! If you know of someone who would be interested in participating in Camp Creamery give Marlene Reece a call at 641-497-5481. It's a great opportunity for kids to work with professional actors and be a part of a real theatrical production.

Plans are being made to celebrate some significant milestones within our community - the Roundhouse 75 years, the main street buildings 100 years, Quakerdale 160 years, Honey Creek Meeting House 95 years, the bank building 105 years. Heritage Festival events are being planned at all locations on September 17 & 18. There will be food, displays, a book signing, Radio Theater production and more.

Do you remember the food served at the basketball games. I had one person tell me (not from NP) that they always looked forward to BB games at NP because we served the best pies around. Do you have a favorite pie recipe? Would you like to make a pie and enter it in the Pie Contest? This will be one of the events of the Heritage Festival.

We have been diligently taking steps to ready the classroom building for demolition. Items that have been stored in the building have been removed. Some individuals are making use of different items in the building. Some of the woodwork is now part of the renovated bank building. One person is making use of the kitchen cabinets from the home-ec room. Others are finding uses for interior windows. It reminds me of organ donation - pieces of the school building are finding new life elsewhere. The cost of the demolition is set at \$50,000. This includes removing the wood to the landfill, removing the metal to be sold for scrap, and hauling off any debris that will not be buried on site. The roof structure contains a great deal of wood and steel beams. The asbestos inspection revealed that most of the asbestos is in the boiler room, plus some throughout the building. We are now collecting bids for the cost of removing the asbestos. Currently we have around \$36,000 in the demolition account. Although it is sad to see this building go down, we are trying to make the best of it, and help maintain a safe and attractive community.

Demolition is planned for late July or August. We are in need of more funds, so, please help financially in any way you can. And thanks to those who have already sent money. It is very much appreciated!

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for _____.

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Please make check to: Renewal Community, Inc., c/o Andrea Brown, 28746 O Ave.,
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Congratulations to this year's 50 year class

The class of 1961 began their school days with 27 eager kindergarten children and ended their school career with 18.

We had only two superintendents during our years at N.P. - Mr. Lorber for 2 years and Mr. Murray for the remaining 11 years.

We had much fun with the two comedies performed for class plays. In "The Little Dog That Laughed", the "real live" dog being led on a leash got tangled in the legs of the "young lovers" and nearly was choked.

Also the rubber chicken that was supposed to hit a member of the cast, landed on the lap of a lady in the front row.

In "Father Was A Housewife", the vacuum sweeper bag blew off and inflated "mothers" long red flannel nightgown.

Remember when -

- We hid Lila in the tall wastebasket and wouldn't tell where she was?
- One of our budding chemists discovered a new element - "balonium"?
- Wanda's homemade paste exploded in studyhall?
- We went clear to Mason City on solid icy roads for district speech contest only to find it had been cancelled?
- We met a semi-truck on the old Iowa River bridge east of Eldora on the way home from a Waterloo band tird and scraped the side of the bus?
- We Home Ec girls caught the rolls on fire for the school board-faculty dinner?
- We soaked Mr. Wallace's pants when a hose "got loose" in physics?
- We caught frogs for dissecting in biology?
- We made homemade alcohol in chemistry?
- We thought N.P. would always be?

(These memories taken from *New Providence Academy and High School 1869-1980*.)

New Providence Heritage Festival

September 17 & 18

Tentative schedule

Saturday - September 17

Main Street

7:00 to 9:00

10:00

11:30 to 1:00

9:00 to 4:00

Omelet breakfast at Soda Fountain

Parade

Lunch at Soda Fountain

Hardware - buildings 100 years old

Sales, temporary tattoos, gourd contest, drawings

Bank Building - 105 years old

Olde Quaker Antiques

Larry's Station - antique tools & machinery

Roundhouse - 75 years

9:00-4:00

Displays, pie contest, alumni reminiscing

Quakerdale - 160 years

11:00 & 1:30

Master Gardener, campus tour, historic displays

Honey Creek Meetinghouse - 95 years

10:30 to 4:00

Quaker costumes & artifacts, displays

Book signing by Karlene Kinger -

A True Pioneer Story of Mary Ann Maulsby Mills

Sunday September 18

Roundhouse

10:00

Community Church Service

12:00

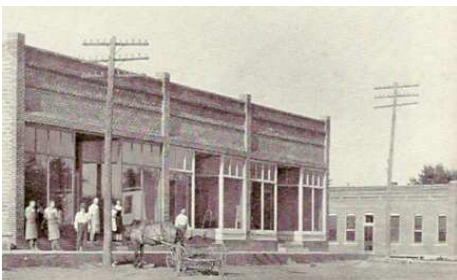
Meal

2:00

Radio Theater by the Roundhouse Players

followed by pie and ice cream (sample the contest pies)

This is a work in progress - a tentative schedule - ideas are still being revised and refined. But there will be a celebration that weekend, so come celebrate our community, past and present!



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The town of New Providence was laid out in 1855, and incorporated as a town in 1893. The first goods sold in the town were sold by Calvin McCracken in 1856. The first hardware store was established in 1863 by J.B. Mulford. On the night of December 10, 1910 a great fire occurred that destroyed nearly every business in town. Only the post office and bank were untouched. The loss was estimated at \$70,000. Following the disastrous fire, a building association was formed in 1911 and brick buildings were erected.

Honey Creek Meeting was the first religious organization in Hardin County formed in 1852. The first services were held in the home of James Tulburt. In 1854 a double log building was erected, but was later destroyed by fire. In 1859 a frame building was built in the southeast corner of the cemetery. The current meetinghouse was erected in 1916. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bank was constructed by the Providence State Bank in 1906 and continued as a bank until 1932 when it closed during the depression years.

White's Institute (Quakerdale) was originally established thru the generosity of Josiah White who left \$20,000 for the Iowa site. The original site was near Salem, IA., and was re-established to the current location in 1941.

The Roundhouse was constructed in 1936 as a WPA project under the first appropriation of federal dollars. It was the most modern gym of that time in the area and hosted many basketball tournaments. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

RENEWAL COMMUNITY, INC.
OFFICERS
President - Alan Staples
Vice President - Ken Cook
Secretary - Les Clampitt
Treasurer - Andrea Brown

Renewal Community, Inc. is a non-profit community betterment organization. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Roundhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Roundhouse is available to rent for special functions. Contact Judy Staples 641-497-5799 for rental rates and availability.

Mark Your Calendar

July 4th 7 to 10 am

July 25 - 29

July 29 7 pm

September 5 (Labor Day)

7 to 10 am

September 17 & 18

October 29

Next All School Reunion

Omelet & pancake breakfast

Camp Creamery -

"The Legend of Blackbeard's Gold"

Camp Creamery performance

Omelet & pancake breakfast

Heritage Festival

Carnival & costume parade

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