Exhibits Celebrate Courthouse Anniversary  
By Jill Lesh

Exhibits “The Monroe County Courthouse: 100 Years Under the Fish” and “Life in 1908” will run through September 27. Exhibit Curator Allison Lendman has created two very special exhibits in celebration of the courthouse centennial.

The Courthouse Exhibit chronicles the construction and restoration of this handsome limestone Beaux Arts style building. It includes copper pieces removed from the courthouse dome last summer, the original architectural drawings for the courthouse, and carving tools that belonged to Albert Jacob Molnar, the sculptor who carved the “Light of the World” figures on the south side of the courthouse.

“Life in 1908” presents a portrait of life 100 years ago when the courthouse was new. The exhibit includes room settings with everyday items common to 1908 homes in Monroe County: toys, cooking utensils, fashions, and furnishings. An extensive photo gallery provides a glimpse of Monroe County families, houses, and businesses in the early 1900s. Full-color copies of the 1907 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of Bloomington document structures in the central part of the city. Local and world events are also featured for this “boom year” – 1908.

For the past seven years, Allison Lendman has served as the volunteer Exhibit Curator at the History Center, creating more than 30 special exhibits. It is with whole-hearted gratitude that we thank her as she retires from this responsibility. Allison will continue to co-chair of the Collections & Exhibit Committee, but she looks forward to having more time for travel.

Top: Kitchen display in “Life in 1908” exhibit.  
Middle: Original architectural plan hand-drawn on coated linen paper.  
Bottom: Exhibit Curator Allison Lendman accepts flowers at the Opening Reception, May 22.
**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.

**Genealogy Group**
Every 1st Wednesday of odd months.

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<td>THR 18 3rd Thursday: “A Nose for the News: 19th Century Bloomington Editors and their Newspapers,” w/ Owen Johnson 7pm</td>
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<td>The exhibit highlights Scottish history and includes kilts, tartans, and bagpipes. The Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington is the first organization to exhibit in the designated Community Voices space.</td>
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<th>“Carburetors, Hubcaps &amp; Bloomington’s First Cars”</th>
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<td>This unusual glimpse at Monroe County’s vehicular past was created by intern Bobi Cross, a senior in Museum Studies at Indiana University. Vintage automobile parts are labeled only by number so viewers may guess the purpose of each item. Artifacts are generously loaned by Norman Deckard.</td>
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**Update from the Managing Director**

**Dara and Zachary May**

On May 27, we welcomed back our office manager Dara May after a four month absence. Dara stayed by her husband Zachary May at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha until his valiant battle with cancer ended on May 4. Zachary was 26 years old. He and Dara inspired us all with their unflagging love and perseverance.

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**Board of Trustees Elected**

The 2008-09 Board of Trustees includes four new members and 21 returning members. We are delighted to have Glenda Murray continue as president of the Board of Trustees for a second year. Following is a current Board of Trustees list. Asterisk indicates new Board member.

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**Educational Supply Needs**

Our tours, Hands-on-History programs, and Museum-to-You programs are growing. More students and scouts are experiencing the History Center than ever before, and we are asking for your help fill up the educational supplies closet.

If you clean out your desk drawers and can part with any of the following items, please bring them by the History Center during any of our open hours.

- Pencils
- Crayons
- Coloring Pencils
- Safety Scissors
- Plastic-coated Paperclips
- Glue Sticks

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**Programs Not To Miss**

**“Cook Medical Contributions: 45 Years of Innovation”**
with Rick Mellinger
Thursday, July 17, 7pm

The world headquarters for Cook Group is located in Bloomington and includes 15 companies which make up the Cook Medical portion of the business. Mr. Mellinger will highlight the significant technical contributions to medicine, from Bill and Gayle Cook’s early work in the spare bedroom of their apartment, to modern day technological advances changing the practice of medicine. He will also give his insights into Cook’s culture and provide an overview of the evolution of the organization.

Rick Mellinger is Vice-president of Global Marketing and a 27 year veteran of the organization.

Cook Incorporated, the flag-

**“Cemeteries 101: What You Need To Know About Local Burial Options”**
Saturday, June 21
10am Talk - at the History Center
11:30am Walk - tour Rose Hill Cemetery

This free and open to the public event will feature special guests addressing:

- What cemeteries are available for use in Monroe County and what are their requirements?
- How are cemeteries regulated?
- What is a “green” or “natural” burial and is that possible here?
- What are issues of concern for veterans?
- How can religious customs or beliefs be accommodated?

Refreshments will be served prior to the guided tour of Rose Hill Cemetery with Danielle Bachant-Bell, author of the City of Bloomington’s “A Walk Through Rose Hill Cemetery: Historic Tour Guide No. 12.”

A joint project with the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Bloomington

**“Indiana Courthouses — Inside and Out”**
with Robert & Joann Dodd
Thursday, June 19, 7pm

During the past six years, Bob and Joann Dodd have visited all 92 courthouses in Indiana. They will share photos and contrast the interiors and exteriors of select courthouses, from the oldest located in Ohio County and built in 1844, to the newest in Crawford County, built in 2003.

The ceiling of the Hancock County Courthouse. Photo by Bob Dodd.

**“Reading the City: A Walking Tour”**
with Eric Sandweiss
Saturday, June 14, 9-10am

The city is an open book, waiting to be read by anyone who knows the right language. This tour will look at how the history of our town reveals itself in architecture, signs, monuments, businesses, even the ground beneath our feet. We’ll walk the streets of downtown Bloomington in search of foreshadowing and hidden story lines. We’ll find introductions, chapter divisions, and (maybe) a happy ending.

Eric is the Carmony Chair of History and an Associate Professor at Indiana University. He is also the editor of the *Indiana Magazine of History*.

Walnut and 6th Streets facing south c1940s.
Graciously donated by Mary Ellen Haller (Stimson).
Petitions for Birth Records
The Genealogy Library has a new resource that organizes documents related to the process of establishing a birth record in cases where a birth certificate was not available. *Petitions to Establish Time and Place of Birth Filed in 1940–1959* was compiled by intern Stephanie Custer and completed in January 2008. The steps in the legal process included a petition to have the time and place of birth judicially determined, a decree and court order, a newspaper notice, and payment of a fee. Copies of the documents are found in a binder that is now available in the library. The original documents have been placed in catalogue boxes along with proof of publication (the notice given to a newspaper by the clerk of the court) and sometimes a typed copy of handwritten information.

IGS 2008 Held in Evansville
The Indiana Genealogical Society held its Annual Meeting and Conference in Evansville, Indiana, on Friday, 5 April 2008. The Monroe County Historical Society was represented by Liz Knapp and Penny Mathiesen, who staffed a table in the exhibit area that displayed our society’s brochures and publications. Michael Maben, IGS president and Monroe County Historical Society member, presided at IGS’s annual meeting on Friday afternoon. Next year, IGS celebrates its 20th anniversary. The annual meeting and conference will be held in Indianapolis on 25 April 2009, with Pamela K. Porter as the featured speaker. The conference theme will be military genealogy. For more information, go to: www.indgensoc.org.

New Books on the Shelves
**Traffic Jam on Sixth Street**

On a beautiful Saturday in April, vintage vehicles from Cruisin’ Classics and Model A car clubs jammed Sixth St. and delighted 225 visitors. The Open House celebrated the donation of the historic Curry License Plate Collection.

**Brown County Heritage Day**

Brown County’s second annual Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, 28 June 2008, at the Brown County Historical Society building on State Road 135, just north of Nashville. Attendees are encouraged to bring materials to share with other family history researchers, and Brown County books will be available for purchase. If you are interested in displaying your family history or demonstrating traditional crafts, please call Edna at (812) 988-6498, or e-mail: mtnman50@att.net (From Brown County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Spring 2008).

**Indiana Marriage Indexing Project Update**

The Indiana Marriage Indexing Project has been underway for just over a year. More than 445,000 records have been indexed by volunteers from all over the world. Their efforts will make Indiana marriage records available online free of charge. Records have been indexed for nine counties so far: Allen, Decatur, Franklin, Hamilton, Henry, Huntington, Owen, Rush, and Sullivan. There are 83 counties left, so more help is needed! For more information, e-mail Shirley Richison Fields at: indexing@indgensoc.org, or go to: www.indgensoc.org (From IGS Newsletter, Feb. 2008).

**Evansville’s Genealogical Resources**

Evansville’s Willard Library offers excellent genealogical resources in its Regional and Family History Department. The collection includes genealogical resources from all over the U.S. and is particularly rich in materials related to counties immediately surrounding Evansville in Indiana and neighboring states. The Willard Library holds its annual “Midnight Madness” event during the third week of June, when the Regional and Family History Department is open until midnight for five days! The library is located at 21 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710; phone: 812-425-4309. For more information, go to: www.willard.lib.in.us (From the website).
Our Volunteer: Dave Musgrave

On an average week, Treasurer Dave Musgrave spends eight to ten hours working at the Monroe County History Center. That’s quite a bit especially when you consider he’s volunteering his time and is not yet retired.

Six years ago while serving on a board together, Bill Knapp, husband of our Library Director Liz Knapp, suggested to Dave that he become involved in the Historical Society, and we are very thankful for that suggestion. Dave joined our board of trustees in April, 2003.

Dave has served as chair of the Finance Committee for the past five years and as our treasurer for the past four. In these roles, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty especially during employee vacancies and absences. Under his leadership we had our first financial review in many, many years, consolidated accounts and have pursued an investment manager for our Founders’ Endowment.

His involvement in the Historical Society goes far beyond fiscal matters. Dave also serves on the Personnel and Building and Grounds Committees, and has contributed family recipes to our cookbook, plants to our garage sale and countless flowers to the History Center grounds.

When most people hear the Musgrave name they naturally think of Musgrave Orchards which was founded by Dave’s late father, Lester Musgrave, in 1937. However, Dave attributes his interest in Monroe County History to his late mother, Alberta Delap Musgrave, and her family. He was named after his maternal great, great grandfather, David Delap, for which Delap Road in Ellettsville is also named. His maternal great grandmother was a McNeely and Ellettsville also bears a popular road named for the McNeely family.

Dave was the youngest of five children, three boys and two girls, all of whom still live in Monroe County. He graduated from Bloomington High School and, to this day, cannot bring himself to eat another raw apple.

After graduating from Franklin College with a degree in German, (he spent his entire junior year abroad studying at Germany’s Freiburg University) Dave enrolled here at Indiana University in graduate school and resided in his great grandparents home in the historic Elm Heights neighborhood.

After leaving graduate school, Dave began his career in banking at First National Bank, which later became Bank One. After 22 years he left to become the first employee of United Commerce Bank. Forward nine years later and Dave continues to serve at Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of United Commerce. UCB has sponsored numerous exhibits and events at the History Center and has an extremely low employee turnover rate, no doubt in part to Dave’s leadership.

Dave and his wife, Karita will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary later this summer. Their daughter, Kari, turns 19 this month and will start her sophomore year at Franklin College this fall. Their family also includes a special niece, 15 year old Allie, who is active in the Monroe County Fair.

When Dave is not at the bank or the History Center he is probably enjoying one of his many hobbies. He has over 120 show rabbits, Mini Rex and New Zealand breeds, at the family home in Benton Township as well as a ‘small’ greenhouse with 2,000 seedlings. He also serves as the Hot Shots 4-H adult leader and is taking a class at the YMCA.

Dave, Thank You for being an active part of the Monroe County Historical Society. I know I am biased, but I knew from the start that it would be great to have another Franklin College grad who supported 4-H and also appreciated Monroe County history on board. We are grateful for your smile, attention to detail, willingness and time to make the Monroe County Historical Society a successful organization.
Van Buren Township Teachers,
South Union School, 1863-1892

By Penelope Mathiesen

The first school in southeastern Van Buren Township was established about 1828, but the place of instruction is uncertain.¹ There is a report of school being held in a log building on land that was probably in Section 35.² The trustees of the South Union meeting house, erected in 1833, allowed school to be taught there, according to an indenture dated 16 November 1853. This log structure stood at the corner of Rockport and Duvall roads in Section 35. Two successive frame churches were built on this property. The site occupied by the log church is now the graveyard at the present South Union Church, built in 1922.³

On 1 August 1859, the school district for this part of the township was designated No. 3. Nathan and Mary Hensley deeded 1/4 acre (for the sum of $25) for School No. 3 in the southeast quarter of Section 35, near Tramway Road, and a new school house was built.⁴ The teachers in this building (1863–1892) were:⁵

Jonas R. May               Paid Feb. 26, 1863
John B. Shipman            Paid Mar. 1864
Mary A. Summit             Paid June 1864
Mary Sulenger              Paid Jan. 1865
Charles Goodale            Paid 1866–1867
Nannie Chambers            1867–1868
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Wm. P. Koontz              1869–1870
Matty Stone                1870 summer term
Wm. P. Koontz              1870–1871
M. Ford Rickoff            1871–1872
A. K. Dowden               Sept. 16, 1872–Dec. 12, 1872
Wm. P. Koontz              Jan. 6, 1873–Feb. 3, 1873
Susan Goodale              Feb. 10, 1873–Mar. 7, 1873
Henry M. Buskirk           1873–1874
Theodore Henson            Sept. 21, 1874–Dec. 7, 1874
John D. Morgan             Jan. 4, 1875–Apr. 30, 1875
A. K. Dowden               Sept. 13, 1875–Dec. 24, 1875
Simeon Pedigo              Jan. 10, 1876–Mar. 17, 1876
Wm. Smallwood              Apr. 10, 1876–Apr. 19, 1876
Thomas Mitchell            Oct. 2, 1876–June 8, 1877
Jos. S. Woodward           1877–1878
M. H. Buskirk              1878–1879
A. K. Dowden               1879–1880
John D. Morgan             1880–1881
C. W. Burch                1881–1882
J. B. Tate                 Sept. 4, 1882–Dec. 9, 1882
John L. May                Jan. 8, 1883–Mar. 23, 1883
A. G. Dillman              1883–1884
John B. Hazel              1884–1885
Amanda Jones               1885–1886
Wm. J. Goodale             1886–1887
Alaska Eaton               1887–1888
C. W. Eaton                1888–1889
H. A. Eller                1889–1890
John Matthews              1890–1891
J. T. King                 1891–1892

Monroe County Historical Society member Kitty Burkhart recalls that her father, Hubert A. Brown, was named for Alaska Eaton, who taught in 1887–1888. Eaton was born in 1854, the year the Alaska Territory was acquired.⁶

The list of teachers offers insight into rural education in the latter half of the nineteenth century. In some case, the periods of employment have precise dates and show that the “school year” varied. It began in September or October, paused for a break sometime in December, resumed after the beginning of January, and ended in March or April or even early June. Monroe County’s rural schools did not adopt a uniform eight-month calendar until 1921.

Above: Map of southeastern Van Buren Township showing various locations of South Union School. In the early days, school met at the log South Union meeting house (built in 1833) on the corner of Duvall and Rockport roads, Section 35. The first permanent school house was built about 1859 near Tramway Road, Section 35. A new South Union School was built about 1892 at May and Leonard Springs roads, Section 26. It still stands today. Map courtesy of Penelope Mathiesen.

Right: South Union School, built about 1892. It replaced an earlier school house (ca. 1859), which was destroyed by fire. The building shown here is still in use today as a private home. From the collections of the Monroe County History Center.
Out of a total of 31 teachers in the list (some appear more than once), 25 were men and six were women. There was frequent turnover. Most taught for a year or less. A few taught for two or three years, but their terms were seldom consecutive. Sometimes pupils saw several teachers in the course of a single school year. For example, in 1872, A. K. Dowden taught from September 16 to December 12, William Koontz took over from January 6 to February 3, 1873, and Susan Goodale finished out the school year from February 10 to March 7. Similar situations occurred in 1875–1876 and 1882–1883. After this, there was only one teacher per academic year as long as the building was in use.

This school house was destroyed in a fire set by children about 4 May 1892. A petition for relocation, dated 15 May 1892, was approved. A new South Union School was erected in the southeast corner of Section 26 in Van Buren Township. Kitty Burkhart has described her memories of this school house in an earlier article. The building still stands at the corner of May and Leonard Springs roads and now serves as a private home.

Notes
2. In A Century of Development, Van Buren Township, Monroe County, Indiana (1940, p. 68), Mabel Pafford Hornocker reports that school was held “in a log building which was located near a spring on what is now the Audress [sic?] Conder farm.” The 1930 Monroe County Census lists Andreas Conder residing in Van Buren Twp. The 1920 Plat Map of Monroe County shows A. Condor owning property in Section 35, Van Buren Twp.
5. Hornocker, p. 69.

The History Center ‘Flings’ with the Scottish Society

On Friday, May 2 the History Center held a Scottish Fling in collaboration with the Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington to celebrate the opening of their new exhibit in the Community Voices Gallery. Scottish dancers, bagpipers, and Scottish food drew a large crowd to help celebrate local history. Special thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

Far Left: One of the several musicians playing traditional Scottish music. Left: Visitors gather to watch dancers. Above: Volunteer Carol Darling offering Historical Society President, Glenda Murray, her first taste of haggis.
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January 10th—March 10th

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Local Reaction to Eclipse of the Sun, 1869

By Penelope Mathiesen

Two items recently given to the Genealogy Library describe the reactions of Bloomington residents to the eclipse of the sun in 1869. The first item is an undated newspaper clipping, probably from 1934:

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

*Do You Remember the total eclipse of the sun on August 8, 1869? Some of Bloomington’s oldest residents recall that the memoriable [sic] total eclipse of old sol occurred sixty-five years ago. About four o’clock in the afternoon of that day, the earth was enshrouded in almost total darkness. Chickens went to roost, and is [sic] was impossible to distinguish buildings and objects at any reasonable distance throughout the countryside. Only a few people are living today who witnessed this eclipse.*

Accompanying the clipping is a handwritten account of the eclipse, author unknown:

“The Eclipse took place on Aug. 8, 1869. We knew that it had commenced, but at first there was no perceptible diminution of the light. Up there in the west the moon had already started to impinge upon the sun. Then very gradually as if under a dark cloud, the light began to lessen. The sun was still lord of the world. The shadow of the moon had blotted out only the tiny edge. The shadow grew. It grew farther and farther. Then the sun was no more than a sickle of light—burning—a vast and glorious new moon. The day—afternoon—had grown much dimmer in the last few minutes. In those final minutes the change had come faster. An unearthly pallor began to shroud the world, and then the darkness crashed down, and suddenly it was night—not a night that brings drowsiness and sleep, but a night presaging disaster and the end of the world. A mighty hush followed. Then suddenly the light was switched on. It came as it went, wave on wave till the sun shone out clear again within a cloudless sky. The chickens came down off their roost, looking rather silly, and the cow that had hastened to her feeding-trough turned back to her grazing.

We took our smoked pieces of glass to the scrap heap, cleaned the lamp-soot from faces and hands, and talked of the wonder of it all.”

In Memory of Sara Lorton Tener

(1938-2008)

Sara Tener died March 23 at age 69. She was active in many community organizations in Bloomington. Every other Saturday, Sara volunteered at the greeter desk in the History Center. She volunteered the day before she died. Sara lived in 13 states and two countries and always left a contribution of service and good humor. She will be missed.

In Memory of Henry Ethan Wahl

(1914-2008)

Henry Wahl died March 29 at age 93. He was a generous and kind gentleman who loved to tell stories. After serving in the Navy in WWII, Henry was economics officer for rehabilitation of the Pacific islands previously held by Japan. He was especially interested in history and served on the Monroe County Historical Society Board of Trustees.
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