



Newsletter

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JHS Receives POET Grant



JHS Vice President and Museum Curator, Dick Steffen displays the check received from POET.

The Jewell Historical Society recently applied for and was awarded a \$1,000.00 Community Impact Grant from POET, the world's largest biofuel producer, which has a plant in the Jewell area. The grant will be used to help defray costs associated with the current upgrades in lighting in the Museum (see article below).

Museum Lighting Project

Thanks in part to the POET Grant mentioned above, the Jewell History Museum now has an improved lighting system. The ceiling pendant lights have been in use for many years, and may even have been original to the building. Only one of the three fixtures was operational, and all were situated too high to easily service them or even to change the bulbs. Thanks to POET, and with the help of local electrical contractor Keaton Abbott, the fixtures have been removed and replaced.



Old light fixtures



Light fixture replacement begins

the breeding and development of the American Cream Horse, the only breed of draft horse developed solely in the United States. The Cream Horse breed was developed in the Jewell-Ellsworth-Radcliffe area in the early 1900s. Goldie, one of the almost 450 remaining Creams in the United States was present.



Barbara Homrighaus



New Light Fixtures



“Goldie”

Jewell Jubilee Activities

Thirty-two people attended a presentation by Barb Homrighaus at the Museum on Saturday afternoon, June 10, during Jewell Jubilee. They were immersed in a 45 minute program on the role of Dr. Erick Christian, DVM of Jewell in

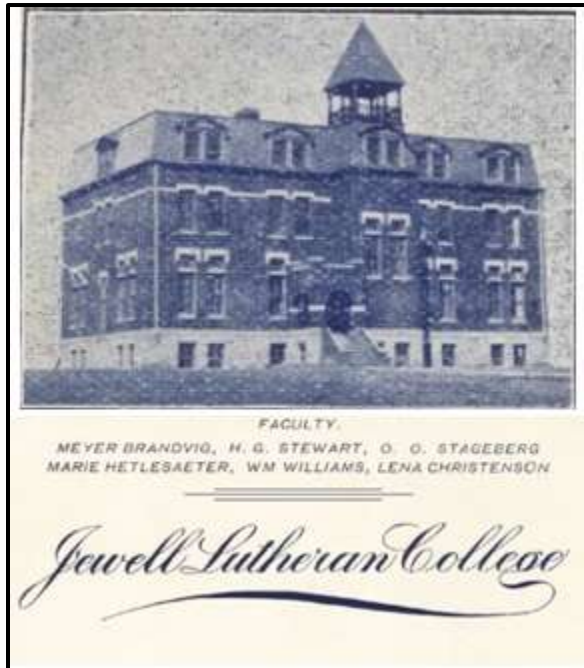
And on Sunday, June 11, 20 individuals attended a video presentation in the Museum reprising the Jewell Cemetery Walk, which occurred in 2006 during Jewell’s

Quasquicentennial. Despite some technical difficulties, the audience was patient and enjoyed it.



JHS Website News

Excerpted from the JHS website, this is a transcription of a letter written by a faculty member of the Jewell Lutheran College to the parent of a student. A photocopy of the original letter can be viewed on the website.



Jewell, Iowa
April 4, 1898

Mr. N. J. Nelson
Ellsworth, Ia.

My Dear Sir:

It is my painful duty to report to you Jessie's conduct here so that you may give him a fathers reprimand and counsel.

His conduct in general was unsatisfactory and several weeks before the close of the term he

apologized publicly in chapel for violating the regulations of the school. But the deplorable climax was reached just after school closed.

He was discovered one evening in the ladies dormitory in one of the girl's private room together with one girl, the door locked, and the light out. We believe that you desire to be informed of such a serious trespass of right conduct and we also feel it our duty to do so.

*Respectfully,
Meyer Brandvig.*

This and other stories of interest can be found on www.JewellJunctionHistory.org. The site was developed, is maintained and is frequently updated by the Society's Webmaster, JHS Board member Alan Spohnheimer.



A Blast from the Past

The following is a brief excerpt from the Centennial Book (p. 214 – 215), published in 1981. This and the Quasquicentennial Book (published in 2006) are available for review in the Jewell History Museum. In addition, copies can be found at the Montgomery Memorial Library, from where they can also be checked out by Library cardholders.

Spanish-American War – 1898 **Fifty-Second Regiment** **Iowa Volunteer Infantry**

April 23, 1898, President McKinley issued a call for 125,000 volunteers for the Spanish-American War to serve two years unless mustered out. Each state had its quota. Hamilton County sent 50 in its first contingent; 34 later, all in Company C.

During June 1898, the Fifty-Second Iowa regiment was recruited to its maximum strength. They reported to Camp McKinley, Des Moines. From there they went to Camp Thomas, Chicamauga Park, Ga. They were mustered out August 29, 1898. The regiment left Chicamauga Park by rail August 28, 1898, under orders to proceed to Des Moines. They were granted a 30-day furlough. They were mustered out of service August 30, 1898, never having left the camp.

Those who enlisted from the Jewell Junction area were Guy Barkhuff, 18; Burton R. Dutton, 25; Guy L. Gearhart, 19; George A. Hanna, 34; Henning H. Henningson, 19; Louis C. Jacobson, 242; Marshall N. Knudson, 21; Nels J. Nelson, 212; Peter B. Larson.

Sixty thousand men were in the camp. They had preaching and songs almost every night. The camp was badly infested with typhoid fever. Guy Burkuff, who died August 22, 1898 of typhoid fever, was the first casualty of Hamilton County. Burton Dutton died of typhoid fever Sept 7, 1898. Another Spanish-American War veteran was Joseph Weidner.



Nels Jewell Nelson, Spanish American Veteran, uncle of Ann Hage and father of Roy Jewell.



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