



Roundhouse Rumblings

February 2009 Kay Clampitt editor

Dear Alumni & Friends,

The groundhog saw his shadow, so we are in for six more weeks of winter. Surprise, Surprise!!!! However, spring is coming. I received my first garden catalog in the mail this week. Ah, we are so looking forward to warm, sunny days and green grass. Somewhere under those piles of snow ----

Great News - the goal of \$5500 for phase two of the sound system has been reached!!!!

Thanks to all who helped make that possible. There were a couple fund raisers, a grant from WalMart, and many generous donations. These funds will be used to purchase wireless head worn microphones for our performers. I have been told to not let you get too relaxed yet as there are more items on the wish list to further enhance the new sound system.

One improvement made to the Roundhouse before winter set in was the construction of a three sided shelter at the north door. It has helped to keep the ice & snow away from that door and certainly got a good test with all the snow this winter. One major repair coming up is to repair the soffit on the north side of the building as it is rotting away and is allowing birds to get into the building. That in itself can create a big mess!

You all like pop quizzes, right? Let's see how good your memories are on these important historic tidbits.

1. *After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____*
2. *When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.*
3. *"Get your kick, _____."*
4. *The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.*
5. *"In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."*
6. *After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the "_____."*
7. *Nestle's makes the very best..._____.*
8. *Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.*
9. *What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____*
10. *Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and _____".*
11. *Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.*
12. *The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.*
13. *In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____.*
14. *We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.*
15. *One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.*

Okay, that's all. You can find the correct answers elsewhere in this letter.

Renewal Community, Inc. and The Roundhouse Players have received funding from Humanities Iowa, a private non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, to host a presentation called "Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel" by Tom Milligan on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 3 PM in the Roundhouse. A cultural resource for Iowans since 1971, Humanities Iowa offers many cultural and historic programs to Iowa's communities. There is no admission charge for this performance, which is open to the public. Milligan returns for his second presentation, having portrayed Henry A. Wallace last fall. He will meet and greet his audience at the close of the performance. Light refreshments will be served, with donations going to purchase additional equipment for the improved sound system at the Roundhouse.

We hope you will be able to join us for this event, as well as the other events this year, and thank you for your support.

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 since our last letter were in memory of:

Eugene Wright

Mildred Faris Madill

Roger Horn

Lola Beach

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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

Saturday, April 11	Omelet Breakfast
Sunday, April 26	Tom Milligan portrays Grant Wood
Saturday, July 4	Omelet Breakfast
July 20 - 25	Camp Creamery summer theatre camp for kids
Monday, September 7	Omelet Breakfast

Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel presented by Tom Milligan

In this 45 minute, one man show, Grant Wood chats with the audience as if talking to an old friend across the backyard fence, or maybe at his home at Five Turner Alley in Cedar Rapids. He tells us about his life and how he changed the art world forever with his work. It is the man behind American Gothic that we hear and see, and the story of how he took the moments, the memories, and the people of our state, and showed the whole world the specialness of this Iowa. After the presentation, the audience is encouraged to ask questions of the actor about Grant Wood and his life.

This presentation made possible by a grant from Humanities Iowa.

Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 PM at the Roundhouse
Free of charge and open to the public
Refreshments to follow (free will donation)
Proceeds going toward additional sound equipment

ANSWERS TO POP QUIZ

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| 1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet. | 8. Louis Armstrong |
| 2. The Ed Sullivan Show | 9. The Timex watch |
| 3. On Route 66 | 10. Freddy, The Freeloader and "Good Night and God Bless." |
| 4. To protect the innocent. | 11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned.) |
| 5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight | 12. Beetle or Bug |
| 6. The limbo | 13. Buddy Holly |
| 7. Chocolate | 14. Sputnik |

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for _____.

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