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Papa Murphy WCHS Day

**Wed. August 19
11-9 pm**

WCHS MEETING

**7:00 pm
August 25**

John Liepa

**Iowa in the Civil
War**

**Bring your Burger
King Supper at 6:15**

**There will be
desserts**

WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Sat. at 9:30
Sept. 12th**

LCF COMMITTEE-

**Sat. at 10:30
Sept. 12th**

**NO Sept. General
Meeting Due to
LCF**

**Burger King Tues.
Sept. 22**

WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Sat. at 9:30
Oct. 10th**

LCF COMMITTEE

Papa Murphy's Special August Fund-Raising Night



**Wednesday,
August 19, all day**

On that day, 11 AM-9 PM we will receive 10% of the net profits from their sales. They will also be selling their fund-raiser cards in the store and all of the

proceeds from that will go to us.

Papa Murphy's is a "Take'n' Bake" pizza place so pizza can be stored in your refrigerator for a few hours until you are ready to bake it. They also have a gluten-free thin crust. They prepare a great pizza-Bev Dickerson endorses it! The store is located in the strip-mall on the west side of HW 65/69 just north of Iowa Street-see picture above. Exact address is 1011 N.



Medora Ladies: Betty Ogle (94 and member since 1953), Ellen VanZee, Osceola (member 21 years & sister to Doris Williams), Pauline De Cook, Phylis Halvorsen, Bonnie Borral, Kim Slaybaugh (54 & youngest member), Mary Fry, Margy Sudbrook, Doris Williams (82 & member since 1954), Jane Dyer. Not pictured: Leota Broyles, Melody Burkhead, Dianne Carter, Betty Leih, Donna Neil, Darlene Over.



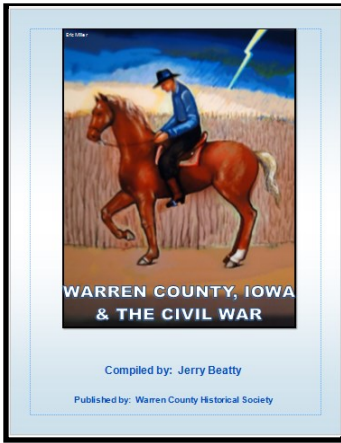
"Rocky Road to Dublin" 72 x 90 LCF QUILT

This year's LCF quilt (on the left) was made by the Medora Ladies. Get your quilt raffle tickets at the WCHS Museum. \$1 for one or \$5 for six. The Medora Ladies Aid was organized in 1907 by Rev. Ed Fintel with the following charter members: Mrs. George McIntosh, Anna Van Patten, Clara Mathews, Ethel Duncan, Olive Gripp, Mrs. Andy Reynolds and Mary Reynolds. Initially, it was neighbors visiting neighbors in their home. When a member had a quilt stretched on a frame, visiting members would help with the stitching. After one hundred and eight years, the tradition continues - only now in the church basement, upgraded from a dirt floor and wood burning stove to a fully equipped kitchen and dining hall, thanks to the

WARREN COUNTY, IOWA & THE CIVIL WAR,

2015 LCF Book Available

You can purchase this year's LCF book, Warren County & The Civil War, in September at the Warren County Historical Society or purchase it online at www.warrencountyhistory.org. The book's cost is \$30 and if you want it mailed add \$5. You may use PayPal if you buy online. This book has information about Warren County residents who lived here during the Civil War and served in Iowa units, Civil War veterans who moved here after the war and served in various states and a few stories about Warren County residents' ancestors.



SEVEN HOTELS

IN ONE MAN'S MEMORY By P.K. McKee

The following hotels were located in Indianola:

MADISON HOUSE: located where Glenn Hess now lived on the northeast corner of North 1st Street and Boston Avenue

CENTRAL HOUSE: Consisting of two stories about four business rooms on the northeast corner of the square

WILLOUGHBY

HOUSE: Located on the southwest corner of Green Bay Lumber lot

ROBINSON HOUSE: located on Southeast corner of Jefferson Way and Clinton Ave.

NATIONAL HOTEL: located on southwest corner of Jefferson Way and East First Avenue, where the M.B. Keelersnow live

THE WELLS HOTEL: across the street east of City Light Plant, where Weldin place is

CORBETT HOUSE: (Name by Editor) an old frame hotel that stood where the Warren Hotel, now stands

Upper two stories Central Hotel



From Sept. 15, 1949 Indianola Newspaper

The Madison House, Indianola's leading hotel for many years, stood on the northeast corner of North 1st and East Boston. The date of its erection is not known. It was burned about 1895.

It was a social center as well as a hotel. Many were the parties held, and the dances in the dining room were important in the lives of many of the young blades of the town in that day.

The bus at that time, sometimes still called an omnibus, was an institution of the community. It met all trains on the Rock Island and Burlington and conveyed guests to the hotel without charge and to any part of town for a quarter. The Keeneys (Mr. A.P. Keeney was the landlord of Madison House for many years} were always good horsemen and the team that pulled the bus was a spanking team of sorrels. When they travelled they dragged the big hickory bus along the streets at a good pace.—except when it was hub deep in mud, as it was nearly every morning, Frank Keeney would stand at the end of the railroad station platform singing out: "Free bus to the Madison House; bus and baggage to all parts of the city and other depot"



Keeney Stable

Jeff Erwin, waiter and handy man was a colored (sic) man everyone liked. He was cook for the National Guard Company when it was in camp at the Warren County Fairgrounds in 1891. Jeff performed a heroic deed along about 1890. A farmer had left his wife and little girl in his buggy, which a gray team was hitched, while he went into one of the store. Something scared the team and it bolted west along the north side of the square. It started from near the northeast corner. Jeff Erwin was walking along the street about in front of where the Beymer Jewelry store is now located. He heard the clatter of hooves and the woman calling. The team was getting up good speed by that time. Jeff dashed in the street directly in front of the team, grabbed them by the bits, one in each hand, and hung on until he brought them to a stop. Jeff moved to Oma-

Don't Miss the 2015 LOG CABIN DAYS FESTIVAL!

LOG CABIN DAYS FESTIVAL 2015
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR'S END
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2015
WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Saturday

BISCUITS & GRAVY
7:00-10:00AM
WCHS Museum Dining Room
The Cooper Family

FARMER'S MARKET NEW LOCATION NEAR FOOD VENDORS!
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Kathy DeAngelo 515-343-9838

PARADE 10:00 AM
Begins at County Admin. Bldg., 301 N. Buxton & proceeds west on Salem to the fairgrounds. Darlene Lawyer 515-556-7413

RECEPTION AFTER PARADE
Museum Dining Hall. Come and meet the honorees and re-enactors.

WON'T WANT TO MISS!
ARMY OF THE SOUTHWEST CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS FUN FROM NOON TO 4PM

Come enjoy an infantry drill, a skirmish, cannon demonstration, musket firing. Ladies in period clothes will teach the language of the hand fan. Be ready to dance the Virginia Reel! Soldiers and ladies will be around to visit until 5-ish.

PUMPKIN & SUNFLOWER CONTEST 12:00 PM
Show Pavillion Jerry Beatty 515-961-3088

2ND SWAN CHILI COOK-OFF JUDGING: 4:00 PM
Campground Shelter Linda Beatty 961-3088

**CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS:
ARMY OF THE SOUTHWEST
HERE ALL DAY SATURDAY!**



"WARREN COUNTY & THE CIVIL WAR" COMPILATION BY JERRY BEATTY
Available in the museum

MEDORA LADIES QUILT RAFFLE
72 X 90 "ROCKY ROAD TO DUBLIN"

Sunday

CHURCH 10:00AM
Museum Dining Hall or Quaker Meeting House
Pastor TBA

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Lynn Downey 515-491-3357

HAM & BEAN DINNER
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
WCHS Museum Dining Room
The Cooper Family

PIE & CAKE AUCTION AFTER DINNER
WCHS Museum Dining Room
If you'd like to donate, please call Kathi Stanfield 515-961-4247

MEDORA LADIES AID QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING 3:30PM
WCHS Museum Dining Room
Tickets available online, at museum, & locations on the square. The Medora Ladies Aid organized in 1907 and has been going strong ever since!

KARAOKE CONTEST
3:00PM - 5:00PM
Amphitheater
Rex Young 515-961-9327

Saturday and Sunday

KID'S CORNER
"The Rabbit Lady" will be back to entertain in the 4H Bldg.

ENTERTAINMENT
Amphitheater & Elsewhere
Music - Old Time & Otherwise
Rex Young, Simon Stanfield & Friends

SCARECROW MAKING
Campground Shelter OR 4H Bldg.
Pat Sternquist 515-480-8655

PIONEER DEMONSTRATIONS
4H Building - Rope Making
Rug Hooking and Sketch Artist

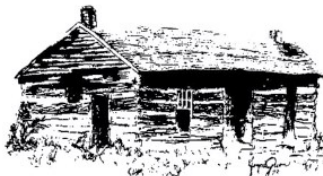
HISTORICAL MUSEUM & VILLAGE
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4
Ruth Hall 515-961-8085
AND WC Modular Railroaders

ANTIQUES • GARAGE SALE
4H Building - Linda Beatty 515-961-3088



Check out our website for updates and details.
Find us on Facebook: **Log Cabin Days Festival 2015**

QUILTS & CRAFTS
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4
Quilts: Hort. Bldg (after parade)
Kathi Stanfield 515-961-4257
Crafts: Morton & Lester Bldgs.
Dan Porter 515-961-6149



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2nd WCHS LOG CABIN FESTIVAL "SWAN" CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Judging Begins at 4:00 pm

Warren County Fair Ground's
Campground Shelter (inclement
weather Museum dining-room)

\$10 Entry Fee

Competition types:

1 Vegetarian

2 Meat

3 Specialty

Judged on color, aroma, taste
consistency, & aftertaste



A. H. Swan

You provide 1 gallon or more of
hot chili at 3:30 pm

You may bring prepared chili
from home or make at shelter
using your own equipment

Provide recipe to display

If secret, (just list basic ingredients)

Denote on scale 1-5 hotness

1 mild – 5 hottest

Directions: E-mail

lindabeatty13@gmail.com

WCHS LCF BARGAINHUNTER'S GARAGE SALE

Time to search your
attics and basements
and clean your
closets to find items
for us to sell. You
may bring your items
to the Warren County
Fair 4H Building
Thursday and Friday
September 24th &
25th. If you need to
bring them at an earlier
date, drop them off



SALE

Saturday September
26th 9:00 to
5:00 & Sunday
September 27th
10:00 to Closing

WCHS LCF "Swan" Chili Cook-off Entry Form.

CONTACT-

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____ E-Mail _____

Family or Group Name (If not entering as an individual but as family or group) _____

CHILI CATEGORY: 1. Vegetarian _____ 2. Meat _____ 3. Specialty _____

\$10 Entrance Fee Enclosed (Make checks to Warren County Historical Society) _____

New Acquisitions

Ice Saw owned by John Franklin Jones until 1940. He lived in Section 9 of West Lincoln. Two man cross-cut saw used by Lloyd A. Jones.

Formed rock Native American artifact found in Lloyd Jones' plowed field Donor James L. Jones

IHS Class of 1965 Reunion Book edited by Rosemary Thiel and donated by the IHS Class of 1965

Nine small U.S. Flags donated from Lorraine Hill

Indianola Women's Club Scrapbook and 2 volume New Century Dictionary. Donor Laerola Gibson

Six boards with antique tools. Owned by Orland Schimmelpfenning, Father of Gerald Schimmelpfenning and donated by Judy McClymond.

Handmade walnut (south Warren County) cradle made for Ira Braucht by his father, Theodore Braucht about 1888. Donor Janella

VIEW THE ARMY of the SOUTHWEST at LCF

Dan, Jackson (grandson), and Kristi Porter went to Knoxville in May to experience the Army of the Southwest Civil War Re-enactors in action. The men, woman, and young people immerse themselves in the Civil War era. Any question you would like to ask about the war - rations, pay, specific battles, cannon and musket operation, etc. - can be answered by many of the soldiers. We saw three or four cannons, all of which were hand assembled and look authentic. Jack was invited to pull the trigger during one demonstration. OJ Fargo extended an invitation to any man who would like to try on a uniform and join the group in action at LCF. He has a uniform that may fit. Give Dan Porter a call if you are interested. Phone number: 961-6149.



RonVosler, Norwalk, Dan Porter and O.J. Fargo, Creston Leader of the Army of the SW, Jackson in front of Dan

Don't miss seeing the Army of the Southwest at LCF Parade and Saturday afternoon, September 26th on the south side of the Morton Building



Learn how to use your fan to signal your beau



JOHN LIEPA SHARES IOWA & the CIVIL WAR

At 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 25 John Liepa will present "Iowa and the Civil War" at our WCHS General Meeting. John is a Professor Emeritus

of history and political science at DMACC. He has been an 18 year member and program chair of the Des Moines Civil War Roundtable. Members will remember his sharing of one of his other interests, baseball, with us several years ago.

Grab your supper at Burger King and bring it out to the museum at 6:15 and we will picnic together before the meeting. Dessert will be provided.



Needed Volunteers for LCF September 26th and 27th. Call 961-8085 to volunteer.

WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

The law department of Simpson Centenary College is discontinued by a late act of the (Methodist) Conference. (The Law Department was established in 1875 and remained in operation for several years. It eventually became Drake Law) 1880 *Indianola Tribune*

The mail route between Carlisle Hartford and Palmyra is to be discontinued and a new route established between a station on the C.B. & Q and Indianola, the stage to run between Ford and Palmyra daily and between Palmyra and Indianola tri-weekly. George Smith, who has had the contract on the old route, gets that for the new one. October 14, 1880 *Indianola Tribune*

In 1890, Indianola was one of the first towns in Iowa to create a municipal electric plant. This steam plant generated electricity from coal only in the early morning and evening until midnight. They charged on the basis of the number of lamps used. In 1910 they received bids until July 11th for one 150 kilowatt direct-current, engine-type generator, and one 16 by 36 inch Corliss engine, both machines to be delivered and erected by the contractors. Ordered from C.C. Litzenberg, the city electrician. In 1911 they provided day current to customers.

From *Electrical Review and Western Electrician*, Volume 57, page 48. George Worthington, McGraw Hill, 191 *Indianola Quester Home Tour* by Linda Beatty, Pat Ludgate and Kathi Stanfield 1998

Jacob B. Alter, station agent for the Rock Island Railway at Lacona, IA, became converted at a revival meeting last March and rising in church, confessed to bootlegging. A few days later he disappeared. Yesterday Alter returned to Lacona to pack his household goods. Marshall Bidwell was on the job when he arrived and brought him to Des Moines for arraignment before Commissioner McArthur. He was bound over to the grand jury.

The Macon Republican (Macon, Missouri) June 12, 1909



“Duke’s Grandfather



Marion Mitchell Morrison was born at Cherry Fork, Adams County, Ohio, January 20, 1846 to James and Martha (Purdy) Morrison. The family moved to Illinois. He enlisted in Company B of the 83rd Illinois Infantry February 1864. From there he transferred to Company E of the 61st Illinois Infantry. At the Battle of Pine Bluff, Tennessee a few weeks after he entered, Marion found himself in hand-to-hand combat with Confederate troops. He took saber wounds to the chest and neck. Bullets hit his nose and top of his head. Morrison played dead for several hours and then lost consciousness for two days before crawling down to the Tennessee River, where a Union gunboat picked him up. He carried the bullet in his head and suffered from the accompanying headaches, for the rest of his life.

Marion Mitchell Morrison

He married Wealtha Chase Parson. They had a son, Clyde Leonard Morrison August 20, 1884 in Monmouth, Illinois. The family moved to White Oak Township, Warren County, Iowa where Marion farmed. Later they moved to Indianola where he served as Warren County Treasurer 1899-1901. In 1900 they built the house located at 311 East 1st. They built many beautiful things into their home. There are stained glass windows, which glow in the late afternoon sun, and there are two small round windows located in closets on the second floor that can be seen from the outside. The house was originally heated with steam radiators but later was converted to hot water heat. Marion died December 15, 1915 in Los Angeles, California. He had moved there and died in a VA Hospital. The bullet in his head from the Civil War caused him to have mental difficulties in later life.



House Morrison built. Larry McConnell lives here now.



Young Marion; brother, Robert Emmett; father, Clyde Leonard Morrison

It has been said that son, Clyde, attended Simpson College and in 1899 had become quite a football star. Looking through Simpson Zeniths from 1886-1991 it appears he was neither football player nor Simpson Student. On September 29, 1915 in Knoxville, Iowa he married Mary (Molly) Brown. Clyde worked at drugstores at Winterset, Waterloo, and Earlham. They had a son in Winterset, which they named Marion Mitchell Morrison (aka John Wayne) after Clyde’s father. Clyde and Mary had an unhappy marriage and young Marion (John Wayne) had a difficult childhood. The family moved to Los Angeles because of Clyde’s health. Clyde and Mary eventually divorced. Clyde died in 1937. Young Marion became a famous Hollywood Star.

Information from History of Warren County, Iowa, 1908 by W.C. Martin. John Wayne, Chapter 1, by Rand Roberts and James Olson (as shown on Washington Post Website). From: Archiver Mary Ann Kaylor <kaylorma@one-eleven.net>

ERASMUS HAYWORTH



Erasmus Haworth born April 17, 1855 in Belmont Township, Warren County, Iowa, to Ellwood and Matilda (Folger) Haworth. In 1866 the family moved to Cherokee County, Kansas. He attended Friend’s Academy in Galena, Kansas. Erasmus graduated from the U of Kansas in 1883 with a BS and received his MA a year later. He received his PhD from John Hopkins University. He returned to Iowa and taught at Penn College in Oskaloosa. Erasmus was appointed professor of geology and mineralogy at the U of Kansas in 1892. He organized Kansas Geological Survey in 1894 and wrote several volumes of the survey from 1896-1904. He was Kansas State Geologist from 1894 to 1915. Haworth was instrumental in finding an ample water supply for Wichita and Newton.

In May of 1903 in Dexter, Kansas a newly drilled well unleashed gas. This gas would not burn. “Dismay over the gas well’s failure spread throughout Dexter, but Erasmus Haworth, the official state geologist, was intrigued by this unusual event. Haworth, a geology faculty member at The University of Kansas in Lawrence, arranged for a large steel cylinder to be filled with the Dexter gas. Upon his return to Lawrence, Haworth discussed the gas with chemistry professor David F. McFarland, who began a routine analysis of the cylinder’s contents. The results readily gave a scientific explanation to the Dexter puzzle.

The gas contained only 15% combustible methane, which would not burn in the presence of almost 72% nonflammable nitrogen. Haworth and McFarland reported their results to Geological Society of America.” From *The Discovery of Helium in Natural Gas*