



Lyndon Area
Historical Society
Bridging the past with the future

February 2019 Annual Newsletter

Greetings from your Historical Society President!

"We extend a big THANK YOU to all businesses, residents, society members, donors and board members for your dedication to our Society. We really appreciate ALL of you!! We strive to work together to preserve the history of this small Lyndon Village. Please continue with your service and your gifts that help us maintain our buildings and the camaraderie of our Lyndon community. Be sure to mark your calendars to note our 2019 upcoming events. We love to have you join us. "

Sincerely,

Carol (Richmond) Crady

Reflections of 2018

April	Spring Trivia Night (fundraiser)	October	Trick or Treat at the museum (service)
June	Women of Lyndon (exhibit)	November	Fall Trivia Night (fundraiser)
July	Marian Hiland Memorial (service)		Lyndon Area Veterans (exhibit)
		December	Ladies Patriotic Christmas Tea (service)
			Lighting of the Lyndon Bridge*(service)

*The Lyndon Area Historical Society partnered with Royal Neighbors of America and the Village of Lyndon to hold the first annual **Light up the Bridge** at the historical Lyndon Bridge on December 22, 2018. It was a beautiful night and a beautiful sight. There were over 140 recorded visitors from 18 cities and 3 states! Currently, plans are already in the works to make this an annual holiday family event and a new Lyndon tradition.

TOTAL RECORDED VISITORS FOR 2018 = 358+

Honoring Lyndon Area Veterans November 11, 2018

Over 37 veterans were showcased at our 2018 exhibit. Donald Arthur Cooper was one of those veterans honored. Donald served in the Army during WWII. In 1951 he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed on the USS Missouri BB-63 "Big Mo" during the Korean Conflict. Our Missing Man's Table paid tribute to all MIA's in all Wars. A special place of honor was given to Dennis Keith Eads. He was a co-pilot on an AH 1G helicopter. On April 23, 1970, the helicopter was shot down 10 miles southwest of An Hoa in the Quang Nam Province of South Vietnam. He has never been found.

If you are interested in submitting information on family members who served, please contact Lois Pilgrim at 815-213-1952. We will mail you an informational packet. All packets MUST be returned to us by September 1, 2019 – the sooner the better - if you wish to have that family member honored at our November 10, 2019 exhibit.

Remembering Our Lyndon Area Residents Who Have Passed In 2018

Claire Bolhous, Marian (Eads) Hiland, Ron McDivitt, Tom Ryan, Carla Ann Harrison, Margaret (Madsen) O'Bryan, William (Bill) Bellows), Patricia (Chamberlain) Francis, Avalon (Al) Foster, Barbara (Geens) Gillette, Wilma (Ottens) Huizenga, Terry R. Kuehl, Victoria (Nance) Poulas, Larry W. Page Sr., Dan O. Scott, Thomas L. Siebert, Arlyn R. Sikkema, George Tiemann, Rosemary (Rose) Wiersema, Donald Richards

Paying Tribute to Marian (Eads) Hiland and Carla Ann Harrison

Marian, daughter of Frank and Nelly Eads, was born on her family's farm outside Lyndon on August 11, 1920. She lived on that farm for most of her life. She married Frank Hiland in 1944. Marian was a 2nd grade teacher in Morrison for 27 years, an active member of both the Lyndon Congregational Church and the Lyndon Historical Society. In partnership

with Madge (Blagg) Hunt, Marian led the Rock River Rainbows 4- H. Marian passed away on May 22, 2018. A memorial was held in her honor on July 2, 2018 at the Lyndon Area Historical Society (former Lyndon Congregational Church).

Carla Ann Harrison was born and raised in Lyndon. She was a first cousin to Mary Ellen (Hunt) Rogers of Lyndon. Their mothers were sisters (Blagg). Carla Ann grew up in the house directly across from the Lyndon Area Historical Society (Lyndon Congregational Church). She was an active member of the Lyndon Congregational Church. The banner that yet hangs in the sanctuary was made by Carla Ann and her sister, Sharon. Carla Ann was a talented musician and music teacher. Carla Ann Harrison passed away October 29, 2018. Upon her passing, it was revealed that she had purchased a new furnace and central air for the Lyndon Area Historical Society. Both Marian and Carla Ann will be greatly missed for their legacy of contributions to the community of Lyndon.

Keeping Our Doors Open - 2018 Operating Expenses

Expenses	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Utilities (gas/electricity/water)	1470.00	Memorabilia	90.00
Supplies/Maintenance/Exhibits/Archival Storage	1049.00	2018 Newsletter	434.00
Insurance**** 354.00 increase for 2019	940.00	Paint/Plaster kitchen area	244.00
Wildermuth Pest Control	200.00		
Website	230.00		
Other	281.00		

Contact Mary Ellen Rogers (815-778-4962) for further information concerning, our operating expenses, fundraisers, dues, donations and memorials.

2018 Grants

Moore Foundation – chairlift, update of kitchen plumbing, septic system inspection (Summer 2018)
 New Beginnings Community Foundation – repair of concrete steps leading to the sanctuary doors (Spring 2019)

2018 Accomplishments

- A new high resolution LCD Projector (donated funds)
- Updated plumbing in the fellowship hall kitchen area (grant monies)
- Septic system inspected (partial grant monies)
- Installed a chairlift to the fellowship hall (grant monies)
 - The Blumhoff’s offered an Acorn chairlift that had been in a family home. State regulations and liability insurance prohibit retrofitting home use chairlifts in public buildings. We thank the Blumhoff’s for their most generous offer.
- Repair of Lyndon Bridge Replica (Marty and Connie Stern Family – Thank you for your generosity)
- Design and construction of 37 veterans’ exhibits (fundraises, dues, donation funds)

Proposed Facility Improvement Projects for 2019 and beyond...

- Repair concrete steps to sanctuary (Spring 2019)
- Repair the ramp to our exhibit hall (Spring/Summer 2019)
- Install security light above ramp entrance
- Repair/replace/update wiring (Sure could use help on this one!!!)

2019 Proposed Calendar of Events (All events and dates are subject to change.)

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| • April 13 Spring Trivia Night | September | Ice Cream Social on the Lawn? |
| • May 5 Program: Lincoln Assassination | October 31 | Trick or Treating |
| • June Family Movie Night on the Lawn? | November 2 | Fall Trivia Night |
| • July Lyndonites Collections Exhibit? | November 10 | Honoring Lyndon Area Veterans Exhibit |
| | December | A ChristmasTea? |

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Please remember!! We are sustained through volunteerism, fiscal diligence, dues, memorials, fundraisers, availability of grant monies, generosity, ingenuity, optimism, and elbow-grease. Those annual membership dues, donations,

memorials, and fundraisers are critical to our continued existence. LAHS is not funded through any foundations, trusts, or endowments. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. All donations are tax-exempt. We can supply you with documentation of your donations for your financial records.

Usage of the Facility

Both the chapel and downstairs fellowship hall may be reserved for private events and celebrations. Visit our website for a copy of the Facility Usage Agreement. Contact Kris Bielema (815-499-4015) for further information.

Media and Marketing

If you wish to contact us, call Kris Bielema at (815-499-4015). We are currently updating our Facebook page – ***Lyndon Area Historical Society. You Know You Grew Up in Lyndon if You Remember...*** is another excellent Facebook page you will enjoy visiting. Our website has a photo gallery, calendar, history, facility usage forms, genealogy research, Lyndon Bridge chronology, past issues of our newsletters, and a membership form. www.lyndonareahistoricalsociety.org

Memorabilia For Sale

We have a variety of items available: t-shirts, magnets, coasters, mugs, mouse pads, can cozies, postcards, notecards, Lyndon History Books compiled by Gene Harrington, and Whiteside County History Books. We have added Lyndon Bridge mugs and notecards.

Board Meetings and Museum Hours

Board meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at 405 4th St. West from March – November. Generally, we are open Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. It is best to call Kris Bielema at (815-499-4015) if you plan a visit.

Sincerely,

Carol (Richmond) Crady – president; Lois (Johnson) Pilgrim – vice president; Mary Ellen (Hunt) Rogers – treasurer; Kris Burke-Bielema – secretary. Board Members: Bart Bielema, Jim and Connie Boonstra, Dale Ann and Terry Cook, Lindy Greenwood, Neil Johnson, Brady Nance, Mimi Sweetser, Alicia Wetzell, Kodi Wright

Lyndon Area Historical Society Membership Form

Return this portion with your membership dues/donation/memorials.

Your dues help keep our doors open! Thank You!

To make a monetary donation and/or to become a member, please mark below. Return this form to: Lyndon Area Historical Society 405 4th Street West PO Box 112 Lyndon, IL 61261. **Check Payable: Lyndon Area Historical Society** We are a 501 (C) 3 tax-exempt organization.

_____ Single Membership (\$10.00) _____ Family Membership (\$20.00) _____ Monetary Donation/Memorial

Please specify the intent of donation/memorial _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am interested in helping out at the Lyndon Area Historical Society. Contact me.

Will you consider any of the following?

- Volunteering at our fundraisers, exhibits, and service projects
- Helping us create/build/stage exhibits and displays
- Volunteering to assist us with maintenance projects
- Volunteering to assist us with archiving historical artifacts
- Becoming an active LAHS Board Member to assist in the continued operation and preservation of the facility

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