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The St. Charles Heritage Center is excited to announce the return of their award-winning Junior Historical Society (JHS). This program has been honored by the Illinois Association of Museums for their outstanding programming and is recognized as a benchmark for other similar programs. The JHS is a group for students from 8-13 years old. The JHS meets once a month, during the school year, at the Heritage Center and the members participate in a variety of activities. In the past members have gone on walks through one of the oldest cemeteries in town and heard the stories of the town founders buried there, they have learned how to take oral histories from family members to preserve family memories, they have put together scrapbooks to preserve their own memories, they have learned about various aspects of St. Charles History and produced award-winning exhibits, last year members spent the night at the museum for a program and each year the group takes a trip to a Chicago or other Illinois museum. Two years ago the group traveled to Springfield for the day to visit New Salem, the Old State Capitol and the Lincoln Presidential Museum!

The JHS is open to any students interested in history and museums! Membership dues for the year are \$15 (some activities will have additional fees).

The first JHS meeting of the year will take place on Saturday, September 24th from 12:30 – 2:00 and will be held at the St. Charles Heritage Center, 215 E. Main Street in downtown St. Charles. The schedule for the upcoming year will be discussed including plans for an overnight at the Museum and field trip. Anyone is welcome to attend; we look forward to seeing you there and to another great year for the JHS.

The St. Charles Heritage Center operates the St. Charles History Museum and Gift Shop located at 215 E. Main Street. The Museum and Gift Shop are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information please call 630-584-6967, visit the website www.stcmuseum.org or check us out on Facebook.

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