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Money Trivia

- * A law passed in 1866 prohibits any living person's portrait to appear on currency.
- * Martha Washington is the first woman to have appeared on paper currency.
- * The largest bill ever printed was a \$100,000 gold certificate in 1934.
- * E Pluribus Unum found on most US currency means One from Many.
- * The first penny was minted in 1787 but wasn't legal tender until 1864.
- * You are worth approximately \$3 Million if you are worth your weight in gold.

COMING EVENTS

WHAT AM I?

CCHS Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 31 @ 12:30 PM
South Bethel Church
Prairie Village
1094 Hwy 38
Tipton, Iowa
North of Tipton

A Day on the Prairie

Saturday, Sept. 17
10 AM to 4 PM
Prairie Village
1094 Hwy 38
Tipton, Iowa
North of Tipton

NEW
LOCATION!



This little gem was brought in by Delores Rohlf and will make a great addition to the Sunbury Bank. This item dates from 1903. Any guesses?

A Check Writer

NEWSLETTER

ACT
NOW!

Dear Members,

We know you love receiving your newsletter in the mail each quarter and to keep receiving your newsletter please pay your 2016 dues if you have not done so already. Because of ever increasing mailing costs any members who are not current with their dues will not receive newsletters after this edition until their dues are current. Not sure if you are current? Just contact Sandy at the museum to find out your status. Dues are \$22 or \$25 if you would like your copy of the Review mailed to you.

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CCHS Annual Picnic

This years CCHS Annual Picnic will be held at the **South Bethel Church** at the Prairie Village at **1094 Hwy 38**, Tipton (North of Tipton) at **12:30 PM** on **Sunday, July 31**. A potluck meal will be followed by *Restore It & They Will Come* on the Sherman Swift Tower at the Bickett-Rate Farm and its inhabitants by Linda and Robert Scarth. You can read more about the tower and the Scarth's below.

Althea Sherman

Althea Rosina Sherman (1853-1943) was an illustrator, educator, ornithologist, and writer born in National, Iowa. After studying art and earning her Master's degree from Oberlin College in 1882, she taught illustration for a number of years.

But in 1895 she returned home to National to care for her ailing parents. During this time Althea began a second, self-taught career in ornithology. She became a pioneer in the life studies of specific bird species and kept meticulously-detailed journals of her observations.

Sherman published more than 70 articles in the scientific and ornithological journals of the day. Her research on several species was used by Arthur Cleveland Bent in his *Life Histories of North American Birds* series. She was elected a "Member" of the American Ornithologists' Union. In addition, she was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who of the Women of the World* and *American Men of Science*.

Her background in art helped her create realistic illustrations of her subjects. Sherman's paintings of the American Goldfinch inspired the Iowa Legislature to adopt it as the State bird.

The Sherman Tower

In 1915, Sherman hired local carpenters to build a 28-foot-tall, 9-foot-square wooden tower, from her own designs, to attract and observe nesting Chimney Swifts. A staircase wound from bottom to top through three floors and enclosed a 2-foot-square artificial chimney.

Doors, windows, and peepholes into the chimney allowed Sherman to be the first person ever to witness and record the entire nesting cycle of these birds. Her Chimney Swift Journals, covering 18 years and more than 400 pages, form the cornerstone for all subsequent swift research. They may offer the most extensive study of this species in existence.

The original Chimney Swifts' Tower drew hundreds of visitors from this country and abroad. (Courtesy The Althea R. Sherman Project website: <http://www.altheasherman.org/index.html>)

Linda and Robert Scarth

Linda and Robert Scarth will be providing the program at our annual July Picnic. They will share with us their work at the Sherman Tower, located at the Bickett - Rate Farm, and their observations of the Chimney Swifts that call the tower home. Please join us for great food and great company on July 31st.

Linda and Bob Scarth come from academic backgrounds where these observational skills were honed. Linda has degrees in child development, education and library and information science. Bob's degrees are in animal breeding, genetics and statistics. Linda grew up in a family of amateur folk artists who enjoyed photography. Bob discovered his eye for detail well suited to photography as a young college teacher. Their interest and skill developed early and evolved to emphasize natural history photography over time. They continued the aim of producing work similar to larger format cameras with both DSLR and SLR cameras. Since switching completely to DSLR cameras, they use the same techniques and add new ones.

Largely self taught, the Scarths have taken classes at universities where they worked, along with the Kansas City Art Institute and the Armidale College of TAFE in Australia where they once lived. They attend occasional seminars and workshops conducted by well-respected nature photographers and image software experts to keep abreast with current techniques and equipment.

A fascination with the beauty, fragility and resilience of the natural world and the desire to share this information motivates them to write, prepare slide presentations, submit to galleries and offer images for sale. (Courtesy Linda and Bob's Website <http://www.scarthphoto.com/intro.htm>)



Sherman's Chimney Swifts' Tower
© William J. Wagner, FAIA (1965)

It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly,
waves pound the sand. I beat people up.
Muhammad Ali



America First

The year before WW I was a challenging time for German immigrants that settled in the United States including Cedar County, Iowa. Many wondered to who their allegiance would be and would they become a traitor or a patriot to their new homeland. German schools were closed, everyday items and streets were renamed, and some people with German heritage were arrested or deported during WWI. The article below was printed in the Tipton Conservative on May 3, 1916 after its original appearance in Waterloo April 27. I think it explains the internal conflict and ultimate resolution of the German immigrants that were so doubted.

"America First" was the slogan of the German alliance meeting Tuesday night.," said John Boeller, the president. *"The meeting was in no sense a pro-German one. Of course most of us are of German birth, and consequently we are sympathetically inclined toward Germany, but we are all loyal Americans and American well-being is our first consideration. We are and will be behind the American government regardless of what it may do, and we are anxious that our motive, in holding this meeting, be not misunderstood."*

"We are loyal Americans and will stand back of the president in any event," said a member of

the German-American alliance yesterday. Lieutenant Alfred Mohr, a former German army officer, addressed the alliance.

Lieutenant Mohr also gave an address before the Waterloo Commercial club. He declared he had taken out his first papers and would become an American citizen. He advised the people to stand back of the president in his program of preparedness.

"It is my belief that there will be no break in the amicable relations between this country and Germany. America's most probable foe is Japan," declared the speaker.

"If this country should go to war," he said, *"its most valuable military asset would be the 1,500,000 Germans who have come to make this their home and who had training in the mother land."*

Lieutenant Mohr believes that the European countries at war will soon wear themselves out and peace will soon come.

He looks for no outstanding victory.

If only Lieutenant Mohr's prediction had come true. Please note I have retyped this article as it appeared in the Tipton Conservative in 1916.

A Day on the Prairie

A Prairie Wedding

Volunteers Needed

This years annual A Day on the Prairie will be held on Saturday, September 17 at the Prairie Village (1094 Hwy 38, North of Tipton). The theme for this years A Day on the Prairie is "A Prairie Wedding". There will be a mock wedding done in traditional prairie style, games, food, demonstrations, and more. Fun for the whole family. Join us and the Old Capital Museum make this a day of fun and entertainment to remember. Please contact Sandy Harmel at 563.886.2899 if you are interested in volunteering.

South Bethel Reunion

The annual South Bethel Reunion will be Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 AM at the South Bethel Church in the Prairie Village, 1094 Hwy 38, Tipton (North of Tipton). A potluck will be held after the service.

2016 Sports Wall of Fame Inductees

1932 Coach Les Hipple, Tipton

Cathy Siebel, Softball, Bennett

1988-1989 Durant Girls Basket Ball Team

1952 John Sissell, All State Football and Basketball,
Tipton

Memorials

Lorna Seebeck

New Members

Nicki Aikman

Barbara Conner



The oats that are growing behind the Prairie Village will be cut and shocked when they are ready. We anticipate this to be sometime in July, watch Facebook and the website for updates.

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Cedar County Historical Society will be held on Saturday, December 3. Please watch the website and next newsletter for location and time.

The sea, the woods, the mountains all suffer in comparison with the prairie... The prairie has a stronger hold upon the senses. -Albert Pike (1831-1832 *Journey in the Prairies*)

What's New At the Museum



The Baughman/Shrope house and smoke house have arrived at the Prairie Village. This is a very exciting time for the historical society with this new addition to our historical buildings. As you can see there is still a lot of work to be done with our new arrival. To prepare for winter the siding and walls will be replaced; we cut off the bottom portion of the house in part because of condition and because it was easier to move it under powerlines. Also we will ensure it is protected from the elements with windows in place. The smoke house is in good condition with just a little leveling needed for the floor before winter sets in. You can even still smell smoke in there if the breeze is just right.



Once the rain slowed down this spring the construction crew was able to set to work on our new storefronts in the Prairie Village that include a replica of the Sunbury Bank, a yet to be determined store front/storage area and an automobile dealership that will house the 1904 Orient Buckboard that has generously been donated to the Historical Society by Kemmann Chevrolet and the Donny Meier's family. The Dealership will be named after Kemmann whose family ran a shop that evolved from blacksmith shop to an implement dealership. Yes, there is still work to be done as we anxiously await the brick façade for the bank to be constructed as well as some internal finishing that needs completion.



This 1904 Orient Buckboard is very similar to the one that has been donated to the Historical Society.

Walk Forever Free

On Sunday, June 19, several people from Cedar County and neighboring counties braved the heat to gather at the South Bethel Church to listen to a program presented by Doug Jones, Barry Jurgensen, and Austin, a former student of Barry's. They shared with us the history of the Underground Railroad highlighting Cedar County's rich connection with this great humanitarian effort in history. Barry then shared with us the driving purpose of his walk from Nebraska City, Neb. to Chicago Ill.; a 500 mile trek following in the footsteps of Eliza Grayson and Celia who used the Underground Railroad to seek their freedom in 1858. Barry pointed out in his presentation that slavery is not a thing of the past to be studied but a thing of the present to be abolished. Only now slavery has a "nicer name" that does not relay the same harsh mental images that the word slavery does – it is now called human trafficking. Slavery now is just as harsh as it was before the Civil War, however, it goes mostly unnoticed even if it is going on in our own communities. The Forever Free Project is Barry Jurgensen's way of educating his students not only about the past but also the present by examining how slavery has evolved and taking a stand against modern day slavery. Below you will find information on Barry's project from his website.

Mission Statement:

The objective is to inform and educate people of slavery past and present. We intend to uncover and tell the stories of courageous people who rose up against the tyranny of slavery to find their freedom. Our hope is to use history to create awareness of the ongoing problem of slavery today. To achieve this goal we will unite schol-

ars, teachers and students so we can tell the story of slavery.

History of the Forever Free Project:

The U.S. Honors History class at Arlington Public Schools will research and nominate sites to the Network to Freedom. As a program of the National Park Service, the Network to Freedom coordinates preservation, commemorative, and educational efforts related to the history of the Underground Railroad. The Network to Freedom does not limit itself to the preservation of stories of famous conductors or stations of the Underground Railroad. This program strives to preserve the Underground Railroad in its entirety. Sites that can be nominated range from sites of slave resistance, rebellions, and escape, as well as, court cases, maroons, monuments, cemeteries etc. Most importantly, the program preserves the stories of those who escaped from slavery to attain their freedom. Our class has nominated a variety of these sites to the Network to Freedom. In the past 5 years, students of the honors class have successfully added nineteen sites to the national listing of the Network to Freedom; 10 in Nebraska, 6 in Iowa, and 3 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Connection to Modern Day Slavery:

We would like every visitor to compare the stories and history of the Underground Railroad to modern day slavery. As you explore slavery, past and present, you will experience history repeating itself in front of your eyes. African Americans were kidnapped and forced into slavery throughout the early history of

our country and today millions of people of all races are being enslaved throughout the world. Slavery has not been stopped, it has only evolved, and the resistance to slavery continues just as it did in the past. (Courtesy <https://sites.google.com/a/apseagles.org/arlofreedomproject/home>)



Barry Jurgensen

Extra Extra Extra

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Please send your contributions to:

Tanya@
cedarcounthyhistoricalsociety.com

Please put "CCHS Newsletter" in the subject line.

All suggestions and feedback are welcome. Because of available space all contributions may not be immediately utilized.

The Baughman/Shrope House for the Prairie Village Is Here!

The Baughman/Shrope House (Little House) has arrived at the Prairie Village! We are still seeking donations to fund the preservation and restoration of the structure. This will enable us to show how Cedar County's earliest farmers lived.

Yes! I want to give my support to Cedar County Historical Society's **Baughman / Shrope Fund** with my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

**NEWSLETTER
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and Prairie Village
1094 Hwy 38 N.**

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MUSEUM, west of Tipton
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To join the Cedar County Historical Society annual dues are \$22.00, plus \$3.00 if you want the Annual Review mailed to your address. Dues may be paid at the Historical Museum, 1094 Highway 38 N., Tipton. Or be mailed to: Attn: CCHS Membership P.O. Box 254, Tipton, IA 52772



WANTED

*Historic items from Sunbury to
feature with the grand opening
of the Sunbury Bank in the
Prairie Village.*

*Pioneer Period looking cloth-
ing. Our volunteers wear these
costumes for special events
including school visits and
Prairie Day.*

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