Jay on my mind...

Between the ages of 9 and 32 a great deal of growing up occurs, don’t you agree? Family, school, work and marriage often have great impact on a person during this time frame. This is true of Jay Catherwood Hormel who spent those very years growing from child to young man to soldier to business man and husband in the home his parents provided for him.

I think Jay should be remembered for more than just being the father of the Spam® brand. In upcoming columns I will be sharing Jay’s history from 1901-1925 when he called 208 Water Street his home. By the end of the month I will be inviting you to visit and see how we have updated the exhibits in Jay’s bedroom. Thanks to a grant from the Hormel Foundation we will be able to give recognition to Jay and his accomplishments through photos, stories and objects.

We are celebrating Jay’s product of fame at the 2nd Annual Spam®Kids Festival on Saturday, April 8. Join us if you can!

Foodie Throwdown Thanks

The 6th Annual Foodie Throwdown Fundraiser was a great success! Food was fabulous, music was terrific and guests were generous. 'Mr. and Mrs. Hormel' were thrilled to see so many people celebrating their 125 years of wedded bliss.

The event raised $10,000 to support the mission of the Hormel Historic Home!

2017 People's Choice Winners included:
The Just Neighbors Team of Leah & Levi Erickson and Tom and Kim Schulte with Caramel Apple Crunch &
The Austin Country Club Culinary Team of Philip Ryks and Denise Sutter with Braised Pork
6th Annual Walk for Autism
Sunday, April 23, 2017
1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Hormel Historic Home Peace Garden
Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.
DJ and Photobooth Entertainment
Special Guest: Alison Hormel Webb
Raffle prize drawings

Register at the Hormel Historic Home, 208 4th Ave. NW or online at
www.hormelhistorichome.org

All proceeds will support area youth at the Hormel Historic Home Autism
Programming.

2017 Corporate Sponsors:
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How Can You Help?
Register to be a walker
(by 4/12 to get your shirt
at the walk)
~ Make a donation
~ Collect donations
~ Become a Walk Sponsor
~ Donate a raffle prize

ASD Respite Events:
Children in K-6th grades on the Autism Spectrum are invited to attend the two remaining respite
events at the YMCA on Friday, April 21 and Friday, May 8.
Youth will swim, play games and have a snack in a fun and supervised setting.
6-8:30 p.m.
Cost is $5 per person
Must register in advance at the HHH

ASD Teen Night at the Arc
Saturday, April 29
The HHH and the Arc are working together to provide fun and safe activities for those on the Autism
Spectrum in their teen years. Families are invited to stay to learn more about the services offered by
Arc. Details are still being finalized. Please call or email with questions. 507-433-4243 or
autism@hormelhistorichome.org
Hearth & Home Series

In an ongoing effort to promote education in and around the Home, we offer daytime educational program. Please join us as we explore various topics relevant to all. Events are free but donations are appreciated.

Tuesday, April 18 10 a.m.
Flood Walls in a Former Swampland
Presented by Tim Ruzek of the Cedar River Watershed organization. You will hear about the creation and eventual demise of the Austin Horace State Park which developed into commercial/residential properties.

Tuesday, May 16 10 a.m.
Austin’s Other Historic Homes and the People Who Lived in Them
Austin’s history was made by many people whose names we see around town or hear about in conversations of the past. In this presentation we will feature information about the Hormel, Burnham, and Fox families and the homes they lived in. Presented by house and history lovers, Holly Johnson, Jaimie Timm, and Wendy Larson.

RSVP appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

History Happy Hour Programs
The series is a partnership between the Hormel Historic Home, the Mower County Historical Society and the Friends of the Austin Public Library. Members of our organizations are invited to attend the programming for free while non-members pay $5 per person. Our goal for the programming is to offer a social time with light snacks and drinks for history lovers as well as meaningful content that will teach and inspire those in attendance.

Upcoming events:
5:30 p.m. Social time
6 p.m. - 7 ish Presentation

Monday, April 10
MOWER COUNTY IN THE WORLD WAR
Presenter Dean Ulland will tell of the many ways the war affected people in our community. He will talk about the draft, using local men as examples and he will cover the work of thousands of volunteer activities that supported the war effort.

Monday, May 8, 2017
FARMING THE RIDGE, YESTERDAY AND TODAY
Dramatic monologues taken from interviews conducted by Ken McCullough, Winona’s Poet Laureate, with farmers and their families who live and work on the Garvin Heights Ridge, outside Winona. McCullough will read the pieces spoken by men, and Lynn Nankivil, playwright, will read the pieces spoken by women.

Music...

Harris Music Contest Concert Recap
MarySue Hormel Harris
Forty young musicians participated in the 5th Harris Music Contest in February. With the inclusion of strings, woodwinds, brass, and mallet percussion this year, we were able to include more talented youth.

Impartial judges offered valuable feedback that will allow the musicians to grow and improve in their musical journey, and $2500 was awarded in prize money.

MarySue Hormel Harris, the benefactor for the event, was able to attend and act as a judge. She was thrilled by the level of musicianship and encouraged the young people to keep participating in events of growth such as this one.
**Autism Friendly Austin**
The Hormel Historic Home is part of a new initiative to help Austin become more Autism Friendly and Sensory Sensitive. At a luncheon on Thursday, April 6 guests will learn how their business or service can become more aware of the characteristics of people with special needs, such as Autism, and welcome them into their organization either as a customer or employee. Special guest speaker, Mike Dierdorff, will share his story as an Autistic man in the workforce. Contact autism@hormelhistorichome.org for more information.

The Hormel family valued education and music and exuded a spirit of hospitality. Those values carried on through the work of the Y.W.C.A. and continue today as the mission of the Hormel Historic Home.

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[HHH Calendar of Events]

| April 3  | Pizza Ranch Tip Night |
| April 6  | Autism Friendly Austin Lunch |
| April 8  | Spam®Kids Fest |
| April 10 | Floral Club |
| April 10 | History Happy Hour |
| April 13 | Y’s Women |
| April 17 | Board of Directors |
| April 17 | Eberhart Poetry Contest Awards |
| April 18 | Hearth & Home |
| April 18 | Board of Trustees |
| April 21 | ASD Respite Night @ Y |
| April 23 | Stepping Out for Autism Walk |
| April 29 | ASD Teen Night at the Arc |
| April 29 | Floral Club Spring Luncheon |
| May 8    | Floral Club |
| May 8    | History Happy Hour |
| May 11   | Y’s Women |
| May 12   | ASD Respite Night @ Y |
| May 15   | Board of Directors |
| May 16   | Hearth & Home |
| May 16   | Board of Trustees |
| May 20   | Wedding Event |
| May 29   | Memorial Day, HHH closed |

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