

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST / 2017 DARLENE MILLER EDITOR



A DAY OF PATRIOTIC HISTORY!

FREE ADMISSION!

7:00.....Flag Raising

10:00-11:00.....Civil War Camp Open

7:00-10:30..Lion's Club Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

11:00-12:00.....Fashion Show

7:00 – 9:00.....Civil War Camp Open

Lunch..... Vendors On Grounds.

9:30.....Civil War Drill

2:00..MC Coal Mines/Doug Wilson

10:00.....Skirmish

3:00 – 4:00Dance

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Do you remember the March 2017 meeting when President Marla Sutler gave Charles Walters the flag that flew over the ship Arizona and the certificate of authenticity? Chuck then told us about his experiences in WWII. Chuck has had the certificate and the flag put into a case and returned it to the Marion County Museum where it is displayed with other WWII memorabilia. Thanks to Chuck Walters and his family members who helped with it.



Members attending the Marion County Historical Society April meeting were entertained by Tulip time Queen Halle Van Vark and her court members Jennifer Van Haaften, Jessa Bokhoven, Hannah Emmert and Sophia Steenhoek who used prose, poetry and music to inform and entertain us about Pella. I asked them to show their hand-painted shoes when they sat together to eat the Dutch treats that were provided by Helen Boertje for our coffee time.



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The village at the Marion County Park and Museum was cleaned by a crew of eight volunteers with the help of Bev Jones and Helen Boertje in April. Thank you for the excellent work done before our opening on May 27 and our Salute to Freedom Day on June 10.

Work has been done to the Machine Shed at the Marion County Park to organize the items there. A new sign was shown at the May meeting of the MCHS for the Machine shed area. It will be displayed on the Park grounds.



A new sign is now in place on the museum listing time, hours, E-mail, web site, and Facebook information.

Work is continuing on the library. Several books were removed from our inventory to provide shelf space. Dan Carlson replaced four shelves and painted them. Kathleen Smith, Mark Smith and Ruby Dursky have been mending books that are being placed back on shelves. Some books will be offered to the public for a donation if they did not pertain to Marion County or are duplicates.

The Valley Chapel has been painted in time for the opening of the Marion County Museum on May 27 and for the Salute to Freedom Day on June 10.

Marion County Museum Curator's Report -Items received to the museum:

From an anonymous donor:

A 1951 Marion County Atlas – two 1945 Marion County Maps – Stereopticon – 59 Picture cards for the Stereopticon

From Dave Ritchie:

A book entitled Along the Way

From Kathleen Smith:

Binder of Benjamin F. Pearson's Civil War Diary

From John Eveland:

A book entitled The Collected Poems of Amos R. Wells – 12 photos of the Bussey and Eveland families – 3 magazine/calendar pictures P40 – Obit funeral card of James A. Bussey – Genealogical info of James A. Bussey – Bussey newspaper article of 5/20/1938 of Ulysses Grant Earp - Drawing of Mary Bussey Eveland by W. McKenneau – Display of the Purple Heart from WWII given to James A. Bussey

From an anonymous donor:

A book entitled The People's Medical Advisor from 1918 – A book entitled The Pageant of the Press from 1836 to 1961

From Marla Suter:

A book entitled Getting Over the Bump by Nancy Johnson Toll who is a local author

From Darlene Miller:

A book entitled The Search for Grandma Sparkle by Darlene Miller who is a local author

From Charles Walter and family:

A case holding the flag that flew over the ship Arizona and the certificate of authenticity

From Donald Benjamin:

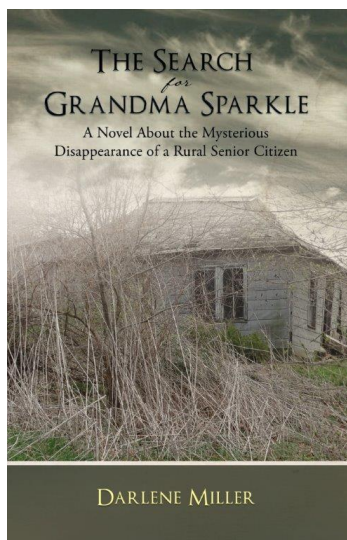
An 1892 to 1893 photo of the St. James Hotel – An 1842 wedding photo of Charles Quick and Anna Brewer – An 1861 wedding photo of Andrew Coons and Mary Ulsh

From the Warren County Historical Society:

A WWII/Korea blue Navy uniform of wool jacket and trousers – A WWII/Korea khaki jacket and hat

From Knoxville High School:

KHS annual 2014/15 – KHS annual 2015/2016



Why would the MCHS be interested in a novel about the mysterious disappearance of a rural senior citizen? Because she disappears in Marion County. Darlene Miller gave a quiz on the true geographical and historical facts in her book *The Search for Grandma Sparkle* at the May 15 general meeting. Do you know the answers to four of the ten questions that she asked? What town had a building that held the United Workers of America Union Hall upstairs and now holds a mining museum downstairs? What is the name of the town where William Henry Harrison Barker lived? He got a federal resolution passed that all National Cemeteries have sycamore tree planted in them as a symbol of peace. Where is the area in MC that was voted on by the 5th General Assembly in 1854 to become the new state capitol? It lost by one vote. What school is located near the confluence of the North and south Cedar Creeks?

Answers: Melcher/Harvey/Belfontaine/ Twin Cedars

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