

# BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## SPRING INTO THE PAST

May 4th dawned with beautiful weather for our annual Spring event.

We had worked hard to get all of the buildings cleaned and ready for visitors. Our new displays were in place and we had lots of baked goods for sale.

Though our numbers were down, we still had approximately 75 people tour our buildings over these two days.

Some new visitors toured our museums and we greeted some old friends.

Kim Culbertson had her pony cart available on Saturday to give rides through the cemetery and nearby areas.

A lot of our visitors had attended the church dinner on Saturday night and then spent time in the museum buildings.

To all those members who gave up there weekend to help man the museum buildings, we **THANK YOU!**

The weekend was a success and we will be looking forward to next year.

May 3rd and 4th are the dates for Spring Into the Past in 2014.

**THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO VISITED**

## SUMMER IS HERE!

### ALTO THIRD GRADERS VISIT

On May 24th two school buses arrived at the museum filled with eighty six energetic third graders from the Alto Elementary School.

Three classes with their teachers and some parents came to spend the afternoon with us.

We look forward to this day every year and the children are always fun visitors.

They were shown what it was like to attend a one-room school house. In the cemetery they learned of the history of some the those buried there and about some of the unusual tombstones. The carriage shed held lots of outdoor items that were once used by their ancestors to keep their homes and farms running. In the museum they had fun with a table of "hands on" items that they found fun to use and were able to tour both floors of the building.



A fun afternoon for all!

### SPECIAL EVENT

Our beautiful boulder with the plaque listing Bowne's first settlers is now in place.

Thanks to some generous donations we were able to complete this project. Even with donations totaling \$200 (one for \$100 and one for \$50 and several smaller donations) we were not sure we were going to be able to finish what we had started.

However, Bill Kinsey has generously donated the balance of funds to cover the cost of the plaque and the installation of the stone in memory of his wife, Jeanne.

Along with the donation of the boulder from the Timpson family and help from Stedfast in moving this giant from Timpson Avenue to the Museum we now have a beautiful memorial.

We are hoping to have an unveiling later and acknowledge all those who so generously helped us.

### SUMMER HOURS

We are now on our summer schedule. The museums will be open the first Sunday of the month June, July and August from 2pm-4pm.

