



MARCH MADNESS

ANNUAL DINNER RECAP

FLASHBACK 1952

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THE OBJECT OF OUR STORY: TAPPAN RANGE, circa 1952

On the south boardwalk in the main building of the Plainsman Museum, you'll find Springer's Radio and Appliance Store, and in that store you'll find this amazing stove, donated by the children of Wilma Nuss.

In a world of cooking shows, this stove may seem old-fashioned, but it has more bells and whistles than Santa and his reindeer. It's a No. 60 Series, and the recipes included in the operating manual alone are worth

whatever this cost 67 years ago when it was new. This range is a powerhouse of cooking, steaming, baking, crisping, timing, and secret compartments. If you want to know how to access the hidden Crisper Chest or the secret compartment for storing lids, hop in the car and come on by - we'll show you the stove that Beats Bobby Flay.

“History is who we are and why we are the way we are.” - David McCullough

UPDATE: Funding for the Wesley Huenefeld Agricultural Building restoration and repair is complete.

COMING UP: Museum March Madness, 2-5 pm March 3. Friends, family & favorite board games!

Annual Dinner and Auction Raises \$15,000

Monday, February 4th, was a landmark evening for the museum. Two hundred people gathered to decorate, socialize, dine, socialize, bid, socialize and donate their money for a plethora of exciting items.

Twenty-seven beautiful tables for eight filled the rotunda, each a work of art in decorating by generous volunteers, supporters and local businesses.

Friends and families strolled the Boardwalk, enjoying the history of Hamilton County while perusing the silent auction goodies made available by the generosity of our county people, businesses, and organizations.

A lively auction followed a scrumptious dinner (by Nitta's Bed & Breakfast and Catering) of stuffed butterfly pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, salad, rolls & butter were followed by creamy, fruity cheesecake and chocolate cake. Dinner was served by the Lucky Sprouts 4-H group.

Each auction item was a highlight called by Tom Cornwell and company, with helpers Roberta Cool and Rhonda Grosshans. The bidding was fast and furious - and fun! Winners took home a top notch selection of baked goodies, hand crafted furniture and decor, and overflowing baskets for the benefit of the museum.

At the end of the night, the Plainsman Museum was so grateful to net \$15,000 in funds raised! Donations from this dinner and auction will go toward all costs associated with upgrading and repairing the Wesley Huenefeld Agricultural Building.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE PLAINSMAN:

Gem of a find. Worth a stop, February 2018

"I know you're probably rolling down the freeway, and your destination is pulling you forward. But if you skip this jewel, I guarantee you'll regret it. I suspect my agricultural childhood makes it more significant, but there are things here you'll never see anywhere else. It made me feel as though I was reliving my grandfather's early years. Tons of neat stuff." - Wilson, Arkansas

SNEAK PREVIEW

Our online calendar plainsmanmuseum.org/calendar helps you keep details at your fingertips — but here's your sneak preview of what's around the bend!

MARCH

3/03: Museum March Madness - Board games from 2-5pm
3/24: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 12:00 pm

APRIL

4/22: Gardening Show & Do
4/29: Heroes and Huskies Night 6:30-8:30 pm

MAY

5/02: **GO BIG GIVE** - your online donations help us keep up with the cost of running a museum! Visit GoBigGive.org for details on this annual event.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new members of the HCHS Board of Directors Jesse Dubas, Jana Gibson, Steve Pawley, John Thomas, and Jay Schulze (appointee). And a big Thank You to outgoing board members Tessa Burgener, Linda Ohlson, Therese Runion, Glenn Spiehs, and Betty Van Luchene. Your hard work and service for the Plainsman Museum has made a big difference! **Board members are volunteers without whom the museum cannot function, if you see one of these folks from either list, shake their hand and say “Thanks for helping keep Hamilton County History alive!”**

RESTORATION PROJECT: MODEL A

Talk about objects telling stories - oh, what tales this car could tell! A-Team guys Don Bish, Richard Gustafson, Dale Saddler, Walt Jacobs, and Gary Bayne have been diligently restoring this beauty during the frigid winter months.



SUSTAINING THROUGH MEMBERSHIPS

Love the museum, but haven't become a member? Want to gift a membership to someone special? Visit www.plainsmanmuseum.org, and click “Membership” in the main menu - simple. You can pay with a credit card or PayPal. And if you prefer writing a check, just stop in, or mail a check with “membership” in the memo to Plainsman Museum, 210 16th St., Aurora NE 68818.

Money from memberships helps sustain daily operations - We couldn't do it without you!

SPRING WISH LIST

- ▶ 4-drawer legal file cabinet
- ▶ Decaffeinated coffee (pods or ground)
- ▶ Reams of copy paper

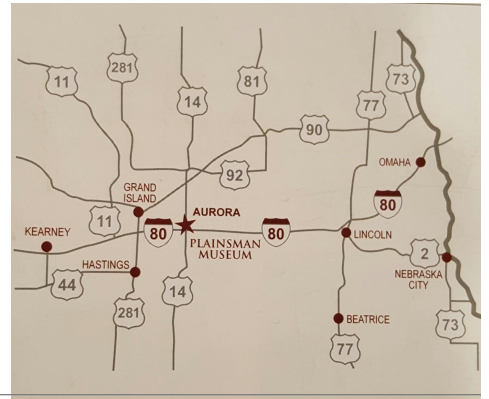
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