



PULASKI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving history for a better future.

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NEW LOGO

We are beginning our new year with a new logo! The logo was developed by Jason Harrison of Creative Media & Design Services, www.browco.com. He can be contacted via email at browco.com@gmail.com. Thank you, Jason!

DATES TO REMEMBER

COUNTRY MUSIC & Gospel Bluegrass JAM

Friday, May 6
7:00 - 10:00 EDT
Vurpillat Opera House
Corner of Main/Market, Winamac
Renovated interior!

DANCE FLOOR!
Pop, Coffee & Water
Snack items
50/50 Drawing
Sponsored by VFW Post 1728

All Musicians Welcome!
Awards & Instruments Only

May bring a covered dish to share.
Free will offering for Pulaski County Historical Society.

COUNTRY MUSIC & GOSPEL BLUEGRASS JAM, MAY 6, 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

Come to this fun fundraiser for the Historical Society on Friday, May 6, and be prepared to dance all night. If you are so inclined, bring a dish to share with everyone else.

We will have water, coffee, soda and individual bagged snacks for sale, and the VFW will run a 50/50 on our behalf. A free will donation will be requested at the door.

SPRING GARDEN FAIR, MAY 28, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WOW! (Wander Our Winamac), the new Main Street organization in town, is sponsoring a Spring Garden Fair on Saturday, May 28.

Most booths will be in the street, but several vendors will be inside the Opera House.

Pearl, Market and Main Streets will be blocked for through traffic. There will be vendors, music, plants, antiques, crafts, food, mega-shopping and more!

INDIANA STATE BICENTENNIAL DAY (IN PULASKI COUNTY) OCTOBER 7

Plans have not yet been made for Bicentennial Day, but count on several activities going on throughout the County. Efforts of the Pulaski County Bicentennial Committee, Pulaski County Economic Development Commission, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, WOW, Pulaski County Historical Society and others will be combined to make an outstanding day for everyone. This event will be highlighted by the Torch Bearers crossing Pulaski County during the afternoon. Details to come!

ANNUAL PROGRAM & MEETING

If you missed the Annual Program & Meeting, you missed a wonderful opportunity to hear from participants of the Ford Pinto Trial. We heard from prosecuting attorneys, jurors, news media representatives and local business owners. From their specific perspectives, we learned of the true nature of this historic trial, and why criminal law, as applied to corporations, was never the same again. Also accomplished were the election of officers and directors and the passage of bylaws modifications. Hopefully, we'll see you at next year's program!

SPRING GARDEN FAIR
Celebrating gardening, food, creativity and fun of the season!

MAY 28
8AM to 4PM

Vendors Music
Plants Antiques
Crafts Food
Shopping & More

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE WOW!
PROJECT

DOWNTOWN WINAMAC
INTERESTED VENDORS want
to know more?
Call 574.946.3120
Email efhomeco@gmail.com

100 YEARS AGO (FROM COUNTY NEWSPAPERS APRIL 1916)

Contributed by Janet Onken

Ben and Frank Markley, last Monday, put into effect a new bus line, which runs every morning from Francesville to Monon, Monon to Medaryville and back to Francesville. The auto starts from the White Elephant livery barn every morning at 6:20 a.m., arriving at Monon at 7:00 a.m., leaves there 20 minutes later and arrives back at 8:00 a.m. It then will run to Medaryville arriving there at 8:45 a.m., remaining there 15 minutes and arrives back at 9:30 a.m. (Francesville Tribune)

MONEY TO LOAN: Plenty of it at 5 per cent, with privilege of paying all or any part of it at any interest paying date. Charles Parrott.

STAR CITY: The high school ball team played the Kewanna high school team Friday the score being 12 to 7 in Kewanna's favor.

Out House and Chicken House for sale cheap, if sold at once. J.M. Nye.

Atty. J.M. Spangler was selected as delegate to the Republican Convention at Chicago.

The Pulaski County State Park committee is composed of Messrs. J.M. Gill, M.A. Dilts and F.L. Dukes. The local committee has reported the possibility of securing the White City and assembly shore being at Bass Lake as a state park. *(Yes, this is how it was written in the paper!)*

The contractors on the public library building are pushing the work rapidly. The walls are now up to more than half their height - enough for one to see that it is going to be a beautiful structure when completed.

Wanted: Dead horses and cows. Will pay \$1.50 for cows. Call Winamac phone 755 at my expense O.H. Crawford.

ISIS THEATER

- Tonight: *The Lost Secret*, Robert Taylor, 2 reels.
- Friday: *Diamond From The Sky*, and one reel comedy.
- Saturday afternoon and night: Pathe News and 2 reel comedy.
- Musical Comedy Company of nine people for the balance of week.
- Admission 10 and 20 cents each night.

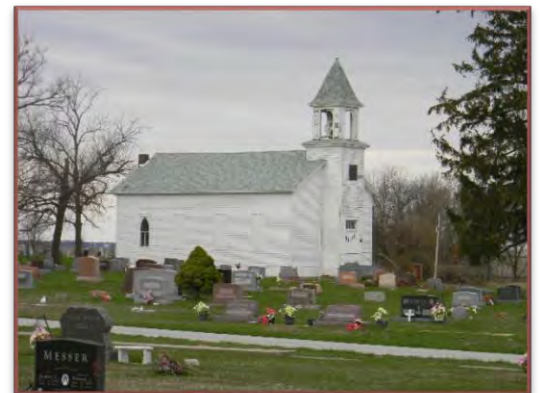
INDEPENDENCE METHODIST CHURCH

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The Independence Methodist Church is little changed since its construction in 1872. The church building and surrounding cemetery was, and still is, an important part of the lives of not only Gillam township churchgoers, but also many Medaryville and surrounding area citizens. However, for many years it has stood vacant. Time, wear and tear and varmints, have made the building unusable.

Thus, at the Historical Society's annual meeting, board member Brian Capouch announced the formation of the Independence Property Management organization. This group will solicit funds to remediate the problems and allow the building to once again be a gathering place of Jasper and Pulaski county citizens, and those descendants of ancestors long ago buried in the adjacent cemetery.

For more information, see the project website: www.independence-church.org.



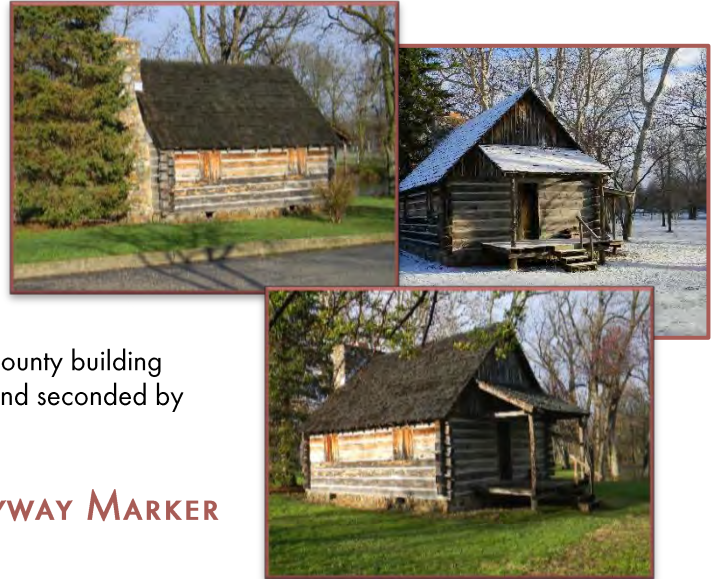
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LOG CABIN CELEBRATION

Contributed by Janet Onken

The log cabin on the river (behind the Library) celebrates 25 years in 2016! Watch for information about a celebration!

From Pulaski County Commissioner minutes, 03/14/1991:
"Comes now Chris Smith representing the Pulaski County Historical Society. Mrs. Smith does now ask permission to set the log cabin, that has been donated, on County property behind the County building. The intention is to place it near the Quonset hut behind the County building located on Riverside Drive. Upon a motion by Stanley G. Boehning, and seconded by Howard J. Conner, said request was approved unanimously.



IRIS ELM GARDEN CLUB TO INSTALL BLUE STAR BYWAY MARKER

Contributed by Wanda Zahrt and Karen Fritz

A Blue Star Byway Marker to honor the nation's Armed Forces will be placed later this summer along Main Street in Winamac, near the historic railroad freight depot. The new marker is a project of the Iris Elm Garden Club.

If you pass by the depot, you may notice a new addition to the location in the form of a large stone. This is where the marker will be placed and dedicated in mid-August.



In partnership with the Garden Clubs of Indiana's state president Jodi Meyer, the Iris Elm Garden Club has committed to installing the Blue Star Byway Marker to honor the country's military service and women, as part of the state organization's 2016-17 initiatives.

The Blue Star Memorial program was named for the blue star in the service flag, which hung in windows of homes and businesses to honor soldiers during World War II. The program originated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 1945, and for over 65 years, the program has grown across all 50 states, honoring those who serve our nation in the past, present and future.

On February 19, Iris Elm Garden Club members met with Reese Shidler and Blake Caston of Proscapes Unlimited, LLC to set the stone for the Blue Star marker. With the stone perfectly placed and the Blue Star plaque ordered, the club members are now planning a dedication program for the installation and dedication.

The Iris Elm Garden Club members are grateful for the philanthropy of Proscapes, who donated the stone, time, and labor for this project. Their generosity and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated.

The Iris Elm club itself is celebrating its 86th anniversary, one of the oldest garden clubs in the state. The club has undertaken many community projects over the decades, including tree and flower plantings, landscaping projects, floral design shows, programs and an annual Christmas arrangements show.

The Garden Club meets at 10 a.m., the first Thursday of each month (except January), usually at the freight depot in Winamac. Meetings include lessons on topics of interest. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or joining the club should contact club president Darlene Fritz at 946-3572 or by email at gingerjoy503@gmail.com.

Photo: Iris Elm Garden Club members (l-r) Wanda Zahrt, Darlene Fritz, Gretchen Bleicher and Jacquie Lawson work to place stone for a Blue Star Byway Marker with Reese Shider and Blake Caston (in the Bobcat).

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VURPILLAT OPERA HOUSE

RENT THE OPERA HOUSE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT:

The facility is available for short term rental. Have a wedding? Reception? Graduation? Political or social event? This might be the venue for you. For information, contact Kathi Thompson, Cell: 574.270.0128, E-mail: info@pulaskihistory.net.

THE OPERA HOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE:

Lease and sale listings for the property at 101 East Main Street in Winamac can be seen online: www.HarrisonREC.com. Ryan Harrison, REALTOR(r), Harrison Real Estate. Cell: 574-870-0338, E-mail: Ryan@HarrisonREC.com.



MEMBERSHIP

Commit to your historical society via membership. Membership offers just one benefit: the knowledge that you are helping to preserve and protect the history and historic sites of Pulaski County. **INDIVIDUAL DUES ARE ONLY \$30 PER CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY – DECEMBER)**. Family dues are \$40.00 per calendar year; corporate or sustaining dues are \$80.00 per calendar year. We also welcome additional contributions. The Pulaski County Historical Society is a federally approved 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and qualifies for tax-deductible donations. **SEND DUES & DONATIONS, MADE PAYABLE TO PULASKI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** PO Box 135, Winamac, IN 46996. Or go online to use PayPal: www.pulaskihistory.net.

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