



Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park

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NEWSLETTER

January 2018

The cold and the quiet are very nice when you're inside and warm. However, there are still activities at the Hausbarn-Heritage Park.

2017 END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

EVENTS:

September - December were very busy months at the Park. Activities included hosting 11 weddings, 6 tours, 2 meetings, and 5 events - Western Iowa Tourism Region meeting, Oktoberfest, Splashpad Fundraiser, Main Street's Family Feud, and the annual Pancake Breakfast. The Hausbarn-Heritage Park also sponsored a tour bus to Omaha to visit the German-American Society. In all, 97 activities took place at the Park in 2017.



GRANTS:

Three grants were also written in the fall; 2 were granted. The Iowa Tourism Division granted \$2295 for expenses connected with Oktoberfest 2017 and the Refresh Manning Trust granted \$1500 to help put a new furnace in the farm house on the Leet/Hassler Farmstead. Grants are very appreciated. Save the Farm also got a grant of \$7748 from the Carroll Community Foundation.

AWARDS:

The biggest excitement for the Park came at the Iowa Tourism Conference held in Sioux City on October 26. Amidst a very large crowd of tourism professionals, the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park was recognized twice. Being called to the podium for the "Outstanding Promotional Materials Award" was a huge surprise. However, when the Park was announced for the biggest award of the day, "Outstanding Rural Attraction", there were lots of cheers from the audience and some happy tears from those who accepted the award on behalf of the Park.

It took 25 years to get to this point. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers, members, donors, and supporters who have worked tirelessly for and believed in the Park.



UPCOMING 2018 ACTIVITIES

EVENTS:

This year has started off with a wedding and a Celebration of Life. 23 more weddings and 26 other events will follow. The number will grow as 2018 goes on.

FUNDRAISING:

Both the Manning Regional Healthcare Center (MRHC) and the Rotary Club will be holding fundraisers at the Conference Center. MRHC will sponsor a murder-mystery event on February 3 and the Rotary will host a Trivia Night on February 17. The Park will also have a fundraiser on March 17th, along with the Annual Oktoberfest and Pancake Breakfast.

PARK EVENTS:

Three events in the next three months, planned by the Hausbarn-Heritage Park Events committee, include a Chili and Ribs Cook Off March 17th, a Membership Meeting on March 17th, and the Spring Farm Fest on May 19th. All events promise to be great fun!

This year the **Annual Volunteer Recognition** and the **Membership Meeting** will be held in the afternoon followed by a **Chili and Ribs Cook Off** at 5 p.m. along with a St. Paddy's Day Party. The Germans are going Irish and there will be green beer Tickets to the event cost \$10. Call 712-655-3131 to reserve a

ticket. Attendees at the event will serve as judges. Prizes will be awarded in both the Chili and Ribs categories. A silent auction and a dessert auction will also be held. A silent auction and a dessert auction will also be held.

JOIN US FOR OUR

ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIBS & CHILI COOK-OFF

GERMAN HAUSBARN CONFERENCE CENTER IN MANNING

Calling all grillers
and chefs!



SATURDAY MARCH 17 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM \$10 PER PERSON (DRINKS NOT INCLUDED) PRIZES AWARDED

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD UPDATES AT THE MANNING HAUSBARN HERITAGE PARK.

Preparations are already underway for the **Spring Farm Fest** on May 19. Activities will include Breakfast on the Farm (free will offering), demonstrations, animals, games, and flower planting. A Maypole Dance will be held in the barn's hayloft. Free admittance to the Park will be available for the Farm Fest.

WORKSHOP:

On April 25 and 26, a Tourism and Community Development workshop will be held at the Conference Center and led by Roger Brooks. Mr. Brooks is a well-known speaker and consultant for attractions and communities. "One of the most recognized and frequently quoted champions and speakers in the travel industry, Roger can speak to any audience about place-making, travel trends, community branding, and community revitalization." April's workshop will address the resurgence of downtowns and how the whole community can work together. Suggestions will be included for how to bring people into the community and how to treat and keep them there. The workshop will be open to area communities and organizations. Wednesday, the 25th, will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, the 26th will be from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost of the workshop is \$60 if registered before April 18 and \$80 after.



Who should attend this WORKSHOP on April 25th and 26th:

**Tourism Industry businesses, organizations & boards
Economic Developers staff & boards
Local county & city officials, councils, city administrators
City & county planning department heads
Chambers of Commerce, board & staff, local businesses
Main Street communities, downtown organizations
Colleges & educational institution leadership
SBDC staff members
State & federal agencies dealing with rural development**

OKTOBERFEST:

Mark your calendars for October 13, 2018 This fun-filled event will include a German meal, beer and wine tasting, performance by the Malek Fishermen's Band (polka music); The German-American Society from Omaha will tap the keg and perform dances for the audience and Angie and Gene from MN will be back to add to the fun. The Bag tournament, sometimes called the Corn Hole game, is in its third year. Last year's winners, pictured on the right, will be happy to take on any challengers for the first prize of \$100. If interested, contact the office at 712-655-3131.



Let's Get Social!

As many of you know, social media has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information. At the Manning Hausbarn-Heritage Park, we have embraced this concept and are using Facebook to further extend our reach. Through social media we invite followers to attend our events, encourage teachers to consider a field trip or brides to consider the Park for their wedding, publicize the need for volunteers or donations, and celebrate our German culture and heritage. Studies have shown that more than half of digitally active adults are likely to do far more than simply "like" a cause when they interact on social media. Active non-profit organizations encourage people to:

- Donate money, products or services
- Volunteer
- Attend or participate in an event
- Serve on boards and committees
- Keep their cause alive

To make our efforts more meaningful and impactful, we want to share your stories, your memories, your photos and your passion for the Hausbarn and Heritage Park.

Here's how you can help!

- Invite your friends to "like" the Manning Hausbarn Heritage Park Facebook page located in the lower right-hand side of our Facebook page.



- Comment on our posts and tag friends who may enjoy the information.
- Post your favorite memory either of the Hausbarn (ie. Hausbarn construction, Trinity Church move, a tour, a wedding or special event), your German heritage, or life on the farm.
- Share your favorite traditional German or farm recipes, maybe even send a family recipe and traditions you remember celebrating as a child.
- Share photos of events held at the Park and "tag" us in your photos.
- Encourage your friends, family, children and neighbors to learn more about their ancestors and their past, whether that is German culture, life on the farm or growing up in small town Iowa.

With your help we will continue to celebrate the memories of yesteryear and keep our traditions and history alive!

Not on social media? No problem. Write us a letter or email us your story and we will be happy to share it!

JOIN THE FACEBOOK PAGE, "MANNING HAUSBARN-HERITAGE PARK" TO KEEP UP WITH THE PARK'S ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. FEEL FREE TO MAKE COMMENTS AND SHARE PARK INFO.

Contact!

Ideas and suggestions are always welcome and critiques are acceptable as well. If you have a better idea, we're listening. We can be reached at 712-655-3131, 712-830-8921 or heritag@mmctsu.com and Tyler Jensen is always working on our web site www.german-hausbarn.com. There is a donation button on the website that works really well.

Manning Community Foundation

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The authentic 1660
German Hausbarn
*Trinity Church and the
Historic Leet-Hassler Farmstead
in Manning, Iowa*

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Spread the word about the Hausbarn-Heritage Park. Let people know there is meeting space available.
- Make a donation to “Save the Farm”, to purchase flowers for the Park, or to help purchase new carpet for the halls.
- Sponsor one of the events
- Purchase bricks to help the Immigrant Wall Fund build a stage at the south end of the courtyard.
- Donate one or more of the following
 - Fairly new laptop
 - Projector screen and projector for meetings
 - Color printer
 - Reams of copy paper
 - Envelopes with the Park’s return address already on them.
 - Stationery or copy paper with Manning Community Foundation at the top

Contact the office at 712-655-3131, 712-830-8921, heritag@mmctsu.com
or write to or stop in at 130 Heritage Drive, Manning, IA 51455
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