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Hello. The Marshall County Historical Society and Museum is a non-profit organization which relies on the financial support of members like you. Your membership for 2021 is coming due.

We hope you will continue to support the museum. Please update the membership form below, as needed, and return it with your check, payable to: Marshall County Historical Society.

Thank You, John Wabel, Managing Director

Marshall County Historical Society

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2021 Dues Amount \$100 (Affiliate Gold)

1/14/21 Dues Last Paid 1/21/2020

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I wish to receive the newsletter in color by email: Yes  No

Membership Dues: Individual \$15, Family \$25  
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# REFLECTIONS

December 2020

## Grandma's Apron

At this time, the Marshall County Historical Museum windows are filled with memories of the kitchens of the past highlighting Grandma's apron and some kitchen gadgets.

"The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven and it was wonderful for drying children's tears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out on the porch and waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Remember this!! Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. " (Story taken from the internet)



## Marshall County Historical Society

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### MEMBERSHIP

**ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL – \$15**  
**ANNUAL FAMILY—\$25**  
**AFFILIATE – \$25–\$50- \$100**  
Renewals are due in December

### MCHS 2019 BOARD MEETINGS

*All meetings are on Saturday at the museum at 10 am*  
No meetings at this time.

**The Museum is currently closed to the public due to the Corona-Virus. We will open as soon as we are able.**

### MUSEUM HOURS:

**TUES. & WED. 9 AM – 12 PM**  
**SATURDAYS—9AM – 12 PM**  
Or call the Museum for appointment  
309-246-2349



Juanita Wilson, 87, of Lacon passed away on May 17, 2020

She married Jack E. Wilson on March 17, 1953, in Lacon. Juanita was an exceptional businesswoman.

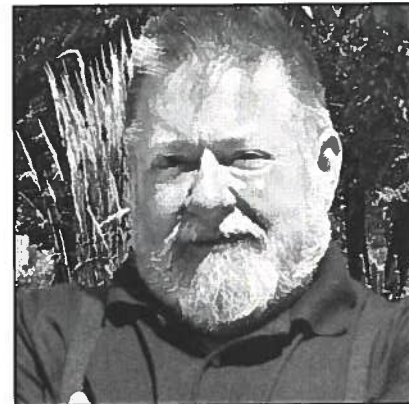
She was the vice president of the Lacon Seal and Lacon Manufacturing companies for over 30 years. She ran the day-to-day operations of these factories for the Olsen family trust.

During this time, she helped form LS 52 Ambulance Service. She served as a director, board member, volunteer and paramedic. Soon after the ambulance service created paid positions, she quietly retired and left it for the next generation to carry-on.

Juanita was a volunteer at the Methodist Medical Center and at the Marshall County Historical Society, categorizing the obituaries for the genealogical division.

She was a lifelong resident of Lacon and served on the Lacon Cemetery Board, volunteered as a pink lady at St. Joseph Nursing Home, and was a member of the Lacon Country Club.

In between all of her work and volunteering, she found time for her dogs, a little golf, the Cubs and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Rick Keating of Varna, passed away on October 29, 2020.

He was a long time member and officer on the Board of the Marshall County Historical Society and Museum.

He was married Debra Halun in 2007.

Rick was very involved in sports in high school as well as band. He ran a graphic design and silk-screening business in Varna. He also published many newsletters for clubs and organizations around the country.

Rick served in many positions at the Marshall County Historical Society.

Rick was also a member of the 104th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and the Massey Collectors Association.

He will be missed as a promoter of all these organizations.

*Marshall County Historical Society*

If you are receiving the paper newsletter and you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send us your email address. This will also help reduce our cost of postage.

Also please let us know if your home address or email address changes.

To our faithful members:

The Marshall County Historical Society has been in existence since 1956 and is a non-profit membership organization. It is totally operated by donations of our loyal members.

The purpose of the Society has always been the preservation of and resource for genealogy and the recording of the history of Marshall County and its residents.

Our museum is the repository for the history of the county's development, growth, and its people. It is fully operated by volunteers who perform invaluable roles of preserving the county's history. Collections include local carvings, local artists' paintings, textiles, artifacts, household goods, farming tools and much, much more. Pictured below is from a post card collection.

The Museum is an ongoing source of education as well. Many visitors take advantage of the large collection of family genealogy and the valuable information found in our collections.

We need your help in continuing the upkeep of the building and the costs involved in preserving the many articles for which we are responsible.

We greatly appreciate your continued membership and support. Though this past year has been a challenge to keep up our work at the Museum, we continue to focus on our mission of retaining and preserving the history of Marshall County.

We would like to ask your continued support, whether it be an individual membership, a family membership or an Affiliate membership of your business. As an Affiliate member your business will be listed as a supporting member in our quarterly newsletter.

Enclosed you will find a form to complete and return to the Society to ensure your continued support as well as receiving our quarterly newsletter.

Thank you once again for your patronage. If you have any questions regarding your membership or the work of the Society, please feel free to contact the Director John Wabel at 309-246-2349 or email us at [marshallcountyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:marshallcountyhistory@gmail.com).





## Wenona

The Moore School was located in the southwest corner of Section 3 in Osage township.

This school was established even before the township was organized. Moore School was formed on April 21, 1855, on the land of Newton Ward.

Moore School continued to educate students into the 1940s. From 1940 to 1945 a total of 47 pupils were instructed in District 12.

Moore School had many teachers. Although most names have been lost, Kathryn Healy (1918-1947) and Anna Egan (1908) both taught in District 12 at some time.

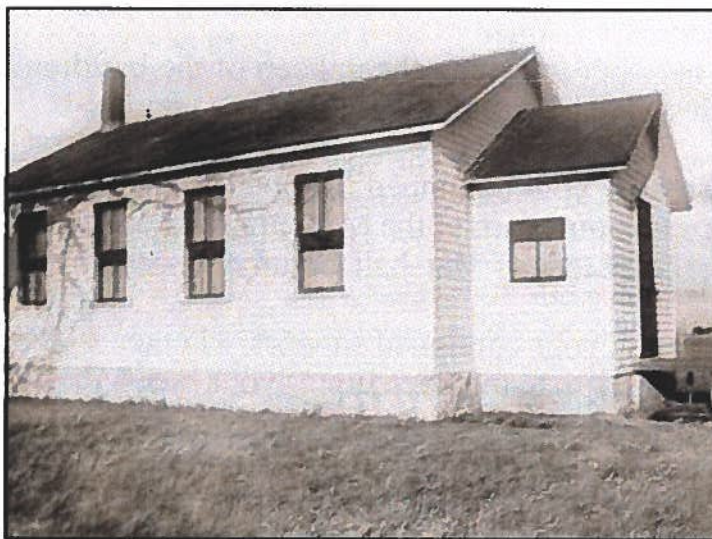
It is proposed to move the school into the far North East area of the uptown pavilion area.

Schools were identified by the school district numbers, but also by proper names. They were sometimes known by the community they served such as Dana Elementary school, in Groveland Township, or names for the township in which they were located, with a modifier for East, West, North or South added, as in Osage Center school.

*Taken from Wenona Historical Society website.*



Early class of students at Moore School



Moore School Osage Township

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### Genealogical Quotes:

- ◇ A family tree can wither if nobody tends it's roots.
- ◇ Ever find an ancestor hanging from the family tree?
- ◇ A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.
- ◇ I should have asked them before they died.
- ◇ My ancestors are giving me "Bad heir" days.
- ◇ Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.
- ◇ Many a family tree needs pruning.
- ◇ Documentation....the hardest part of genealogy.
- ◇ Genealogist live in the past lane.
- ◇ Genealogy: chasing your own tale.
- ◇ Sometimes you find your tree has a few nuts.
- ◇ A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
- ◇ How can one ancestor cause so must trouble?
- ◇ My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.