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What We Do For YOU! News from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs

Historical Museum display showcases Pope John Paul II's trip to Iowa

Visit to Living History Farms drew estimated 350,000 people in 1979

DES MOINES – A new display showcasing Pope John Paul II's visit to Iowa 30 years ago opens Friday at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines.

“Remembering Pope John Paul II: The Iowa Visit 1979” features memorabilia from the Pope's visit to Iowa in October 1979. The one-case display contains photographs, souvenir medals, gifts, newspapers and other items, including a commemorative medallion on loan from The Diocese of Des Moines. A video featuring film footage of the visit will be shown on a continuous loop as part of the display.

The State Historical Museum is at 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. Admission is free and open to the public. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday Noon-4:30 p.m. Call 515-281-5111 or visit www.iowahistory.org for more information.

“More than 350,000 people gathered at Living History Farms to see Pope John Paul II,” Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Cyndi Pederson said. “The visit is believed to be the largest single gathering of Iowans in the state's history and included an ecumenical service followed by a celebration of Mass. I encourage all Iowans and visitors to our state to come see this display.”

During his trip to Iowa, Pope John Paul II also stopped at St. Patrick's Church at Irish Settlement in Madison County, the only rural church he visited on his first trip to the United States as Pope.

Pope John Paul II, who died in 2005, was leader of the Roman Catholic Church for less than a year when he visited Iowa. He is considered one of the most dynamic and inspiring religious figures of the 20th century.

“Remembering Pope John Paul II” will be on display in the State Historical Museum atrium through Nov. 20, 2009.

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Historical Library hosts author Adele Anolik talk and book signing

Topic: Concentration camp survivors who moved to Des Moines after World War II

DES MOINES – The State Historical Library will host author Adele Anolik this month for a book signing and discussion about concentration camp survivors who moved to Des Moines after World War II.

Anolik will discuss and sign copies of her book, “The Liberation of the Concentration Camps: The Des Moines, Iowa, Survivors,” (Ice Cube Press, 2008) at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, at the State Historical Library, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. The event is presented in conjunction with the Historical Library Reading Room exhibit “From Distant Places to Dubuque Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Presence.”

Anolik, who has lived in Des Moines since 1956, was project director of the Des Moines Holocaust Survivors Project, which compiled video testimonials of Des Moines residents who survived the Holocaust. She married one of the Des Moines survivors, Charles Anolik.

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The Iowa NonProfit Summit: Turning Challenge Into Opportunity

The Department of Cultural Affairs is a cosponsor of the Iowa Non Profit Summit to be held at the State Historical Museum on November 16. Registration is now open. Please see the attached postcard for more information.

I-JOBS

The I-JOBS initiative awarded funds to museums and attractions in Indianola, Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls. See the attachment for more details.

CHAT NON PROFIT opportunity.....

**Information on Presenting to the
Use/Creation of State Pool Workgroup
Tuesday, Sept. 29th**

September 29, Tuesday - (Insurance Division Offices, 330 Maple St., Des Moines)
9:00 am to 11:00 am

This meeting will be open to testimony from groups who have an interest in health care pools and insurance reform that will allow non-profit groups, government divisions and small businesses to access affordable, quality health care. The meeting will be held for 2 hours and groups should sign up no later than September 25. Testimony will be limited to **five minutes**. Organizations wanting to testify must sign up and plan on covering the information below:

“What has been your experience in trying to offer health insurance benefits for the employees of your organization?”

In answering this question be sure to address:

How many full and part-time employees you have

What kind of coverage, if any, you offer now (deductibles, percentage co-pay, etc.)

What percentage or amount of the premium is paid by employee and the agency or organization.

Trends over the last 5 years, i.e. deductible increases, premium increases, amount of premium paid by staff, etc.

What percent are health insurance premiums of your total agency budget (this could also be included in talking about trends over the last 5 years).

What strategies have you tried or are trying now to be able to offer health insurance to your employees?

What recommendation(s) would you give this commission concerning our efforts to extend affordable, quality health coverage to you organization?

Our Growing Listserv!

You guys are doing a great job of signing up for our listserv! We are plugging along, slowly but surely following the Yahoo rules of inviting *only 50 people per day*. We'll get to your name eventually, or you can follow the simple directions below.

To join, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for Iowa_CHAT. You'll see our logo there☺ There is an easy sign in process. You are required to create a yahoo account (if you don't have one) but can then **select your primary email account** as the way you want to share information. Please consider joining.

Upcoming meetings

CHAT 11 Reminder

Hi Fellow CHAT 11 Members:

Don't forget that the September CHAT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at King's Canyon Fine Arts in Osceola. It is located on the north side of the square, around the corner from Redman's. Chili, soup, and cornbread will be served for a free will donation. Please bring your list of 2010 events and potential images/art work for your county for a 2010 CHAT calendar. Please, please, please RSVP me at this email address or call me- (515) 537-4814, so I know how much food to make and chairs to round up. Thank you for your time and energy!

Hope to see you September 22nd!

Sara King

Please let deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov know if you've scheduled your next regional CHAT meeting. We'll announce it in the CHAT Weekly News!

Wow Moment

Wow! We do some amazing stuff here in Iowa. I told you if you let me know what you're doing out there I'd put it in the CHAT Weekly News. Check out what they've been doing in Region 11. <http://www.civilwardays.org/> This is a great PBS clip filmed near Lamoni last year. Region 11's own Doug Jones appears in a very interesting hat.

This year's event just wrapped up and new footage will be available soon.

Have a great week!

--Deirdre