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# WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### WCHS MEETING

7:00 pm

March 27

**Simon Stanfield**  
**Warren County**  
**Music**

### WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sat. at 9:30

April 14th

### LCD COMMITTEE-

Sat. at 10:30

April 14th

### WCHS MEETING & Soup Supper

Tues. 6:00 pm

What's in Grandma's

Button Jar

Linda Beatty

April 24th

### WCHS SPRING CLEANUP

April 26th + 28th

May 5th

9:00 am

### WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sat. at 9:30

May 12th

### LCD COMMITTEE

Sat. at 10:30

May 12th

## MARCH 27th GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 27th we will elect WCHS officers. The following is the proposed slate of officers:

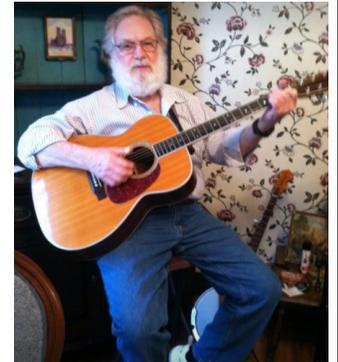
President: Deborah Taylor  
 1st Vice President: Shelley Wakeman  
 2nd Vice President: Debbie Larrison  
 Secretary: Juanita Ott  
 Treasurer: Judy McClymond

Building Trustees: Don Sandy  
 Dick Labertew  
 Dwight McCormick  
 Dan Porter  
 Dave Grissom

A BIG **Thank You!** to retiring officers: President Darlene Lawyer,

Secretary Alice Brito for their hard work and **THANKS** to 1st Vice President Deb Taylor and Treasurer Judy McClymond for their work in 2017 and continuing commitment to serve on the Executive Committee in 2018.

Simon Stanfield will present a program that introduces our 2018 LCF theme of "Sing a Song of Warren County", a tribute to Warren County musicians. Tuesday night Simon will speak about the Warren County music collection and play videos of locals performing.



If you have stories or music by Warren County musicians to add to our archives contact Simon at 515-961-4257 or E-mail him at smnstm@msn.com



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.



## 5th GRADE PIONEER SCHOOL

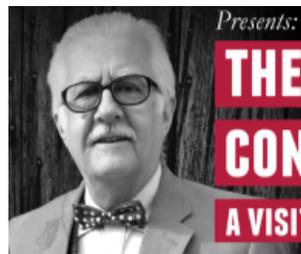
We will be hosting the Indianola 5th Graders in May for Pioneer School. We need people to help with the museum tour, quilting, making cornhusk dolls and showing pioneer skills. At this time the date is unknown but it will be in early May. Call Linda Beatty at 961-3088 or the museum at 961-8085 if you'd like to help for two hours.

The Iowa History Center at Simpson College will present a one-act play featuring actor Tom Milligan as Iowan J.N. "Ding Darling, the Des Moines Register's Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and renowned conservationist.

**Thursday, March 22**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Black Box Theatre,**  
**Simpson Kent Center**

## IOWA HISTORY CENTER

at SIMPSON COLLEGE



Presents:

**THE ART OF**  
**CONSERVATION:**  
**A VISIT WITH "DING" DARLING**



## SING A SONG OF WARREN COUNTY LCD FESTIVAL 2018

2018 LCD theme is Music of Warren County. We are looking for tapes, records, photos, memorabilia, or information about all types of musicians from Warren County.

LCD will be Saturday, September 29th and September 30th.

Betty Butler will make our quilt. The LCD Committee meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. We would love to have you join us at these planning meetings. Putting on a two day event requires that many people need to step up for a leadership role. New volunteers bring new ideas and excitement to a committee. See you Saturday, April 14th at 10:30.

### 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.

## WHAT'S IN GRANDMA'S BUTTON JAR

WCHS  
PROGRAM &  
SOUP SUPPER



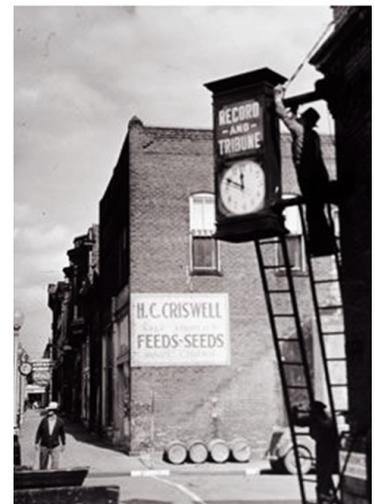
April 24th  
6:00 pm

We will meet at 6:00 pm for a soup supper. Linda Beatty will share her clothing button collection—"Miniature Marvels" and help you assess and care for your buttons. Linda has exhibited her buttons at the Brunner Art Museum at Iowa State and Terrace Hill. Please bring your button jars and button questions.

Volunteers Needed: Spring  
Cleaning, April 26th, April 28th and  
May 5th at 9:00 am. Will you help  
one morning? We need to spruce up our museum  
and Historical Village after winter's respite.



Wagon Brigade  
Don Berry Photo 1941



Criswell's & Record Herald  
Through Berry's Eyes

## WCHS OCCURRENCES SINCE NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Randy Simpson, we have two circuits re-wired and a new electrical outlet in the museum.

Thanks to Butch McClintic, Kathi Stanfield, and Don Sandy, we have added outlets and moved the thermostat in the library.

Thanks to The Warren County Modular Railroad Club. They are changing the WCHS permanent, working model railroad display. The new interactive display will include shelving, construction of a new display, safety protection, electronics, scenery, and buildings.

New library shelving has been purchased and will be placed on the west wall.

Miller Electric will move a breaker box in the basement in preparation for the installation of the lift.

Bids have been taken to install a lift on the museum basement stairs. It will be installed in April, if all goes well. When installed, it will make our lower level wheel chair assessible. This project will be funded by a gift WCHS received several years ago.

Plans are being made to make our restrooms handicapped assessible. Downing Construction will do this update. It will be goodbye to the nasty men's urinal.

We have applied for a matching funds grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership to seal the Carver Building leaking roof, repair parts of the damaged concrete floor, and add a storage closet. Thanks to Overton Funeral Home, Peoples Bank, TRUBANK, and Warren County Oil for helping fund this project.

Our beautiful painted advertising screen from Sandyville's school house is becoming brittle and has some damage. We are in the process of discovering what process should be done for its conservation and an approximate cost. John Parker Sr., who painted our outdoor mural, is helping discover what we might do.

Thanks to Kathi Stanfield and Butch McClintic who have eradicated carpenter ants and replaced some weathered siding on the north side of the our county store. More work needs to be done.

Deb Taylor has convened WCHS Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will help prioritize and plan for our future.

### IOWA GAZETTEER & BUSINESS DIRECTORY 1884-1885 CARLISLE

A village on the North River and on the C., R.I. & P. Railroad in Allen Township, Warren County, 11 miles southeast of Des Moines, the nearest banking point, and 12 miles north of Indianola, the county seat. Settled in 1851, it contains Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches. And ships flour, coal, and wood. Population, 500. Tel., W.U. Exp., U.S. Mail daily. Will R. Randleman, postmaster.



#### Beauchamp General Store

**At the age of eleven Caswell Beauchamp (1856-1926) came to Richland Township with his parents, John (1821-1911) and Lavina Dille Beauchamp (1828-1910) from Indiana.**

**He married Mary E. (Molly) Thurston in 1877. She died in 1881 and he married Lulu Anna Roberts.**

**In the 1880s Beauchamp opened a general store/grocery in Carlisle. Later he opened a grocery in Des Moines and had several residential and business properties in Carlisle.**

Beauchamp C, grocer	McElroy J, grocer
Bertch J, justice of peace	Nicholson Robert, grain
Brockett OM, lawyer	Pendleton Rev CJ (Baptist)
Busick Mrs. M, hotel keeper	Randleman WR, General Store
Francis C, railroad and exp agt	
Greisinger M, grocer	
Howard Rev (Methodist)	

### SAMPLING of WARREN MUSICIANS



**Ray Pehrson, 1923-1988,** changed from a farmer to a country yodeler. He received his first guitar when he was ten. He did a lot of his singing on his tractor or to the cows. In 1936, he won a talent show in his home town, Swea City, when he was 13. The prize was \$3. At that time hired hands were paid \$1 a day and a quart of milk was 10 cents.

He married Thelma Butler and in 1948 they moved to Warren County to farm with Thelma's father. The Iowa farm crisis in the mid 1980s caused Ray to leave the farm. When he quit farming, he became The Country Yodeler. He won 3 Iowa State Fair yodeling contests, played with the Carlisle Cutoff Band, and finally started performing on the road alone.

The **Warren County String Ticklers** were one of the few professional bluegrass bands in this region in the mid 70s and 80s. Photo shows Mike Weeks, Bob Nible, Michael Parks, Steve Day and Dave Bunch in front of the Pete's Pizza back entrance, eastside of the square. The Warren County String Ticklers played many Tuesday nights at Petes.



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**WCR** -102 STEREO  
Warren County Records

## The Warren County String Ticklers

# "Live At WATERHOLE"

**MUSICIANS**

ROBERT NIBLE..... Bass Vocals, Doghouse Bass  
 PAUL BRIGGS..... Banjo  
 MICHAEL PARKS..... Lead Vocals, Harmony, Guitar  
 MICHAEL WEEKS..... Lead Vocals, Harmony, Mandolin

<p>Side 1 Intro by Bob Cook Some of Shelley's Blues 2:10 Mike NeSmith Screen Gems-Columbia Music Inc. BMI How Mountain Girls Can Love 2:22 Ruby Rakes Frit Knox Music BMI New Greenleaves 3:16 [Arrangement: Michael Weeks] traditional Hamblen publishing BMI I Won't Go Huntin' With You Jake 2:37 [But I'll Go Chasin' Winnin'] Hamblen Honey Suckle Honey 2:25 Richards The Kickin' Male 2:57</p>	<p>Side 2 Song For Susan 1:51 Carl Jackson Alanwood Music BMI Tennessee Stud 2:40 Jim Drollwood Tennessee Stud 2:40 Jim Drollwood Warden Music Co. Inc. BMI I've Just Seen A Face 1:44 Lennon &amp; McCartney Mackoon Music Inc. BMI The Inferslate Is Comin' Through My Outhouse 3:29 E. C. Blankinship Jr., H. G. Joke Big Horny Music Inc. ASCAP Bluegrass Melodies 2:36 Darrell Staffer Chappel &amp; Co. Inc. ASCAP Black Mountain Rag 2:45 T. Magness Acuff-Rose Publishing Inc. BMI</p>
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RECORDED AT WATERHOLE 1 on March 9 & 23, 1977. Warren County String Tickler emblem on the cover by Scott Ross.  
 Live Mix by Tom Tucker. Mastering done at Triad Studios, Des Moines, Iowa. Engineer-Tom Tucker.  
 A special thanks to Bob Cook and Carol for their kindness and help to us from the day we met. We owe a debt to them that can never be repaid.  
 T-Shirts with the Warren County String Ticklers emblem on the front are available in S, M, L, XL at a cost of \$4.00 + .50 postage from Warren County Records.

For More Information Write:  
**Warren County Records**  
 P. O. Box 433  
 Indianola, Iowa 50125

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Steve Mathews, 2016 Iowa Rock N Roll Hall of Fame Inductee, began his career in 7th grade when he played drums with five friends that became known as Con Brio. In 1979, the band won the Battle of Bands at Teen Town during the Iowa State Fair.

At sixteen he began work at KBAB, Indianola's local radio station. In 1973 he worked at KIOA in Des Moines. In 1990 Steve left KIOA to start The Radio Garage, which provides voices and voice editing of various genre, audio editing, mixing and sound design.



Con Brio



KBAB Microphone



## REFLECTIONS FROM DEB

Hello Warren County Historical Society members. My name is Deborah Taylor, and I have had the privilege of serving on the board as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Vice President and now, will be nominated as President. My husband and I have a cattle farm NE of Milo, and he, also, is a Microsoft professor at DMACC Ankeny campus. Our five children are grown and we are experiencing the blessings of grandchildren. Historical research, genealogy, and history in general have always been a passion of mine, but preserving the history of our county is vitally important to future generations. It is a task and challenge that I take very seriously.

The volunteers at the Museum have been busy improving displays, organizing and gathering information, answering questions, and accomplishing most any task that comes their way. They are AWESOME and what keeps the doors open and the heart beat going for the Society and Museum.

The Executive Board and Strategic Planning Committee have brought attention to some serious needs. After careful thought and planning, 2018 has become the year to address those needs.

The Carver Building has a roof and eve issue that needs immediate attention. The floor also has settled and separated. This building is a big asset and has a lot of potential to expand the Carver display. To best accomplish this goal a storage closet also needs built into it. Ruth Hall has written a grant application to hopefully obtain 50% of the costs, while Bev Dickerson has contacted businesses to obtain donations toward the project. Providing this all comes together on funding, there is one thing still desperately needed. That is you! The storage closet materials will be provided, but labor is needed to build it. If this is an area you could help with, please let us know.

The Museum is in need of a limited remodel to make it more handicap accessible. Toward this goal the board has authorized the purchase and installation of a 550 pound capacity chair lift. This project will hopefully be completed in April. In addition, the bathrooms need modified to single use with grab bars. A couple of bids have been received and the board will hopefully have a determination on this project by the date of this newsletter. A generous donation was made a while back to cover these costs.

The General Store has a need for some siding to be replaced and painted. An overall cleaning to spruce this building up would also help. Again, volunteers are needed to help with this work.

The Log Cabin has settled to the point that the door threshold had to be removed in order to open and close the door. Don Sandy has been exploring options of lifting the cabin in order to install footings. Again, if this is an area you could help with, please let us know. This project is also in need of funding for those wishing to contribute.

The old saying, "Many hands make light work" is definitely true. The Museum needs your help with the above, as well as regular cleaning/dusting and maintenance items. Cleaning days are scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

This little section of the newsletter is to help keep you posted and informed. As you can tell from the rest of the newsletter, there are many things happening at WCHS. Things you can be proud of! Stop out and bring the family, grandkids or neighbors.

### CUMMING FRIENDS CHURCH

Cyrus Callison donated one acre of land in the southwest corner of Cumming for a Quaker place of worship. The church was built by Charly Snyder, who owned a lumber yard in Cumming and Norwalk. The little one room building was built of red brick with stone trim. Later a parsonage was built just east of the church. Around 1926 the Quaker Meeting discontinued and members united with the Cumming Methodist Episcopal Church. It continued to be opened for special occasions, such as granddaughter Gertraly Callison Spangler's 90th birthday in 1995. Around 2010 Regina Pirtle purchased the parsonage and church. Occasionally, Regina sold antiques, new and "shabby chic" items in the house and had family celebrations in the church. The church has never had indoor water or electricity.

Cyrus Callison was born September 20, 1835 in Greenbrier County, Virginia to Isaac (1804-1883) and Hulda Shallum Hickman Callison (1806-1880). When Cyrus was three, his family moved to Vermillion County, Illinois. Here he met and married Mary Golden (1837-1893) on September 17, 1854. In 1874 he converted and joined the Friends Church and was a faithful member the rest of his life.

He built the white Victorian house that used to overlook Interstate Highway 35 west and on G-14 next to Cumming..



**Cumming Friends Church was built in 1880 at a cost of \$1,400. The parsonage was on the same lot. It is located on Highway G-14 (Cumming**

## HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The author, Clare Trueblood, recently came into old records of the medical society that had been lost for 35 years. At the time Dr. Earnest E. Shaw and I were inducted into the Armed Forces in 1942, we closed our office and turned our records over to our office nurse and bookkeeper where they were stored in her attic. The society records were also stored with personal records since Dr. Shaw was the secretary. Recently I located our former nurse's granddaughter and the records were found. These records begin with the reorganization on October 16, 1903, and were conducted by the Councilor E.E. Darr, M.D. of Des Moines. Those present: Dr. E.E. Darr and local physicians : O.P. Judkins, H.C. and J.D. McClary, F.C. Hull, Park, Surber, Curless, Hatfield, M.L. Hooper, Kempker, J. and Mary Bechtell, Dashiell, Sperrow, Porterfield, and Baker. This reorganization came at the urging of the A.M.A and the Iowa State Medical Society.

The WCMS was organized in July, 1865 (according to the 1879 Warren County History). The original members were C.W. Davis, M.A. Dahiell, J.D. McCleary, C.B. Lake, A.J. Applegate, J.I. Wakefield, S.P. McClure. Meetings were regularly held quarterly after 1869. As of 1879, the membership consisted of the above plus: W.M. Park, S.B. Miller, Thomas F. Kellenher, J.C. Marietta, J.H. Nichol. L.H. Surber, W.C. Davis. Aside from these members, there were 17 physicians in the county who were non-members, making the total of 35 physicians, or one for every 600 people in 1865.

The medical training of the local physicians was from many medical schools and included: Chicago Medical, Rush, Keokuk Medical College, Hahneman College of Philadelphia, Iowa Eclectic Medical College, Medical College Cincinnati, Iowa State U, Drake U., and U of Maryland. Several were licensed by the "Practice Act: after apprentice training and examination.

After 1886, when Iowa State Board of Health was organized, a license was required to practice- -before that time a physician could start treating patients merely by opening his own office and hanging up a shingle.

During the latter part of the 1800s, there were 30-35 physicians widely spread through the county, nearly every little community having at least one. Since that time, the number of M.D.s has been getting less and less. In 1936 there were 14 doctors in active practice: Indianola—O.P. Judkins, J. Humphrey, Rose Butterfield; Carlisle—W.E. Sperrow; Milo— I.C. Taylor; Lacona, J. Loosebrack, C. Demaree; New Virginia, G.A. Jardine; Liberty Center, J. Moore; Norwalk, M.B. Cunnigham; but replacements have been few so that by 1976 the number had dropped to four. The proximity to Polk County and Des Moines had helped to alleviate the shortage to some degree but not without hardship to the public and the practicing doctors.

The fact that Warren County has no hospitals makes it necessary for each physician to equip the office as an emergency room and be prepared to serve the public long hours. The county has had privately owned hospitals— - one owned and operated by Dr. Geo. Alden from 1919-20 (approximately) and the Indianola Hospital operated by a succession of nurses from 1934 until 1952. Most of the surgery done there was by Des Moines surgeons who came with sterile instrument packs and often their own anesthetic. The surgeon was assisted by the family physician. By 1952, the stricter rule for hospitals made it impossible to continue a facility with a small number of beds.

In 1961, WCMS merged with Polk County, since the membership had dropped too low to maintain an active organization.

Clare A. Trueblood, M.D.

August 1983



### OVERTON FUNERAL HOME

PEOPLES BANK

TRUBANK

WARREN COUNTY OIL

For your generous  
contribution  
toward conserving  
WCHS's George W.  
Carver Building

# Indianola People You Know



BORN ON THE FARM  
IN WARREN COUNTY AND HAS  
FARMED ALL HIS LIFE

COUNTY AGENT



IN 1916  
HE ORGANIZED THE  
FARMERS EXCHANGE  
HEAD OF THE FARM BUREAU



BREEDER OF  
PURE BRED PERCHERONS  
EXHIBITING AT  
STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS

**W. T. SINNARD**

April 11, 1918, *Advocate Tribune*

## WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

John Hendrickson presented busts of Presidents Lincoln, McKinley and Garfield to Warren County April 20, 1905 on the condition that they secure a place for them in the Warren County Courthouse. They were placed in the lower hallway of the courthouse until it was torn down in 1938. At that time they were given to the Warren County Historical Society. In 1938 WCHS had no facilities so Indianola Record & Tribune Editor, Don L. Berry stored them. Over time some damage occurred, chipping, broken fingers etc. Sterl Conn repaired the busts and they were placed on display in the new WCHS Museum May 1, 1981. **From Edith Conn**

“Kenwood Place” is a beautiful and well-located piece of land lying just west of the Warren County Fairgrounds and is to be sold in small tracts of land this week. This is the nicest, cheapest place to buy in Indianola. **From *The Herald*, 1894**

United States Mails Post Office Department, December 31, 1857 — four year contracts for carrying mail for July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1862. “Arrive at Afton next days by 12 m; Leave Afton Thursday and Saturday at 1 pm; Arrive at Chariton next days by 7 pm; Bids for three trips a week invited. From Chariton, by Newbern, Lacona, Planeville, and Hammondsburg to Indianola, 32 miles and back, once a week. **From *The Washington Union*, Wash. D.C., January 15, 1858**

**Sheriff Hartzler Takes Chances—** Sheriff Hartzler was informed Sunday that a Des Moines man was returning from St. Joe with a Buick roadster loaded with booze. He was soon headed for St. Mary and between there and New Virginia met the north bound auto but the driver refused to recognize the sher-

iff or his signal to stop, and the Buick was going some, too. Sheriff Hartzler jumped on the running board, and still the driver refused to pause a moment. The big revolver which the sheriff pressed against the driver’s breast was not loaded. Finally, Sheriff Hartzler grabbed the steering wheel and the car shot into an embankment at the side of the road and it stopped. Several hundred pints of whiskey, the auto, driver, and a woman, who was in the car at the time were later lodged in jail here. Monday morning Squire Graves released the woman, assessed a heavy fine against the man for the illegal transportation of liquor, and sent the man back to jail on another charge. (Iowa enacted prohibition of alcoholic beverages in 1916, 4 years before the national policy —18th Amendment in 1920) ***The Advocate Tribune*, September 26, 1918**

## WCHS ACQUISITIONS

30 scrapbooks, various history books, and genealogical items about Dittmers, Lacona, and Southeast Warren prepared by Roseanna Dittmer and donated by Rodney Dittmer

*A DREAM FULLFILLED*, George Washington Carver opera by Dr. Michael Patterson donated by Des Moines Metro Opera

Large framed picture of John Francis and Elizabeth Goode from Mary Higbee donated by Beverly Dickerson

Miscellaneous papers from Rita Spear donated by Dwight Spear

1923 *Successful Farming* from Richard Wood

History of Warren County from Warren County Sheriff's Department

Desert Storm U.S. Army fatigues, shirts, pants and jacket from Toni Rath

Masterpieces of the World's Best literature, Lutheran Catechism in German, Drittes Lese Buch (3rd Reader), Best Poems for Boys and Girls, from Nina Van Patten Morris and donated by Harriet Herold

Guy Ruble's hat, record player, and Handy Hot portable washing machine from Judy McClymond

WW I trunk, CA Schimmelpfenig, Ordnance Department, from Dan Hoffa

KBAB Microphone from Polly Glascock



## Grin big with a WCHS Annual Membership

Donations to Warren County Historical Society may be tax deductible. Please check with your tax preparer .

Membership is -

- New
- Renewal
- Gift

**Send \$20.00 & form to:**

**WCHS  
Box 256  
Indianola, IA**

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