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Congratulations to 2018 Santa Lucia Mallorie Wookey and her court! They are (L-R): Hannah Elwood, Devin Isaacson, Madalyn Johnson, Mallorie Wookey, Kami Tibben, Shelby Brockshus and Savanna Moffett. Thanks to the many students, families and volunteers who make this winter celebration happen each year!

Landscaping Project — We've had a Scandinavian winter this year with 50-60 inches of snow and a lot of cold temperatures. Some of our meetings have been cancelled due to weather, but we're still making plans for 2019. The last part of the plan will provide access from the level of the main building to the level of the water tower (a 4-5 foot elevation change). Visitors and members who wish to view the "World's Largest Swedish Coffee Pot" up close will be able to do so in a dignified way. We will be in need of approximately \$28,000 additional funds to pay for this project.

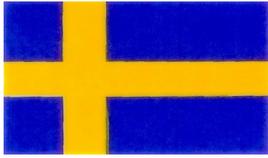
2019 History Center Visiting Hours

The 2019 opening of the History Center for visitors will be on April 3 and continue through October 31. The days and hours will be Wed—Sat, 1-4 pm. If there are other times you'd like to visit, please call Carroll Peterson, (712) 313-8522.

Our 2019 Annual meeting is set for Saturday, April 13, 2 pm at the History Center. Our speaker will be Trish Bergren, Executive Director of the Carnegie Art Museum and the Curator at the Nodaway Valley Museum both of Clarinda, Iowa. Trish's father was Larry Bergren, and her grandfather was Lee Bergren, Stanton class of 1944.

Welcome, Beautiful May! All Skona Maj singers plus those who would like to learn this Swedish song are invited to come sing on April 30, 6:45 pm. We'll meet at the History Center before going to several singing engagements around town. Thanks to "Mr Schultz" for leading the Skona Maj singers for 50+ years! Through his many years of being Stanton's music teacher, he has known many families for several generations and still has us singing! Thanks, John!





Pioneer courage - *forgotten or unknown* *Stanton history.*

The Stanton school began as part of the rural country school system in the 1870s. A rural-like school building was placed in the middle of town for children to attend. (The location was southeast of the Old Main building.) The need for a larger building was recognized in the early 1880's since there were many town children. The initial building had already been added onto but was still too small. Ten town lots were purchased (#202-211), Hilltop street was moved west to the alleyway and the school had a large, central area for a building. A brick school building was constructed for \$7,500 and completed in 1885. It housed grades 1-10 and had 120 students when it opened in January 1886.

"It has been for some time thought of starting a high school in Stanton, and after several meetings with a board of directors, they finally decided to open such a school, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. for a term of five months. Tuition is only \$2 per month. A.W. Johnsson was elected president and professor of said school. The school room this winter will be the basement of the church."
(Montgomery County Independent, 5 Oct 1888, p.4)
Some time later the 11th grade class was moved back to the school building. The first 3-year high school graduate was Junia Mercer in 1890.

"Educationally, Stanton has made some improvements, the school building has been thoroughly renovated during the year. The course of study has been revised and another year added to the high school course and arrangements have been made whereby our graduates can enter the Freshman class of some four leading colleges without examination. A school flag has been purchased and projects for securing money for a library is under headway. Good teachers have also been selected and the schools are not taking any backward steps." (Red Oak Express, Dec. 30, 1892, p.8)

In 1911, the Iowa legislature passed the Shane bill which provided "for free tuition in accredited high schools to the pupils in rural schools which do not have high school facilities and courses. The district pays the bill." (Stanton Call, April 20, 1911, p.2). What this meant was that if a

rural student wanted a 4-year high school diploma and Stanton did not have the 4th year available, the student could attend the Red Oak high school and Stanton school district would pay the tuition.

"There has been considerable agitation of late to add another year to the high school course, making the full course of four years. If the "knockers" will put away their hammers and everybody take hold and boost with a will, it will not be long before we will have a first-rate high school in Stanton." (Stanton Call, May 4, 1911, p. 1)

At the same time as the above school issue was developing and vote was being planned, women's voting rights were beginning to be exercised. This opportunity to vote might have been the first time that the women of the Stanton area were allowed to vote. Privacy was much different then, than it is now.

"The most spirited school election ever held here, or at least in a quarter of a century, was the one held Monday. The vote was by far the largest recorded, 249, but of these 73 were cast by women. The men voting numbered 38 more than ever before. This measure required a majority vote to carry.

"The question was on voting bonds for \$7,500 to add two rooms to the present building and repair the old. There was a strong, determined and very active opposition to the plan. Workers on both sides got out nearly the entire vote. Old men whom some of the election judges had never seen vote before came to vote. The women were out strong.

"Those who argue against women's suffrage derived little satisfaction from the manner in which the women voted. They spoiled only one ballot, while the men spoiled 10.

"Here are the results of the election:

FOR	Men.....	74
	Women.....	54
	Total.....	128
AGAINST	Men.....	100
	Women.....	18
	Total.....	118

(Stanton Call, March 14, 1912, p. 1)

Construction began in May of 1912 as soon as school was out for the summer. Nels M. Roll was the contractor. They hoped to have it completed by September for a new school year, but materials didn't show up when needed. The 2 story 40'x60' brick addition was built on the north side of the 1885 building. School opened in the fall of 1912 to the sounds of construction as some classes continued to meet in the hallways.

"At the meeting of the school board held Tuesday evening contractor N.M. Roll formally turned the new building over to the board, and it was accepted. Earlier in the day, together with supervising architect J. Chris Jensen of Council Bluffs, the board had given the work a thorough inspection and found everything done, not only according to specifications but with care, thoroughness and finish that makes the distinction between a job that will just pass and one that is in all respects is first-class. The board has every reason for being satisfied both with the architect and the contractor.

"The school building is now a massive and imposing looking structure. The town and district have reason to be proud of it. By the addition of this 40'x60' two story brick and stone building, the high and graded schools are housed in rooms adequate to present needs. There are now six large rooms, besides the superintendent's office, which will place two grades in each room. When further necessary repairs are made in the old building, where the rooms are in sad need of steel ceilings and all around painting, the school property will be in first-class condition, a joy to the eye and answering the requirements of a modern school building. The best asset, and the best advertising, that a town can have are its good school." (Stanton Call, Nov. 21, 1912, p. 1)



Save the date: July 9-12, 2020 are the days for Stanton's 150 year anniversary celebration and homecoming,! Plan to come!



We need your info!

We can reduce some of our mailing expenses by sending newsletters to you by email. An added benefit is that it would be in color! May we have your email? If you're willing, please include your email address when you send in your yearly membership contribution, or send a separate email to shcc@myfmtc.com with your name and info.

Memberships!

If you have not paid your 2019 membership, now is the time! Memberships and donations pay the maintenance, utility and project expenses. Thanks!

Yes! I support the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center with my 2019 membership contributions!.

- Individual membership \$10
- Individual and spouse membership \$20
- Bronze contributing membership \$50
- Silver contributing membership \$100
- Gold contributing membership \$200
- Platinum contributing membership \$500
- Benefactor contributing membership \$1000
- Corporate contributing membership \$5000

Amount: _____

Names to be listed as members: _____

Another option: Donation, Memorial or Endowment in memory of: _____

Amount: _____

Memberships/Donations (Sept 2018 - Feb 2019)

*Carolyn Allen, Eugene & Paula Anderson, Rosemary Anderson, Stephen Anderson, Marilyn An-
dringa, Carolyn Ballard, Helen Beasom, Pat & Sharon Berggren, Martha Beveridge, Jack & Pauline
Bisbee, Alexander Cesaretti, Charlotte Cesaretti, Hannah Cesaretti, Madeleine Cesaretti, Michael
Cesaretti, Nora Cesaretti, Robin Cesaretti, William Cesaretti, Terry & Peggy Christie, William & Bob
Crawford Foundation, Janet & Duane Dinville, Wayne & Mary Donohue, Christie & Bettina Douglas,
Pat & Jerry Gilliland, Gary Goodemote, Rod & Patricia Goodemote, Faith Grotenhuis Trust, James
Grotenhuis, Knute & Denise Hallquist, Bonnie Hanson, Scott Henry & Terri Petterson-Henry, Mimi
& Tim Ilo, Jerry & Joanne Jones, Rogene LeNeveu, Leland & Mary Lou Lindberg, Philip Löfgren,
Jeff & Tammy Magnuson, Karl & Ann Mattson, Bob & Kathy Means, Leigh & David Möllenhöf,
Lynn & Nancy Mulherin, John & Julie Newman, Dale Nimrod, Dean Olander, Jeffrey Olson, Paul &
Harriet Olson, Brian & Kathy Peterson, Karl & Candace Peterson, Monte Peterson & Donna Epstein,
Mons Roll, Robert & Sandy Rossander, Marilyn Sampson, John Schultz, Stephen Selligren, Jack &
Sue Shuckhart, Hugh & Donna Smith, Stanton 5th Grade Class, Richard Sundberg, Jake & Mindy
Wookey, Sara Worm.*

Memorials (Sept 2018 - Feb 2019):

*Carolyn Ballard in memory of Tom Ballard, Class of 1982 in memory of Jeffrey Olson, Venita Edie
and Daryl Anderson in memory of Clayton Johnson, Robert & Bonnie Hanson in memory of Gladys &
Wesley Erickson and Daryl Erickson, John & Carol Jansson, Karen Kilzer in memory of Fran Ossian,
Bob & Kathy Means in memory of Frances Ossian, Lynn & Nancy Mulherin in memory of Harlan
Quist, Monte Peterson & Donna Epstein in memory of Alvin & Marviline Peterson, Mons Roll in
memory of Donald A. & Janis Peterson, Robert Schenck in memory of Clayton Johnson.*

*Persons giving in memory of Jean Lundgren Anderson: Micky & Marla Anderson, Jack & Pauline
Bisbee, Dennis & Jennifer Burke, Wayne & Mary Donohue, Verna Heuer, Don & Linda Hicks, Doro-
thy Holmberg, Michael & Julie Kennon, Karl & Shelley Lundgren, Sheila Mainquist, Bob & Kathy
Means, David & Kristine McAninch, Wade & Helen Newman, Daryl & Velma Peterson, Leonard &
Jana Sandholm, Chris & Janice Stanley, Roger & Susan Stewart.*

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