HISTORY OF YOUR NEWSLETTER

Gladys Airgood

The first edition newsletter of the North Manchester Historical Society was published in February 1984 by Nancy Reed and Allan White. The newsletter included information about Little Hoosiers Historical Club, memorial gifts given, programming for upcoming meetings, and the Halderman Cemetery. 185 newsletters were mailed at a cost of $2.00 per year to receive the newsletter. Since its inception the newsletter has been published quarterly. In subsequent years the newsletter cost was included in membership dues. By January 1986 mailings had increased to 250. In February of 1987 a newsletter committee was established consisting of Nancy Reed, Orin Manifold, Joanne Koller, and Orpha Weimer. Bob Nelson became editor in July of 1987 with Allan White assisting as printer. Subsequent editors were Michael Thompson and Ferne Baldwin. The Heckman Bindery has bound the newsletter collection of 1984-1995 and these 2 volumes are in our library at the Center for History.

In June of 2001 the charge for the newsletter to non-historical society members was set at $20 per year. John Knarr began as editor of the newsletter in 2008 and has recently retired. His professionalism and work with the newsletter has been much appreciated and valued. The Center for History staff and volunteers will now be editing and publishing the newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the new look and feel of the North Manchester History newsletter. Source: Historical Society Minutes, 1971-2018

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HELLO, GOOD BYE, AND HELLO

In 1999, when I had newly moved to North Manchester, I was invited to chair a committee to find a new home for the NMHS museum. I had recently worked at an excellent regional history museum, so I had lots of ideas of what a museum could be. And the founders of the NMHS had laid a firm foundation for this next stage.

Almost 20 years later, I can say that I am thrilled with what has been accomplished! The Center for History has become anchor to downtown, our collection has grown exponentially, the community has supported us financially, we’ve won awards and competitive grants and we’ve gradually earned a state-wide reputation as a leader among small museums. Most importantly, we tell the story of our town better every year.

As I retire from the Center for History at the end of this year, my main feeling is one of deep gratitude for many, many faithful volunteers. Hundreds of dedicated board members, talented staff, devoted docents, builders, and planners have slowly helped realize the vision of what we might become. It has truly been a community effort.

It’s been fun for me to be a builder, but it’s time to say “Good Bye” so the next stage can begin. In our next newsletter, you will say “Hello” to Ariel Wagner, our new Director. We place in her capable hands the next phase of your remarkable Center for History. I wish her much success, satisfaction, and fun!

Mary Chrastil

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER FOR HISTORY

The Center for History is full speed ahead until we close for the winter on December 15. Our docents have changed the typewriter display in the front window, replacing it with a Christmas exhibit including a sleigh from the 1920s donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heckman.

Santa arrived at The Center November 24 – the Saturday after Thanksgiving. 85 came for this event. The children came with their parents and grandparents. Some adults just came for a photo with Santa.

Each year we do our best to come up with a new ornament for our tree at the Festival of Trees at Timbercrest. You can see our ‘photo’ tree in the Assembly Room this month. You or someone you know might be on it.

December 6 is our Docent Potluck, the last event of the year for us. This is a time to share a meal with those who have given us their time all year. The food is always good and the fellowship even better.

Paula Dee, Museum Coordinator
Presenters this year for the 2nd grade field trip were:
Chief Jim Kirk
Joe Vogel
Lark Killingbeck
Diana Iden
Kathy Garber
Marsha Mort
Sandy Bendsen

2nd Graders Visit
The Center for History

Chief Kirk tells Students the Story of Presta Vickery

A little after 3:00 am on Wednesday October 15, 1930, North Manchester Police Officer Presta Vickery, 48, was on foot patrol with his partner, Wilber Martin. The officers were making their nightly rounds checking the back of the downtown stores along the alley by the Eel River when they came upon two men who had broken into the C. E. Brady Men’s Store at 139 East Main Street (currently Main View family room). A gunfight ensued between the police officers and the robbers. Officer Vickery was struck by a bullet in the chest. Both officers retreated east, toward Mill Street. Vickery collapsed and died near the home of W. O. Jefferson at 215 East Main Street (currently the American Legion). The robbers got away with $50 cash and were never caught.

After this deadly shooting the North Manchester Police Department purchased bulletproof vests for their officers to wear while on duty. One of the first vests purchased is now on exhibit at the Center for History along with a plaque honoring the fallen Officer Vickery. Source: News-Journal, October 16, 1930
NEW IN COLLECTIONS

Aug—Nov 2018
1910 façade piece from 120 E. Main
Richard Freeman’s 1942 diploma and honorary awards
Minutes of Chester class of 1942 reunions with photos
Tea strainer, apple corer, sand painting
1940 Brownie Box Camera
1942—1963 Air Force medals and photos of James Burton
Strauss/Ober family: 5 pc Eastgate parlor set from 1880s, clothing, 1880s high chair, genealogy, photos

OTHER COUNTRIES
British Columbia
Spain
Germany
Philippine Islands
Alaska
Wasilla
Arizona
Phoenix
Scottsdale
California
Eureka
Irvine
Los Angeles
Redlands
Colorado
Denver
El Jebel
Florida
Bradenton
Cocoa
Deland
Dunedin
Haines City
Key West
Miami
Sarasota
Tallahassee
Wimauma
Georgia
Fayetteville
Lake Park
Iowa
Coralville
Illinois
Chicago
Elgin
Joliet
LaGrange
Mahomet
Naperville
Springfield
Louisiana
Hayes
Sulphur
Maryland
Bartonsville
Columbia
Hagerstown
Jefferson
Maine
Bath
Michigan
Ann Arbor
Bloomfield
Browntown
Climax
Detroit
Grand Haven
Hillsdale
Sturgis
Missouri
Beverly Hills
St. Louis
Montana (1)
Raleigh
New Jersey
Long Valley
Nevada
Las Vegas
New York
Long Island
Schenectady
Ohio
Ashland
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Dayton
New Carlisle
Perrysburg
Springfield
Toledo
Oklahoma
Fayette
Oklahoma City
Paulding
Pennsylvania
Bensalem
Fort Washington
Philadelphia
Somerset
South Carolina
Little River
South Dakota
Rapid City
Tennessee
Colliersville
Nashville
Texas
Austin
Fort Worth
Houston
Utah
Ogden
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Alexandria
Arlington
King George
McLean
Washington
Woodinville
Wisconsin
Madison
Oak Creek
INDIANA
Akron
Albion
Andrews
Angola
Auburn
Avon
Brookston
Brownstown
Carmel
Chesterton
Churubusco
Claypool
Columbia city
Crawfordsville
Crown Point
Decatur
Fishers
Fort Wayne
Geneva
Goshen
Hagerstown
Huntington
Indianapolis
Kewanna
Kokomo
LaFontaine
Lake Village
Laketon
Lawrenceburg
Leo
Marion
Mentone
Middlebury
Middletown
Mishawaka
Monticello
New Haven
New Paris
New Waverly
Noblesville
North Webster
Peru
Pierceon
Richmond
Roann
Roanoke
Rochester
Sidney
Silver Lake
Somerset
Spencerville
St. Joe
Tipton
Twelve Mile
Urbana
Wabash
Warsaw
Westfield
Williamsport
Winona Lake

1,238 visitors came to the Center for History between March 15 and October 15, 2018 from:

WILLIAMSBURG & LANCASTER EXCURSION
April 29—May 4 2019
18 MORE TRAVELERS NEEDED
For more information contact: Bernie Ferringer (260) 982-8734
100-Block East Main in 1911

- Warvel Building
- Amer Express
- Arnold Bank
- First National
- Winton
- Mils
- Priv.
- Dwllg.
- Meat
- Sandoz
- Lavey A.B
- TOWN
- Miller
- HALL
- Carr/Impl

For Apts. Apts. For Sun Mostly New Town Hall

1911

November 2018

2018

For Sale Apts. For Sale

Mostly Books Look Boutique

Photo by Scott McAlpine

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PO Box 361
North Manchester, IN 46962
260.982.0672

___New Member  ___Renewal
___Individual $30  ___Couples $50  ___Sustaining $75  ___Supporting $100

In addition to membership, I would like to give a donation of $__________ to be used for:

___Where most needed  ___Center for History  ___Thomas Marshall House
___Other (Please specify)

Name ______________________________________________________________
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City ___________________________  State _______  Zip code ___________
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Would you prefer to receive your Newsletter by Email?  ___ Yes

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