Our Volunteer: Liz Knapp

“Twenty years ago, my son had a bad car accident; I needed something to keep my mind busy,” recalls Liz Knapp. “I got out the box of old family records I inherited from my Grandmother Howe, bought a “Family Tree Maker” program, and I was hooked!” Now, as Director of the Genealogy & Local History Library, Liz leads a team of 25 genealogy volunteers who contribute well over 200 volunteer hours a month.

Liz explains, “I really enjoy helping people when they come into the Library. It’s a joy to help someone make a big discovery. People are quite surprised at the wealth of information we have.”

Liz’s Howe ancestors came to Monroe County in 1819 from Kentucky to work in the salt works. They became merchants and had a fruit & vegetable store, a general store, and from 1890 to 1938, they had the Candy Kitchen and Soda Shop on the town square. Liz grew up in the Howe family wholesale candy business. During WWII, her mother and aunts had to do all the work the men usually did. She remembers vividly, “We kids were left at the store with our grandparents; we filled the delivery orders. My grandmother taught me double entry bookkeeping when I was only in the 5th grade.”

Liz’s first job was for Indiana Bell Telephone; she has also sold real estate and worked for a travel agency visiting numerous foreign countries. For 30 years Liz and her husband Bill lived in Saginaw, Michigan where they raised three children: Tim, Tom, and Tricia. When she and Bill moved back to Bloomington in 1999, she began doing genealogy research in the Library and soon found herself volunteering.

Liz explains, “I wanted to help preserve Monroe County History. We need to save the history of everything – the people, the businesses, the things that have happened. I’d like to see two volunteers in the Library working on projects and keeping the Library open the same hours as the museum.”

As Curator of Collections and Co-chair of the Collections & Exhibits Committee, Liz is delighted with the progress being made. She smiles and says, “We have a very nice collection, and I love seeing it become well
### Monroe County History Center

**MCHS Purpose Statement**
The purpose of MCHS shall be to collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit the genealogy, history and artifacts of Monroe County, Indiana, as well as research and interpret the relation of that county’s genealogy, history, and artifacts to the State of Indiana and the United States, and thereby to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Monroe County’s history, culture, and natural environment by all.

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### Events Schedule

**All meetings and programs will be held at the History Center unless otherwise stated.**

#### General Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of the month, 4 pm

#### Civil War Roundtable Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month from Sep.-Jun. from 7-8:30pm. For more information, please contact John Crosby at 339-2572.

#### 3rd Thursday Series
Every 3rd Thursday of the month a free program is held, usually at 7pm.

**August**
- THU 16 3rd Thursday: Stone Age Institute Tour, Talk & Walk, 1pm, w/ Nick Toth & Kathy Schick, reservations at 332-2517
- SAT 18 Civil War tour and program w/ Steve Rolfe & Joel Foust, free, 1pm

**September**
- WED 5 Genealogy Group, 10am
- THU 6 Tea Party Benefit, 1-3pm
- SAT 8 Civil War tour and program w/ Steve Rolfe, free, 1pm
- TUE 11 Civil War Roundtable, 7pm
- THU 20 3rd Thursday: National Latino History Month, “The Latino Face of Bloomington,” 7pm w/ Lillian Casillas

**October**
- TUE 9 Civil War Roundtable, 7pm
- SAT 13 Civil War tour and program w/ Steve Rolfe & Bob Willey, free, 1pm
- MON 15 “The Civil War in Indiana,” I.U. Continuing Studies Course, 3 Mondays, October 15-29, 7-8:30pm, call 855-5108; class meets at the History Center
- THU 18 3rd Thursday: “History of the Old North East Neighborhood,” 7pm w/ Nancy Hiestand

**November**
- TUE 13 Civil War Roundtable, 7pm
- THU 15 3rd Thursday: “Researching Family History with Maps,” 7pm w/ Lou Malcomb
- FRI 23 Canopy of Lights Open House, 5-9pm

### Exhibit Schedule

#### “Girl Scouting in Monroe County”
Opens: March 17  Closes: September 17
This exhibit features Girl Scout clothing, badges, and memorabilia from local residents, our collection, and from the Tulip Trace Council to celebrate the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States and the 45th anniversary of Girl Scouting in Monroe County.

#### “It’s Tea Time”
Opens: June 8  Closes: September 29
Allison Lendman has put together a delightful exhibit portraying the history and etiquette of ladies’ tea time in America. Tea sets, table settings, and furniture from the Historical Society’s collection are combined with beautiful loaned items from the community.

#### “The Civil War and Monroe County”
Opens: June 2  Closes: October 26
This remarkable exhibition highlights the effects of the Civil War on Monroe County. A large portion of the artifacts are on loan from Bob Willey, a mid-western Civil War enthusiast who has been collecting artifacts for over 50 years. Artifacts include Union and Confederate uniforms and accoutrements, photographs, muskets, swords, knives, letters, and an interesting array of things that have been hit by bullets during war.

#### “Bloomington’s Blue”
Opens: June 30  Closes: September 22
This free, first floor exhibit houses early photographs, nearly 100-year-old badges, a vintage dispatch radio, and the history of the Bloomington Police Department.

#### “Fantasia: Fans in Fashion”
Opens: October 12  Closes: January 5
Be sure to see the highlights from the more than 300 fans in the Elizabeth Sage Historic Costume Collection of the Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design at Indiana University. “Fantasia” will examine the history, use, and artistry of this enchanting accessory, from its beginnings in the Middle and Far East, to its decline as a fashion accessory in the 1920s.
Update from the Managing Director

Photo Scanning Project
Mark Grosser has scanned more than 2000 photos into our Past Perfect database. Patsy Rahn has entered the location and full history of 600 of those images. Their work is part of the AT&T grant project to create a web-based, searchable database of our entire photo collection.

Hoagy Carmichael Brochure
Lisa Simmons and Liz Knapp revised and expanded our Hoagy Carmichael walking tour brochure for the state-wide tour of the new Hoagy Carmichael sculpture that will be permanently located in People’s Park. The brochures are available at the History Center.

Attendance & Membership Goals
The Board of Trustees set the 2007-08 year attendance goal at 13,650, a 5% increase, and the membership goal at 500, a 10% increase. Thank you for generously renewing your membership. Please visit the History Center often and share the experience with your friends!

County Fair Booth
Volunteers and staff hosted a Monroe County History Center booth in the Commercial Building during each night of the County Fair. We believe the Historical Society has sponsored or shared a booth at the Fair every year since 1974.

New Volunteer Committee
We appreciate the strong support of our steadfast volunteers. Now we are ready to bring our volunteer program to new heights, increasing recruitment and retention and developing exciting ways for volunteers to participate. If you would like to serve on a volunteer steering committee to help reach our potential, please contact me or Lisa Simmons.

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Jill Lesh examines drum and bugle in Civil War exhibit.

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Library

Position Open

**Part-time employee needed in the Genealogy/Local History Library.**

Candidates should have knowledge of local history and some genealogy experience. Twelve hours a week will include a half day on two Saturdays a month.

Requirements: Prior office-related experience; excellent communication and organizational skills; computer skills (Word, Excel, Publisher). It is necessary that this person is physically able to lift heavy books, ledgers and storage boxes. Contact Liz Knapp, Library Director at genealogy@monroehistory.org or 332-2517
**Programs Not To Miss**

**“La Cara Latina de Bloomington: The Latino Face of Bloomington”**
with Lillian Casillas
Thursday, September 20, 7pm

La Cara Latina de Bloomington is a celebration of Latino culture and identity through photography and the printed word. The program presents an intimate portrait of the Latino community within Bloomington, Indiana.

Latinos have long enriched the community with their diverse cultures and worldviews. Beyond the food, music, language, and art, exists the individual, the family, the history. It is this reality which La Cara Latina seeks to glimpse.

Lillian Casillas is the director of La Casa, the Latino Cultural Center, at Indiana University.

**Tour of Civil War Exhibit plus Program**
with Steve Rolfe
Saturdays: Aug. 18, Sep. 8, Oct. 13
1pm Tour; 2pm Program

Take advantage of Steve Rolfe’s offer to lead free, one-half hour tours of the exhibit, “The Civil War and Monroe County,” at 1pm on one Saturday each month until the exhibition closes in October. Each Saturday tour will be followed by a free Civil War-related program.

**Sat. Aug. 18**
1pm Tour; 2pm “Living History Through Re-enacting” by Joel Foust, leader of the 42nd Indiana Infantry re-enactors.

**Sat. Sept. 8**
1pm Tour; 2pm “Big Dave and the Buskirk Cemetery” by Steve Rolfe, president of the Monroe County Civil War Roundtable.

**Sat. Oct. 13**
1pm Tour; 2pm “What It Means to Be a Civil War Collector” by Bob Willey

**“Stone Age Institute: Tour, Talk & Walk”**
with Nick Toth & Kathy Schick
Thursday, August 16, 1pm

Take a long lunch hour and enjoy this unique opportunity. The Stone Age Institute has graciously agreed to give us a Tour, Talk & Walk followed by light refreshments. Drs. Nick Toth & Kathy Schick started the independent research center dedicated to the archeological study of human origins and technological development and to the advancement of research and education in human origins studies.

They are also interested in educating the general public, and especially Bloomingtonians, about this unique facility. It is truly an amazing place and we are very fortunate to have it here in Monroe County. Call the History Center to reserve your spot.

**Afternoon Tea Party—a Benefit**
with Carol Darling & Suzanne Julian
Thursday, September 6, 1-3pm

Join us for a delightful 3-course afternoon tea. A progression of savories, scones, and sweets will accompany an interesting selection of brewed teas. Carol Darling will charm us with her knowledge of tea customs as various teas are served. Suzanne Julian will demonstrate Civil War era women’s attire.

The cost of your ticket, $20 or $15 for MCHS members, will help build a fund for the restoration of the 150 year-old Seward portraits on display in the Cook Main Gallery.

Come early to see the special Tea Time and Civil War exhibits and to register for the door prizes. Call the History Center, 332-2517, to make your reservation.
News from the Library
genealogy@monroehistory.org

Carnegie Dedication DVD
The Genealogy Library has received a DVD of the 21 April 2007 dedication ceremony for the historical marker identifying our building as Monroe County’s only Carnegie Library. The structure, built with Carnegie funds and local support, was used as a public library from 1918 until 1970. The marker was installed courtesy of the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Friends of Monroe County Public Library. The DVD, produced by MCPL, is available in the vertical files. For more information about this marker and the State of Indiana Historical Marker Program, go to: http://www.IN.gov/history or call (317) 232-2537.

Bloomington Playwrights Project History
A copy of “The Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP): Short History and Timeline of the BPP” has been donated to the Genealogy Library by Julian Livingston. It covers 25 years of the history of this local theatrical venture: 1982–2007. BPP was created as a venue for producing local playwrights’ works and as a place for actors, directors, and theater technicians to hone their crafts. The earliest performances were at the Old Library—Bloomington’s Carnegie Library—today occupied by the Monroe County History Center. Some of BPP’s other sites over the years included 409 S. Walnut, 310 W. Seventh, 308 S. Washington, and 312 S. Washington. The group currently operates at 107 W. Ninth St. The BPP history is available in the vertical files. The timeline is an ongoing project, with plans to update it periodically.

Volunteers Needed
The Genealogy Library at the History Center is in need of volunteers. If you have knowledge of local history, genealogy, and/or computer experience with Excel or Access, please contact the Library Director, Liz Knapp, at genealogy@monroehistory.org

A Genealogy Researcher’s Ten Commandments
1. Thou shalt make thyself understood. (Be as clear as possible when stating your questions to a librarian.)

2. Thou shalt chart thy course. (Prepare for your library visit by organizing the material you’ve already collected about your family, including names, dates, and locations.)

3. Thou shalt lay a firm foundation. (Find out where the records you need are located and how the material is organized.)

4. Thou shalt look first in thine own back yard. (Question older relatives; visit cemeteries; seek out correspondence and other family records.)

5. Do not embrangle thyself with unimportant information on a family chart. (Just the bare facts!)

6. Lead not thyself into frustration. (Some connections can’t be found because they never existed.)

7. Thou must learn to backtrack. (Finding where your ancestors were from is of vital importance.)

8. Thou shalt do research with faith, hope, and clarity, but the greatest of these is clarity. (Bring all the background data and supplies you’ll need for a research visit.)

9. Thou shalt learn to save time. (Take advantage of indexes, compilations, and other finding aids.)

10. Let not thy heart be troubled by black sheep:

   Looking up the family tree
   Is lots of fun for you and me—
   But of that tree we must beware
   Lest we find Grandpa hanging there,
   His soul sent downward by a sheriff
   Instead of up—to be a seraph!


Genealogy Group
Wednesday, September 5, 10am
The Genealogy Group meets on the first Wednesday of every odd month. The group focuses on topics that help genealogists become better family detectives.
Encampment Opens Civil War Exhibit

The Civil War Encampment was a spectacular opening event for the not-to-be-missed “Civil War and Monroe County” exhibit now showing at the History Center. Thank you to Steve Rolfe and the Civil War Roundtable members who were instrumental in arranging for the encampment, to Joel Foust’s 42nd Indiana Infantry re-enactors and volunteers for a memorable educational experience, and to Allison Lendman who staffed the History Center all night.

The Civil War exhibit highlights the people and the effects of the Civil War on Monroe County and Indiana. It was designed by Allison Lendman and runs through October 26. The exhibit includes Union and Confederate uniforms and accouterments, photographs, muskets, swords, knives, letters, and an interesting array of objects that were hit by bullets during the war. Many artifacts are on loan from Midwestern Civil War enthusiast and collector Bob Willey, who has been building his collection for over 50 years. Guided tours of the exhibit can be arranged.

The Civil War Encampment on June 9 & 10 was attended by hundreds of visitors. More than 300 of those visitors came into the History Center for the Civil War Exhibit and programs that weekend.
Monroe County Subtracts a Township

By Penelope Mathiesen

Monroe County once had twelve townships. Later, as described in the following newspaper clipping, Marion and Benton townships were combined. The article describes the reasoning behind the change and the logistics of implementing it. The elimination of a township name affects modern-day genealogists because Marion Township is still listed in old burial records. Its land and cemeteries are now part of Benton Township, which can be confusing for researchers unfamiliar with the historic change. (Thanks to Mobie McCammon for finding this article.)

TOWNSHIPS ARE REDUCED TO ELEVEN—MARION MERGED WITH BENTON
(Bloomington Star Courier, 18 January 1916)

The map of Monroe county has been changed to eliminate Marion township, thus reducing the county to eleven townships after several generations with the “even dozen” and turning another page in Monroe county history.

The final legal action necessary for the consolidation of Benton and Marion townships was completed last week when the county commissioners approved the merger after receiving petitions signed by more than half of the voters of each township. Thus the merger has been accomplished, although Trustee Cecil Bradford, of Benton township, will complete his present term, and present school bus contracts will continue in force throughout the current school year.

The consolidation will be known as Benton township, and will result in a considerable saving in taxes for the residents of the former Marion township.

When the Morgan-Monroe State Forest was established some years ago, it took in all but a narrow strip of Marion township. Since then, these [sic] has been considerable agitation for a merger.

Marion township had but 75 voters, and an assessed [sic] property valuation of only about $85,000, yet this small amount of taxable property had to support a township administration. Besides, the Marion township school bus routes practically duplicated those of Benton township.

Courthouse Cornerstone Rededication

By Rachel Peden McCarty

Grand ceremony marked the Monroe County Courthouse Cornerstone Rededication and Time Capsule presentation on Saturday, June 16. The Masonic service featured a procession that began at the Bloomington Convention Center, songs, the proving of the cornerstone, and the presentation of the time capsule. Over 50 items were placed in the 2007 time capsule including: an iPod, cell phone, photos of the courthouse square, a “Bloomington Sketchbook” donated by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and a radar scan of the cornerstone depicting two voids in the cornerstone. One void is believed to be the 1907 time capsule and the other a whiskey bottle stolen from one of the workers who helped build the courthouse.

As part of the team that worked on gathering items for the time capsule, I want to issue a special thanks to the Chandler Funeral Home who donated the vault that became our time capsule. Other members of the committee were Rose McIllveen, Pat Haley, Jenn Marcum, Jill Lesh, and Lisa Simmons.
More Monroe County Jail History

By Penelope Mathiesen

An old newspaper clipping reveals yet another location in the history of the Monroe County jail: N. Morton St. between Seventh and Eighth. The recollections are those of James A. Woodburn, a retired professor and author of *The History of Indiana University* (1940). Born in 1856, he died in December 1943, a few months after the news item was published.

The article doesn’t say when—or for how long—the jail occupied the Morton St. site. We can infer that the location was in use during the early life of James A. Woodburn, but probably not after 1870, when the sheriff’s residence and jail at 116 S. Walnut was dedicated.

**COMMENT (Bloomington Telephone, 2 August 1943)**

By B. W. Bradfute

(This article on local history is by Walter F. Woodburn and the information was supplied by his uncle, Dr. James A. Woodburn, age 87, during Dr. Woodburn’s recent visit in Bloomington).

There are very few people in Bloomington who can remember the old Monroe county jail on North Morton Street between Seventh and Eighth. Dr. James A. Woodburn is one of them and at eighty-seven years of age his recollections are quite clear and vivid.

The old jail was a story and a half brick house—one of the typical houses of the time converted into a jail by adding bars to the windows and strengthening the doors. There was a spring of water in the back yard which supplied not only the jail with water for all purposes, but also the neighborhood. The sanitation problem was easily solved by the old fashioned out house close by and the garbage disposal question was conveniently and economically taken care of by two pigs in a pen on the rear of the lot. There was a county jail, a spring, a pig pen, out house and a stable for horses and cows all on the same lot—60 by 132 feet long.

Across Morton Street on the west side between Seventh and Eighth were several frame houses which were occupied by perhaps as good citizens as were to be found in the then sprawling village. These houses were torn down shortly after the turn of the century to make way for the Illinois Central railway freight depot.

[Note: The Illinois Central depot still stands today on the northwest corner of the intersection of Seventh and Morton, near the Bloomington Antique Mall. The former jail site on N. Morton was behind today’s Smallwood Plaza apartment complex. A previous article, “Monroe County Jail History,” appeared in the April 2007 issue of the Monroe County Historian.]

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**We Need Your Recipes by August 31**

By Sue Shelden

300 Favorite Recipes Wanted

We need your recipes to add to our second cookbook. This is a great way to pass down your family recipes. Submit up to 6 recipes by August 31 online at [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) (the Login is "mccooks2" and the Password is "5eesq"), or mail recipes to the History Center.

**Name-the-Cookbook Contest**

We need a catchy title for the second edition of the “Tastes of Monroe County” cookbook. The winner of the Name-the-Cookbook contest will get five complimentary cookbooks. Send ideas to Sue Shelden, sshelden@yahoo.com, or contact the History Center, 332-2517. The book will be published in November, just in time for holiday sales.

**Granny Franny Cake**

Recipe by Martha Wainscott, History Center Custodian

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2007 Garden Walk

The History Center was once again on the Bloomington Garden Club’s Garden Walk. This year we were the official Garden Walk headquarters, and not only did we again have the Garden Décor Market, but we also hosted the Garden Club’s flower show.

Special thanks to the History Center volunteers who spent their weekend working hard to make the event a success: Scott & Jamee Wissink, Glenda Murray, Dave Musgrave, Lee Ehman, Marilyn Skirvin, Wenona Freeman, Penny Mathiesen, Jackie Gilkey, Steve Rolfe, Allison Lendman, Mary Lee Deckard, and Sara Tener.

Carnegie Library Marker Dedication

On Saturday, April 21, the historic marker commemorating Monroe County’s only Carnegie Library was installed on the lawn of the Monroe County History Center. The marker inscription reads:

County’s only Carnegie Library dedicated 1918 as Bloomington Public Library with 6,439 volumes; built with local support and $31,000 from Carnegie Corporation. Replaced Colored School, at this site circa 1874-1915. Addition built at southeast corner 1955. Library moved to new building nearby 1970.


Installed 2007 – Indiana Historical Bureau and Friends of Monroe County Public Library.
**News from Other Places**

**Civil War Medicine at Lincoln Museum**
The Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has a special exhibit, “Bleeding Blue and Gray: Civil War Medicine,” on view through 23 September 2007. Items on display include medical equipment, doctors’ field kits, commonly used drugs of the day, photographs, letters to families, military documents, information on women as civil war nurses, and statistical comparisons with casualties from other wars. The Lincoln Museum is located at 200 E. Berry St. For more information, go to: www.TheLincolnMuseum.org or call (260) 455-3854.

**West Baden Springs Hotel Now Open**
For those who have followed the fortunes of the West Baden Springs Hotel over the years, the wait is over. You can now experience the stunning restoration of this historic landmark first-hand! Visitors may relax under the dome, dine, stroll in the gardens, enjoy the recreational amenities, and spend the night in the restful atmosphere of a classic hotel. Known in its early days as the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” the unique round structure provides an amazing experience for today’s guests as well. For more information, go to: http://www.frenchlick.com or call (877) 493-7822.

**Orange County Sites and Structures**
The Orange County Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, published by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in October 2006, is available at a cost of $24.00, plus shipping and handling. This is the seventy-eighth county inventoried by Historic Landmarks through grants from Indiana’s Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). For more information or to obtain a copy, go to: http://www.historiclandmarks.org/what/surveydata.html or call (317) 639-4534 or (800) 450-4534. (From Indiana Preservationist, December 2006, and the web site.)

**Ellettsville Photo Project**
Ellettsville Main Street, Inc., has received a $3,300 Community Foundation grant to help preserve historic photos stored at the Ellettsville Journal. The grant will allow for purchasing fireproof cabinets and hiring Indiana University interns. Future plans include making scrapbooks available so that community workshops can help identify the old photographs. (From Ellettsville Main Street, Inc., Summer 2007.)

**Finding Indiana Marriage Records**
A recent article by Meredith Thompson provides a fascinating look at the history of marriage records in our state: “Finding Indiana Marriage Records” (Indiana Genealostist, March 2007, available in the Genealogy Library). The author discusses marriage licenses (before 1940, there were residency requirements, and Quakers were exempt from obtaining a county license), marriage returns (submitted, hopefully, by the person who performed the ceremony), marriage affidavits, marriage supplements, and marriage applications. Various ways to find marriage records are included, along with illustrations from original documents.

**Web Sites**
* Genealogical Forum of Oregon Indexes. This Portland-based genealogical society offers free online indexes to Oregon obituaries, 1890 veterans’ schedules, and WWI draft registrations, plus a list of Multnomah County marriages. You can order the records for a small fee. Go to: http://www.gfo.org
* War Letters. The Legacy Project preserves soldiers’ letters—and these everyday Americans’ roles in momentous events—from wars historical and modern. Learn how to contribute your family’s letters and get preservation tips. Go to: http://www.warletters.com

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Barbara Henn
Julian & Mary Pat Livingston
Ward W. Moore
Sylvan & Edith Tackitt
Randy & Linda Williamson

**Family**
Ethan Alyea, Jr.
Frank Barnhart
Douglas & Vivian Bridges

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**March 15—May 21st**

Nancy Bryan
Tom Gallagher
Harry & Jeanette Hollis
Doran & Maryellen May
Cullen & Rachel Peden McCarty

**Basic**
Allen County Public Library
Robert & Rosanna Blakely
Harold & Pauline Bond*
Gregg A. Rago & Susan Bright*
Christine Clothier*
John Davenport
Phillip & Juanita Hedrick
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R. Kent & Anne Honeycutt*

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Phillip & Marjorie Sutton
Julia Tatum Yonkers
Jane Zebendon

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**Garage Sale Report—A New Record**

By Gayle Cook

The 26th annual MCHS benefit garage sale was another success—it brought in over $16,000, an all-time record!

Special thanks go to the following wonderful people:

- at Cook Pharmica: Jerry Arthur, Rick Naftzger, Larry Newell, and crew, who allowed us to use the Pharmica warehouse and were a big help during the preparation and sale.
- at CFC, Inc.: Jim Murphy and crew, who donated truck use, hauling, labor, and merchandise. The sale wouldn’t be possible without them.
- at Altop Appliances: Don Altop, who expertly reconditioned all our used bicycles and made them rideable and saleable.
- the members and friends who generously donated items to be sold, some very special and valuable.
- John and Joyce Holmes and Jeanne Walters Real Estate, for the use of their trucks.
- all the other many volunteers who hauled, donated, sorted, priced and bought.

We enjoyed lots of laughs and lunches together over the weeks of work in the warehouse.

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**HOT ITEMS IN THE STORE**

The “100th Anniversary Courthouse” t-shirts with a beautiful logo are perfect for celebrating the year-long courthouse centennial.

**Echoes from One-Room Schools**

by Monroe County Retired Teachers continues to delight Monroe County residents who discover stories and photos of their ancestors.

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