



# The Williamsburg Villager

July, 2016

## Disappearing of the Old General Stores

On June 18<sup>th</sup> the Auction at High Point sold the J. F. Tising's Sons Store and contents which was similar to Cranes General Store here in Williamsburg (built in 1926). The number of Old General Stores like ours are diminishing. The Old General Store use to be the center of the communities around the country.

The Crane's Country Store is still the center of the Williamsburg community. General stores were often used as/for the town meeting hall, where weddings, funerals, church services, and sometimes school was held. The Old general store use to also be where people could pick up their mail, learn any news, get supplies, and rest. The owners often took the role of mayor.

The Crane Family still holds this kind of role in our little town. They are where we go not only for groceries, but for news, local events, visit friends, and just to relax on their front porch.

Come check out this step back in time next time you are in the area.

## News of the Village

- The Old Auxvasse Nine Mile Church (OANM) will host their annual session of Vacation Bible School (VBS), the week of July 11 – 15 at the Nine Mile Church in Williamsburg. Each day will begin at 8:30 and end before Noon. The following Sunday, will be VBS Sunday, where the CIT's will present some of their skits and the young children will be singing songs they learned during the week. If there are young children (preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) in your household, we would be happy to have them join us.
- The Williamsburg Community Center Fish Fry was Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Many attended. Hope to see you there next year.
- Once again, just a friendly reminder...  
It's time to renew your membership.  
Come December, dues must be current if you wish to continue receiving your monthly newsletter. If you have not done so, please pay as soon as possible so you don't miss any future issues.

If you have any questions, please call us at 573-254-3356. Prices are still \$12 a year.

## *Joe's Corner*



### *What is it?*

Joe Crane was reading the Columbia County Tribune and came across this article of an old General store with a picture and a question, "What is it?" He knew exactly what it was. We have this great piece in our museum.

It's called a sack holder. Used for paper sacks in Old General Stores, it has all of the sack sizes marked on the side of it. Made of wood, fan shaped, and it sits 18 inches tall and 9 inches wide, it has slot-like shelves every 3 inches.

Take a look in our museum and see if you can spot it in the far right corner.

# Sunday Specials

July 3<sup>st</sup> – Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99

July 17<sup>th</sup> – ½ or Full Slab Ribs, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, and a Dinner Roll \$13.99/\$16.99

July 24<sup>nd</sup> – Meatloaf, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Veggie, and a Dinner Roll \$8.99

July 31<sup>st</sup> – Cook’s Choice TBA

## Other upcoming Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society Events...

- July 16<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction Begins
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction Ends
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Tractor Drive
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Cruising Callaway/Portland Community Tour
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner/Meeting
- November TBD Extended Hours
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Brick District Open House  
Last Day Open 2016

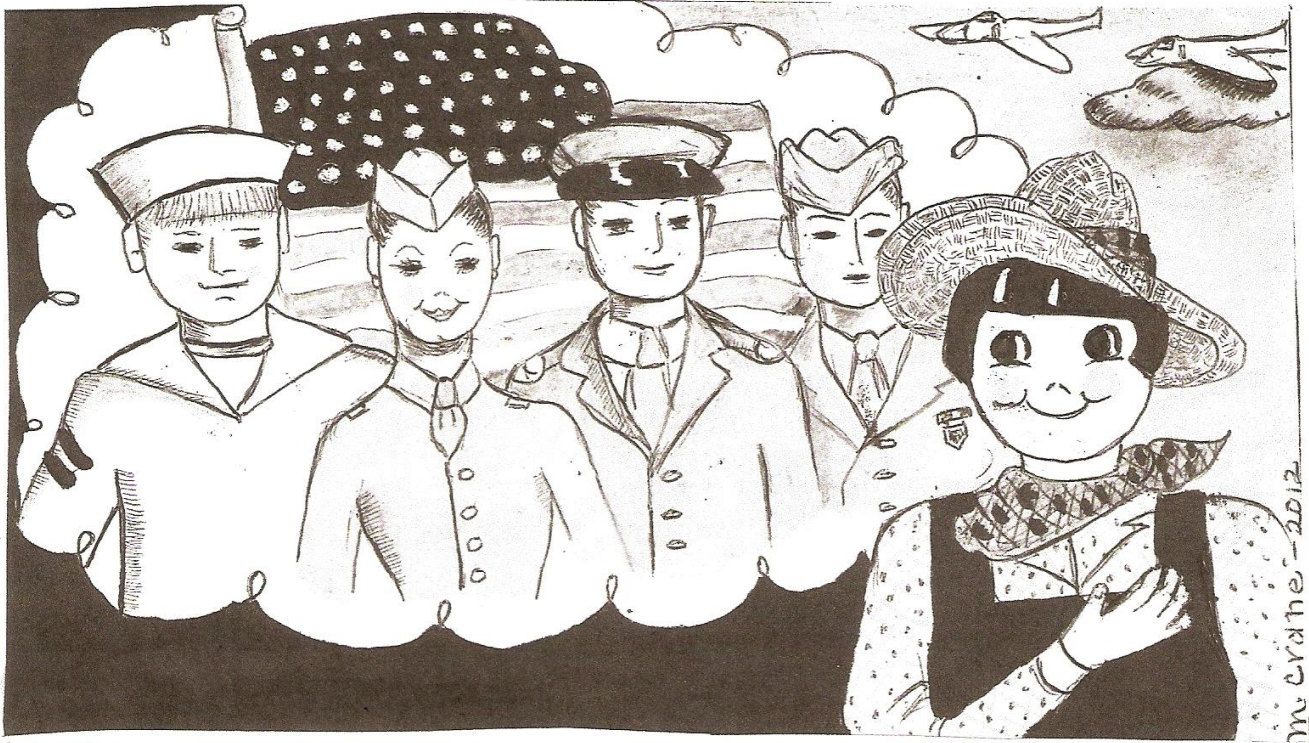
## Smile-A-While

The jokes this month are from [jokes4us.com](http://jokes4us.com)

- What kind of tea did American colonists want?  
Liberty.
- Why did the duck say bang?  
Because he was a firequacker.
- What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?  
The Americans licked the British!
- What was General Washington's favorite tree?  
The infantry.
- What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?  
She can't sit down.
- Why were the first Americans like ants?  
They lived in colonies.
- Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?  
Because the horse was too heavy to carry.
- Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?  
Yeah, it cracked me up!
- What did one flag say to the other flag?  
Nothing. It just waved.
- Which colonists told the most jokes?  
Punsylvanians!



# Williamsburg Willy sez.... July, 2012/ 2016



“Remember our service men and women on the 4th of July!”

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a step back in time. Enjoy breakfast, or lunch in

Marlene’s Restaurant, shop for gifts at Town House Treasures

get ready for winter and spring with Crane’s Country Store

Clearance and Closeout.