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9:30 am

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Follows Board

WCHS
LOG CABIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 23

Farmer's Market

Parade 10:00 am

Chicken/Noodle Dinner

11:00 to 1:30

\$12:00

Civil War Re-enactors

11:30-3:30

Games, Vendors,

Scare Crow Making

Silent Auction 11-3:30

WCHS BOARD

Thursday, October 19

9:30 am

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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.

When Hy Vee asks if you want to have your receipt, say **YES!**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, CELEBRATE the 50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY of MOVING and RESTORATION of our 1850s WAYMAN FAMILY LOG CABIN to its current location.



Our log cabin has been in desperate need of repairs for over 20 years. In the last 2 1/2 years WCHS have made a commitment to preserve and maintain the structural identity of this Warren County landmark. Through grants, fundraising and a donation from Stuart Coon in memory of these family members: Lois & Delmer Coon, Bess and Guy Coon, Jessie and Homer Smith, Ruth and Claude McDaneil, Alma and Frank Harvey, and Amanda Shiver. September 23 you can visit our "NEW" cabin that has been leveled, has a new cedar shingle roof, log repair and chinking.

The final task was to replace several decaying and rotted logs with white oak timbers and masonry chinking re-enforced with metal lath and closed-cell foam. Tracy Grossman, owner of Heritage Woodworos, Inc, Timber Frame and Restoration, Clemons, Iowa and his family are providing these final touches.

He cleaned the logs with corn cob blasting and burnishing. Sand blast would have hurt the wood. You will notice how this process lighted the log color. Copper flashing has been installed to help direct any rainfall or moisture over the edge of the steel support beams. He treated and sealed the logs with a penetrating insecticide and two coats of oil with a mold resistant additive.

One thing that will need to be addressed at a future time is landscaping around the cabin to improve drainage.

Drainage will need to be one of the first things addressed when WCHS begins to develop our property to the east. All of us know that heavy rain erodes our gravel road southwest of our entrance. That makes three drainage problems we will soon need to address.



Put your thinking caps on for what we should call our new property to the east and let us know. We are all tired of trying to get people to know what we are talking about by saying east and north of the museum. Champlin Addition, Picken Acres, Heritage Village View, The Field, J Street ???, Garden ???, Carver ???

PRESIDENT'S CORNER August 2023

Hello, Everyone!

It's that wonderful time of year again! Football games, pumpkins, the smell of the leaves, and roasted hot dogs on the fire.

For WCHS it is time for our 50th anniversary of the Log Cabin celebration!!! We truly hope that you and your family come and share it with us. While you enjoy the festivities, come and have a wonderful home cooked meal of chicken and noodles.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy. We have scarecrow making, games, vendors, rope making, quilt show, the museum, , log cabin restoration, signature quilt, silent auction Civil War re-enactment, and relative search for soldiers of Civil War. The model railroaders will be running trains in the basement. Our carving dedicated to George Washington Carver is finished and ready to make its debut.

We'd like to say "Thank You " to Phillip Grossman, cabin restorer, Andy Klindt, chainsaw carver, and to everyone who is giving their time to help us put on such a wonderful event. We could not do it without the support you show us.

Let the Celebration begin! Can't wait to see everyone!!!

From Deb Larrison

Warren County Historical Society President



WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Membership Form New or Renewal

Your Information

First Name

Name

Address

_____ Work Phone _____

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Membership Fee Single \$25 Family \$30

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Four Views of Tree Carved in Memory of George Washington Carver

- 1. Carver name 2. Peanut plant 3. Art palette & brushes 4. Iron & clothes pin**

A couple of years ago WCHS lost a beautiful ash tree located near our Carver Building. Doug Blakely with Bill and Seth Wadle removed the tree and left part of the trunk to be carved by a chainsaw. Andy Klindt, Andy Klindt Woodcraft located in Des Moines, agreed to design and chainsaw carve our ash stump. September 7th he completed the wonderful four-sided design celebrating G.W. Carver’s love of plants and painting and ability to earn an income in Indianola by doing student and faculty laundry while attending Simpson College in 1890-91.

Andy, a graduate of Indianola High School, and wife Kelly demonstrate chainsaw carving at various shows, including the Warren and Clarke County Fairs. For the last eleven years, Andy has worked as a fulltime wood carver focusing primarily on wildlife and tree stump jobs. Many of his jobs are done in the Des Moines Metro area.



Andy stained the uncarved part of the tree to highlight his artwork. The carving is 9 foot tall with a 12 foot circumference. Due to its size, you can see it as you drive Highway 92 or J Street.

Stump before it was carved by Klindt.



Kelly and Andy Klindt, owners of Klindt Woodcraft, Des Moines

LOOKING FOR LOG CABIN FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS



To Volunteer call us at 1-515-961-8085 or
E-mail contact@warrencountyhistory.org

2 hour shift 10:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:00, 2:00 to 4:00

Scare Crows, Museum north entrance, Pioneer Church, Carver Building,
Silent Auction, WCHS Store, Quilt Show (South River Meeting House),
Games

WCHS Honors Two Volunteers



Judy McClymond

Judy McClymond, longtime WCHS Treasurer will be retiring from this job. She became our treasurer, when Beverly Dickerson resigned. She is training Kevin Beener to become our new treasurer later this year. We thank Judy for her service and the last two years have been extra busy ones for the WCHS Treasurer.

Darlene Lawyer McAninch (note recent name change due to an early September wedding) has been our LCF Parade Chair since Beverly Dickerson talked her into it many years ago. Part of her job is to get the parade permit from the city, find convertibles for parade honorees, see that parade entries are judged and make sure the well oiled team that answers questions and gets everyone lined up is on duty. We thank Darlene for her years of service. Next year, Dan Porter will become Parade Chair. "Age Check"- anyone remember when Dan's dad, Don Porter was

Parade Chair and the parade was organized at Porter's business east of Highway 65/69 on Girard?

Please join us for a reception honoring these women at LCF at 10:30 Saturday, September 23rd at the Gazebo in our Heritage Village.



Queen of Hugs, Darlene Lawyer McAninch with grandson. Best Wishes to you, Darlene, on your new marriage.

WCHS NEWS

Cheryl Dee and her grandson painted the gazebo and outdoor privy September 2nd.

Linda and Kevin Beener have been organizing the probate records in our basement for many months. The massive job is complete.

Deb Larrison learned that the Altoona Area Historical Society had free display cases available to any group, if they would pick them up. Harvest Academy, currently located north of Indianola, but moving to Des Moines, would pick them up, deliver and move them to a permanent location for a modest fee. The four cases are now installed in the museum. Harvest Academy is a 2-year community-based rehabilitation and therapeutic program that provides the framework and support for those who want to improve.

Marylee Vanderpool brought us a gigantic, bigger than life picture of George Washington Carver. You can see it in the Carver building.

Flag rope of our tall flagpole on eastside broke and we are hopeful that the Indianola Fire Department will rescue it.





***Special Attraction Army of the Southwest, Civil War Enactors 11 am to 3:30 pm
(J Street/Hiway 92 Field) Questions answered and/or activity continuously**

11:30 Cannon Demonstration (Will be repeated in afternoon)

12:30 Infantry Drill Demonstration (Possible children's drill)

1:30 Rifle Demonstration

2:30 Skirmish followed by dress-up/cannon/musket shooting/medical demonstrations

***Regular LCF Schedule**

8:00 Farmer's Market,

**9:00 to 4:00 Heritage Village; Quilt Show (South River Friends); Scare Crow,
Campground Shelter \$5.00; Games; Cow Chip Throw; Face Painting, Photo Ops, WCHS
Country Store, Vendors**

10:00 Parade (Warren County Administration Building to Square, ends at Whittier)

**10:30– 11:00 Reception in Gazebo for retiring Parade Chair Darlene Lawyer McAninch
and Treasurer Judy McClymond**

10:30 to 3:30 Search for your Iowa Civil War Veteran, Library

**11:00 or after Parade, Giant Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest,
Shelter**

**11:00-1:30 Chicken and Home Made Noodle Dinner, Museum
Dining-room, \$12.00**

11:00-3:30 Silent Auction, Museum

O. J. Fargo



JOHN PAUL JONES, PAINTER, PRINTMAKER, and SCULPTOR

John Paul Jones was born November 18, 1924 in Indianola to Paul C. and Ada Juanita (Davis) Jones. He died September 25, 1999 in Ashland, Oregon.

He is the grandson of Lucy (McQuen) Jones of Indianola. He graduated from Indianola high school in 1943. On October 3, 1943 he entered the army for 3 years, serving overseas for 15 months.

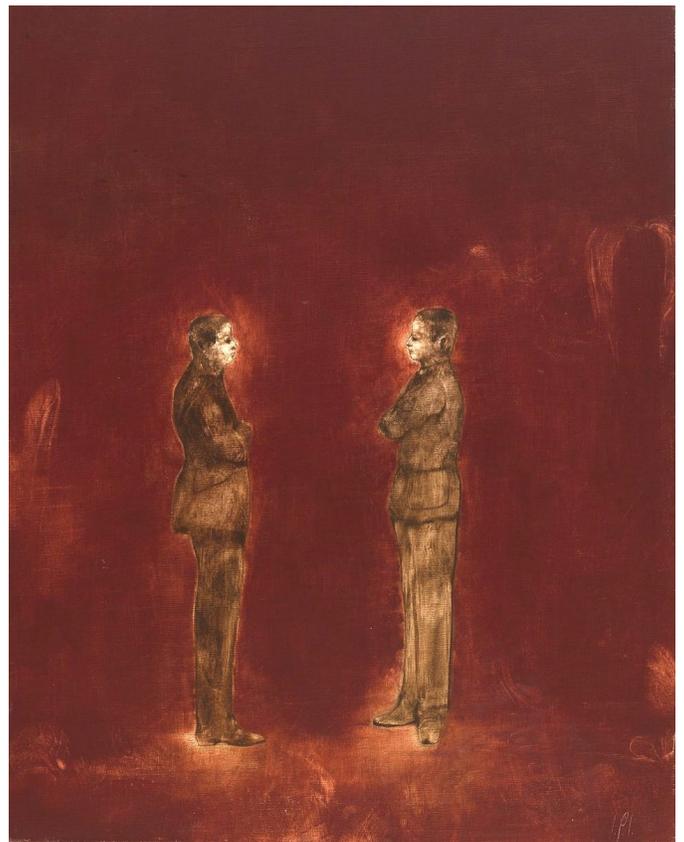
In 1946 he entered the State University of Iowa where he studied with artists and educators, Mauricio Lasansky, Stuart Edie, Ludrias, Humbert Abrizio and James Lechay. With the return of veterans on the G.I. Bill, the University of Iowa conferred more graduate arts degrees than any other university. John Paul received his B.F.A in June 1949.

It was Lasansky's printmaking workshop that most affected his work. In February, 1951 he received his Master's in printmaking and was awarded the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation scholarship for graphics, a purchase prize from the Brooklyn Museum National Print Exhibition and joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma as Instructor of Art.

1953 he became Professor of Art at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he launched their printmaking program. He relocated to University of California campus at Irvine from 1969 to 1982 where he was Professor of Prints and Drawings.

Jones was also a painter and sculptor and in the late 1970s focused on minimalist bronze and wood works.

Resources: *Young Iowa Artist, Former Indianola Boy, Presenting One-Man Show*, Indianola Record Herald, May 17, 1951; www.annexgalleries.com/artist/sbiography/1160/JonesJohn



John Paul Jones 1965 oil painting from the series Great Ideas of Western Man. Smithsonian American Art Museum. John Paul Jones, "No man for any considerable period can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true." Nathaniel Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter, 1850.



Print, Night Lady



Photo: John Paul Jones, from Wikipedia.com

The Silent Auction



The Log Cabin Festival Silent Auction will be held Saturday, September 23, from 11:00 to 3:30. Each sale item has a bid sheet with an item description and a minimum bid. Bidders must register for the auction and can place bids until the auction closes at 3:30. Once the auction is closed, winning individuals are expected to pay and remove purchased items.



Pittsburgh Stoneware



Quilt & Trunk



Raggedy Baby Quilt



Warren County Plat Book

Warren County History Book

Theme Baskets

Prints & Art

**New Silent Auction Items Arriving
Until Friday, September 22nd**

Deb Larrison, Toni Rath and Juanita Ott display our 2023 LCF Signature Quilt. We are not raffling a quilt at this year's festival. Last year several signature quilts were displayed in our museum and Kitty Picken suggested we make a museum keepsake signature quilt instead of the traditional quilt to auction. Thank you to the following people who helped create this quilt: Eileen



Lenninger, The Stitching Place; Twyla Pease, Cumming, Joanne Walton, Kathi Stanfield, Toni Rath, Juanita Ott, Deb Larrison, and Kitty Picken. You can see this quilt on display September 23rd.

LAST WARREN COUNTY BLACK BEAR

John S. McKinney was born in Indiana in 1831 and came to Warren County with his new wife, Susan Thorp, in 1849. They farmed in Jefferson Township near Bevington. John was on the last 16 member board of supervisors (one per township) in 1870, before law reduced the number to three. In 1865 McKinney tells a story about one of his hogs getting half-eaten by what a neighbor claimed was likely a black bear he had seen in the area. McKinney gathered a group of neighbors, Thomas Cason, R. W. Williamson, Mr. Houser and others, and they went on a hunt for the bear. McKinney describes the hunt.



The bear suddenly jumped out of a fallen tree-top and the fun began. The bear ran around the head of a small ravine about half a mile away, when R. W. Williamson came up facing him and forced him to climb a tree. I was about 80 yards behind riding a spirited horse and I thought that in order to get a good shot before anybody else I would jump off my horse and fire away at him; but when I went to jump off, my foot stuck fast in the stirrup and as some of the party began to fire by this time my horse became frightened and jumping sidewise and jerking me 8 or 10 feet at a time. This was a very precarious situation but I took my disengaged foot and pushed the stirrup off the other one, got up as quickly as possible and ran to the edge of the brush where I could see the bear. Just at this time the bear concluded to come down and although as many as 15 shots had been fired at him he reached the ground unharmed except a single buckshot in his left foot, fired from Williamson's gun, and to my horror he started straight toward me. As he was not more than 30 yards distant, I thought this a little too near for comfort, especially as I had hardly recovered from the fright occasioned by the adventure with my horse. But I kept my trusty old rifle ready and when the bear had come about halfway and had turned a little to one side I drove a shot into his left side which felled him to the ground. Then Mr. Williamson's dog tackled him and received a rather warm embrace in return, when a shot by Ed Williamson loosed his hold and he again raised to his feet and started away, when another shot from a large 8-inch revolver which I carried brought him to the ground to rise no more. This was in Warren County about a mile south of Bevington. The bear was very large and very fat. An eye witness says that he never saw in all his life 18 or 20 men so terribly excited as this company was. This was the last bear seen in Warren County.

A number of early pioneers were great hunters and enjoyed the sport of hunting as a diversion from the laborious work of farming. Among the men with a reputation for successful hunting were: H. "Yankee" Berger, considered the best marksman in the county, Elijah and R. W. Williamson, R. M. Hightower of Otter Township and David D. Cummings of Greenfield Township, a Civil War veteran who was fond of deer and had a park for them near his home.

Source: G. F. Parker, **History of Warren County Iowa**, Des Moines Union Historical Company, 1879, 318-320, 367,