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**Annual Garage Sale Extravaganza**

Our sale hours this year are Friday, June 14 from 8am—6pm, Saturday, June 15 from 8am—3pm and Monday, June 17 — reduced day! — from 9am—12noon.

As in years past, we will have an automobile up for grabs. This year’s car is an exciting, mint-condition, cherry red, 1967 Ford Mustang!

There is a large selection of antiques, furniture, jewelry, fine art, household items, books and movies, and so much more! Don’t miss this spectacular sale!

**Message from the President**

June 24-28. **Where the Musk-Ox Roamed.** Learn about Indiana’s native past and meet its present-day animal inhabitants.

July 8-12. **Painting our Past.** Explore Indiana artists and their art.

July 22-26. **Museum Mania.** Learn what goes on behind closed doors at the History Center.

The camps are open to children 6 to 12 years of age. Every day will include interactive lessons, crafts, games, activities, journaling, and a field trip to a place that expands upon the week’s topic. Call 812.332.2517, ext. 3 and talk with Angi St. Clair, Education Manager. Please register soon as space is limited.
Calendar of Events

All events held at the History Center unless otherwise stated.

**June**
- 7th & 8th, Cemetery Workshop
- 8th, 11am, Saturday’s Child
- 11th, 7pm, Civil War Roundtable
- 13th, 4:30pm, Board of Director’s meeting
- 14th, 6pm, Vintage Fashion Show
- 14th & 15th, Annual Garage sale
- 20th, 6pm, Limestone Talk
- 22nd & 23rd, Bloomington Garden Club’s Annual Garden Walk
- 24th–28th, Week One of the Jr. Historian Camp

**July**
- The History Center will be closed on July 4
- 8th–12th, Week Two of the Jr. Historian Camp
- 11th, 4:30pm, Board of Director’s meeting
- 13th, 11am, Saturday’s Child
- 22nd–26th, Week Three of the Jr. Historian Camp
- 20th, 6pm, Limestone Talk

Current & Upcoming Exhibits

Also available at www.monroehistory.org

**“The Roaring Twenties”**
**June 8, 2013 to October 26, 2013**
The Roaring Twenties was a time of great change. America saw jazz music flourishing, women coming into their own, and the stock market building and destroying fortunes at dizzying speed. The 18th Amendment, prohibiting the sale and distribution of alcohol, was in full swing, but that did not stop the generation coming of age from enjoying the benefits of the economic boom and all that came with the decade.

**“20th Century Colonial Revival Quilts”**
**March 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013**
This interesting journey through the study of quilts displays contemporary quilters’ recreations of historic designs and offers visitors an opportunity to explore the quilt-making industry.

**“Walking through Gardens”**
**April 1, 2013 to June 24, 2013**
An exhibit of garden-inspired fiber art by Martina Celerin (www.martinacelerin.com) is the Featured Exhibit on the Annual Garden Walk, June 23rd-24th, 2013. Tickets for the Garden Walk: $10 (includes all gardens and museum entrance fee).

**Community Voices Gallery: “Indiana Extension Homemakers Association”**
**April 5, 2013 to July 31, 2013**
The Indiana Extension Homemakers Association, founded in 1913, continues to build on its rich heritage by working to strengthen Indiana homes and families.

It is the mission of the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support.


Genealogy Library Reception in Honor of Lola Burkhart, May 9, 2013.
The Bee Hunting Association of Unionville, Indiana

By Penelope Mathiesen

The newspaper item reproduced below chronicles the hunt for a “bee tree” near Unionville, Monroe County, Indiana, in 1894. At that time, before the coming of the railroad and the automobile, Unionville was a day’s journey northeast of Bloomington in Benton Township. The town had two short, parallel streets—Morgan and Nashville—where stores, businesses, churches, the post office, and a school were located. The streets came together at either end of town, funneling into the east-bound Nashville Road and the westbound Bloomington Road.¹

Kerr’s Store, where the men met to organize the bee hunt, is shown on the accompanying map of Unionville. It was operated by William Kerr from 1893 until his death about 1900.² Fleener’s Ford on Bean Blossom Creek, the meeting place on the day of the hunt, was probably near the Fleener Post Office, a few miles north of Unionville.³

Notes
2. Ibid., pp. 78, 81.

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**BLOOMINGTON WORLD, WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST 1894**

**NEWS FROM UNIONVILLE, IND., JULY 30, ’94**

Last Wednesday some of our citizens proposed that they would meet and organize a Bee hunting association. Accordingly, the following day, several of the boys met at Kerr’s store. Good speeches were made by James Chitwood and Milford Young and a few pointers from others. Lee Chitwood moved that on Saturday, July 26th, 1894, the association meet at Fleener’s ford on Bean Blossom, at seven o’clock a.m. for the purpose of hunting a bee tree, which was known to be on a certain ridge south west of the ford. The bees are known to have been on this ridge for five years. This motion was unani-mously approved. On Saturday morning all were in a hurry to get to the scene. By nine o’clock the hill was covered with bees, all wishing to be the lucky fellow to find the tree. In about two hours, the alarm was given that the tree had been found by the ever-failing Milford Young. All gathered in to see the noble tree that bore the luscious honey. It was resolved to cut the tree at one o’clock. A saw, ax, buckets etc., were procured. Four stout men pulled a keen edged saw. The reader can imagine how long a three foot beech would stand before them. The word was given that the tree was ready to fell; all seemed to hold their breath. The echo of the fall had scarcely ceased when the brave J. M. Chitwood and Isaac Fleener were seen in the top of the tree, but to their amazement not a bee could be seen or heard. By this time Milford Young was not to be found although a diligent search was made for him. We were not to be discouraged at this time of the day. All struck out anew to find the tree. Two hours more of slipping and sliding on the hill side, when a cry was heard for the second time that the tree was found. This time John McClung was the successful finder. We looked at him with pride, as he was the honored man of this bee hunt. As soon as all the men could be collected the tree was laid low and a general charge was made for the tree top. Some of the men hid behind an old log at a respectful distance and watched the brave boys, some slowly re-treating, others in great haste. When the wind cleared the smoke away, we could see J. M. Chitwood and Isaac Fleener walking [of] the axes, hurriedly, as though life was at stake. Buckets were ordered and the men who were hidden, thought the proper time had come, and crawled from behind the log with their buckets. They succeeded in getting back to their quarters with a good sized piece of honey which was soon devoured. Milford Young ordered an advance all along the line. We ad-vanced to the tree where, by this time, the boys had al-ready secured four large buckets full of honey. Every one of the crowd ate his fill and thought it was good to be there. Some of them were stung severely; John McClung was hurt the worst, as he was stung on the tongue. As we wended our way homeward, each one wondered why he could not have been the lucky man. So ended one day’s hunt of the Bee hunting association of Unionville, Indiana.
COOK Anniversary Exhibit

50th Year Anniversary: Celebrating Five Decades of Medical Advancement
Opens July 9, 2013
Closes September 7, 2013

Since 1963, COOK Group companies have been among the leaders in developing healthcare devices that have improved lives around the world. COOK remains at the forefront of medical research and global medical sales.

Partnering with COOK Group, the Monroe County History Center will feature a replica of the original 1963 trade show booth that Bill Cook used and Gayle Cook painted by hand. Other pieces of COOK history will be on display representing the journey this local company has made to get where it is today.

An opening reception will be held on July 15 from 6–8pm.

HiStory Time

Join us the third Thursday of every month at 10:30am for HiStory Time. HiStory Time is a history-themed story time for children ages 3–6. HiStory Time includes stories, music, crafts and occasional artifact encounters. Free with entry to museum. Museum Admission – Children under 6: Free; Children, 6–17: $1.00; Adults: $2.00; Members: Free.

Bloomington Garden Club Annual Garden Walk

The Garden Walk, June 22nd & 23rd, 2013, will feature six wonderful and unique private gardens plus a flower show at the Monroe County History Center. Dream of the hot summer days ahead with the lovely flowers, shrubs, and trees that will be flourishing as you stroll along the shaded pathways.

“Floral Apparel” is the bold new theme for our 2013 flower display. Club members combine cut flowers with vintage and new hats, purses, shoes and other women’s apparel items to make imaginative floral arrangements.

There is no additional charge to view the arrangements, and the show runs concurrently with the garden walk.

Women of Bloomington

By Penelope Mathiesen

A collection of newspaper profiles featuring local women in the 1950s and 1960s has been added to the Research Library’s Vertical Files. Most of these ran in the Bloomington Daily Herald-Telephone as columns titled “Women of Bloomington” (or “Women of the Bloomington Area,” if the subject lived outside the city limits). The columnists were Lola Graham, Women’s Editor of the H-T, who died in 1961; her successor, Nell Olsson; and others.

Each profile contains a short biography. The women’s achievements included both volunteer endeavors and professional positions such as bookkeeper, business manager, doctor or nurse, piano instructor, secretary, teacher, telephone operator, and World War II draft board member. Among those featured were Mrs. Fred H. Howe (who ran Howe’s Candy Kitchen), Mary Lou Kilgore (food service manager at Indiana University), Dr. Naomi Dalton (physician and medical missionary), Mary Alice Dunlap (city clerk-treasurer and later mayor), Betty Rowen (co-owner of the Betty Jean Shop), Mary Frances Roll (RCA personnel manager), and Lora Bachelor (supervisor of all elementary teachers for the Metropolitan school district). Ollie Hanna’s career was perhaps the most unique: as a high school freshman, she began working for a weekly newspaper, the Ellettsville Farm, learning all aspects of printing and publishing. She became a skilled linotype operator, and at the time her profile was published, she had entered her twenty-ninth year as an employee of the Herald-Telephone.

The columns are part of a donation of materials from Frances Hartung Endwright (1915–2007), an Ellettsville resident and daughter of a stone mill owner. She was an outstanding woman in her own right, and is honored in one of the columns for her achievements as a teacher, librarian, journalist, and civic leader.

IGS Conference Events Held in Bedford and Bloomington

By Penelope Mathiesen

Members of the Indiana Genealogical Society gathered in South Central Indiana for two days in late April 2013. Elizabeth Schlemmer, the Monroe County History Center’s Library Manager, and Christine Eykholt Friesel, from the Monroe County Public Library, gave a presentation on the Monroe County Timeline during the IGS Management Seminar held at the Monroe County Public Library on 26 April. The IGS Annual Conference was held at the Monroe County Historical Society members featured at the conference included Michael Maben, who was re-elected as IGS president, and Lou Malcomb, who presented a session on “Cemeteries and Maps.” Both Michael and Lou are members of the History Center’s Library Committee, and Lou is also co-chair of the Cemetery Committee. Next year’s IGS conference will be held at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on Saturday, 5 April 2014. Mark your calendars!
What Did the Glaciers Do to Monroe County?

By Bob Dodd

A widely spread myth concerning the geology of Monroe County is that the glaciers during the “Great Ice Age” were blocked by the hills north of the county and did not cross the county boundaries. That is almost true, but not quite. The last of several advances of glaciers into Indiana indeed did not reach Monroe County. The effects of that glacial advance some 20,000 to 13,600 years ago are very obvious in the northern portion of the state because erosion has not had time to erase its effects. Glacial deposits from earlier advances are often difficult to identify because there are few exposures and they have been extensively eroded. But older glacial deposits (over 100,000 years) do occur in the northwest part of Monroe County.

The effect of glaciers is not limited to the area actually covered by ice. Monroe County shows many of these effects, although most of the county was never covered by glacial ice. The southern limits of the ice were determined by the line where advance of ice is balanced by melting. This melting produced a tremendous volume of water, which flowed away from the ice front down creek and river valleys. These streams eroded wide valleys and carried a large amount of sediment, some of which was deposited in the stream beds. During times of glacial advances White River, Salt Creek, and Bean Blossom Creek all carried much more water than today. This rushing water widened the valleys of these streams during these times.

This has had at least two effects on the history of our county. First, these broad valleys contain some of the best agricultural land in the county. Second, the valleys made great locations for reservoirs (Lake Lemon and Lake Monroe) because of the breadth of the valleys upstream with narrower valleys downstream where they flowed through more erosion-resistant rock.

An unusual feature in the county produced by glaciers is the Flatwoods area in Monroe and Owen counties northwest of Ellettsville. As its name implies, this is an extensive, basically level, irregularly shaped area about 6 miles long and 2 miles wide. It was formed approximately 150,000 years ago when glaciers blocked the westward-flowing stream that drained this area. The blocked valley became a lake that filled with sediment carried by water from the melting glacier and the surrounding hills. So the present Flatwoods surface is the bottom of the glacially formed lake. McCormick’s Creek presently meanders through the old lake bed with a very low gradient. When it leaves the Flatwoods area, the stream gradient increases, and it has formed the waterfalls and canyon of McCormick’s Creek State Park in Owen County.

A final impact of nearby glaciers is the presence of a layer of loess over large portions of the county. Loess is wind-blown silt that came from sediment washed out from the melting glaciers. The prevailing westerly winds blowing across the area uncovered by the retreating glaciers carried sand and silt to the east. The sand was mostly deposited near the rivers carrying water from the melting glacier, but silt was blown further and at one time blanketed much of the county. Loess deposits well over 6 feet thick remain in portions of the western and northwest part of the county. Some of the thickest loess blankets the old Flatwoods lake bed. Loess has been important to the agricultural economy of the county as it produces some of the richest soil in the area. Unfortunately, erosion is gradually removing the loess blanket.
Good Luck Elyse!

Collections Assistant Elyse Werling has been an integral part of the History Center from her involvement as an intern to her work as a staff member. She has helped tremendously in updating Past Perfect entries, reconciling records, and organizing accessory and hat storage areas.

Elyse graduated from IU with a Bachelor of Arts, double majoring in History and Anthropology, and obtained a certificate in Arts Management from SPEA. Elyse will be attending Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts in the fall, pursuing a Master of Arts in History and Museum Studies. We wish her all the best!

Volunteer Spotlight: Tryna Loos

Tryna Loos came to Bloomington with her husband Gary eight years ago from Kansas. Gary is an alumnus of Indiana University, and Bloomington is where the couple met. While Gary was studying at IU, Tryna was a student at DePauw earning a degree in psychology. They first met through a mutual friend, Steve, and dated for a while, then drifted apart. But after marriages to other people ended, Tryna and Gary were reconnected through Steve again. The couple chose Bloomington to live because they have a particular fondness for the place.

Tryna made her career social work and has worked as a case worker and also a director.

At the History Center Tryna can be found at the front desk greeting visitors. She also likes to work on genealogy for herself, friends, and family when she is here. Tryna only regrets she wasn’t interested in genealogy while her grandmother was alive.

Collections’ Corner
By Rebecca Vaughn

Many projects have been underway this spring. We have had the pleasure of working with a number of volunteers and interns who have assisted in researching and cataloging backlog items, inventorying audiovisual materials, rehousing artifacts, and scanning as well as photographing items into Past Perfect.

General collections intern Brittney McCahen has been a wonderful asset to the History Center. Brittney is a graduate student at IU’s School of Informatics and Computing. As a Master of Library Science candidate, her focus is on cataloging, technical services, and metadata. She grew up in Grundy Center, Iowa, but will call the vibrant city of Bloomington home for the next year. After graduating in May of 2014, she aims to work in the cataloging and metadata field for a public library, a small academic library, or a cultural heritage institution. She is passionate about cataloging, metadata, information retrieval, digitization, research, and the Dewey Decimal System. Her internship at the Monroe County History Center has led to an appreciation for the preservation and description of archival documents and local historical artifacts.

Students get a Hands-On Look at Monroe County’s Past

Spring is always a busy time of year at the History Center and 2013 was no exception to that rule. This year over 700 school children and chaperones visited the History Center for tours and programs.

Some of the programs we offer are: Prehistoric Monroe County, which allows students to see real artifacts up close and out from behind the glass, from stone tools to real fossilized plants and animals that once lived in our area, while learning about Ice Age animals and their extinction; The Pioneers of Monroe County, where students learn about the differences in everyday life between folks today and Monroe County pioneers of the early 1800s, make murals representing life in a pioneer community, and experience artifacts that belonged to local people 150–200 years ago; Native Americans of Southern Indiana, which explores historic and prehistoric Native Americans and their hunting patterns; African American History, in which students hear stories about life on the Monroe County Underground Railroad, learn about the Who’s Who of the Black community in Monroe County, and experience artifacts that belonged to local people 150–200 years ago; Native Americans of Southern Indiana, which explores historic and prehistoric Native Americans and their hunting patterns; African American History, in which students hear stories about life on the Monroe County Underground Railroad, learn about the Who’s Who of the Black community in Monroe County, and experience artifacts that belonged to local people 150–200 years ago.

Flora and Fauna, which teaches how pioneers in the early 1800s used plants to make their lives better as tools or medicine, and includes making sachets to take home.

These programs can be done for schools, scouts, families, birthday parties and more. With enough notice our education manager can even create a custom program for you and your group. For more information please contact Angi St. Clair at 812-332-2517, ext 3.