

March 2016

## Historical Society Launches Military Exhibit

by Joyce Lantz

From March 5 through June 27, the Greentown Historical Society is featuring the exhibit "Our Heroes, Our Heritage", an exhibit on eastern Howard County residents who served in the military. The exhibit covers the Civil War through Viet Nam era, including

artifacts from our collection as well as personal items on loan from our patrons. Visitors will see uniforms, photographs, documents, and other memorabilia of military service. Also included is a display "On the Home Front" which features items about Mothers of W.W. II, souvenirs sent back home, popular music of the times, and a Civil Air Patrol helmet.

From March 11 to April 11 we will feature a special exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society entitled "One Shot: the W.W. II Photography of John A. Bushemi". This traveling exhibit features reproductions of Bushemi's photographs "from a rifle's length vantage point," according to his colleague and fellow war correspondent Merle Miller.

The History Center is open on Saturdays from 1:00-4:00, Sundays 2:00-4:00, and Mondays 1:00-4:00. Please call for an appointment or for further information 765-628-3800. This exhibit is free to the public and is handicap accessible.

### Interested in Volunteering?

Call Katie Ragan 908-967-4246

### *Marine uniforms worn by Brent Bagwell.*



### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

The Greentown Research Club has been meeting for 100 years with its aim to be aware of world and local events and to "study the fine arts of music, art, travel, literature, etc." The purpose was the welfare of Greentown: the need for public restrooms, a library, cleanliness, and interesting topics for discussion. The first meeting was held October 6, 1916 at the home of Mrs. E. U. Powell with Mrs. C. Davis as president.  
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### *GHS Calendar*

- **Our Heroes, Our Heritage Military History of Howard Co. Exhibit**  
**March 5-June 27**
- **WWII Exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society**  
**April 11-May 11**
- **Annual Hard Times Bean Supper** **April 15** at the **Community Building at the Fairgrounds** from **4:30-6:30**
- **Historical Society Garage Sale: May 14-September 24**

Indiana was celebrating its centennial in December 1916 with women's suffrage a major topic (Women's Right To Vote bill passed in 1920), and the possibility of war in Europe was heavy on everyone's mind.

There have been many changes through the years: refreshments were served and meetings were in members' homes in the afternoon. In 1917 the club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs, but withdrew in 1989.

Continuing with the same purpose, meetings are held eight times a year, except January, February, July, and August, in various locations at 9:30 am. During our celebration year, we plan to repeat some of the 1916 programs. Anyone who is interested in our centennial year, is welcome to attend our meetings.

Contact Persons – Jean Simpson, President :765-628-7674 or Judy Lausch: 765-628-3841

## **New Board Members for 2016**

Greentown Historical Society Introduces 3 New Board Members.

Drew Reed was raised in Greentown and graduated from Eastern High School in 2003. He and his wife, Ashley, will be married for 9 years in June.

They have one son, Walter, and a son on the way, due in February. Drew graduated from Life Christian University with a Bachelors of Theology and has been the lead pastor of Greentown Family Church since 2009. He is also starting his second season as an assistant high school girls track coach at Eastern. His hobbies include hiking, coffee, traveling, good food, learning new things, playing board games, and spending time with his family. He says, "I'm very excited about serving as a board member of the Greentown Historical Society. Greentown has a rich history that can aid us in reaching for our future, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the exciting things happening at the Historical Society."

Kim Patton was born in Louisville, Kentucky and has one son, one daughter, and five grandsons. She and her husband, Russ, have been married 4 ½ years. They moved to Greentown on July 2, 2015. Kim graduated from Louisville Bible College in May, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Currently, she and Russ lead a middle school group at First UMC of Greentown, where he is the pastor. She enjoys walking, swimming, reading, crocheting, cross stitch, and needle point. She has just learned how to knit. Kim joined the Lions Club in September to meet people outside of the church and to serve. Her responsibility at the

Greentown Historical Society is to publish the newsletter. She says, "Greentown is filled with friendly folks who have welcomed us into the community. I am blessed to be here."

Chari Deyoe has called Greentown home for the last 22 years. Prior to that she lived in Southern California. She and her husband, Scott, have been married for almost 32 years. They have four daughters, three sons-in-law and one granddaughter. Chari is currently the office manager at Kristie Wright School of Dance where her daughters took dance for 20 years. Whenever she can take time off from work she enjoys traveling to visit her girls in Auburn IN, Plymouth MN, Indianapolis IN, and Claremont CA. At home she enjoys reading, taking walks, making cards, and playing with her granddaughter. She serves on the Howard County Extension Board and now the board of the Historical Society as the treasurer. Chari says, "I am looking forward to helping our community realize what a resource we have in the Historical Society."

Other board members for 2016 are Sue Clouser, Carolyn Cogdell, Sharon Hahn, Rachel Jenkins, Greg Kingseed, Katie Regan, Steve Sheridan, Paula Shrock, and Joyce Yager.

## Message from the President

by Rachel Jenkins  
State of the Society

We recently have heard a State of the State address from Gov. Pence and a State of the Union address from President Obama. Here are my thoughts on the State of the Society.

### Looking Back

This January the Greentown Historical Society began its 18<sup>th</sup> year. Following the Greentown Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1998, the time seemed right to talk about forming a local historical society. Experienced people were consulted. Legal steps were completed to form an organization. Field trips were taken. From the beginning, we consulted the Indiana Historical Society, which has a Local History Services division. I credit much of our success to that relationship. A search began for a location. The building at 103 was acquired with a loan from Historic Landmarks. The renovation was EXTENSIVE. Later we were able to purchase the building at 101 E. Main, again with a loan from Historic Landmarks.

Two decisions needed to be made:

1. Will it be a historical society or a museum? We decided to be a society which houses a museum.
2. What will be our area of interest? We decided on eastern

Howard County.

We have had some fabulous exhibits and interesting programs. Our artifact collection continues to grow. We are an asset to the children who visit each fall and to long-time residents who appreciate that we are saving artifacts of their past. In summary, WE ARE DOING GREAT!

### Looking Forward

A risk with success is that we can become too comfortable with the status quo. There are some things which have been on a "wish list" for some time and I hope to use this year to see some of those to completion.

1. A permanent exhibit, which will be supplemented with temporary exhibits.
2. Updating the donor plaque and moving it to a more visible spot.
3. Adding at least 2 more to the board.
4. Keeping a history of our organization in easily viewable form, such as a scrapbook.
5. Doing more oral histories.

When I am out in the community and others complain about poor participation in their organizations, I have always been able to brag about this one. We do all this without paid staff. Our secret must be that we have strong support from the board, volunteers, donors, all of whom believe in the value of the organization. I look forward to your innovative ideas.

## Greentown Historical Society Garage Sale

Saturday May 14th is opening day for the Historical Society garage sale at 315 E. Main St. The hours are 9 am-4 pm on Thursdays and Fridays and from 9 am -1 pm each Saturday. Watch for the signs.

If you have items you wish to donate you may call Ron or Jean Simpson at 628-7674 for drop-off or pick-up times. This is also the number to call if you would like to volunteer during the summer. Our last day will be Saturday, Sept. 24th. We are pleased to be able to match up one person's needs with another's discards.

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## New Newsletter Editor

by Kim Patton

I am excited to be taking over this newsletter. You can now view newsletters online. The projected dates for distribution are: March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2016. The deadline for articles for the newsletter will be three days prior to the distribution date. My email is [1kim.patton@gmail.com](mailto:1kim.patton@gmail.com) and cell number is 502-235-2747. Thank you, Joyce Lantz, for your help in this transition.

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### Our Mission

- To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of eastern Howard County, Indiana, and its citizens.
- To carry out historical research, preservation, and education.
- To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences.