

Portage Community Historical Society News

THE PORTAGE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS...



**Historical
Summer
2019 Festival**

Portage Community Historical Society
5250 US Highway 6; Portage, IN 46368

Saturday, June 22, 2019
10 AM - 4 PM

- * Kids games
- * Crafts and vendors
- * Entertainment - singing and dancing
- * Antiques
- * Grilled food, pies and root beer floats

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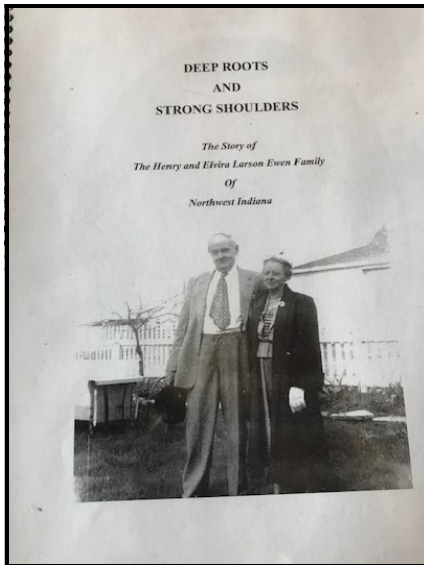
Wanda Samuelson and Lois Finney will be calling for pie donations and pies can be brought to the museum Friday June 21 (9 am until noon) or Festival Day Saturday morning by 10:00 am

We need volunteers in the barn museum and the Trager Farmhouse for an hour or two shift .
Contact Kathy at KHeckman50@aol.com

We are in need of vendors and crafters for our festival.
Applications are on our website or contact Val at 762-3722

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SOCIETY NEWS



We welcome two new members, **Mary Ewen** and **Ken Orris**.

Mary donated a family book on the Ewen Family. She said it took several years to complete it. You can view our copy in the museum. It is not for sale.

We also received in the mail from Paul Addison a history of the John and Mae Addison family.

The Addisons

(John and Mae Addison and their family)



Part 1 of the history of the Addison family (originally released as a video in 2001, now in booklet form)

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Our email at Frontier no longer works. Please contact us by phone or on Facebook.

Val Roach, chairperson of the Tea Party, reports we had over 80 ladies and everyone had a good time. A big thank you to Cathy Poremski and Wanda Samuelson and we greatly appreciate the help from Peggy and Amanda McHugh. Also want to thank all the members who donated food to the tea party and helped to make it a success.

In loving memory of a good historical society friend **Kenita Nelson Kerstan** who passed away March 30 and **Wendy Nelson Smith**, daughter of James and Rhonda (Delmage) Nelson who passed March 25.

CENOTAPH

Cenotaph - Wikipedia

A ***cenotaph*** is an empty tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person or group of people whose remains are elsewhere. It can also be the initial tomb for a person who has since been reinterred elsewhere.

One in McCool Cemetery was erected a few years ago because of the vandalism at James/Schrock Cemetery. We have 25 names listed but there may be up to 40 people buried in James/Schrock Cemetery. James/Schrock Cemetery is an early pioneer family cemetery and dates back to 1850.

Did you know that the neighborhood known

as Garyton was started because of a

housing development in 1913?

It consisted of the roads Longfellow, Bryant, Whittier and Emerson. The neighborhood later included from County Line Road to Willowcreek and south 27th Avenue to 3 or 4 blocks north of Central Avenue.

By 1923 the Garyton School was built to accommodate the children so they didn't have to travel to Crisman School. By 1927 an addition had to be added to the school.

We have a display covering Garyton in the barn museum.



We Give Away \$125

Lot at Garyton

FREE RIDE and FREE LOT

Take One O'clock Gary and Interurban Electric Car at
11th Avenue and Broadway on Sunday Afternoon
September 7th, 1913.

GO TO GARYTON

You May Be The Lucky One

☛ Agents on the car will pay your fare. Any one of legal age may acquire the lot. The company agrees to build a house on this lot or on any Garyton lot on easy monthly payments.

☛ Each person of age on the ground at 4 p. m. will receive a number. All the numbers will be placed in a hat. The first number drawn out will be the lucky number and the person having that number will get a Warranty Deed to the \$125 lot. There are no strings tied to this gift, you have a chance to be the lucky one.

☛ Any lot in Garyton is worth \$125 or more and the price will soon be \$200. \$5.00 cash and \$5.00 monthly. Now is the time to buy. WHY? Because the company builds houses for lot owners and on easy monthly payments, giving possession of the house when the lot is paid for. That is worth money, isn't it! To get a home on easy monthly payments, and such a good comfortable home, too!

☛ Go to Garyton and see the houses we build for \$1,100 and \$1,750. Two houses at these prices are now ready for occupancy and can be bought \$50.00 cash down and \$11.00 and \$17.50 monthly payments.

☛ If you are wise you will go to Garyton on Sunday and draw that free lot or invest in one or more Garyton lots.

☛ We are doing things at Garyton which you ought to see. This is your chance. DON'T MISS IT.

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Memberships: Yearly Single \$20,
Family \$50, Business \$60

***Portage Community Historical Society
2019 Bi-monthly meetings***

(No meeting in June this year)

Wednesday, August 21

Wednesday, October 16

Meetings are held at Woodland Park at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 22, 2019

**Historical Society Summer Festival
Countryside Park all day**

Thursday, July 4, 2019

Portage Parade

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Public meeting at Woodland Park, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Board Meeting at Portage Library, 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 3, 2019

**Installation Dinner, 1—4 pm
Countryside Park Hall**

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Christmas Open House 10 am—4 pm

About fifty people attended the talk by Judge Webber on April 17 although only 35 signed the sign-in sheet, the room was filled to capacity. Judge Webber talked about the early days of Portage and the beginning of the police department, his wife Linda bringing up some special incidents. The Judges' family members were there and his son videotaped the whole presentation. Former colleagues and friends were there like Bill Mesich, who helped with the visual presentation of old photos as was Fred Untch who related some incidents from his time on the force. Judge Webber also told the audience how he helped Portage get grants so officers could take courses at Valparaiso University as he himself got a law degree from there and was later appointed Judge. Report from Anne Koehler, vice president

Our next public meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, at Woodland Park 7:00 p.m. Our speaker is Olga Velazquez (former Portage Mayor) and her topic is "Four Years in Office: Progress of a City"