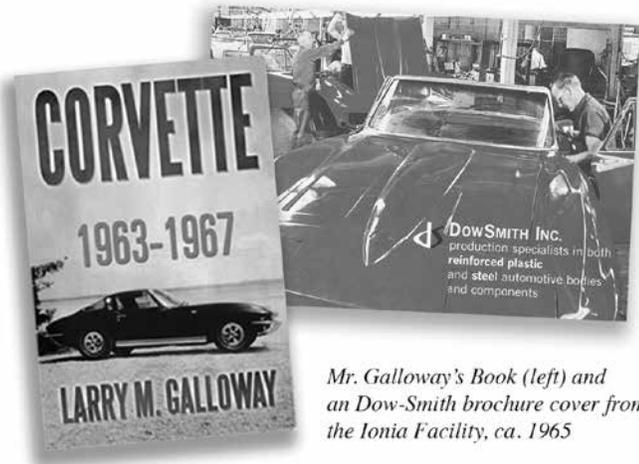




Programs

The ICHS Independence Day Pot-Luck took place on July 5th. As usual, this traditional gathering was social time for our members and friends without a scheduled presentation.



Mr. Galloway's Book (left) and an Dow-Smith brochure cover from the Ionia Facility, ca. 1965

Made in Ionia: Corvettes and Controversy

On August 2, Larry Galloway presented the audience at the Blanchard House with recollections of his experience with the manufacture of Chevrolet Corvettes in the mid-1960s. The story started in St. Louis, MO, where Mr. Galloway got his first job in the auto industry at the Chevrolet plant there. At that location, all the Corvettes had been built since the first commercial models hit the market in the mid-1950s. He told of some of their manufacturing and engineering challenges when he first came on board working in the Quality Control area.

In 1964, General Motors decided to eliminate their C-body station wagon models, which had been assembled in Ionia's Mitchell-Bentley plant. Don Mitchell went to GM to find work for the Ionia labor force and negotiated taking over a share of the Corvette assembly from St. Louis. The plan was approved, based on Ionia's previous proficiency with GM contracts. The folks in St. Louis were not at all pleased with the plan, which eliminated their entire second shift operation.

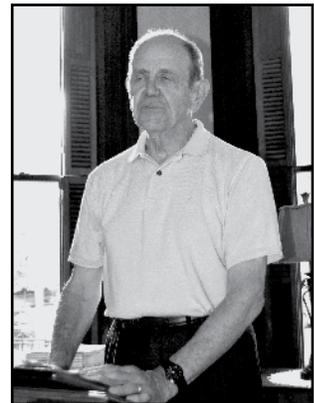
But the operation proved to be practicable, and Corvettes were assembled in Ionia from the first one off the line in January of '64 to the last one in 1967.

Mr. Galloway split his time between Ionia and St. Louis a week at a time, tasked with keeping the production quality consistent between the two plants. When a facility came up with a solution to a problem, he had to document the process and share it with the other plant, and try to keep the changes synchronized. The documentation was particularly critical when it came to supplying parts for later repairs, to be sure that each car got the right version of each part.

Members of the audience asked some very specific questions about the differences in Ionia-built and St. Louis-built cars, and Mr. Galloway described some subtleties that the more meticulous car buffs might appreciate. He also spoke very fondly of the people he met and worked with in Ionia through the years, and their innovative ways of solving challenges on the line.

He wrote an 84-page book on his experiences with the Corvette manufacturing which is available at Amazon.com (ISBN 978-1483665801) or through the Ionia Community Library. Many thanks for his time and sharing so many candid, informative stories about auto production in the 1960s.

Photos by Mark Workman



Past Events

On June 10th, the M1 Credit Union held a "Drive for the Community" competition to support local non-profits. The ICHS came in tied for third place. Thanks to the M1 staff and to our supporters at the event.

The 16th Annual Farm Power Show was June 16, 17, 18 — another successful show, with displays of vintage farm machinery and traditional activities throughout the weekend.

On June 17th, the 4th Annual Ionia Oz Festival included much support from ICHS members in various capacities. Thanks to our members who staffed an ICHS booth selling water and souvenirs to the Oz fans on Main Street, and the members who acted as costumed characters from the 1939 film for the day: Goose Elliot as the Tinman, David McCord as Professor Marvel, Annette McCord as Miss Gultch, and Ally Cook as Dorothy.

The Free Fair Queen's Reception on July 15th was managed again by Carol Gallagher and a crew of volunteers, welcoming "royalty" from far and wide before the Free Fair parade. Thanks to the parade committee for helping to fund this annual event, and to Linda C., Kathleen C. and Ally C. for helping with the refreshments.



The ICHS was involved in the Historic Displays at the IFF. Linda C., Kathleen C., and Ally C. rode in an Ionia-built Shelby for the parade on Saturday. The car is owned by John Rick. On Sunday the 16th the ICHS was represented by

David & Annette McCord in their Victorian outfits at the Antique Village and around the midway. The local Boy Scout Troop 85 under the direction of David M. built a wigwam where Rocky Nelson and friends set up a display of frontier artifacts. David M. arranged for a display on Michigan Indian Treaties information from Central Michigan University, and Dave Cusack put together a display of local archeology and ancient artifacts from the area.

The Tri-River Museum Group's Annual Luncheon on July 18th was attended by ICHS members Bryan and Mary Kimble and David and Annette McCord.

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Coming Events

The usual “committee work days” at the Blanchard House are scheduled on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Friends interested in helping should contact the committee chairs listed elsewhere in this issue.

Our “Summer Sundays” need you! The Blanchard House is advertised to be open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 to welcome visitors and give tours of the house. People come from all over the world to see our house. (Yes, they do!) If you can donate a few hours to help, please contact Kathleen Cook to get on the schedule. Folks are needed as greeters, and if you’d like to try your hand as tour guide, there is a “handbook” and plenty of help available to learn how. Please volunteer now so we don’t have to put up the “Sorry-We’re Closed” sign this summer.

We will have a YARD SALE on September 8th and 9th. Looking for help and items to be donated for this fund-raising event at the Blanchard House.

Tuesday, September 18th will be the annual Tri-River Bus Tour. This tour will visit several Museums from Mt. Pleasant to Big Rapids and tickets are going fast. See the ad elsewhere in this issue for details.

Our annual “Spirits of Ionia’s Past” Cemetery Tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st. Admission is \$5.00. We have the following tentative “cast” arranged to visit the Highland Park Cemetery to tell you their fascinating life stories from Ionia’s history:

Humphrey C. Wagar (portrayed by Jeff Verduin), Charlie Fox (Hunter Kluteman), Ella and Josiah Just (David & Annette McCord), James & Ann Callow (Bryan & Mary Kimble), R.M. Pickett (Goose Elliott), Stanley Powell (Dave White). In addition, we’ll have Shawna Hoekstra on the Time Machine, and perhaps some wandering spirits.

There will be a refreshment stand with snacks. It was suggested by Kathleen C. that we have water available at the event with our ICHS labels on the bottles. Annette McCord reported that there were plenty of labels left after the Oz Fest, Car Show, and M-1 Drive Event.

Thanks to Ionia Township for allowing us to visit the cemetery again this year.

General Business

Contratulations to Linda Ciangi, selected as “Woman of the Year” for 2017 at the Ionia Free Fair this year.

There are three openings on the Board of Directors for the October elections this year. Dave White has agreed to run for reelection. In addition, Bryan Kimble, Shawna Hoekstra, Stacy Tchorzynski, and Marilyn Nash will also be on the ballot. Nominations must be submitted to the Board by the September 6th meeting. Remember that only paid members of the ICHS can vote in the election or serve on the Board.

At the June 21 Board Meeting, it was suggested that we create membership cards to serve as a receipt for renewing and new members. It



**2017
Historic
Bus Tour!**

Join us on Tuesday, September 28 for an all-day round-trip visit to four mid-Michigan museums!

- *The Zibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture*
- *1873 Bergelin House • Mecosta County’s Old Jail*
- *The Mecosta County Historical Museum.*

\$50 per person - Deadline for paid reservations is Sept. 15th.
Contact: Sheryl Tisdell / (616) 813-7464 / shelyndel@gmail.com

Bertha Brock Park

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 16
11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Crafts, Vendors, Games, Food & More!
AS ALWAYS, FREE ADMISSION

*Featuring the Annual Hank Knoop Memorial DUCK RACE
to benefit the Ionia County Historical Society*

was also suggested that we send out “invoices” to all the paid members and recent members in September, including an absentee ballot for the upcoming election of Directors. The Board was very much in favor of this, and the Secretary and Treasurer will implement the plan.

Also at the June meeting, Goose made a motion to spend \$40 to fund Barb Ehlert’s main dish for the upcoming July 5th pot-luck. She has donated her sausage-and-sauerkraut many times in the past. The motion was supported by Ally C. and passed.

Ally Cook suggested that we consider hosting a bingo session at the Free Fair in 2018. She said the folks who run that activity were seeking non-profit volunteers and they were making pretty good money.

The Ionia County Parks Advisory Board has been restructured, adding a few new seats to their organization, including a position to represent the Historical Society. Goose Elliott moved to select Kathleen Cook to act as our representative to the County Parks Board. The motion was supported by Linda Ciangi and passed.

We will have a booth at the Bertha Brock Park Fall Festival on September 16th, which includes the annual Hank Knoop Memorial Duck Race. David M. will check with the Boy Scout Troop about helping again. We’re looking for help for this event. Please contact Kathleen if you’d like to join in the fun.

The Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce notified us that there would be a national RV club coming to Ionia on September 7th - 10th, and they would like to put together an itinerary for them. They’ve invited the ICHS to be part of that event, chaired by Chamber Director Bobbie Edlin. We need someone to organize and welcome this group to Ionia. Please contact Kathleen Cook if you can help.

Linda C. reported that Ionia High School Annuals (Yearbooks) have been scanned by the Ionia Community Library and are accessible online. Check with the library to do your High School research.

Rentals & Housekeeping - Barb Ehlert

Barb asked the Board of Directors if the ICHS could be put on her existing account at Sam’s Club. There she can purchase housekeeping supplies in bulk at a pretty good discount. It was moved by Goose E. and supported by Ally C. to do so; the motion passed.

There is a schedule of rentals set up for August. Details are available from Barb, and if anyone is able to help host our guests, please contact her to find out how you can help.

Gift Shoppe - Katelyn Mooney

Ally moved that the record show that Katelyn Mooney is indeed the chairman of the Gift Shoppe committee. Dave W. supported the motion and it carried. (Some confusion arose that Shawna Hoekstra was “co-chair” in the Gift Shop; she stated clearly that she wants to help, but not in an official capacity.)

The Committee asked that the name be spelled “Gift Shoppe” on the

website and in the newsletter from now on, and the Board had no objections to that notion. Webmaster David M. asked Katelyn to review the list of items for-sale which is on the website to be sure they are properly described there.

Over the past several weeks the Gift Shop area has been rearranged for better display and inventory is underway. Some items have been taken off the shelves which were not relevant, to be offered for sale at a future fund-raiser.

There were some photos on display in that room which were not for sale, and had been taken down. The idea was to display only items for sale in the Gift Shoppe. Katelyn noted that the historical photos could be displayed elsewhere in the house, perhaps somewhere more relevant. No decision was reached, but the subject was tabled for further discussion.

Shawna also presented an idea (on Katelyn's behalf) that a "three-book gift set" be offered for sale at a slight discount. David M. pointed out that a new booklet on the life of Chief Cobmoosa was ready for inventory also, and would make a good candidate for a four-book set. After some discussion, the Board offered no objection to the gift-set idea.

Membership / Business Buddies - Ally Cook

The Secretary, David McCord, and Treasurer, Annette McCord, have been working to update the membership list. The primary objective is to send out membership reminders well before the upcoming election, and save some production and postage costs on printed newsletters that might be going to ex-members.

Ally Cook has agreed to chair an ad-hoc committee to try recruiting new and former "Business Buddies" for the ICHS. Goose Elliott has agreed to help, and the pair will be composing a letter and formulating some recognition ideas for the effort. The current list of Business Buddies has been framed and ready to display at the Blanchard House.

Thanks to our ICHS "Business Buddies"

**Dan Balice
Darin Elliott
Larry Heffelfinger
Lyle Joslyn
Glen Rairigh
Todd Reurink
Rich and Lindsay Thompson**

House and Grounds - Dave White

Committee Chair Dave White has gathered a couple of estimates for taking down the ginkgo trees east of the Blanchard House. The one at the southeast corner is touching the house. Initial estimates were \$700 to \$1200. Another estimate is in the works. People are reluctant to take out trees, but Dave believes it to be necessary. Several board members suggested that the issue be taken to the members for their input before a decision is made. On the southwest of the house, a walnut tree's branch was broken and has now been cleared away, too. It's still planned to replace the McPherson memorial tree with a new one.

Greg Cook has been dealing with repairs to the Blanchard House roof. There are several missing and broken slates that will need replacing someday. For now, Greg has fixed the problem areas. The east chimney is still a concern due to the eroding sandstone.

Jane & Mark Horrocks have contributed further work on the landscaping, including cleaning up behind the Carriage House. Some plants have been offered for the gardens.

Carpenter ants have been seen in the house. Dave W. will contact a couple of exterminators to see what dealing with this issue would cost.

Shutters in the pantry are being refinished by Kathleen C. and Annette McCord has offered to paint the back stairway. At the July 19th Board Meeting, they asked for \$30 to purchase stripper and paint. Dave W. so moved, Linda C. supported the motion, and it passed.

Clinger's washed the exterior windows in early July.

Dave W. got an initial estimate for electrical improvements: \$600 for a new circuit of outlets strung through the basement where there are none. He was urged by the Board to seek a couple of other estimates before a decision is made.

New carpet for the pantry, donated by Linda C., was installed by Greg Cooke and Gordon Wright in June.

Accessions Committee - Shawna Hoekstra & Mary Kimble

The system is very nearly in place for new items being taken in, and for cataloging artifacts in the existing collections. There is continuing concern about items that are in the "public areas" of the house being moved about without notifying the Accessions Committee so they can keep their records up to date. All members are reminded to follow proper procedures, and especially to leave everything in the work area undisturbed. These are works in progress, and need to be left alone except by members of the Committee.

Occasionally, artifacts are discovered which cannot be definitely identified by the Committee members, in which case they are brought to the Board of Directors for their review, and the fate of these artifacts is decided by them. Otherwise, the established accessions criteria is applied by the committee. Regardless of the Committee's conclusions, no artifacts are de-accessioned without full notification to the Board of Directors.

Artifacts, once cataloged and properly packed for storage may be stored in various rooms of the Blanchard House, in the Carriage House, or off-site (presently at our storeroom behind S&K Printing). In every case, the location of these artifacts is carefully recorded. The decision as to where these items should be stored is not only based on available space, but also on the environmental conditions in each location, as well as the needs of the Historical Society to have rapid access to the artifacts. When there is any doubt on the matter, the decision is passed on to the Board of Directors.

For the purposes of locating items in the house, the rooms in the basement will be referred to by number.

In a case where artifacts might leave the ICHS premises or be moved from or to storage for any reason, there are forms and procedures in place to ensure that the location and status of every item is known, and the person accountable for the item is duly recorded.

Access to any artifact in the collection, whatever its status or location, is open to the public, following all the proper procedures. These procedures will soon be published and available to all at the Blanchard House in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, when new items are donated to the ICHS, the donation forms must be completed (as much as possible) and the items should be given to a member of the Accessions Committee for processing. All donated items should be carefully packaged (if possible), clearly labeled as donations, and accompanied by as much information as possible, including the person who delivered them. If a Committee member cannot be located promptly, they can be given to a Board member or left "behind the screens in the Tea Room" on the second floor of the Blanchard House.

The Committee has made a decision to store only the oldest and most significant photos in acid-free "keepers." Buying acid-free archival sheets ("keepers") for ALL the photos would use nearly all of their budget. Other photos will be properly boxed for preservation and storage, preferably at the Blanchard House. They have also established a "Museum Someday" file to hold artifacts that will be of interest to future

visitors and researchers, or for future thematic displays.

Some books have been collected which the Accessions Committee have decided should be passed on to the Lyons Historical Society. It was moved by Dave White and supported by Linda C. to do so. They were handed off at the Tri-River Museum meeting by the McCords.

At the June 21 Board meeting, Linda Ciangi moved that nothing in the historic collections should leave the Blanchard House without Board approval. Ally Cook supported this motion, but after some discussion, it failed to pass. Goose Elliott moved that timely notification of the Accessions Committee's decisions in this regard would be sufficient, which was supported by Ally C. and passed. Ally then moved that "Sign Out Forms" proposed by Shawna H. should be sufficient to inform the Board of items moved off-site, with the information being managed by the Accessions Committee. This was supported by Linda C. and passed.

Also on June 21, Linda C. reported that Dan Balice had reviewed the rental agreement proposed by the Sentinel-Standard for their large storage room. The proposal, amounting to \$400 per month, Dan said was acceptable. The ICHS Board chose to table the issue again on this occasion. Goose E. then moved that the ICHS renew the quarterly rental agreement with S&K through November, which was supported by Linda C. and passed.

At the July 19 Board Meeting, there was further discussion about the autonomy of the Accessions Committee concerns from Linda C. about confidence in the Committee's qualifications in making decisions about the artifacts they were evaluating. Linda announced that she and Ally C. would join the Committee to help. Shawna H. noted that their help was always appreciated, but the existing Committee membership was functioning well. She also pointed out that they seek help whenever the need arises, and help has always been provided. Dave White noted that a larger committee is not always an efficient one. The Bylaws are unclear on the matter of committee membership, except that the Board establishes committees and defines their authority. The issue was tabled

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Above: One of the set of Official Forms being used by the Accessions Committee to inventory, evaluate, and keep track of our collections.

Ionia County Historical Society
presents

Spirits of History Past

Grave Site Tour

OCTOBER 1 - 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Highland Park Cemetery

East Main Street, Ionia, MI

after confirming that the committee membership stands as follows: Shawna Hoestra, Mary and Bryan Kimble, and Kathleen Cook.

Museum - Linda Ciangi

Linda continues to represent the Museum and the ICHS in the community. The project to erect a monument to Governor Green and his legacy continues. Linda and Kathleen are working with Dan Balice (Legal Counsel) and Jerry Adams (Museum Consultant) about collaboration with the Community Library on further possibilities for the future.

Treasurer - Annette McCord

The June report indicated lots of activity on both sides of the balance sheet. Unfortunately, expenses won out (again). The July report looked much better due to rentals and gift shop sales deposited after our June events. We also received \$50 from the M-1 Credit Union "Drive" event.

There are some significant expenses on the horizon due to maintenance issues. As regards regular expenses, the Treasurer encourages all the committees and event chairs to submit their budgets as soon as possible for the coming fiscal year (which starts in October). Remember that all foreseeable expenses need to be approved by the Board before the money is spent!

Secretary - David McCord

Our Facebook page continues to get plenty of attention, with over 1400 "Likes" and weekly inquiries. If anyone would like to help keep up the information on the page, please contact the Secretary.

The Website has been updated a bit, and continues to work for us. As with the Facebook page, it would be nice to find a generous member who would like to keep the information up to date for us.

This newsletter reflects the highlights of the past two months, but not the meeting of August 16th. The time over the summer has been (as usual) packed solid, plus a few un-wished-for family challenges has made it difficult to keep up. You hold the record in your hands now, and I beg your forgiveness if you find any mistakes or omissions.

The Treasurer has asked for the committees to submit a budget for the next year, and the office of Secretary does have its expenses. This includes website hosting (approx. \$96 per year), the registration of our domain name "ioniahistory.org" (and variations = \$76 per year). There are 80 paper copies of each newsletter, and if I do these on a monthly basis, that totals \$18.75 per month for printing and \$35.25 for postage. So the total budget for the office is \$710.00 per year.

As always, access to the original notes of meetings and correspondence is available on request from the Secretary.

THE WAYBACK MACHINE

July & August, 1817

To Thos. Jefferson — Dear Sir

I am impatient to See your Plan of a University and new System of Education. To assist you in your contemplations, I Send you, a Pamphlet, "The Politicks of Connecticut." By a federal Republican in the name of Hamilton. Was there ever Such a combination? Two Copies were Sent me from the Post on Saturday last: I know not from whence nor by whom.

Now Sir! please to hear a modest Proposal. Let me go back to twenty. Give me a million of Revenue, a Library of a Million of Volumes, and as many more as I Should want. I would devote my Life to Such an Oeuvre as Condercet tells us, that Turgot had in contemplation, all his Lifetime. I would digest Bryant Gebelin, Dupuis, Sir William Jones and above all the Acta Sanctorum of the Bolandists.

I know where this investigation would end. In Montesquieu's 12 duodecimo Pages.

Is the Biography of Democratus and Heraclitus a Fable, or History? I cannot contemplate human affairs, without laughing or crying.

I choose to laugh. When People talk of the Freedom of Writing Speaking or thinking, I cannot choose but laugh. No such thing ever existed, No such thing now exists: but I hope it will exist, But it must be hundreds of years after you and I Shall write and Speak no more.

— John Adams



Famed author Jane Austen (left) died in Winchester, England, on July 18th, 1817, aged 41.

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Below: This is an image of the 4-foot-wide vinyl reproduction of an 1839 map of "the upper midwest" donated to the ICHS by David McCord.



Our calendar of upcoming events.

- Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. — ICHS Business Meeting at the Blanchard House.
- Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. — ICHS regular monthly meeting — Program to be announced.
- Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9 — ICHS Yard Sale will be held at the Blanchard House as a general fundraiser for the organization.
- Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. — ICHS Business Meeting at the Blanchard House.
- Sunday, October 1 — The annual "Spirits of Ionia" Cemetery Tour. Volunteers are needed for tickets, parking, driving, research, and actors. Please contact Kathleen Cook if you're interested!
- Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. — Our Annual Meeting and election of three Board Members for a two-year term. Be sure your dues are paid so you can vote! ALSO this night, a program sponsored by the Ionia Community Library entitled "Bees."
- Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. — ICHS Business Meeting at the Blanchard House
- Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. — Victorian Holiday Decorations Workshop by Shawna Hoekstra. Learn how, and create some historic decorations for yourself and the Blanchard House. Details coming soon!

Be sure to monitor our Facebook Page for current information.

THE WAYBACK MACHINE



July & August, 1867

July 1, 1867 - The British North America Act, an act of the United Kingdom's Parliament, created the confederation, divided the old

colony of Canada into the provinces of Ontario and Québec and gave them constitutions, and instituted a provision for the entry of other colonies and territories in British North America to the confederation.

Canada as a dominion achieved domestic self-rule, but the British crown continued to direct Canada's international diplomacy and military alliances. Canada became entirely self-governing as a member of the British Empire in 1931, but it took until 1982 to complete the process of legislative self-governance when Canada won the right to amend its own constitution.

The British North America Act, also known as the Constitution Act, 1867, conferred on the new dominion a temporary constitution "similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom." It served as Canada's constitution until 1982, when it became the basis of Canada's Constitution Act of 1982, by which the British Parliament ceded any lingering authority to the independent Canadian Parliament.

On July 14th, Alfred Nobel (right) demonstrated dynamite for the first time at the Merstham Quarry in England.



Blacks voted for the first time in a US state election in Tennessee on Aug 1st.

July & August, 1917

A labor dispute ignited a race riot in East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 1st which left 250 dead.

The nation voiced its enthusiastic approval when, on July 14, 1917, the Congress of the United States voted an appropriation of \$640,000,000 for the manufacture of 22,000 airplanes and the training and equipment of 100,000 aviators.



On the 17th of July, King George of England announced the new name of the royal house and family was to be the "House of Windsor." He decided to drop his German family name: "Saxe-Coburg and Gotha."

Ten suffragists were arrested on August 28, 1917, as they picketed the White House. The protesters were there in an effort to pressure President Woodrow Wilson to support the proposed "Anthony amendment" to the Constitution that would guarantee women the right to vote.



July & August, 1967

Detroit's Summer of Violence. One of the worst riots in United States history began on 12th Street in the predominantly African American inner city: 43 were killed, 342 injured, and 1,400 buildings burned. Race Riots ignited all across the US in response to the furvor.

The Beatles' "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" reached #1 in the United States, where it would stay for 15 weeks. The Doors' single "Light My Fire" hit #1, and on July 14th, The Who began a US tour, opening for Herman's Hermits. Jimi Hendrix's debut album "Are You Experienced" was released in early August.



The US spacecraft Surveyor 4 was launched towards the Moon in August, but it exploded just before landing.

On August 30, Thurgood Marshall was confirmed as the first African-American Justice of the United States Supreme Court (pictured here behind President Johnson).



SOUVENIRS

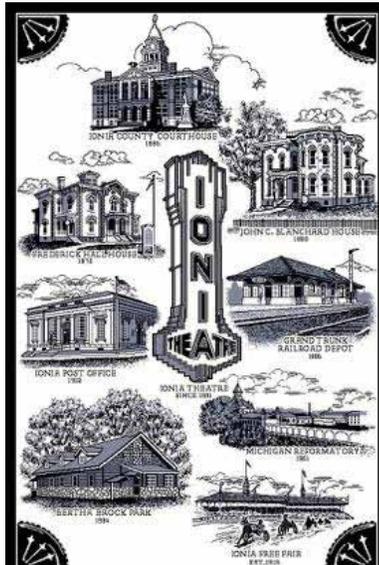
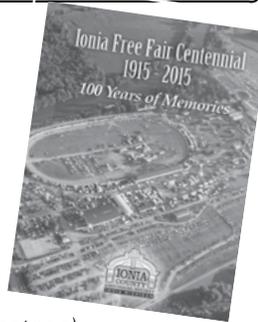
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Ionia Free Fair Centennial 1915-2015

100 Years of Memories

Compiled by David McCord with the help of many contributors, this 8.5 x 11 inch book contains 328 pages of history and over 1,000 photos and graphics.

Softcover: \$29.95 / Hardcover: \$44.95 (add \$5 for postage)



Do you have your souvenir Ionia History blanket yet? This attractive heavy throw is large, warm, and looks great in anyone's home. Available in shades of gray or burgundy. \$75 for this beautiful souvenir of Ionia. (\$65 for ICHS Members).

DVD Video on the history of Ionia's major employer for nearly 100 years, produced by students at Ferris State University and shown on public television throughout the country. Only \$10 for the former factory employee in YOUR family!



Historic DVD Videos

'Sno Wonder DVD – 1936 Ionia County Road Commission + 1940 Bertha Brock Snow Festival *Short films that show us a glimpse of the challenges and the fun of Winters in Ionia County a generation ago.*

1939 "We're In The Movies" *A promotional film produced by Ionia businesses and organizations. It's a wonderful look into our town over 70 years ago.*

1950s Home Show and Free Fair Movies

1976 U.S. Bicentennial in Ionia

1937 Ionia Airport Inaugural plus Bertha Brock Park's 1940 "Winter Festival"

1973 Ionia Centennial Documentary

"Ionia's First 150 Years" and "Ionia - A Look Back" - *Films by Monroe MacPherson*

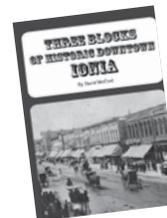
DVDs are available for \$10 each!

Cobmoosa: The Great Walker — A biography of the last Great Chief of the Grand River Indians. by David McCord. \$6 each



Who Was John C. Blanchard? A biography of one of Ionia's leading businessmen. by David McCord. \$6 each

A History of Bertha Brock Park on its 80th "Birthday" by David McCord. \$6 each

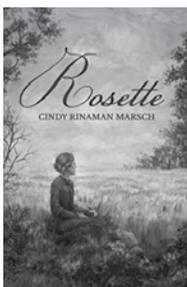


Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Ionia - 40-pages of history by David McCord. \$5 each

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Reproductions of historic Ionia publications –

- 1887 "Headlight Flashes" Special Ionia Edition
- 1907 Ionia Souvenir Book
- 1973 Ionia City Centennial Program Book
- Antique Ionia Postcards

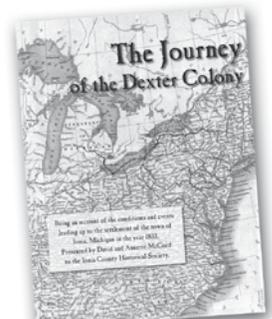


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