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# WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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IN THE WORDS OF  
OUR  
ANCESTORS  
Juanita Ott  
7:00 pm  
August 28**

**WCHS EXECUTIVE  
BOARD**

**Sat. at 9:30  
September 8th**

**LCD COMMITTEE  
Sat. at 10:30  
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**Sat. at 9:30  
October 13th**

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October 13th**

**WCHS LCF**

**Saturday & Sunday  
September  
29th & 30th**

**CARVER BUILDING  
GRAND  
RE-OPENING**

**Saturday Sept. 15th**

**9:00-10:00  
WCHS members**

**10:00-11:30  
Open to the Public**

## August 28th, 7:00 pm GENERAL MEETING

### “IN THE WORDS OF OUR ANCESTORS”

Juanita Ott, WCHS Acquisition Manager (among many other hats she wears) will share excerpts from letters, diaries, and photos about Warren County that residents have contributed to our library. This will be a window into lives of Warren County residents.

Please continue to collect Indianola HYVEE receipts and bring them in to the museum. We have a large glass container near the kitchen where you can place them. We can use gas, pharmacy, grocery or any other Indianola HYVEE receipt. It is an easy way to raise funds for WCHS.

Also we still collect used printer cartridges to return to Office Max and receive credit to purchase office supplies.



### NEW VICTOR-VICTROLA

A damaged W-210 Victor-Victrola from 1924 was donated to the WCHS. This popular model was found in many middle class homes. The original sold for \$100. Thank you Don Van Diepen for repairing it and Susan Graeser for restoring the wood. It is now in tip-top running order and you can listen to records, when you visit.



### THANK YOU, KRAGSKOW FAMILY!

WCHS President receiving Kraguskow Estate check which was used to repair our museum roof.

WCHS is thankful for the generous gifts from the Kraguskow Family Estate that allowed us to repair our leaking museum roof. Thank David, when you see him. On a rainy day we no longer have to worry about water damage.

David Kraguskow's June program on George Hladky's cable TV tapes. Notice that Beverly Dickerson is on TV screen discussing Warren County business as Auditor in the 1980s.



### Thank you to the Lowe's, also!

Repair of interior damage and ceiling tiles will be completed with a gift from Elaine and Cliff Lowe. We are so lucky to have members share gifts with us in time of need.

## WHAT'S NEW AT WCHS

### GULBRANSON PLAYER PIANO

Ralph and Tina Turner donated a player piano which was from their farm near Springhill. It is in wonderful condition and can auto play or be pumped with pedals. They also gave us many piano rolls. Come and visit to listen to some great music.



Debbie Larrison has created a Hartford display in our museum. William Schooler loaned the brass bulldog alarm from the Hartford Bank.

Don Sandy trimming trees and cleaning-up after Indianola's wind storm. Dwight and Jerry helped.

Susan Graeser plants and maintains our grounds and can be found early many mornings planting, weeding and picking up sticks.



Our Model Railroad Club has been trying to figure out how to keep water during heavy rain from pooling on the south side of the museum. They hired VanderPool's to do excavation and re-sodding. VanderPool's also donated toward this project.

### GARAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Look in your attics and basements! It is time to gather your LCD Garage Sale items and bring them out to the Warren County Fair 4-H Building from 9 am to 4 pm on Thursday and Friday September 27th and 28th. You can bring them earlier to the museum on Thursdays or Saturday mornings.



### REISSUE OF WINDOWS ON WARREN COUNTY'S PAST

The Warren County Historical Society is printing a 2nd Edition of the 1993 book of photos, **Windows on Warren County's Past**. It will be available for purchase in September at the museum for \$25.00. It will be a wire spiral book containing over 250 black and white photos of Warren County's heritage, including the famous photo, "Cadence on the Plow", which was taken by Don Berry, former publisher of the **Record Herald and Indianola Tribune**. The book includes pictures of early Warren County businesses, communities, churches, schools, families, sport teams, bands, farm life and other events. The **Record Herald and Indianola Tribune** and over 100 persons contributed photos and information for this book.

If you did not purchase one in the 1990s, this is your chance to buy one. It would also make a great Christmas or birthday gift for loved ones.

For 2019 the Beattys will be writing a book about Warren County Women in honor of Women's Suffrage and the Me-Too Movement. If you have stories and photos of Warren County women to share, bring them to the museum or send by E-mail.



Windows on Warren County's Past





## REFLECTIONS FROM DEB



The summer is quickly drawing to a close, and what a summer it has been for the Historical Society. Busy says it all! Thanks to a \$3,363.28 matching grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership and donations from People’s Bank, Warren County Oil, TruBank, and Overton’s Funeral Home, the Carver Building is undergoing some major renovations. The leaking roof has been coated and repairs made to stop the leaks. The sinking footings along the east wall have been removed and newly poured. Thanks to the volunteer labor of Don Sandy and Butch McClintic a storage closet has been added and 2 shelving units and 4 chairs from the old Indianola Carnegie Library (donated by the Des Moines Metro Opera) have been placed in the building. Additional exhibits to enhance the Carver display are being added. Although George Washington Carver was an Indianola resident for only a year, the significance of our community impact on his life was a major turning point and had a lifelong impact on this famous inventor. Check the Grand Re-opening of the Carver Building on page 6.

The main museum roof has been repaired and coated to prevent leaks also. This could only be possible through the generous donations from our members. The Kragoskow Family Estate’s donation covered the outside roof coating while other donations were applied to new spinner vents and the replacement of stained and moldy ceiling tiles. Many of the exhibits have also been freshened and revamped in this building. Be sure to stop in and see the new display of Hartford history and events plus the new display of the undefeated Indianola 1968-1970 football team.



We are looking forward to the Log Cabin Day events this year. Be sure you have your calendars marked for September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Our newsletter has more information of events that are sure to keep the whole family busy and a couple of delicious meals you wouldn’t want to miss. Perhaps you could help with:

1. Volunteers to monitor the buildings with easy 2 hour shifts. Please give us a call, if you could help in this way.
2. Donations for the garage sale. Those can be dropped off at the museum on Thursdays from 9-4 pm or Saturdays from 9-Noon. On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> you can leave items at the 4-H Building between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.
3. The “Pie” Auction on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> after our Chicken Noodle Dinner. Donations are needed for this auction. Pies, candy, cakes, etc. are all appreciated. These items need to be dropped off at the museum kitchen by 10 am. Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Come to the auction on Sunday afternoon to bid on the treats.

Again, a big thank you to all our members for their generous donations and volunteered time. **YOU** are what allows the preservation of our community history and education for the next generation.



**Storage closet that Don Sandy and Butch McClintic built in the Carver Museum**



**Shelving from the old Indianola Carnegie Library now enhances our Carver Museum**





## CABLE BRIDGE OVER SOUTH RIVER

A practical bridge for farmers to build over the larger streams is pictured above. This bridge spans the new channel of South River on the W.N. Smith farm in White

Oak township in the Hoosier Row neighborhood.

The floor of the bridge rests directly on six 3/4 inch cables, to which the two inch oak floor boards are securely bolted and stapled. The span is 100 feet from bank to bank. The cables are 170 feet in length and are anchored to walnut and oak logs, five on each side, buried in the ground 35 feet back from the banks.

The logs are laid one on top of the other and the cables fastened to steel bars which run up and down behind the logs, giving a bearing of four feet against the ground. Smaller cables run across the river four feet above each edge of the bridge floor to which standards are fastened, forming a reasonably safe bridge railing.

The cables at the edge of the banks lie over heavy timbers supported in turn by deeply driven piling. These are clear back at the very brink of the channel, as seen in the picture, so that there is no obstruction whatsoever to the flowing water.

Mr. Smith says this bridge was built at total cost for materials of \$220, only a fraction of what a steel bridge would cost. Mr. Smith believes it will withstand high water and ice better than a steel bridge. If the floor is carried away the cables will likely remain and can be pulled back into place and a new floor laid. Never until the cloudburst of last June has the water in the new channel been anywhere near the bridge floor, says Mr. Smith.

Before this bridge was constructed the river was spanned here by a private steel bridge. This was taken out last spring by ice. It was not an ice jam, Mr. Smith explained, but ice about as thick as a pane of glass which, in running out of the river, seemed to saw off the piling that held one end of the bridge. The remains of the steel bridge can be seen in the bottom of the channel.

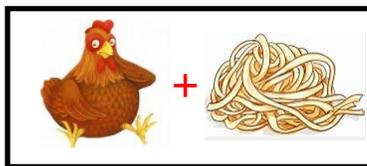
The cables used are old elevator cables, condemned for use as such. At the very first indication of deterioration the cables on tall building elevators are condemned because of the danger of using them in a place where they are subjected to constant bending; but they may be good for indefinite use where they are subjected only to a straight pull.

As one drives onto this bridge it sags slightly, as can be seen in the picture, but not enough to cause any uneasiness, even to a timid driver. From *Indianola Herald*

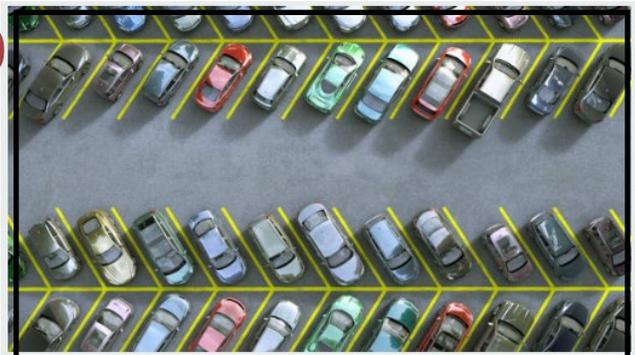
## Log Cabin Festival 2018

### Sept. 29-30

Here is the 2018 LCD Quilt. Tickets can be purchased at the museum. \$1 for one and \$5 for six.



Chicken & Noodles  
by Sandy Newell  
Sunday 11:30-1:00



### 2018 CLASSIC CAR SHOW

9:00 to 3:00

Sunday, September 30



## INDIANOLA BAND

Members of an early 1890s band. Back row, left to right, Bud Cashman, coronet; Bert Willsey, tuba; Frank Woodward, clarinet; Frank Willsey, leader and baritone; Fred Peterson, clarinet; Doc Willets, alto sax; Bill Ferguson, snare drum. Front row, Con Hadley, cornet; Grant Randolph, alto; Charley Crawford, trombone; Clay Boyer, alto; Marion Randolph, tenor sax; Olaf Redberg, bass drum. Photo from Frank Willsey, Santa Ana, CA.

## 1919 SIMPSON BAND

Sisters, Charlotte, Alice and Dorothy Phillips, were part of the Indianola Phillip's Sisters musical group that traveled the Chautauqua Circuit.



### *Cornets*

MR. MILES NEFF  
MR. EARL PACE  
MISS CAROLYN PHILLIPS  
MR. WELLINGTON PARLIN  
MR. ANDREW TREIBERT

### *Clarinets*

MISS ALICE PHILLIPS  
MR. JOSEPH MEEK

### *Flute*

MR. HARRY THOMPSON

### *Altos*

MR. FLOYD MILLER  
MR. NOBLE BANKS  
MR. FRANK ULLERY



### *Trombones*

MR. FORREST BUCHEL  
MR. ARTHUR COLE  
MR. BRYAN MITCHELL  
MISS DOROTHY PHILLIPS  
MR. HOMER STONE

### *Baritone*

PROF. H. A. HARVEY

### *Baritone Saxophone*

MR. FLOYD CAMPBELL

### *Bass*

MR. WILLARD PICKARD

### *Drums*

MISS CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS

From 1919 Zeneith

## NEW TAX RULES on Charitable Giving

Article from Donna Fuscaldo for Charles Swab

Charitable giving should come from the heart, but it can also be a smart tax strategy granted you play your cards right. From understanding the tax benefits of different types of giving to saving receipts, [Charles Schwab](#) offered up ways to maximize the gift of giving in 2018.

For investors to obtain the most benefits from donations and charitable giving, they first have to understand the ground rules. Take receipts for starters. According to Hayden Adams, director of tax and financial planning at the Schwab Center for Financial Research, investors who make donations of \$250 or more to any one charity should get a receipt. If the donation is in cash, a receipt or bank record is necessary – regardless of how little or how much you give. Hayes says that gifts of property that are worth more than \$5,000 or \$10,000 should get an independent appraisal. However, exchange-traded stocks, bonds and mutual funds do not require the same treatment.

Adams said that taxpayers who plan to deduct their charitable donations should itemize deductions, being mindful that if the standard deduction exceeds the charitable contributions and other deducted expenses combined, they won't be able to itemize. "You'll help your favorite charity – which is a good reason on its own – but won't reduce your tax bill," Adams wrote in a recent blog post.

According to The Charles Schwab Corporation's (SCHW) research arm, roughly 30% of taxpayers in the U.S. itemize their deductions. With the tax reform bill now the law of the land, that is expected to decline to less than 10% of taxpayers who continue to itemize charitable giving. Schwab said that taxpayers who give small amounts to charity and itemize will be affected the most, with the researchers finding that the increased standard deduction will lower the taxes owed by this group more than itemizing would. That will result in these taxpayers forgoing the charitable deduction altogether.

Those that have large annual itemized deductions that include substantial charitable donations will not be affected by the changes because their donations coupled with other deductions will typically be greater than the standard deduction. If the itemized deductions surpass the standard deduction, these taxpayers are likely to continue to itemize, receiving the full tax benefit from their charitable contributions.

When it comes to charitable giving, the way you donate can have a big impact on your tax bill, with some venues having more advantages over others. Cash, for example, is fully deductible and simple to give. Donating personal property gets a little more complicated because, under Internal Revenue Service rules, the gifts of clothing or household items have to be in good or better condition. If what you donated is related to the mission of the charity, you get to deduct it fully based on the current value, but if it's not related to the non-profit, you can only deduct the amount you paid for it.

Investors and business owners can also donate ordinary income property and long-term capital gain property and investments. According to Hayes, donating investments, particularly ones that have jumped in value, rather than cash can be a tax-efficient way to help a favorite charity. "Generally, if your assets have appreciated in value, it's best not to sell securities to generate the cash you need for a donation. Contributing the securities directly to the charity increases the amount you contribute and increases your deduction," Adams said. Other tax-advantaged ways to give include volunteering and giving via specialized charitable vehicles such as donor-advised funds or private foundations.

### FROM WCHS ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

Planned Legacy and Memorial Gifts ensure that your lifetime support and passion for Warren County History will be sustained into the future.



### Grand Re-Opening of the George Washington Carver Museum

**Date:** Saturday, September 15, 2018

**Time:** 10 am to 11:30 (Members Only—9 am)

This building has been refurbished and updated thanks to the generous contributions of Warren County Philanthropic Partnership, Peoples Bank, Warren County Oil, TruBank, Overtons, and generous donations of time.

LOG CABIN DAYS FESTIVAL 2018  
**SING A SONG OF WARREN COUNTY**  
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 & 30  
 WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**SATURDAY**

**BISCUITS & GRAVY**  
 7:00-10:00 AM

Museum Dining Hall  
 \$7 Adults; \$5 Kids 5 & under

**FARMER'S MARKET**  
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**PARADE 10:00 AM**  
 Line up 9 AM at County Admin. Bldg.  
 Darlene Lawyer 515-556-7413

**PUMPKIN & SUNFLOWER  
 CONTEST 11:00 AM**  
 Ackworth Garden Club  
 Sharon Weeks 515-971-4448

**KID GAMES WITH PRIZES!**  
 Campground Shelter  
 After Parade

**OPEN JAM  
 AMPHITHEATRE**  
 Begin at Noon; End when done  
 Rex Young 961-9327

**STEAM for YOUTH**  
 TBA



**SING A SONG  
 OF WARREN COUNTY  
 LCD FESTIVAL 2018**

**WINDOWS ON  
 WARREN COUNTY'S PAST**

SECOND EDITION

AVAILABLE IN MUSEUM

Twenty Five Year Anniversary of  
 1993 Edition reprinted by Studio Fusco  
 123 page soft cover spiral book containing  
 over 250 black and white photos of  
 Warren County's heritage.

**SUNDAY**

**CHURCH 10:00 AM**

Quaker Meeting House  
 Pastor TBA  
 Messengers in Camp Shelter TBA

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**  
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Judging Noon - 1:30 Awards 3pm  
 Lynn Downey 515-491-3357

**CHICKEN & NOODLES**  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Museum Dining Hall  
 \$10 Adults; \$7 Kids 5 & under

**PIE & CAKE AUCTION  
 AFTER DINNER**

Putney Auction  
 Get your number before auction starts!

**LOG CABIN QUILT  
 BY BETTY BUTLER  
 RAFFLE DRAWING**

WCHS Museum Dining Room  
 Ticket Sales STOP at 3pm  
 3:30 pm Drawing

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**SIMON & FRIENDS**

Open Jam near the General Store  
 Sat. and Sun. afternoons

**WC MUSICAL  
 VIDEO ARCHIVE**

For your listening pleasure  
 in the museum

**RECITATION OF  
 POETRY 2-3PM**

Mt. Hope School House

**CHAINS AW CARVER**

Andy Klindt  
 North of Morton Bldg.

**HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
 & VILLAGE**

SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4

**GARAGE SALE**

Linda Beatty & Friends  
 4H Building

**CRAFTS & COMMERCE**

SAT. 9-4, SUN. 9-4  
 Lester Building

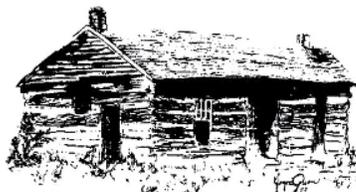
**QUILT DISPLAY**

SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4  
 Horticulture Building

MOD RAILROAD MUSEUM LOWER LEVEL

SCARECROW MAKING NEAR 4H BLDG.

While supplies last!

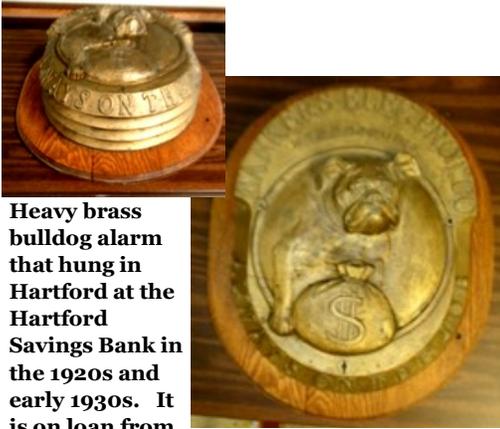


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**Heavy brass bulldog alarm that hung in Hartford at the Hartford Savings Bank in the 1920s and early 1930s. It is on loan from William Schooler for the Hartford Exhibit**

**When the Hartford Savings Bank opened in 1914 Guy D. McDole was the only employee. He kept all of the books by hand. No machines.**



**CARLISLE 1946 BANK ROBBERY**

From *Iowa City Press Citizen*, Nov. 26, 1946

J. Earl Willis ( 17 year old DM youth, without a record) and Joe Doyle Banning (a DM 19 year old Navy veteran had no criminal record) conceived this robbery and discussed banks in the Des Moines vicinity and agreed to “knock off” the Hartford-Carlisle Savings Bank.

They thought it best to rent a car. After renting the car, they went home and changed clothes, got the sub-machine gun, a 32 caliber revolver and a German pistol.

They went directly to Carlisle. Banning “cased” the bank. At 11:10 am the two masked men walked in, Willis handling the machine gun and Banning the two revolvers. They ordered bank employees to put up their hands. Willis fired 3 shots from the sub-machine gun. One wild shot hit the bookkeeper, 19 year old Florence Hinrichs, in the right arm.

“The one with the sub-machine gun just started shooting,” said bank teller Dwight Prall. “ They hadn’t said a word.”

Willis said he started firing the machine gun because he thought one of the employees had turned on an alarm.

The slug struck Hinrichs as she was seated at a filing desk. It first crashed through the bank’s counter. Another bullet hit a check-sorting machine which Vice President E.W. Canaday was operating in a teller’s cage. The third went wild. Only Miss Hinrichs was hurt.

The six members of the bank staff were forced to lineup against a wall and one bandit stood guard with the machine gun while the other cleaned all the currency out of the tellers’ cages. He put the money in a brown bag.

Canady was ordered to open the locked vault, but told the bandits it was under a time lock and couldn't be opened for 15 minutes. When a small boy entered the bank, the gunmen apparently became concerned and fled.

After scooping up the money (\$4,527) the boys drove west out of Carlisle and then to Des Moines. They changed clothes to the same things they had been wearing when they rented the car and returned the vehicle.

This crime was solved by co-operation of the Polk and Warren Sheriff’s offices, State Highway Patrol, Iowa State Bureau of Investigation and FBI.

The original tip that helped solve this case came from the Des Moines Police. Occupants of a squad car noticed that license plates on a 1941 Plymouth were wired on. A checkup showed the car was rented to Banning, who gave his own name in renting the machine.

**Jay Earl Willis was charged with robbing the Hartford-Carlisle Bank by U.S. Commissioner Vernon U. Sigler**

