

**YOUNG AFRICAN PROFESSIONALS
TO VISIT MANNING**

On Saturday, July 23, Manning will host 25 young business professionals from Sub-Saharan Africa who are participating in a six week tour of Iowa sponsored by Drake University. The visitors, aged 25-35, are part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training and networking. (www.yali.state.gov). The program began in 2014.



The goal of Drake University is to “deliver a program further developing the entrepreneurial mindset and enhance business and leadership skills.” During the visit to Manning, the focus will be on rural vs. urban economic development and it will also provide exposure for Manning to business leaders who have established many accomplishments in promotion, innovation and positive change in their African communities and countries.

Accompanied by Drake University staff, the participants will tour Puck Custom Enterprises, receives an overview of the city's three-year downtown revitalization project and a summary of the city's economic development activities.



Brennan Haymond, a graduate of Drake University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication has finished his first month working for Main Street Manning as a public relations intern. Brennan's senior class spent the fall of 2015 collecting data about Manning to have an idea of the quality of life, tourism, small-business opportunity, community atmosphere and any other aspect that Manning has to offer. During the spring of 2016 the class split into four separate teams and created a set of PR recommendations covering multiple focal points from Hausbarn Heritage Park to the Manning Regional Healthcare Center.

Brennan was hired to assist in the initial states of implementation before he leaves for his full-time job teaching Conversational English at Sichuan International Studies University (SISU) in Chongqing, China. When asked why Brennan accepted this position he stated, “I am originally from a small town in southeast Iowa and I love what Manning is doing, so maybe in a few years I would like to go back home and show that small-towns are not dying but can thrive. Winfield, IA is my home and I do not want to see it go away.”

We are so glad to have Brennan spending the summer with us and if you would like to see him either stop by the office or come over to BrickHaus Brews as he is a part-time bartender until he leaves August 6, 2016.

KINDERFEST

June 18, 2016 marked Manning's 133rd Kinderfest. Another successful event starting off with the parade; followed by games, rides, face painting, balloon creations, food, and so much more. A **HUGE** thank you to the Kinderfest committee: Chair Anna Irlbeck, Maria Muhlbauer, Ashley Singsank, Elissa Riesberg and Amber Ehlers.



SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 11, 2016 - 4th Annual Main Street Manning Main Event-Family Feud - Hausbarn Conference Centre. If you have a team for this event, call Main Street Manning 712-655-6246 or email mainstmanning@mmctu.com. Further details in upcoming newsletters.

What's Happening On Main Street?

Main Street Community Since 2009

MAIN STREET MANNING

July 2016

MANNING DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AND WATER TOWER LISTED ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

After formally seeking inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) since 2011, Manning was added to this prestigious list in February 2016!

"Authorized by the National Historic Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources." (www.nps.gov)

To be considered for inclusion on the NRHP, properties must have significance to the history of the community, state or nation. Property must meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation which includes the age of the property, its integrity and its significance. Thirty buildings, most in Manning's Main Street District, contributed to the community's listing on the NRHP.

The City of Manning and Main Street Manning dedicated nearly 500 volunteer and staff hours toward the grant application that resulted in the city receiving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG began the recent revitalization of Manning's downtown by restoring 17 business facades. The application process benefitted from the well-documented history from Manning's Historic Preservation Commission and from generations of citizens who preserved the history of our buildings.

The historical significance of Manning's water tower was recently recognized when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in May of 2016. The history of the water tower is significant because of its design and how it came to be built in Manning.

The story of the water tower can be traced back to the 1890's at Iowa State College (ISC) in Ames, at the time a growing educational institution with expanding water needs. Anson Marston, an engineering professor at ISC, was asked to design and build a new water system to meet the growing demands of the college. He designed and built the elevated steel tank, the first of its kind west of the Mississippi, that still stands on the campus of Iowa State University.

In 1902, Henry Brunnier, an ISU freshman from Manning, attended one of Marston's many lectures about his innovative water tower design. When Brunnier returned to his hometown later that year, he learned the City was looking to improve its water works system. Brunnier went to the Mayor and City Council and repeated Marston's lecture. The city offered Brunnier the opportunity to design a new water tower for Manning. Brunnier and Marston worked collaboratively on the project with Marston doing the design work and Brunnier doing the drawings.

At that time a standard stand pipe water tank would cost Manning approximately \$4,000. Although the steel tank water tower designed by Marston and Brunnier would cost \$8,000, Manning demonstrated its progressive nature and opted to build this innovative structure. While it is hard to know what public opinion was at the time, an editorial in the Aug. 22, 1902 edition of the Manning Monitor indicates that the excessive cost of the water tower would consume tax monies that were desperately needed in other areas. Perhaps, if the writer could see that the second water tower of its type west of the Mississippi still stands today, he would feel differently.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Main Street Manning is to preserve and revitalize our historic downtown and to stimulate business, residential and recreational growth through the coordinated efforts of volunteers, private business and local government for the benefit of present and future generations.

For additional information or if you are interested in joining a committee or volunteering in any capacity, please call the Main Street Manning Office at 655-6246 or email mainstmann@mmctsu.com or contact any board member.