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# WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### WCBS MEETING

**March 26**  
**Tues. 6:00 pm**  
**Soup Supper**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Marilyn Lawson**  
**Presents: Iowan**  
**Carrie Chapman**  
**Catt & Women's**  
**Right to Vote**

### WCBS EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Sat. at 9:30**  
**April 13th**

### LCD COMMITTEE

**Sat. at 10:30**  
**April 13**

### INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET

**Sat. at 9:00**  
**April 13th**

### WCBS MEETING

**Tues. 7:00**  
**April 23**

### 5th GRADE PIONEER SCHOOL

**May 2, 3, 6, 7**

### INDIANOLA CEMETERY WALK

**June 8 & 9**  
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### SUMMER GARAGE SALE

**Sat. June 22**



## SOUP SUPPER, ANNUAL MEETING, PLUS WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

Join us at the Warren County Historical Society Museum Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 pm for a **SOUP SUPPER**.

Following the supper we will have a brief **Annual Meeting** followed by a program on **Women's Suffrage In Iowa** from Marilyn Lawson. Last September Marilyn organized women dressed in white with Suffragette yellow sashes to march in our Log Cabin Parade. Marilyn taught several years in Charles City, Iowa where Carrie Chapman Catt's home is located. She is waiting to share her enthusiastic program with you.

Following are the Annual Meeting proposed 2019 slate of officers:

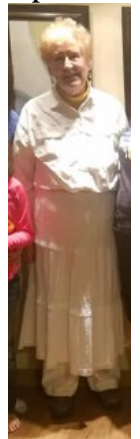
- President— Deb Taylor
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- 2nd Vice President—Linda Beatty
- Secretary—Juanita Ott
- Treasurer—Judy McClymond
- Building Trustees—David Grissom, Dwight McCormick, Dan Porter, Don Sandy, and Kathi Stanfield.



Carrie Chapman Catt's House



Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt



Marilyn Lawson

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 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.

Thank you for remembering us with your HyVee receipts and used printer cartridges.

## 5th GRADER'S PIONEER SCHOOL



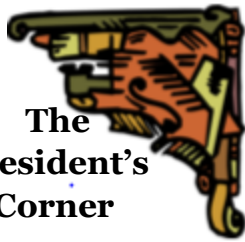
Thanks to Deb Taylor, we know the dates for Indianola's 5th Grade Pioneer School several months in advance. It will be Thursday, May 2; Friday, May 3; Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7. Each day it begins at 8:30 am and continues until 2:30 pm. Children make quilt squares, candles, and cornhusk dolls. They visit our museum, Heritage Village, attend pioneer school and learn about our agricultural heritage by shelling and grinding corn and sawing logs.

If you have two hours to spare May 2, 3, 6 or 7 and would like to help us, call us at 515-961-8085 or call Linda Beatty at 961-3088. This event needs the help of many volunteers to make it a success.



*Deb Taylor*

### The President's Corner



Hello and may warm sunny days fill your spring. This has been quite the winter. The museum had to be closed several times due to the bad weather, ice, blizzards and storms. It was just too dangerous for everyone, not to mention getting stuck in drifts. Work on the exhibits continued despite the weather. Susan Graeser has spent hours researching ladies hats and has created a fascinating display in our main meeting area. Please stop in to see the over 160 hats and accessories on display. Susan will be giving a presentation at our May general meeting to explain these fashion statements in more detail.

With the help of Dave Grissom, an analysis was made of the museum's basement lighting. We have several broken fixtures and poor coverage in the display areas. The decision was made to obtain a bid and apply for a Warren County Philanthropic Grant to help cover the expense of replacing these fixtures with more efficient and brighter LED lights. We anxiously wait to hear if this will be a project they want to participate in.

We are also in the planning stages for 2019 Log Cabin Days. There will be some exciting new changes I'm sure you will enjoy. Plans are in the works for a Saturday Tractor Show. Not only will these tractors participate in the Parade, but will be parked at the fairgrounds for a closer look. Of course, we still plan the Sunday Car Show as well. There will be more information forthcoming over the next few months.

Goals for this year are repairing the school house windows, replacing/repairing the short wooden fence by the General Store, and putting gravel along the back fence for some of the farm equipment to set on. If you would like to help with any of these projects please give us a call. Many hands make light work!

**WCHS SOUP SUPPER, GENERAL MEETING,  
Carrie Chapman Catt and Women's Right to Vote, 6:00 pm Tuesday ,**

### WCHS SUMMER GARAGE SALE

We are trying something new, a summer garage sale, in addition to our LCF Garage Sale. It will be Saturday, June 22nd from 9:00-to 4:00 pm. In the museum we will have the WCHS Sale and outside (including the gazebo) we will rent garage sale spots to individuals or groups wanting to raise their own funds. An outdoor space, 12 x 12 ft, can be rented for \$15.00. You would need to bring your own tables, pop-up tent, or just sell from your vehicle. Renters can set up on Friday or early Saturday morning.



Start putting your unwanted objects you find during spring cleaning in boxes and bring them out to the museum on Thursdays and Saturdays until June 21st.



### HOOSIER ROW SCHOOL NEEDS NEW ROOF

Hoosier Row Community Center, listed on the National Historic Register as one room school, has stood for over 100 years in White Oak Township and has served as a gathering place for the community. In 1958 the school was closed and then purchased by local rural residents to be used as a White Oak Community Center.

They are raising funds to replace Hoosier Row's roof. They are seeking help by applying for grants. However, as we know those grants need matching funds. If you would like to donate, send your donation to:

Hoosier Row Community Center c/o: Genie Hansen  
14958 R 63 Highway, Indianola, Iowa 50125

They are asking for your help to keep this historic building alive and well. Any donation would be appreciated. You can view the school which is two miles west and four miles south of Indianola.

# WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

## ENGAGE IN RIOT, From March 25, 1912, *Quad City Times*

Officials of Simpson College today began an investigation in an effort to learn the source of the trouble which broke out between members of two societies Saturday.

For years there has been considerable feeling between the fraternities, Kallonian and Everett. The Everetts were entertaining the senior class of the local high school. When both societies were seemingly in the midst of their literary exercises a tumult began. Several students engaged in fistic encounters. Others used chairs. Transoms were knocked from the doors and chairs and other pieces of furniture hurled through the panels. While one side threw apples and cups of cider, the opposing side retaliated with pies.

Citizens who were attending the function hurried from the scene.

## HOMES RAZED BY IOWA STORMS, From April 8, 1929, *Quad-City Times*, Davenport

Medora, IA Heavy windstorms throughout south central and southwest Iowa late Saturday and early Sunday, centered near here, wrecking two farm homes and injuring eight persons. One is expected not to recover.

While the Roe Laughlin family was visiting at the Elmer Schee home Saturday evening the wind lifted the building and smashed it against a nearby tree. The eight occupants were unable to escape from the house.

Dorothea and Dena Schee, 14, twins, and Rolla Laughlin 10, are in an Indianola Hospital, where Dorothea is in critical condition with a fractured skull. Rolla has a broken leg and Doris is being treated for cuts and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Schee and Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin and Ralph Laughlin, 17, received minor injuries.

## From October 1, 1878, *The Selinsgrove Times-Tribune*, Selinsgrove PA

Summerset—Farmer Gilman fixed a gun in his melon patch, in Summerset, Iowa, in such a way that the person who stirred a certain large ripe melon would receive a charge of beans. He meant to remove the gun in the morning if no thief was caught in the night. Out before daylight, his mother-in-law went out to get a melon, and got the beans. She was seriously wounded, and refused to believe that Gilman did not set the trap for her.

## From March 24, 1882, *Vermont Phoenix*, Brattleboro, Vermont

At Lothrop, Iowa, the first train which attempted to cross a new railroad bridge over Middle River, on the Des Moines and Osceola Narrow-gauge Railway, broke through, precipitating the engine, two flat cars and a caboose into the river channel below. No one was killed.

**Can you identify these Warren County Women?**

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We need your stories for our new women's book.  
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## NEW WCHS ACQUISITIONS

LeRoy Woodruff's 4-H Book

Warren County jail cell door, jail visitor window, lawn gazebo from the Warren County Supervisors

1940s Frank Miller's daily desk calendars (Carlisle journal) from Tom Thomas

Kimer and Berry photos and newspapers from *The Indianola Record and Herald*



Warren County, Iowa History Book, James Gillespie

Two Laverty Elevator pictures, 1 Panoramic Photo of Hawthorne School with board sidewalks, and two Pow Wows from Hoyt Gates

Wedding veil, Pow Wows, and miscellaneous from Janet Smith

Chuck Laverty's political hat and Jim Ford's C130 Aircraft miniature from Max Morrison

Gordon Wilkinson's Korean Conflict Army Uniform and photos from Karma D. Wilkinson

Two Jim Brommel Sings CDs and an LP of high school band from Jim Brommel

George Washington Carver by Linda Murry and George Washington Carver by Backham Holt from Michael Patterson and used as reference for Carver opera.

Indianola Church of the Nazarene Communion Service from Don Sandy

Police billy club and genealogy books from Juanita Ott

1939 Indianola High School Photos from Alan Core

Two pictures kept by Mary Bell Everhart from Ruth McAlexander

Robert "Red" Mock's Army Uniform and duffle bag

Shoe button kit, braided rug kit, rug needs from Margie Babcock

Five antique dolls, two fans, and baby carriage from Jeri Le Williams-Henry

Lensometer, poster diagram of eye, and Foropoter from Dr. Kenneth Hebron



**Did you know that as a member of the Warren County Historical Society you can rent our meeting room for reunions, family gatherings or meetings for a minimal fee. We suggest that you pay a minimum of \$35.00 or \$1.00 per attendee.**

## A CENTURY OF WOMEN'S HATS

Honoring women, Susan Graeser has created a women's hat exhibit in our museum meeting room that covers over a hundred years of hat designs. Please stop by to view this wonderful display. Seeing them reminds one of all the new Easter bonnets you used to purchase each spring.

Thinking about women, don't forget to bring to the museum your stories, photos or suggestions about special women who have lived in Warren County since the 1840s. Jerry and Linda Beatty are writing a book about Warren County Women and need your help.

You don't realize how difficult it is to do research about women before the 1960s. If married, women were called Mrs. C.W. Jones. Even in some of their obituaries their maiden or first names were not used. Historic biographies were about their husbands unless they were widows with land. This is even more reason we need your help.



Important  
DATE!

## INDIANOLA I.O.O.F. CEMETERY TOUR



**WHEN HEADSTONES TALK**  
**Hear Cemetery Residents**  
**Talk About Their Lives and Their Demise!**  
See Fascinating Historical Re-enactors in Period Dress!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8 • 7:00-8:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 9 • 2:00-4:00 PM**  
COME EARLY AND PICNIC • STONE RUBBING FOR KIDS

**ADULT-ONLY DARK-OF-NIGHT TOUR**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8 • 9:00 PM**  
(FLASHLIGHTS AND LANTERNS ALLOWED)

**FREE EVENT • DONATIONS ENCOURAGED**  
TO REPAIR AND UPRIGHT THE FALLEN AND BROKEN HEADSTONES

WEST SIDE OF INDIANOLA I.O.O.F. CEMETERY • 0.6MI SOUTH OF HWY 92 ON JEFFERSON WAY, INDIANOLA, IA  
LOOK FOR SIGNS & GHOSTLY SPIRITS

**NO RSVP • NO RAIN DATES**

OFFERED BY: INDIANOLA PARKS & RECREATION, CAROUSEL COMMUNITY THEATRE,  
WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INDIANOLA PARK FRIENDS, INDIANOLA I.O.O.F.

### Warren Women Photo Quiz Answers

1. Ilo Browne Wallace. Money from sale of farm north of Indianola provided cash for husband Henry Agard Wallace to start Pioneer Seeds
2. Leota and Lola Lane (Mullican) two of the singing Lane Sisters
3. Irene Aubert Richardson, 1st and only Woman Mayor Indianola
4. Dr. Rachael Evadne Goodhue, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics U C, Davis
5. Ruth Buxton Sayre, Helped found Associated Country Women of the World
6. Cristy Dickerson Hamblin, Retired police officer and Indianola High School Running Athlete
7. Laura Hicks Plambeck, Flower shop owner
8. Dorothy Daniel, Author of **Circle Round the Square**
9. Mahala Williams Battles, Live to over 100 years and helped organize Indianola's only African American church
10. Ann Burns, Early Indianola School Board Member & Editor/Publisher of Carroll newspaper
11. Margaret Hossock, Accused of husband's murder
12. Mary Pemble Barton , Quilt author and textile specialist



**FORT MADISON LIFER, OLE LINDQUIST  
FREE TO MARRY  
INDIANOLA WIDOW, ADDIE JACKSON**



**Lindquist, Hollingsworth, Conner, Jackson, Addie Lovina (Haworth).** Was born Feb. 1, 1884 in Chariton, IA to David and Laura (Smith) Haworth. Although her 1958 delayed birth certificate lists her parents as Darius and Nancy Kendall, the 1900 Census shows Addie living with the Kendalls in Otter Township, Warren County, but reporting she was their niece not their daughter. It appears, for some reason, the Kendalls raised their niece. Apparently, Addie considered the Kendalls to be her parents.

Addie married four times. She married William H. Hollingsworth on April 11, 1901; followed by Emmet Conner on Dec. 23, 1902 in Milo. According to the 1940 U. S. Census, Addie was married to Jacob W. Jackson and lived in Otter Township. After her third husband died, on Dec. 4, 1952, Addie, 68, married Ernest "Ole" Lindquist, 62.

Ole had served 42 years of a life sentence for killing a Carroll, Iowa policeman. In 1909, Ole, 19, a 1905 immigrant from Sweden, was sentenced to life in the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. After serving 42 years in prison, Ole's life sentence was commuted by Governor William S. Beardsley to a term of 90 years, with time off for good behavior, paving the way for his parole. Later, the Iowa Board of Parole granted Ole parole and permission to marry, after six months. [Of the 28 former life termers whose sentences were commuted, Ole was the first to win parole.] Ole had served a total of 42 years, three months, 16 days, and seven hours in prison at the time of his release. Ole was released from prison in the early morning, as other convicts were reporting to their daily jobs, and commented: **I'm good for 10 years at least. This is the greatest day of my life. It's going to be kind of hard to leave some of the guys here. Some of them are good guys and a lot of them deserve a break.**

Ole was met at the prison gate by his sponsor, Albert O. Jensen, an Omaha, NE wholesale furnace and supply company operator, and Jensen's son, Charles. Jensen, a 1905 immigrant from Denmark, identified with Ole's plight and wanted to help. He found him a job at an Omaha shoe repair store. On their way to Omaha, Ole and the Jensens stopped at Addie Jackson's home in Indianola where Addie and Ole shared their first *great big kiss* and she served his favorite meal: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, cherry pie, and a large cake. This was Ole's first ride in an automobile; he looked forward to riding in a car through the Iowa countryside at speeds up to 70 miles per hour.

Addie had become acquainted with Ole after a newspaper article was published at Christmastime naming Ole a *Forgotten Man, Iowa's Loneliest Lifer*. He had been in prison for 40 years but had not received any mail or prison visits for over 30 years and no gifts for 40 years. He never talked to a woman during his confinement; he had never ridden in a car. Upon reading about Ole's sad and lonely life in prison, Addie sent him a Christmas card with a dollar bill enclosed and began corresponding with Ole. Romance bloomed with frequent letters and prison visits but Addie and Ole could not hold hands or kiss until his release, as screens divided prisoners and visitors.

Addie then battled to keep Ole from being deported to Sweden. Since Ole's crime occurred shortly after his arrival and he never became an American citizen, Federal immigration authorities initiated actions to deport him as an alien with a prison record. Addie asked Governor Beardsley to intervene and finally, Federal authorities dropped their deportation efforts. During this time, the Lindquists lived in modest housing and took a bus to work; she worked at St. Josephs Hospital in Omaha. When Ole's deportation struggle ended, the couple returned to Indianola where Ole opened a shoe repair shop, a trade he learned at the penitentiary.

. Unfortunately, Ole, 65, died of cancer on Feb. 11, 1955, less than three years after his marriage and release from prison. [If Ole had served out his full term following commutation, he would not have been released from prison until Feb. 16, 1955.] Ole was born Oct. 19, 1890, in Helsinburg, Sweden and left his native country for St. Charles, Illinois in 1905 to join two brothers, who Ole thought were killed in WW I.

Addie, 71, became a widow again. She owned two farms south of Indianola and a nine-room home. Her only son, Robert E. Conner, lived on one of the farms nine miles south of Indianola. Addie also had three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Addie, 79, died March 12, 1963 and was buried in Chariton.

[DMT, 4/2/1952; DMR, 4/3/1952; 'Forgotten Convict' to Get Full Pardon, **The Austin American**, 12/5/1952; Ole Lindquist May Face Deportation, **Council Bluffs Nonpareil**, 9/29/53; 'Forgotten Man' of Iowa Penitentiary Is Dead, **Marshfield News-Herald**, (WI), 2/12/1955]



## INDIANOLA'S NEWS, SHARNG COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Amy Duncan, former editor and publisher of **The Record Herald and Indianola Tribune**, is creating a digital only form of news called the **Indianola Independent Advocate**. Like George and Cathy Hladky, who created the **Reminder Shopper** and Indianola's first cable TV channel, and Shane Goodman, publisher of **Indianola Living Magazine**, Amy is initiating a new form of sharing community information. **The Indianola Independent Advocate** has been free, but after March 28th will be by subscription only. If you have not gone to the website, <https://www.indianola-ia.com> you should visit before March 28th. You will find Indianola community news that you have been missing.



**Amy Duncan  
Publisher  
INDIANOLA  
INDEPENDENT  
ADVOCATE**

The first Warren County newspaper, **The Republican**, was issued August 24, 1855 by John W. Murphy. The office was upstairs in a frame building west of the alley on the south side of the square. Mr. Murphy had been a printer for the **Oskaloosa Herald** before coming to Indianola.

The paper sold in 1856 to Henderson, Millard and Co. P.P. Henderson was senior member. **The Republican** lasted less than one year.

*The Republican* became *The People's Advocate*. Frank B. Taylor in 1882 merged **The Advocate** with **The Warren County Tribune**. The merged name was **The Advocate Tribune** and it was published for 41 years. In 1882 W.H. Schooley purchased **The Advocate Tribune** and ran it with his son Frank for 20 years. Clint Price, who had operated the **The Motor**, became owner and ran the paper until he sold and merged the paper with **The Record Herald** May 1, 1923.

**The Warren County Tribune** had been founded in 1873 by George W. Parker, Carlisle. He also wrote **The History of Warren County, 1879**. Parker sold the Tribune in 1876 to W.E Andrew. He sold to Clarey & Biderback and they sold to Frank B. Taylor (see above paragraph)

**The Weekly Visitor** was established April 12, 1857. Some time in 1860 it became **The Weekly Indianola Visitor**. James H. Knox was the editor and publisher. **The Visitor** was sold in March 1864 to M. Henry Money who changed the name to **Warren County Banner**. In 1875 Money sold to W.R. Roberts. Within a few months Roberts sold half interest back to Knox who had returned to Indianola. The **Banner** name was changed back to **Visitor**.

In 1868 A.W. Swaim was editor. E.W. Brady purchased the paper by June 1868 and the name was changed to **Indianola Journal**. In 1871 Brady sold half interest to W.H. Schooley. Schooley sold half interest to A.J. Graham and they changed the name to **Indianola Herald**. This name stuck until 1944, when it merged with the **Record Herald**. Knox returned in 1873 and bought Schooley's half interest.

1886 T.T. Anderson and brother J.M. Anderson purchased the paper and it ran under the same ownership for 20 years.

**Don L. Berry**



**The Warren Eagle** by I.R. Sherwood was established on May 3, 1859.

July 14, 1870 **The Independent** was begun by G.N. Udell. In six weeks it sold to a group of investors. The name was immediately changed to **The Leader**. In 1872 it sold to John A. Everett. In 1875 he changed the name to **Record**.

**Indianola Times** appeared mid 1892 with publisher O.S. Riggs. Three years later he sold to O.H. Baker. Baker sold to the Andersons when he left Indianola.

**The Warren County Record** was founded in 1893 by Alfred W. Perrine. In 1896 he sold the paper to L.W. Haworth and Charles B. Little. After a year and a half, they sold to Homer Thompson. Thompson sold half interest to Charles S. Lyon. November 1, 1900 Lyon sold to E.B. Dowell. After Dowell's death, Mrs. Dowell ran the paper until January 1, 1920 when it was sold to Jesse W. Holden and Don L. Berry.

On May 1, 1923 the Record and Tribune Company began combining the Advocate Tribune and the Record Herald into one paper. For more in depth information see **History of Warren County**, compiled by Gerard Schultz and Don L. Berry. Information from Don Berry, nationally known Indianola newsman for over 60 years, from pages 233-265, **History of Warren County**, compiled by Gerard Schultz and Don L. Berry.

Don't forget that you can research digitized Warren County newspapers from 1860s to 1930s by going to our WCHS website, [www.warrencountyhistory.org](http://www.warrencountyhistory.org)

**WARRENCOUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Annual Membership**

**Membership \$20.00**

**Gift \$20.00** Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Lite Up the Basement** Street \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer Possibilities. Mark any volunteer opportunities you might consider.**

- Adopt an Exhibit (Set-up, clean or inventory)
- Short term project here or at home
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Museum Hosting
- May Pioneer School
- September Log Cabin Festival

You will notice under Memberships a place to  check, Lite up the Basement Fund. We are pursuing grant money to add and update our basement lighting. Several exhibits have been renewed and new items added, but our dreary and spotty lighting makes it hard to see. As with most grants, we need matching funds, so we are asking you to [help us Lite up the basement.](#)

*Thank You!*

**Join or Renew your Warren County Historical Society Membership. As an all volunteer organization, your membership and support are extremely important to us.**

**Warren County Historical Society Supporters allow us to :**

**Remain a free admission museum, which makes our history available to everyone**

**Create new exhibits**

**Have a collection of local artifacts and share these through visits and tours**

**Maintain a research library and Historical Village**

**And provide educational events**

**In short you bring our county's stories to life!**