



HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

Highland, Illinois July, 2013

Harvest Days Event 2013

The Highland Historical Society presents the **26th** annual Harvest Days at the Latzer Homestead on Friday, September 6th 7:30am-2pm, the 7th 7:30am-5:30pm and the 8th 7:30am-4pm. Friday is \$3, Saturday and Sunday each \$5. There is a three day pass available for \$8.

The Rainbow Ranch Petting Zoo is sponsored by the **Oberbeck Grain Company, Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home and Dr. James Rehberger.**

The Free Pony Rides on Saturday and Sunday are sponsored by **Kathy Sippo of Caldwell Banker Brown Realtors,** and the **National Bank in Highland.**

The Parade of Power will be at 4 pm on Saturday and 3:30 on Sunday. Pedal tractor pull for children at 1:30 both Saturday and Sunday. Also a Pumpkin Growing Contest for prizes. Call John at (618) 654-2466.

The Living History Area

Sponsored by **Highland Rural King,** the Living History area is a variety of informational groups representing a variety of time periods:

- *Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution
- *War of 1812 with the Illinois Territorial Rangers and
- *Civil War by 11th Mississippi troops and Lt.G.E.Dixon SCV Camp
- *1st Regiment of Foote—the British Army
- *Regiment de Guyenne--the French Army
- *Artillery du Louisiane featuring the Lady Cannoniers

As in the past, there will be:

- *Vintage tractors
- *Steam engines
- *Horses plowing the fields sponsored by **First Mid Illinois & Trust**
- *Tours of the Homestead
- *Good Food/Home Cooking
- *Music
- *Vintage Fire Engines sponsored by **The Bank of Edwardsville**
- *Craft and Flea Market

Volunteers Needed

We need workers for the event and ask all who can to please work at least one shift. Also needed are men and women who can clean up the grounds two weeks before the show, those who can help set up, and those who can help clean up after the show. Men are needed for parking lot duty and working with the machinery. On-the-job training provided.

Women are needed for food service, tours of the Homestead and one person to help when the third graders are there. Call Lynn Rehberger at 654-6781.

Also needed for all three days are pies, cookies and brownies. You can bring them to the Homestead any day or call Janet Kraus at 654-7957. Those who no longer cook can still "donate a pie" for \$7, call Janet to learn more. "It seems we need more pies every year."

Silent Auction

During the Harvest Days the Society holds a Silent Auction and donations are needed. We need new craft

items, collector items, baskets of "things" and saleable items. Call Elaine Iberg at (618) 654-3173.

While the Flea Market will still take place, the Society will no longer be participating and we ask that no items be brought out to the homestead, intended for donation.

NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING IS AT THE
LATZER
HOMESTEAD ON
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 11, 2012, 7pm

John Johnson will speak briefly on a rare biography of Louis Latzer, recently discovered, published in 1946 in a total edition of fifty copies. The book will be available for careful examination.

Swiss National Day Celebration August 1st

The Highland Sister Cities Organization will celebrate Highland's Swiss/German heritage with cultural events this year. **Free.**

**Thursday, August 1, 2013
at 5:30-8:30pm at the First
Baptist Church, 2709
Poplar St., Highland, IL**

Events include a Sursee Travelog, Swiss Music, Games, Stories, Crafts, a Swiss bonfire and Fondue making. Many events for both children and adults.

Please Thank a Volunteer

As you know, many of the things done by the Highland Historical Society could not take place without volunteers. The Harvest Days is an example where many people get involved. Other events continue to need more hands, where possible. If you can no longer do work yourselves, think of getting your children or grandchildren involved.

With this in mind we would like to thank Lynn and Sharon Hargus, Bill and Janet Kraus, John Johnson and Clem Koehnemann for participating in the spring clean-up of Kaeser Park and the Highland Historical Museum, including servicing the gardens and opening the trails.

Of special note, we have been continually improving the Suppinger Chapel in the Highland Cemetery, in some cases with the help of the Boy Scouts. The Highland Garden Tour this year put the Chapel on the circuit and we need to thank Clem Koehnemann for manning the station for us. The tour brought interest to the chapel.

Clem also did carpentry work and created a glass box, shown in the Chapel with an historical wreath and new stands for flags, so that the Chapel now has a Swiss and an American flag along with the recently renovated pews and interior. We also need to include thanks to Lynn Hargus who assisted Clem.

We recently pointed out that the Museum is open from 1-4pm on the first Sunday of each month and we need to thank the Harguses, the Krauses, the Thiels, Clem Koehnemann and Elaine Iberg for volunteering to man the entrance.

The Newsletter Experiment

When we collect the membership slips, we ask and sometimes get the member's email address. A long time ago we tried sending some newsletters by email but had little success.

Obviously, the Society spends a lot of money on mailing to 130 members. We are ready to try again. If you prefer, you can now get the newsletter on your computer. One advantage is that often the pictures are in color, but we cannot afford to print color newsletters. If you get it digitally, you can see, print a copy in color or even download and save the picture.

Many of our current email addresses are incorrect. Some are probably old and it is possible that some were simply misread since they are given to us in a hard to read hand-written format. In order to make this work, please email me, John Johnson, at 4j@charter.net and tell me that you want the newsletter in that format. I will use your return email address and create a list of Historical Society Members we can also contact instantaneously should the need arise.