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MEETINGS

**WCHS Board 2nd Thursday of
month 9:30 am**

**LCF Meeting 2nd Thursday at
11:00 am**

**LOG CABIN FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 27th**

**GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 28th
7:00 pm**

**Denise Core & DeVerne Dixon
Remembering
Father/Daughter
1960s Civil Rights Trip**

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 HyVee asks if you want to have



Here is a tax-smart way for traditional IRA owners, age 70 1/2 or older to give to WCHS. Make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and pay no tax on the gift. For 2025 you can transfer your QCD gift directly to WCHS.

MARK Saturday, September 27th on your calendar NOW!



**2025 WARREN COUNTY
55th Log Cabin Festival
CHILDREN'S GAMES, TOYS &
MEMORIES**

Saturday, September 27th



See Next Page for Details!



LOG CABIN FESTIVAL



GENERATIONS OF FUN

VINTAGE GAMES, TOYS, & MEMORIES

WHEN

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10:00—Parade Starts

11:00-4:00—Activities at WCHS

WHERE

**Warren County Historical Society (WCHS)
Museum & Heritage Village**

1300 W.2nd Ave, Indianola Iowa

East side of the county fairgrounds



Warren County Historical Society is an entirely volunteer-run nonprofit. We appreciate your support of our biggest fundraiser of the year and look forward to seeing you there!

10:00 PARADE

FREE ENTRY!

Route: Indianola town square
then west on Salem

ACTIVITIES AT WCHS

11:00-1:30 LUNCH

HOME-MADE CHICKEN

NOODLE DINNER

\$15 Chicken Noodle

\$7 Hot Dogs & Chips

12:00 AUCTION

BAKED GOODS

In museum dining room

MODEL RAILROAD & HERITAGE VILLAGE

OPEN 11:00-4:00!

FREE ACTIVITIES

Museum Hunt

Little Hands on the Farm

Bubble Tag & Twister

Corn Hole & Croquet

Stilts & Pogo

Jacks, Marbles

Board Games

MUCH MORE

\$1-\$5 ACTIVITIES

Make a Scarecrow (\$5)

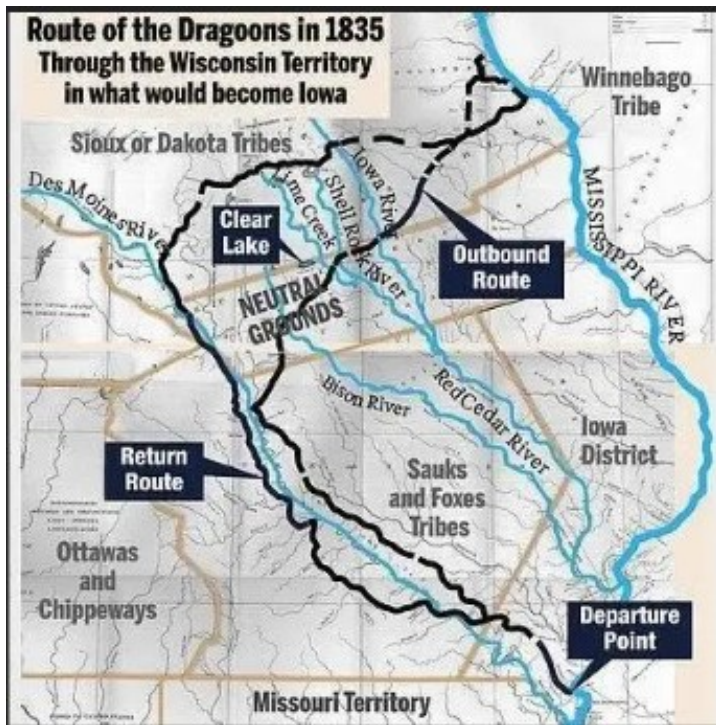
Rubber Ducks (\$1)

Cow Chip Throwing (\$1)

\$5 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

2-5pm in museum

**FREE
ADMISSION**



FALL SCENIC DRIVE-FOLLOW THE DRAGON DES MOINES RIVER EXPEDITION

In 1933 Iowa created the Dagoon Trail Scenic and Historic Drive along the 1835 Dagoon expedition route that explored the newly acquired Iowa part of the Wisconsin Territory by boat/canoe in the Des Moines River Valley. The Des Moines River begins in Minnesota and flows about 200 miles to the Mississippi and forms part of Warren County's northern border.

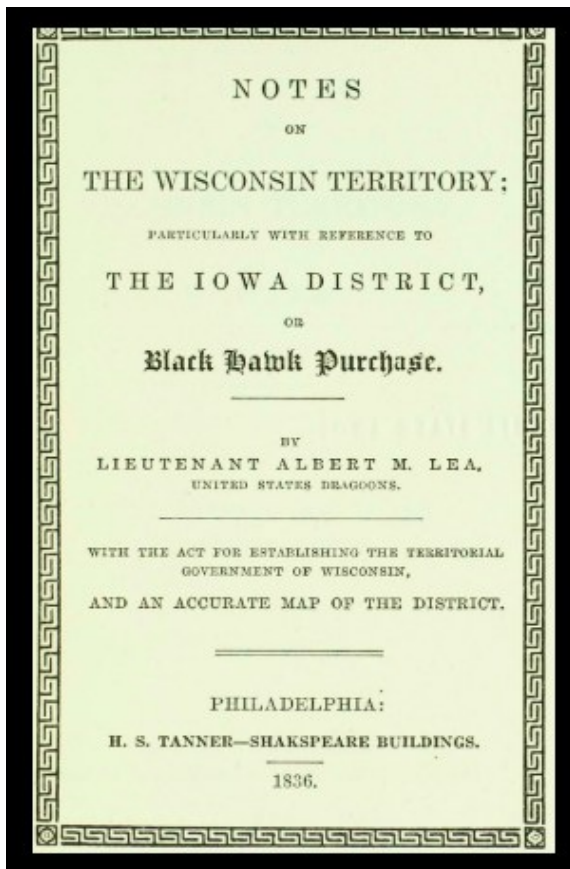
The 1st U.S. Dragoons were the first mounted infantry unit until the Cavalry was formed during the Civil War in 1862. They were not quite infantry and not quite cavalry mounted on horseback.

Albert Miller Lea, West Point graduate and topographer from Tennessee led the three groups to explore this new area, measuring river depth, looking for possible locations for forts or outposts and mapping the area. Albert Lea, MN was named in honor of Lea.

In 1834 the Dragoons arrived in Iowa under Colonel Kearny and spent the cold fall and bitter winter preparing for the expedition at the first Ft. Des Moines. This fort was located in Lee County near the Mississippi at the mouth of the Des Moines River (today Montrose). Three companies led by Captain Nathan Boone (Daniel Boone's son and Boone, IA namesake), Captain E.V. Sumner and Captain Jesse B. Brown readied the troops. Brown became ill and Lieutenant Albert Miller Lea (topographer) took over Brown's company and was appointed to head the entire expedition.

Lea wrote, "The general appearance of the country is one of great beauty. It may be represented as one grand rolling prairie." A native of Tennessee, Lea described the "transparent" waters of the creeks and rivers, noting that they are "skirted by woods," (yet "three-fourths of the Iowa District (is) treeless." "Taking this District all in all," Lea penned, "for convenience of navigation, water, fuel and timber; for richness of soil; for beauty of appearance; and for pleasantness of climate, it surpasses any portion of the United States with which I am acquainted." Quotes from:

<https://ouriowaheritage.com/our-iowa-heritage-the-book-that-gave-iowa-its-name/>



In 1836 Lea wrote, Notes on the Wisconsin Territory; Particularly with Reference to the Iowa District on Black Hawk Purchase, published in Philadelphia in 1836. His expedition notes had maps, recommendations for outposts, and plant and animal information. It is thought that his mentioning Iowa may have given our state its name. Some historians think Lee County was named for Lea but misspelled.

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Albert Miller Lea
1808-1891



Thoughts from the President

Hello Everyone!

Fall will be upon us before we know it! You can already feel the crispness in that evening air!

With the beginning of fall comes the Annual WCHS Log Cabin Festival!! This year it is packed with LOTS of games for everyone in the family! There will be cribbage from 2:00 to 5:00 in the museum, croquet, pogo sticks, corn hole, jacks, marbles, board games and much more. We will have "little hands on the farm again: "Thank You" to the Warren County Extension office.

Don't forget to come and enjoy our homemade chicken noodle dinner! Chicken Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert, and a beverage! There will be an alternative meal choice available.

Visit the Warren County Model Railroad and our Heritage Village, quilt show, make a Scarecrow, do a museum hunt, join us at live AUCTION of few items at chicken noodle dinner and try some of the many games available. Please come and spend the day with your whole family and enjoy games from several generations. Share fun, laughter, and make new memories.

Please join us we really look forward to seeing you. If you would like to come and volunteer for the day, we would love to have you! Give us a call or drop us an email. Phone 515.961. 8085 or Email: Contact@warrencountyhistory.org

Thank you so much!

Debbie Larrison



Deb Larrison

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR WCHS MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your support in the past.

Please consider joining, renewing or gifting a relative or friend with a WCHS membership for 2025.

Please fill out this form and return it to us.

Your membership dues or donations help us keep our doors open and continue to provide programming and preservation of Warren County's history.



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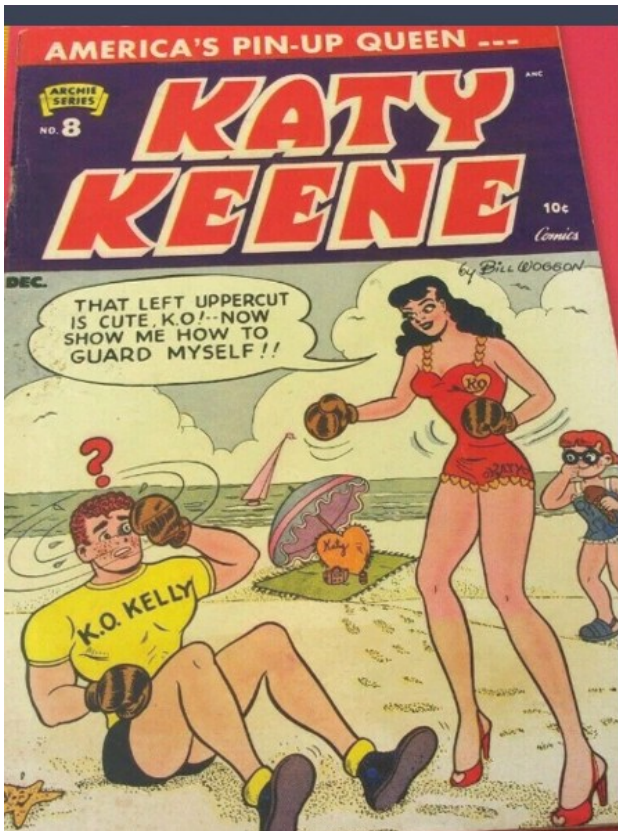
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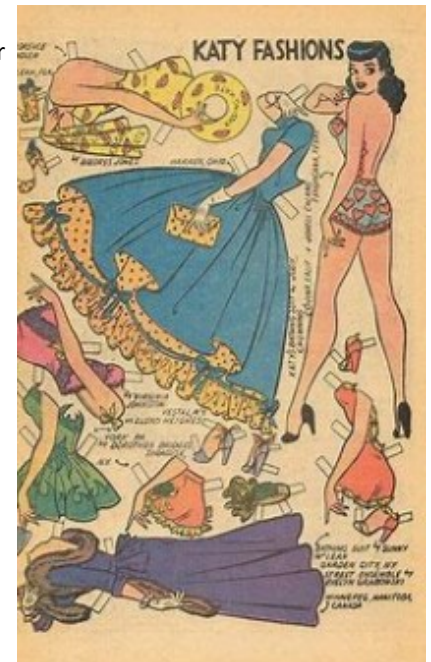


COMIC PINUP GIRL SPARKS LOVE OF FASHION

Linda Beatty's
Favorite Childhood
Way to Wile Away
the Hours



An avid reader of books, I was introduced to comic books at my friend's house. She had stacks of them piled in her bedroom and I loved to stay overnight so I could read them. I liked her Archie Comics with Artchie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead. I fell in love with the Katy Keene paper doll inserts by cartoonist Bill Woggon. He created this devilishly stylish pinup cartoon character, Katy Keene in 1945 and her popularity continued into 1960. Woggon also encouraged his readers to design clothes for Katy. Eventually, Katy, boyfriend KO Kelly and her pig-tailed sister got their own separate comic books.



KATY KEENE 1956 PAPER DOLL

I traded something (cannot remember what) for a few of my friends Archie Comics. My mother thought I had enough comics with the Sunday newspaper Funnies and did not believe that I needed to purchase comic books. These 1950 Archie Comic books had quite different content than the modern TV **Riverdale** series.

I read the comic books but what consumed my time was designing new clothes and costumes for the Katy Keene paper dolls that were in each comic book. I spent hours thinking up imaginary events for Katy that would require exotic costumes, drawing these clothes, coloring or painting them and finally cutting them out. I really did not put the clothes on the paper dolls but just kept cranking out stacks of new clothing designs.

Oddly, I never liked to sew so never got to make my designs into clothing.

Katy Keene sparked my interest in fashion, clothing design, jewelry making and now collecting clothing buttons.

Join Denise Core and DeVerne Dixon at our Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm WCHS General Meeting. They will present a program, Remembering A Warren County 1960s Civil Rights Work Trip.

The 1960s civil rights movement was a pivotable struggle for African Americans to gain equal rights and end racial segregation in the United States. What are your recollections of the 60s or are you too young to have memories?

UNDERSTANDING HEALTH TERMS from 1800s

Disease or Health Condition Terms Defined for Understanding Word Meanings Used in Letters, Books and Death Certificates

- **Ablepsy** - Blindness.
- **Ague** - Used to describe intermittent fever and chills; usually, but not always, associated with malaria. Also called *febrile intermittens*.
- **Aphonia** - A suppression of the voice; laryngitis.
- **Apoplexy** - A disease in which the patient falls down suddenly without other sense or motion; cerebral hemorrhage or artery blockage of brain, stroke.
- **Bilious remitting fever** - Dengue fever.
- **Break-bone** or **Break-heart fever** - Dengue fever.
- **Biliousness** - Jaundice.
- **Bloody Flux** - Dysentery; an inflammation of the intestine causing diarrhea with blood.
- **Brain Fever** - An inflammation of the brain, used to describe one of several different brain infections including encephalitis, meningitis and cerebritis.
- **Brights Disease** - General term for diseases of the kidney. Albumin in the urine was regarded as a sign.
- **Camp Fever** - Typhus.
- **Catarrh** - This term is still in use today to describe excessive buildup of mucus in the nose or throat, associated with inflammation of the mucous membrane. However, in the 19th century the term was used more generally to describe upper respiratory ailments such as bronchitis or the common cold.
- **Chlorosis** - Anemia; also called green sickness.
- **Cholera infantum** - Infant diarrhea; sometimes called "summer diarrhea" or "summer complaint."
- **Confinement** - The conclusion of pregnancy; labor and birth
- **Consumption** - Tuberculosis.
- **Creeping paralysis** - Syphilis.
- **Debility** - Used to describe "failure to thrive" in infancy, or in old age due to loss of weight from undiagnosed cancer or other disorder.
- **Dropsy** - Edema; often caused by congestive heart failure.
- **Dyspepsia** - Acid indigestion or heartburn.
- **Falling sickness** - Epilepsy.
- **French pox** or **French disease** - Syphilis.
- **Green sickness** - Anemia; also called chlorosis.
- **Marasmus** - A wasting of the flesh without fever or apparent disease; severe malnutrition.
- **Milk Sickness**—Poisoning from drinking milk from cows that have eaten the white snakeroot plant, found only in the Midwest United States.
- **Mortification** - Gangrene; necrosis.

- **Nostalgia** - Homesickness; yes, this was occasionally listed as a cause of death.
- **Phthisis** - The French word for "consumption"; tuberculosis.
- **Puerperal** - Rise in temperature after childbirth, infection
- **Pylephlebitis** - Inflammation of portal vein or its branches. Portal vein is large blood vessel of the liver through which blood returns to general circulation. Pylephlebitis usually is caused by intestinal disease.
- **Quinsy** - A peritonsillar abscess, a known complication of tonsillitis.
- **Scumpox** - Skin disease; usually an infection caused by the herpes simplex virus.
- **Thrush** - A disease characterized by whitish spots and ulcers on the membranes of the mouth and tongue caused by a parasitic fungus, *Candida albicans*. Thrush usually affects sick, weak infants and elderly individuals in poor health. Now it is a common complication from excessive use of broad-spectrum antibiotics or cortisone treatment.
- **Undulant Fever** - Intermittent fever caused by brucellosis. also called abortus fever.
- **Winter Fever** - Pneumonia.

Resource: Warren County Genealogy Newsletter



Photo from Gettysburg, showing how physicians taught and learned from each other during the war. Courtesy of the National Museum of Health and Medicine.