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WCHS MEETING

Tues., May 28

7:00 pm

General Meeting

Susan Graeser

The Perfect Hat, History of Women's Hats

WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sat. at 9:30

June 8th

LCD COMMITTEE

Sat. at 10:30

June 8th

INDIANOLA CEMETERY WALK

June 8 & 9

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SUMMER GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 22

9:00 to 4:00

WCHS MEETING

Tues. 7:00

June 25

Kent Halstead

Civil War Soldier

WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sat. at 9:30

July 13th

LCD COMMITTEE

Sat. at 10:30

July 13th

WARREN COUNTY FAIR

Sat. July 24-29

No July General Meeting

WCHS MAY GENERAL MEETING

Tues., May 28th, 7:00 pm

Susan Graeser presents, The Perfect Hat, a History of Women's Hats on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 pm. Come to see the wonderful hat exhibit and learn about hats that ladies used to wear.



WCHS OFFICERS ELECTED

President— Deb Taylor

1st Vice President—Deb Larrison

2nd Vice President—Linda Beatty

Secretary—Juanita Ott

Treasurer—Judy McClymond

Building Trustees—David Grissom, Dwight McCormick, Dan Porter, Don Sandy, and Kathi Stanfield.

A big **Thank You** to retiring President Darlene Lawyer, Vice President Shelley Wakeman, and Building Trustee Dick Labertew for their hard work.

2019 LOG CABIN FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday September 28-29

Theme: "Warren County-HER Story"

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.

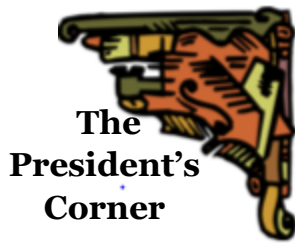


Also we still collect used printer cartridges to return to Office Max and receive credit to purchase office supplies.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AT PIONEER SCHOOL

We had about 300 Indianola 5th graders attend Pioneer School. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all that helped make this event a success. It takes many wonderful volunteers to make this event happen. A special thanks to Karl Hayes who donated ear corn so that the 5th graders could practice shelling it. This is one of the many things they enjoy learning to do.



Deb Taylor

This year promises to be a busy one. The Historical Society was awarded a grant from the Iowa Quester's and applied for by Warren County Questers. This grant is for the preservation of the Sandyville School Stage Curtain. John Parker Sr. of Parker Signs & Graphics will be working on this project over the next few months. The Historical Society also received a grant for half of the replacement of basement light fixtures from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership. Work has already started on this project by Miller Electric and we are very excited about the improvement.

Our trustees have been busy repairing the gazebo, a broken window in the school house, the fence in front of the General Store, and many other odds and end projects. There are just so many things needing attention and all help is greatly appreciated. If you have a few hours to donate on a Thursday or Saturday morning, please stop in. We also are in need of computer savvy individuals to help with entering information into our system.

I want to personally thank everyone who helped with Pioneer School Days. It is an awesome experience that the children talk about for years. New this year will be a garage sale, Saturday, June 22nd. We will still have our regular sale during Log Cabin Days. If you are cleaning or have extra items you would like to donate, please bring them to the museum.

WCHS SUMMER GARAGE SALE

The WCHS Summer Garage Sale 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.



Bring your used items to the museum on Thursdays and Saturdays until June 21st. Come and shop June 22nd at 9:00 am.



THANK YOU, WARREN COUNTY PHILANTHROPIC ASSOCIATION

In April we received a \$2,400 matching grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Association to begin improving the lighting in our museum basement. Miller Electric began work May 8th. Come and visit the



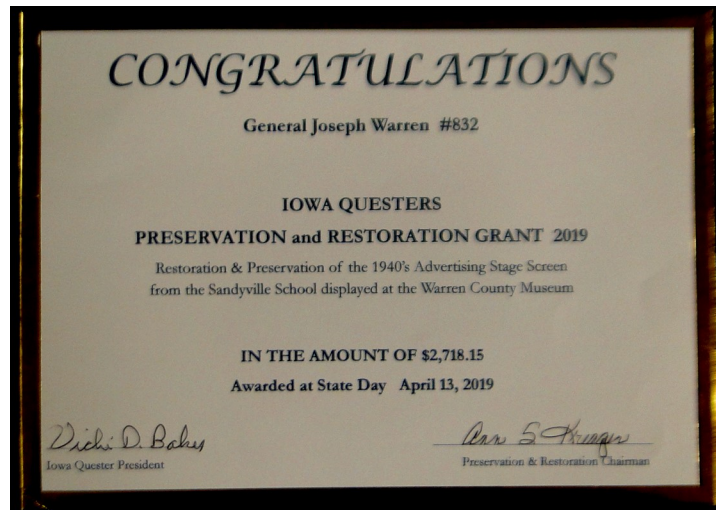
Dave Grissom fixing school window

basement to see the new LED lights and rearranged exhibits

Thanks to Dave Grissom we have a new window in Mt. Hope School. Vandals had broken it with a rock.

Notice the new fence with the stile in front of Mt. Hope. The fence has been deteriorating and had been hit by someone's vehicle. Don Sandy and Butch McClintic replaced and rebuilt the fence.

Thanks to the Warren County Quester Groups, we have been given a preservation and restoration grant of \$2,718.15 from the Iowa State Questers. This grant will be used to have John Parker Sr. stabilize our late 1940s advertising screen that came from the Sandyville Schoolhouse. It is located on the east wall in our meeting room.





Dorothy Daniel

DOROTHY DANIEL, Author of *Circle Round the Square*

Dorothy (Smith) Daniel was born April 1, 1905 in Indianola to James Clyde and Gertrude (Brown) Smith. In 1914 Dorothy's mother moved to Sioux City and married Ralph A. Henderson. Dorothy graduated from Sioux City High School in 1922 and attended Simpson College 1924-1925. She spent many of her teenage summers living in Indianola with her grandparents, Oswell Chase and Jennie Brown.

Dorothy was married three times; to Donald Edwin Grant, August 8, 1925, to John Harrison Gihon, December 18, 1930, and to Royal "Scoop" Westbrook Daniel, Jr., July 24, 1939.

Daniel was managing editor of the old **Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph**, city editor of the **New York Daily Mirror**, and managing editor of the **Boston Daily Advertiser**. In 1959 she and her husband moved to Quitman, GA, where he became owner and publisher of the **Quitman Free Press**, which had been owned by his father. Dorothy assisted in the operation of the newspaper and wrote a column, *Whistling Dixie*, for which she won national honors.

Dorothy moved to Pittsburgh in 1933 from Chicago where she had associated with the radio and TV programs of the Chicago Dailey News. In 1930 she telecasted the first regularly scheduled TV program. She began her Pittsburgh career in radio work, then wrote a radio column for the **Sun-Telegraph** under the name Jane Hamilton and an advice column under the name Mary Hallam. She later became women's editor of that paper. Following her marriage to "Scoop" Daniel in 1939 Dorothy devoted her time to civic activities and writing. She assisted in the organization of St. Edmund's Academy, Squirrel Hill, and served as a trustee of the school. She also was a member of the executive board and secretary of the Pittsburgh Playhouse and a trustee of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society.

For 16 years Dorothy studied first-hand Pittsburgh's oldest industry, -glassmaking. Her compelling interest and research on American glass resulted in an informative and well written 400 page book, **Cut and Engraved Glass, 1771-1905** (Barrows). The book embellished by over 200 pictures and drawings was highly acclaimed as a collector's guide to American glass, the first definitive study of American cut and engraved glass. Dorothy traced the history of cut glass down through the development at the American Flint Glass Manufacturing at Manheim, PA in 1771. The book provided technical information on the patterns of various periods, cutting, engraving and etching, a glossary of terms and a list of known patterns. Dorothy also wrote a book titled, **Young Andy's Mother**, based on her research into the life of Andrew Carnegie and his mother. She also wrote a play, *Remember Me*, which was produced at the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

Dorothy was a driving force in the development of educational television in the Pittsburgh area. She was one of the founders of educational TV station WQED and presented a series of *Community Portraits* shows over that station. Through her public relations expertise, Dorothy mobilized the community and raised funds to place educational programs on TV. As noted in the July 13, 1969 issue of the **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**, Dorothy was credited with identifying Fred Rogers as the person to host interesting and informative programs for children. It was Dorothy Daniel who identified Fred Rogers as a creator of children's programs. It was Dorothy Daniels who had *The Children's Corner* ready for WQED's first successful program. It was Dorothy Daniels who knew that Fred Rogers had the capabilities which have brought him and his program into the new nationally acclaimed Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Fred McFeely Rogers headed the popular children's TV program for over 30 years, 1968-2001, 195 episodes, ending each program by telling viewers: "You've made this day a special day, by being you. There's no person in the whole world like you, and I like you just the way you are."

For Indianolans, Dorothy Daniel is best known for her delightful 1959 book, **Circle Round The Square**, where she described growing up around 1912 at her grandfather's house in Indianola, a legacy of cut glass, plated silver, patchwork quilts, stuffed birds and baby clothes. Her grandfather was a deaf lawyer with a lame dog and an interest in astronomy, her grandmother had secrets that could not be revealed to children until they were old enough. Dorothy recalled an Indianola named the *The Holy City*, where there were no saloons, dance halls, pool halls, bowling or places to purchase tobacco or cigarettes. Even the local movie house was viewed with suspicion. Traveling salesmen tried their best to complete their business before nightfall so they could go on to Des Moines. If you knew the right people, however, there was a lot of fun, adventure and excitement in this town.

Dorothy, 63, died in Quitman, GA on July 18, 1968. Her husband, Royal died in 1973. She was survived by two sons: Royal Daniel II and Barton H. Daniel.



2019 LOG CABIN QUILT

This year's quilt was designed and quilted by Marcia Brocker Olson. She graduated from Indianola High School in 1969.

Marcia said the center has the Votes For Women over a sun and was a pin she found that the ladies wore. The hat represents the suffragettes with an inked quote from Susan B. Anthony. The suffragettes protested the Statue of Liberty representing Liberty when women had no vote. The black and white stripes represent prison bars (notice padlock in lower right corner). The applique blocks have a name of a woman involved in the movement, a quote, or an Iowa related fact. The colors of the suffragettes' movement were purple, green and white.



Thanks to Marcia for creating this lovely quilt commemorating women suffragettes. We will have raffle tickets available for purchase in July. One ticket for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00.

The quilt raffle will take place Sunday, September 29th after the Pie and Cake Auction.

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 \$25.00 or \$1.00 per attendee.

MYSTERIOUS CLOCK, PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED

For many years we have wondered about the clock that hangs in our museum meeting room. We knew that it had been given to the VFW and then had been given to us. It has these dates written in gold lettering, Feb. 28, 1848 and July 12, 1917. It appears that it was a marriage of two different styles of wood. The clock works, when wound.

This article was found in an Indianola newspaper.

In 1996 the members of the Lyon-Butler Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1123 donated the antique clock from the post's former building to the Warren County Historical Society. Lyle Sones, who was in charge of renting the building over the years, said the clock had originally belonged to the Silas G. Keeney Livery Stable, which stood where the Indianola City Hall is now located. According to Sones, Keeney Livery Stable provided transportation to people and freight from the railroad stations and boarded horses overnight.

So now we know that it used to be hang in the Keeney Livery. However, we still are unsure what the two dates mean.



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

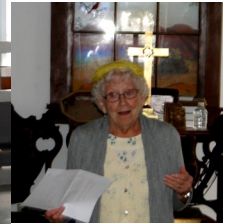
WEST SIDE OF INDIANOLA I.O.O.F. CEMETERY • 0.6MI SOUTH OF HWY 92 ON JEFFERSON WAY, INDIANOLA, IA
LOOK FOR SIGNS & GHOSTLY SPIRITS

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.



**THANK YOU
PIONEER
SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS**





Simpson College Women's Battalion 1903

Alice France, 1st Lieut., Co. B
Sergt. C.A. Bulles, Acting Sergt. Major

Katharene Zeller, Captain, Co. A

Lieut. E.V. Stanley, Acting Adjutant

Alice Cain, 2nd Sergt. Co. A

Lieut. Edw. Shuey, Acting Major

Lizzie Brown, 3rd Sergt. Co. B

Olive Smith 1st Sergt. Co. A

Lora Hagler, Captain Co. B

WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

Miss Ellen Belle McClellan, Indianola Dancing instructor, is studying ballet in Hollywood with Ernest Belcher, one of the best teachers on the Coast. She is also studying tap dancing at the Francho and Marco School which produces dancers for motion pictures. Miss McClelland writes that she is learning many Shirley Temple, Jane Withers and Sybil Jason dances at this school. 1936, **Indianola Record & Herald**

Tall, white-haired Wint Chumbley, 86, hauled bricks for the building of the Warren County Courthouse in the late 1860s, and he helped lay the cornerstone for the new one last November (1938). Mr. Chumbley rides horseback about his farm every day. 1939, **Indianola Record & Tribune**

The Mount Hope rural school building has been moved from where it had been standing for the last half century, two miles south of Spring Hill, to Fairview Roadside Park on the county fairgrounds. There it will be renovated and preserved as a memorial to rural schoolhouses that once dotted the countryside. The building was purchased from the Mabel Morgan estate by the Warren County Historical Society. 1967, **Indianola Record & Herald**

Rock Island Railroad will soon begin construction work on a line from Allerton to Carlisle, Iowa. The estimated cost is \$4,080,000. March 24, 1911, **The Inter Ocean** (Chicago, IL)



Train wreck scene at Beech. These were among the cars derailed when a Rock Island Lines passenger train struck a road grader near Beech on November 16, 1961. There were no fatalities but 62 persons were injured enough to be taken to the hospital.

Nov. 17, 1961, **The San Bernadino County Sun** (San Bernadino, CA)

Mary Kilburn, 1st Sergt. Co. B

**DATES OF LAND ENTRIES
FOR VIRGINIA TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, IA**

Alley, Thomas W. April 17, 1855
 Alley, David September 18, 1854
 Barker, Danl. June 19, 1855
 Beckett, John November 9, 1853
 Beckett, Robt. April 19, 1856
 Boyd, Bartley Sept. 25, 1855
 Branner, John Oct. 12, 1854
 Braucht, Adam August 4, 1852
 Braucht, Geo W. Feb. 14, 1856
 Braucht, Rebecca Feb. 14, 1856
 Burson, Benj. August 12, 1854
 Caffrey, Saml. H. Feb. 20, 1854
 Cain, Thos. Sept. 18, 1854
 Chapman, Joshua P. May 22, 1855
 Chezum, Geo. W. June 12, 1855
 Clark, Lewis O. April 19, 1856
 Clippinger, Geo. May 12, 1856
 Conner, John May 16, 1854
 Conner, Step. B. June 19, 1856
 Conner, Wm D. Aug. 1, 1854
 Costhwait, John P. May 16, 1856
 Creed, Chas. W. Aug. 8, 1854
 Cox, Jacob Nov. 14, 1855
 Crawford, John Undetermined
 Dorr, Wm F. Sept. 27, 1854
 Dorr, Joseph, Oct. 12, 1854
 Doyel, Wm F. Sept. 27, 1854
 Edgar, John Sept. 29, 1855
 Fain, Samuel N. Dec. 31, 1855
 Faulkner, Oscar March 7, 1855
 Felton, Abraham June 24, 1854
 Felton, John H. Jan. 5, 1855
 Felton John Aug. 12, 1854
 Felton Marg. Jan. 29, 1855
 Fleming, Wm. B Oct. 11, 1855
 Funston, Robt. Oct. 27, 1853
 Funston, Thos. C. July 4, 1854
 Gamble, Edw. A. June 3, 1856
 Gambell, Harry June 14, 1855
 Gibson, Elijah Nov. 7, 1854
 Golden, Wm. A. March 18, 1856
 Green, Wm. April 25, 1855
 Griffith, Geo. E. June 21, 1855
 Hisner, Wm. April 12, 1851
 Hale, James July 1, 1854
 Hamlet, Jos. C. Oct. 27, 1851
 Hamlin, Fredk, M. May 12, 1856
 Hammon, Peter June 25, 1855
 Haney, Jonathan July 19, 1851
 Harsh, Jacob, Oct. 29, 1855
 Harsh, John J. Undetermined
 Henn, Barnhart Nov. 17, 1855
 Holm, Wm. Sept. 4, 1854
 Hopkins, James Dec. 26, 1854
 Howe, Geo. W. Numerous Entries
 Huffman, George May 16, 1854
 Hull, Thomas July 19, 1895
 Hosea, James Sept. 15, 1855
 James, Marshall Nov. 8, 1854
 Judd, Hawkins Oct. 20, 1855
 Keffer, S. Sr. Feb. 12, 1857
 Kefler, Gottlieb June 14, 1854
 Keleher, Ira R. Oct 27, 1855
 Knotts, Absalum Aug. 8, 1854

Knotts, Luke Feb. 22, 1855
 Leggett, Francis Undetermined
 Lindsley, John A. March 28, 1851
 Longfellow, Nathan M. March 28,
 1855 Long, James B. Sept. 8, 1855
 Love, David Jan. 15, 1855
 Lord, Sarah June 3, 1856
 Manley, Robert W. May 21, 1856
 Martin, John Nov. 9, 1854
 Melvin, Madison M. Oct. 1, 1854
 McConnell, Thos. July 27, 1855
 McClure Robert April 8, 1856
 McNeer, Kaiser March 25, 1856
 Millard Agustus W.H. Sept. 5, 1854
 Millard, Delia June 1, 1855
 Miller, Joseph July 9, 1855
 Miller, Charles E. July 28, 1855
 Moore, Edward Undetermined
 Needham, John R. May 17, 1856
 Noble, B. B. July 28, 1855
 Proudfoot, David W. July 1, 1854
 Proudfoot, Thomas Nov. 2, 1854
 Poe, Henderson G. March 24, 1856
 Porter, Richard Jan. 25, 1856
 Priaulx, Peter June 20, 1855
 Randolph, Albert Aug. 15, 1855
 Read, Francis H. June 6, 1854
 Read, Wm June 24, 1856 =
 Richards, George, July 6, 1854
 Rimion, Fredk. A. April 18, 1856
 Rogers, Fredk. A. April 1856
 Russell, Owen D. July 17, 1855
 Sayre, David Aug. 15, 1856
 Sayre, Absalum Aug. 8, 1854
 Sayre, Hannah Oct. 29, 1855
 Sayre, Matilda Oct. 29, 1855
 Scott, Davis J. Oct. 29, 1856
 Scott, Joseph May 20, 1954
 Sidwell, Hugh May 20, 1855
 Slanderford, Wm. July 1, 184
 Snell, Gustavus Oct. 31, 1855
 Stacey, Florius July 10, 1854
 Steele, Wm. Nov. 18, 1854
 Stewart, John Z. June 14, 1855
 Stratton, Edw. May 7, 1856
 Strock, Tobias Dec. 29 1855
 Temple, Edw. A. Oct. 1, 1854
 Temple, Edw. May 18, 1853
 This Temple and the one above Edw. A.
 are believed to be one and the same.
 Trobaugh, George M. Dec. 12, 1854
 Todhunter, Lewis July 28, 1855
 Thomas, George March 24, 1856
 Thonly, Edw. Dec. 29, 1855
 Vanscoy, Samuel June 2, 1855
 Vanscoy, William June 2, 1855
 Walker, Theo. S. Nov. 13, 1854
 Watson, Joseph C. June 19, 1854
 White, John Oct. 27, 1851
 Wood, Alfred C. Jan. 1, 1855

This is an incomplete list. There were many others.

**Hubert Wilkins,
Polar Explorer,**



Robert L. Nine

Several Indianola men, among them Verle Norris, Robert Nine and Jim McConnell, are helping transportation history in the Alaskan Artic, according to a newspaper article in Jesson's Alaska.

Robert Nine was born in Iowa April 26, 1912 to Lelia (Lucas) and Garfield Nine. He grew up in St. Marys, Warren County, IA.

He became a foreman of a caterpillar train, with headquarters at Point Barrow, Alaska. He had a famous passenger on February 1, 1947, when Australian Sir George Hubert Wilkins, noted Artic explorer, spent three days riding with Nine. Wilkins was a consultant and geographer to the U.S. Armed services at the time.

F. P. Kerr, representing the Army Quartermaster Department, accompanied Sir Hubert. They rode the "cat" train from Skull Cliff to Meade River.

In a letter to his mother Robert said Sir Hubert was a very interesting man and seemed to appreciate the things done for him.

Mr. Nine has spent six years in Alaska and is now hauling supplies for oil wells from Point Barrow to Meade and Umat, where the Navy is opening oil wells. The latter post is only 25 miles from Russia.

The 'cat' train consisting of six cat engines, with five sleds on each, now makes the trip to Umat over 125 miles of frozen Arctic Ocean, thus cutting off many miles from the trip which is between 400 to 500 miles. A smaller 'cat' is sent ahead to test the ice. The temperature is 42 degrees below zero, he writes.

Robert died in 1955 and is buried in Indianola.



WARRENCOUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Membership

Individual \$20.00

Family \$25.00

Gift \$20.00

Name _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

WCPS RECEIVES GRANT FROM WARREN COUNTY PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP

The Warren County Historical Society is excited to be one of 22 recipients of a grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership in 2019.

WCPS was awarded a grant for \$2,400 to be used for new LED lighting in our museum basement. Half of our old fluorescent lights in the basement no longer work or shut-off after being on for 10 minutes. This makes our basement dimly lit. and uninviting to our guests.

This matching grant was presented at a reception May 7 at the Legacy Clubhouse in Norwalk. Photo: Deb Taylor & Heather Hulen, WCPA President

Warren County Philanthropic Partnership awarded \$108,465 in grants to organizations in Warren County this year. Those grant dollars will be invested back into Warren County communities to complete projects totaling more than half a million dollars.

Warren County Philanthropic Partnership has served the county for nearly 15 years by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations and assisting citizens and nonprofit organizations in planning their charitable giving. To learn more about the community foundation efforts or contribute to Warren County Philanthropic Partnership's grant making process, visit www.warrencountypa.org.

