

Littleton & Chatham

Historical Society Newsletter

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Cleanups a Success!

On Saturday September 19, 2009 the Littleton and Chatham Historical Society lead a river cleanup on the Wapsipinicon River from Cutshall Park to Otterville State Access, a distance of seven river miles. The group of eight; Jason Vorthmann, Amanda Hill, Sarah Lillibridge, Cally Bengston, Ralph Hill, Nyle McMartin, Jane Lillibridge and Tony Bengston collected 1760 pounds of trash with 20 tires, one of which was a 440 pound tractor tire with the hub and spokes! The group collected an additional 560 pounds of scrap metal and 40 pounds of recyclable materials. Other items of interest were two coffee makers, two yard carts, four 55-gallon drums and three televisions. Six volunteers

provided additional assistance in the morning and afternoon; Sondra Cabell, Bob and Marlena Breshears, Richard Schillinglaw, Terry and Monica Bengston. A CLEAR grant from the Iowa DNR covered the expenses and contributions were also made by the Wapsipinicon Snowmobile Association, Thomas-James LLC, Tournier's Recycling Inc. and Buchanan County Conservation. The group made a great attempt to clean up this section of river. We look forward to cleaning additional areas in the future. We welcome the public's support and hope everyone will do their part in keeping their river and community clean. Thank you to everyone involved.

The Littleton and Chatham Historical Society cleaned the roadsides of D16/175th St. through Chatham to Fairbank-Amish Blvd. Crew 1 to r: Ralph Hill (in back), Adam Hill, Steve Pederson, Amanda Hill, Cally Bengston, Tony Bengston, Jane Lillibridge, Nyle McMartin. Photo by Monica Bengston.



Garbage pulled from the Wapsipinicon River between Cutshall Park and Mickey Fox Area. Crew 1 to r: Sarah Lillibridge, Jane Lillibridge, Amanda Hill, Ralph Hill, Nyle McMartin, Jason Vorthmann, Cally Bengston. Tony Bengston photo.

If you don't know your history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.

~Michael Crichton



"The Littleton and Chatham Historical Society strives to accurately document, promote and preserve the history of the Littleton and Chatham area to cultivate interest and educational understanding for future generations."

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LCHS Secretary Steve Pederson and Treasurer Jane Lillibridge register riders for the 2nd Annual Bike Ride Fundraiser. Riders Elaine Dalrymple, Lila Wagner and Phyl Michael register and pick up their shirts. Tony Bengston photo.

Calendar of Events-

Regular Meeting

Mon. Jan. 11, 2010
7:00pm at 108
Perry St. Jesup
(Chatham)
Jane Lillibridge
residence

Regular Meeting

Mon. Apr. 12, 2010
7:00pm at 601
State St. Independence (Chatham)
Pleasant Grove
Presbyterian
Church

Bike Ride

Sat. Aug. 14, 2010
8:30 am at 511
State St. Jesup
(Littleton)
Littleton Lounge

Wapsipinicon River Cleanup

Sat. Sep. 11, 2010
8:30am at
McGlaughlin
Access below the
Littleton Dam

Riders Brian Will and Britt Billick make their way to the pavement during the 2nd Annual LCCHS Bike Ride. The weather was just right for the ride and riders had their choice of route distance. Tony Bengston photo.



Donations

A special Thank you to our other contributors for 2009-

Iowa DNR

Family of Ron Zingg Sr.

Wapsipinicon Snowmobile Association

Sanda (Strempe) Ewalt

Quasqueton Area Historical Society

Ralph Hill family

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Buchanan County Historical Society

To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, to be led by permanent ideals- that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.

~A.P. Peabody

Thank you to our bike ride sponsors!

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B & B Farm Store

Schares Food Mart

BankIowa

Casey's General Store

GOOD FLOUR

Independence Conservative-August 12, 1874

Hale & Hovey, of the Littleton Mills, have commenced the manufacture of flour by the new patent process. These mills have always produced excellent flour, but the proprietors are determined to keep up with the times, and therefore have put in new machinery, and are turning out the improved flour. We acknowledge the receipt of a sack of it, and unhesitatingly pronounce it all that can be wished.

Purpose

The purposes of the LCHS as stated in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation and Article IV of the Bylaws are as follows:

To document records, items, memories and places that may help to establish or illustrate the history of the Littleton and Chatham area.

To foster and promote education and interest in history at the local and state level; to encourage research of a historical nature; to pursue and distribute accurate historical documentation; to furnish accessibility to historic materials.

To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, the title to, or custody and control of, items, sites and buildings of historic in-

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.
~Pablo Picasso



On Saturday June 6, 2009 the Robert "Chic" McGlaughlin Easement Area near the Littleton Dam was dedicated during the Wapsipinicon Water Trail dedication activities. Chic's family is pictured, from left to right, Cindy (McGlaughlin) Paulus, Morgan McGlaughlin, Jared McGlaughlin, John Wenck-DNR River Programs Outreach Coordinator, Jeanna and Dave McGlaughlin, Betty McGlaughlin, Eric Paulus and Katie Seecret. Tony Bengston photo.

terest; to preserve, protect and rehabilitate items, sites, buildings and records of historic interest; to mark locations of historic interest with memorials and monuments.

To do everything necessary, proper, or advisable for the accomplishment of the purposes hereinabove set forth and do all other things incidental to them or connected with them that are not forbidden by the Act, by other laws, or by these Articles of Incorporation; to cooperate with and aid others that are striving for the same objectives.

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Keep informed of the 2010 Littleton and Chatham events

For more information on our upcoming events you can check out the Littleton and Chatham website at <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~littletonia/LCHS.html> or contact the Littleton and Chatham Historical Society at tonybengston@yahoo.com or (319) 415-1175. Dates have been set for the Bike Ride (Aug. 14) and the Wapsipinicon River Cleanup (Sep. 11). A roadside cleanup date will be scheduled at the January 11th meeting. More information on the 2010 events will be available in the Spring/Summer newsletter.

Eli E. Arnold store-Located on Lots 7 & 8 of Block 7 in Littleton (just west of Jacobsen's brick store), this photo was probably taken sometime between 1905-1912. The store had been run by many families since the building's construction including J. E. Hayward, Jacob Hoffman, Swan Moline and Floyd Brooks. The store burned June 27, 1924.

