



# Roundhouse Rumblings

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Dear Alumni & Friends,

Here we are close to the end of another year again. My how time flies when you are having fun. We have had lots of fun activities at the Roundhouse this year including the All School Reunion, Drama Day Camp, the Costume Parade & Carnival, along with the omelet breakfasts and all of the other usual activities. It is fun to look back on all that has transpired and remember the good times shared in this very special and unique round facility.

Speaking of looking back, every once in a while I pull out the copies of the *Key to NPBS* looking for something to share in the newsletter. In the November 1936 issue there is an article about the annual Community Fair held in New Providence on October 30 and 31. Events included corn husking contest, horse pulling contest, livestock and grain contests and food, clothing, hobbies and relics contests. The article listed all the winners of each category. All of these categories seemed pretty common for a fair except for one. This most unusual contest was that of "PILLOW FIGHT". First place winner was Evan Lyman; second place was Glenn McDonald; and third place was Everett Lyman. When I visited with Everett Lyman about that, he didn't recall that particular event. He did remember taking part in a greased pig contest and catching the pig. However, that event was not listed in this particular fair.

We just celebrated the **16th annual Costume Parade & Carnival**. The evening began with kids (and adults) gathering in appropriate age groups beginning with preschoolers through third graders lining up in the lunch room, while fourth graders and up gathered on the stage and spectators filled the bleachers. The place was quite full and buzzing with excitement. At 6:30 the first group of preschoolers paraded around the gym several times then lined up in the middle of the gym. While they awaited the decisions of the judges, each child was given a small bag containing a few treats and was asked his name & age by the MC. Once the first, second, third and fourth place winners were announced and prizes awarded, the next group came in and paraded around the gym. It took an entire hour to complete the costume parade. Interspersed throughout the parade was the raffle drawing of over 30 items. In the meantime the kitchen



crew was busy getting food ready for all those hungry munchkins. The smell of walking tacos, pizza, and popcorn filled the air. Once the final costume winner was announced, the music room soon filled up with people satisfying the hungries, while the lunchroom and gym provided numerous games to delight all ages. One of the most popular games is the nickel toss, where glasses, cups, vases and plates are set up on a large table. The contestants, lined up around a barrier, proceed to throw nickels at the glassware. Whatever item their nickel lands on or in is their prize. Children (and adults) find this game to be very enjoyable and often carry home up to 20 pieces of glassware! These items, carefully collected throughout the year at garage sales & household auctions, are now prized possessions of many youngsters. Once again we extend a great big THANK YOU to the committee for this fun evening.



The **Labor Day Omelet Breakfast** gave us opportunity to celebrate serving our 10,000th customer since the first omelet "supper" served in 1997. At the end of this year's omelet breakfast season, we have served a grand total of 10,158 guests with a net income of \$52,803.78! This event has been a wonderful fundraiser for the Roundhouse and has been successful because of our nearly 100 volunteers and all of our wonderful guests.

Proceeds from the Breakfasts and the Carnival are used for the on going operating expenses of the Roundhouse - utilities, mowing, snow removal, cleaning supplies, insurance, repairs and improvements. Future projects include an awning over the north entryway and purchasing additional chairs. Please consider sending a donation to help with these improvements and upkeep. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift to the Roundhouse is a great way to remember that special person. These gifts can be designated for a special project, for the endowment fund, or for general Roundhouse expenses.

Memorial gifts may be sent to : Renewal Community, Inc. c/o Andrea Brown, 28746 O Ave., New Providence, Iowa 50206

Memorial gifts received this year were in memory of:

*Garth Lindsey*

*Charles Shore*

*John Thompson*

*LaDonna Reece Doud*

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*Renewal Community, Inc.*

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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.

**Coming Events in 2009**

April 12	Omelet Breakfast
April 26	Tom Milligan portrays Grant Wood
July 4	Omelet Breakfast
July 20 - 25	Camp Creamery summer theatre camp for kids
Labor Day	Omelet Breakfast

**Sound System - Phase Two**

You may recall that about a year ago the installation of our new sound system was completed. This included seven hanging mics on stage, two new speakers upstairs & down, permanently connected wiring from the stage to the newly erected sound booth and the new sound board. This new system was made possible by grants from the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, WalMart Foundation and Alliant Energy Foundation plus numerous donations from individuals.

We are now moving into phase two which is to raise enough money for wireless headworn microphones. These cost approximately \$900 each. Our goal is to purchase five of these microphones by June of next year.

We purchased one head worn mic this summer which was used by Tom Milligan as he presented his one man portrayal of Henry A. Wallace at the Roundhouse. This proved to be a great addition to our sound system as he was able to walk around and even face away from the audience and still be heard by everyone. We anticipate the new mics will further enhance the listening pleasure of our audiences in future performances.

We recently received a gift of \$2000 toward this project. Please help us raise the remaining \$2500 by sending a donation to Andrea Brown, 28746 O Avenue, New Providence, IA 50206.  
Your support is always appreciated.

**Still available:**  
Classy Graffiti bricks, (\$50 & \$60),  
NP Pictorial History (\$22.50),  
NP Sesquicentennial books(\$10.00).  
Contact Kay Clappitt, 641-497-5353  
to purchase.

**Roundhouse now open for:**  
Walkers - weekdays from 8:00 to 3:00  
Family Time - Sundays 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
BB scrimmages - Sundays 7:00 pm

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

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