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WCHS MEETINGS

General Meeting

7:00 pm, Tues., Oct. 25

Fascinating Facts

About World War II

Jerry Beatty

Bring your Burger King

Supper at 6:15

WCHS VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION

DINNER

Nov. 5, Sat. at 6:00 pm

WCHS EXECUTIVE

BOARD

Nov. 12, Sat. at 9:30

LCF COMMITTEE

Nov. 12, Sat. at 10:30

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Dec. 10, Sat. at 9:30

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Jan. 14, Sat. at 9:30

LCF COMMITTEE

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WINTER INDOOR

FARMER'S MARKET

9:00 to Noon

Nov. 12

Dec. 10

Jan. 14

Feb. 11

1940s, YEARS OF EXTREME CHANGE

On Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm Jerry Beatty will present information about the book he is compiling about Warren County during World War II. He continues to search for information concerning families' war participation on the home-front and overseas. He would love to hear your stories, copy your photos and view your memorabilia.

Bring your Burger King supper and join Jerry as he shares some of our Warren County World War II stories and artifacts.



A BIG "THANK YOU" to the Many 2016 WCHS VOLUNTEERS

It takes hundreds of WCHS volunteers to conduct 5th Grade Pioneer School in May, staff our building each day during the Warren County Fair in July, create our two day Log Cabin Festival in September, and keep our doors open weekly through technology, research help, building/grounds maintenance, and acquisitions/displays.

Because you said YES, WCHS has had another successful



Join us at our VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

WCHS Museum, Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 pm

WINTER INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET BEGINS

On November 12th at 9:00 am there will be Indoor Farmer's Market at the WCHS Museum from 9:00 to noon. Come to purchase baked goods, fall produce, canned goods, honey and crafts on the 2nd Saturday of the month.



WCHS BURGER KING FUNDRAISER



On the following dates we will be having our Burger King Fundraising Event: Tuesday, Oct. 25; Tuesday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 24. We ask that you eat supper from

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Burger King or bring your Burger King take-out with you to eat before our WCHS General Meeting on October 25. Please leave receipt at BK.



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FUNDRAISER

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR RECEIPT

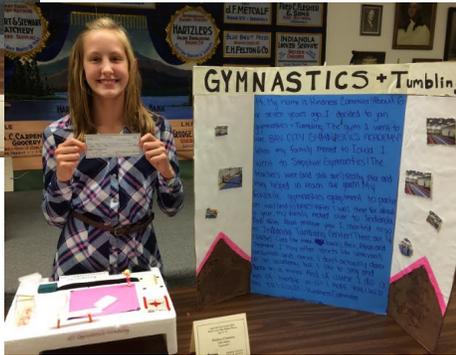
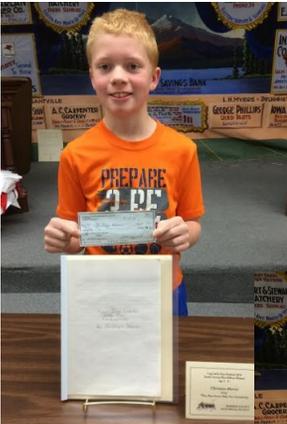
THANK YOU!



LCF PARADE WINNERS
 Historical Best— De Verne Dixon, 1929 – Fargo
 Best of Theme—Child Abuse Prevention Council of Warren County
 Merchants' Choice—Cub Scout Pack 135

**Volunteers and Sponsors,
 THANK YOU for another successful
 LCF!**

Boy Scout Troop 123
 Ron Bowlin, Leader



LCF YOUTH WINNERS
 Winner Ages 5-11
 Christian Harris
 Winner Ages 12-14
 Kindness Cummins



Twins Tug of War

QUILT WINNER

Nyla Kenne

Photo is Nyla's daughter, Kyrstan. Perhaps, Kyrstan is claiming the prize for herself.



Thank You

TO OUR LOG CABIN FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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Indianola Lioness



The 1939 Warren County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003 as a part of the PWA-Era County Courthouses of Iowa Multiple Properties Submission. It is the third Warren County Courthouse. The first was a log cabin and the second is photo to the right. Does this historic designation cause any special condition in deciding what Warren County does with the current building?



WCHS ACQUISITIONS

Ercell Bruce Quilt, Donor Kristina Bruce

DeVilbiss Model 142 vaporizer-humidifier; De Vilbiss inhalant bottle; [Gregg Shorthand Manual](#); Everyday Foods, Harris-Lacey; [Tizz in Cactus County](#); [Studies in Reasoning](#), Sears and Martha; [Strawberry Girl](#), Lenski; Donor Gil Wigeland

Hand made wooden doll furniture, table, rope bed, feather tick, china cupboard, Donor Susan Graeser

Boy Scout neckerchief, hat, and slide, Don Sandy

Picture of Warren County Courthouse and old newspapers, Donor Lynne Van Clark

Commercial Linear Copy Machine, Chelsea Savings Bank

2 hand knit dresses and 1945 blue knit sweater by Jo Lane, Donor Lorraine Hurst

Book of Poems by Cynthia Smith, map, graduation pictures, Halterman family photos, corporate seal of Peoples Trust and Savings, Donor T.J. Nicholls.

1958 outboard motor given to Harvey (Mike) Fetters as one of many gifts when he was on TV Show [This Is Your Life](#), Donor Pat Fetters

Doc Dillard's medical bag, candle holders, Donjer Spray gun, Echo harmonica, books, pitch pipe, Beaver Finger Ring Cutter, tape measure, camping pan, magazines, Donor Jerry Weeks



HARVEY LLOYD "MIKE" FETTERS



Harvey "Mike" Fetters as child and guest on 1950 & 60s TV Show *This IS Your Life*

Vera Frances Musselman and Harvey Lloyd "Mike" Fetters were married September 5, 1923

"Mike" Fetters was born to James K. and Thursa Jane Walls on June 29, 1896. He died in 1967 during his second term as Indianola Mayor.

He grew up in Lacona and quit school when he was 15 years of age. He loved baseball and was a pitcher. He passed on a chance to pitch with the Chicago White Sox because he was married. His son Jim also was a pitcher and declined a \$125 a week contract with the Washington Senators in 1948. Jim's daughter Michelle married Indianola resident Tom Steen who pitched for the University of Iowa; and their son, Adam Steen was drafted by the Phillies. There was quite a pitching talent in the Fetters family.

Mike entered WW I and served in France. After the war he took the Civil Service Test and in 1920 began a rural mail route in Lacona that covered 26 miles and then increased to 34. He was paid \$160 a month. He married Vera and they had three children, James, Wendell, and Juanita.

In the 1930s, he started a trucking business. This new business venture failed and the family moved to Indianola. He worked for the WPA and then became Indianola's RR #1 mail carrier. This route covered 74 miles. He delivered mail for over 34 years.

In the 1950s he and his wife went out to California to attend a postal convention. They stayed with Kathi Stanfield's grandparents Paul and Cecile McClintic. However, this was a ruse to get him to attend the television show *This is Your Life* where he was the surprise guest. We have a DVD copy of this show available for viewing at the WCHS library.

Many relatives and people he had helped as a mail carrier were guests on the show. Special guest was Postmaster

Former Indianola Post Office on Howard. Most recently Mason Ouderkirk's Law Office



In Indianola Mike started and coached a Junior American Legion Baseball Team for 15 years.

Son, Wendell, Mike, and son

Mike had a dance band for many years. He played the piano, drums, sax, banjo and fiddle



Ralph Edwards, host of *This is your Life*, presents outboard motor gift to Mike. The family has now given the motor to the WCHS

WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

Indianola Herald, November 7, 1912

Charles Tidball, a young man twenty-two years of age, and a son of S.D. Tidball of Milo, was shot and killed by the town marshal of Milo, Chas. Mowery, a few minutes before midnight last Thursday night (Halloween). The incident occurred in west Milo, where Tidball and some companions were celebrating Halloween. Tidball was shot in the forehead, death resulting about five hours later.

Marshal Mowery gave himself up immediately to the constable, who brought his prisoner to Indianola about day light Friday morning and lodged him in the county jail.

A coroner's inquest was held over the man's body on Friday. The story as it was told at the hearing is as follows: Tidball and several companions were out celebrating Halloween as only young men of that age know how. Marshal Mowery claims a citizen called him from his bed and asked him to come down as the boys were destroying his property. Mowery went down and as he approached he claims he called to the boys to consider themselves under arrest. The boys scattered in every direction. Mowery then secreted himself in an outbuilding near by to watch the boys when they returned. The boys slipped up quietly and started to overturn the building. Mowery was able to get out before the building went over and called to the boys to halt. He raised his revolver to fire into the air when he stepped in a hole, which threw him off his balance, the shot striking Tidball, fatally injuring him.

Mowery was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W.A. Graves on Friday morning and a charge of murder lodged against him. He waived and was bound over to the grand jury. His bail was fixed at \$15,000 and as he did not furnish the same he is in the county jail. The grand jury will meet on Wednesday of this week.

The funeral services of young Tidball were held from the family home in Milo on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended.

The Indianola Herald, August 23, 1900

Mr. Henry Hensch, who has been with the J.W. Gurdner Cigar Factory for the past two years, has purchased the factory and became its owner Tuesday of this week. Mr. Hensch is an excellent workman and will continue to give the people the best there is in the line of cigars. He asks the public to patronize him and to hold their trade he must and will give them good goods. Mr. Hensch is a good, quiet citizen, highly respected by all his acquaintances. Quiet, honest and true to his principles, Mr. Hensch will grow in favor with the public and we predict for him a prosperous career. He has on hand a few cigars only, but as soon as the law can be complied with regarding the change in the factory, he will settle down to business and remain with us. (In 1900 four states banned the sale of cigarettes -Iowa, Tennessee, Washington and North Dakota)

The True Democrat, St. Francisville, LA, January 9, 1897

A passenger train on the Keokuk & Western, southbound, was wrecked Friday morning two miles south of Norwalk, Iowa. It was a heavy train, loaded with teachers going home from the State Association. The ground under the track was softened by rain so the rails spread. One coach and baggage car were turned upside down and others tipped over. Several passengers were bruised. Eugene Chapman, a son of Dr. R. U. Chapman, of Des Moines, was seriously cut in his left temple and may die. Conductor Ed Cavanaugh was also seriously hurt. A relief train was sent from Des Moines to bring the injured to Des Moines.

SIMPSON ART HALL

Indianola Weekly Herald, December 17, 1891

Have you ever been up into Art Hall? If not, you *Herald* people ought to go. There are so many fine things around the college now a days that it is difficult for us out-siders to keep run of them. I have often tried to follow up the Greek and the Music and the many other good things, but find I do not get time to enjoy them all.

Just now the Art Department had special attractions. Simpson has never had anything like it before. The teacher, Miss Budd, is an artist of more than ordinary ability. She has drawn around her such a bevy of enthusiastic workers and covered the walls with so many fine pieces of art, that the place is in more than one sense a thing of beauty.

Of course, as most of the workers there are merely students in art, we must not be too critical nor look for too high art. But there is this to be said: none go into Art Hall as a matter of form, or at the bidding of others, but all are there because they are lovers of art and have a real passion for the work. While this is the case, there are a few that are doing more than common student work. Probably the two most independent workers are Miss Tyler and G.W. Carver. These two workout original designs, while most of the others are doing merely copy work. Mrs. W.A. Liston is engaged chiefly in copying small pictures, making larger beautiful scenes in pastel. Some of her work is beautiful and I have heard that they find ready sale. G.W. Carver's peculiar sphere is in flower work. He has the peculiar faculty of drawing and painting flowers from memory—flowers he has seen in the far southwest and not found here. Some forms of cactus and Yuccas drawn by him are very fine and will some day bring a price in the market. By the way, those wishing beautiful wall decorations could not do better than by carrying away (at a suitable price) some of Mr. Carver's beautiful work.

Among the other workers there is, or was, Miss Ida Hamilton of Corning who was one of the lights of the studio and who was an enthusiast, doing uncommonly fine work. Unfortunately, she was taken sick and was called home for a time. There is Miss Scroggs of Indianola, who has started off well in art work, and—well, really, the list is so large I shall have to leave it till next time, and for the present I must turn to my old friends the Hoi Hellenikoi and the music. By A.D. Field

Sophia on her wedding day to William A. Liston



Corn oil painting by Sophia St. John Liston



G.W. Carver with painting called "Yucca Glorioso" Art teacher Etta Budd entered it in an Iowa Art Show in Cedar Rapids. It took 1st Place and traveled to Chicago to the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 where it received Honorable Mention.



Etta Budd 1890



Floral water color done by Etta Budd in 1901, courtesy of Farm House Museum

You can see this on display in Farm House Museum at Iowa State University in Ames. Etta's family lived in Farm House with her father.



Simpson Art Hall, 1890

Have you gone to www.warrencountyhistory.org to do research on our newly digitized Warren County Newspaper Collection? If you have not, follow these simple hints from researcher Deborah Taylor:

1. Go to homepage
<http://www.warrencountyhistory.org>
2. Click tab at top labeled "Research"
3. Click left tab labeled "News Papers"
4. This new screen is where your search begins. Click "Advanced Search"
5. Type first and last name of person you are trying to find. Next select a word or phrase. It is not necessary to type county, city or state and title as the search engine will only search Warren County newspapers. Enter dates to narrow your search (otherwise it will search all dates up to 1923). Remember we have only digitized papers up to 1923.

2.



3.



6. If your search returns with no information. Try to refine or clarify your search. Remove, narrow or add criteria, change how you spell a name, search by spouse or married name (Deborah Taylor would have been known as Mrs. Taylor or Mrs. Howard Taylor), Remember older newspapers were more formal and used a different vocabulary. Read the society news—these town columns kept track of family moves, celebrations, illnesses, etc.
7. Remember that the electronic digitizing of the newspapers at times misread the words. Therefore, you will see some words that

2016 LCF INCOME as of 10/6/16		LCF EXPENDITURES 10/6/16	
Booth Rental	\$1,285	Car Show	\$540
Farmer's Market	\$285	Chili Cookoff	\$30
Scarecrow	\$295	Total Income	\$8,260.09
Pie/Cake Auction	\$2,074	(Does not include Sponsor Donations)	
Garage Sale	\$1,266.07	Fairground Rent	\$900
Quilt Raffle	\$719	Plaques	\$37.50
Breakfast	\$546.02	Game Prizes	\$100
Lunch	\$1,220	Advertising	\$296
		Quilt	\$208.33
		Food	\$515.15
		Car Show	\$606.36
		Expenses as of 10/6	\$2,663.34

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HISTORIC PALMYRA CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT



September 24th work day to remove ceiling due to mold

New roof



The Palmyra Church, located on the junction of Highways S23 and G24, was built in 1870 and is one of the oldest religious structures in Warren County. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, it is a symbol of perseverance and a reminder of the importance of preserving these sites for future generations.

Time, the elements, and the expense of restoration have taken a toll on this historic structure. State Historical Society funding was used to immediately replace the severely damaged roof. The funding will also provide for an architectural assessment of the structure, and replacement of damaged portions of the building exterior.

The Trustees of Palmyra Township continue to seek additional funding to further the reconstruction effort. Donations can be made to:

Palmyra Trustees/Church Restoration Project
 % Bob Lanman, Township Clerk
 18561 Erbe St.

Project Mission: Palmyra Township is a governmental subdivision within Warren County, Iowa. The township's primary governmental functions include maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries and fire protection. The Palmyra Township also owns the Palmyra Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1870, and recently acquired responsibility for restoration and care of the building. The township's mission now includes restoration of this important piece of Warren



Kenneth E. Hartzler, Indianola hand plowing



Simpson 1930 where he was active in music

1922



Mason City Globe Gazette, Oct. 31, 1929
 Singer, Kenneth Hartzler was a male

CONTESTANTS TO SING IN FINALS SUNDAY EVENING

Winners in Des Moines to Compete in Chicago Trials.

DES MOINES, Oct. 31. (AP)—Ten boys and 10 girls will compete in finals of the Iowa radio audition contests from station W-H-O of Des Moines next Sunday, at 9:45 o'clock. The two boy and girl winners will represent Iowa in the district competition at Chicago.

The girls are: Gladys Shumway of Algona; Dorothy Jeep of StouxCity; Mildred Ternhill of Plymouth; Pauline Swygard of Cedar Rapids; Dorothy Marie of Muscatine; Velma Still of Leon; Lillian Baker of Ottumwa; Dorothy Hinchliff of Des Moines; Esther Dunkel of Council Bluffs and Mirian Boysen of Waterloo.

The boys are: Walter Caesel of Council Bluffs; Allen Collins of Fort Dodge; Rex Mead of StouxCity; Marvyn Smith of Charles City; Raymond Kreiner of Mount Vernon; Alvin Hargmann of Davenport; Louis Heinman of Waterloo; Arthur Oakman of Lamont; Timothy Boyle of Keokuk and Kenneth Hartzler of Indianola.