## OLD SOLIDIERS & SETTLERS

Keunion

Celebrating 175 Years

1846 - 2021



THURSDAY · FRIDAY · SATURDAY July 29, 30, 31 · 2021

Drakesville, Iowa

## 175TH YEAR

Souvenir Program

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The Reunion Officers would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the **175th** Davis County Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion a success!

## AND REMEMBER....

The Davis County Old Soldiers & Settlers Reunion Has Been A Free Family Fun Event for





(Log cabin pictured on the front cover)

This was a new arrival in Drakesville from the Country. Built by the Mormons that were on their way to Salt Lake City in 1848.

In 1952, the Roscoe Goldizens bought the Ham school which set 2 miles southeast of Drakesville. They tore their old rambling house down, which had been added on and over the log cabin that was hewed and put up by the Mormons. The living room being the cabin of logs. The window sills were 18 inches deep. Roscoe, his mother Iva, his grandfather were born in that part of the house.

We tried to sell the logs or give them away but no one wanted that stuff. So we tore it down wall by wall. I took pictures of each side. We piled the logs in the back yard and went on to dig a basement then moved the school house which sat just 40 rods up the road. Thus started a new house.

One evening several days later, John Shepherd and Oren Jones came. They wanted to buy the logs and put together a cabin for the Drakesville Park. Roscoe said "No, we wouldn't sell, but would give it all to the park, if they'd put it together as it had been. They said "how do we do that? We've never seen it". I got the pictures and showed them. We taped them into a square and set it on the hood of someones pickup.

Ernie Mincks did much of the work of sorting out and fitting the logs back together. Logan Harbour, one of the volunteers and Willis Browns tractor with a front loader, lifted the logs.

Finally opening night of 1971, August 4th, Claire Martin and Clarence Forsythe finished shingling the roof.

By Dorothy Goldizen

# Bicentennial Mail Delivery



Basil Swaim, Mailman for Drakesville area, giving mail to Dorothy Goldizen in front of the Harbour Log Cabin. Mormans hewed the logs in 1848 on their trek to Salt Lake. This was a fun day. Basil delivered 5 miles of this route on horse back that day.

On 18th, June 1975, the Bicentennial was a nation wide celebration; and Basil Swaim, the rural mailman, reverted back to yesteryear, rode a horse to deliver 82 miles of his 175 miles mail route. So we posed for his start of 82 miles, mainly west and north of Drakesville; all around Lake Wapello and Ash Grove. It was a project indeed! Basil, a postal employee, beginning in 1942, wore a three cornered hat and colonist outfit. Dorothy, her long dress and apron, was using a long time churn. We had several people watching.

By Dorothy Goldizen



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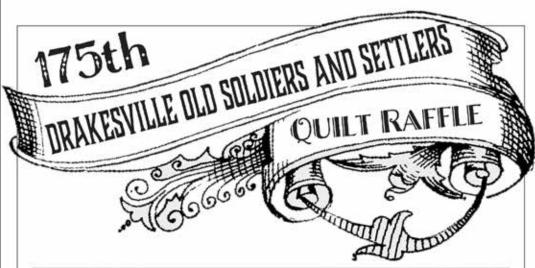
Maggie Smith, Jason Miller, and Donna Thompson BINGO STAND:

Cathy Warner, Justin & Megan Bassett and Gail & Diane Padget

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 7:00 PM at the Park Shelter

Please plan to attend the Davis County Old Soldiers & Settlers Corporation Annual meeting on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021. We will discuss this year's events and begin planning to make next year's 176th Old Soldiers & Settlers Reunion even better!





To celebrate the 175th reunion, the reunion committee is sponsoring a quilt raffle for a queen sized quilt; the pattern is Totally Triangles homespun design, made by a Davis County quilter and measures approximately 98 inches x 100 inches.

Tickets will be sold starting at the Ice Cream Social on June 12 at the Drakesville Park. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. They will also be sold during the reunion and winner announced on Saturday evening, July 31.

# OLD SOLDIERS & SETTLERS REUNION "BUCKET 'O' JUNK" FREE CONTEST

One person's junk is another person's treasure!

We will provide a 5 gallon bucket of unique pieces, otherwise known as "junk". Items can be altered by, cleaning, cutting, sanding, painting, breaking, bending to shape, glued, bolted, welded, or put together. Create what ever you wish with the unique treasures in your bucket. Do not add outside pieces that were not included in your bucket.

The goal is to use **EVERY PIECE** that was included in your bucket to create your masterpiece.

First place  $\cdot$  \$100.00 ~ Second place  $\cdot$  \$75.00 Third place  $\cdot$  \$50.00 ~ Fourth place  $\cdot$  \$25.00

You can pick up your "Bucket 'o' Junk" at the Ice Cream Social on JUNE 12th.

Bring what you made to the log cabin before 6:00 pm Thursday night July 29th. Awards will be announced after the early bird drawing. Each night of the Reunion a few "Masterpieces" will be silent auctioned off.

#### COME BID ON YOUR FAVORITE!!!

"BUCKET 'O' JUNK" PLEASE INCLUDE:	
Creators Name:	
Name of Masterpiece:	
FREE TO ENTER	

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Danny Scott: 641-208-5884 Tammy King: 641-208-5546

## Thursday's Schedule of Events

6:00 PM INVOCATION

Nail Driving Contest - Men & Women

Horse Shoe Pitching Corn Hole Contests

6:15 PM EARLY BIRD DRAWING

6:30 PM QUEEN CONTEST

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7:00 PM **B\*I\*N\*G\*O** 

\$100 BLACKOUT BINGO

Following Stage Drawing.

SPONSORED BY: CATHY WARNER

8:00 PM TALENT SHOW

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9:30 PM DRAWING

(Immediately Following Talent Show)

PRIZES GIVEN BY THE REUNION

ORGANIZATION. \$200 TOTAL CASH! (1)-\$100 & (2)-\$50

Buy your Membership & Quilt Raffle Tickets at the Log Cabin.

## Friday's Schedule of Events

1:00 PM

KIDS & ADULT GAMES

2:00 PM

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

Tractor Provided! 8 Classes 3-10 Years Of Age. Prizes Awarded To 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Places!

6:30 PM

**TEAM ROPING** 

Drakesville Arena • Page 18

7 - 7:30 PM

REGISTER FOR CHAIR

To Be Given To The Oldest Soldier.

Register At The Log Cabin.

Rules In By-Laws On Pages 95 & 96

7:00 PM

**PARADE** 

Participants Are To Report To Gazebo In The Oval Park Uptown By 6pm Friday Evening. For More Info. Contact Susie Warner, 641-664-3667

Division or Organizational Floats

1st \$25 2nd \$20 3rd \$15

Miscellaneous Floats

1st \$25 2nd \$20 3rd \$15

Mini Floats

1st \$20 2nd \$15 3rd \$1250

Decorated Carts & Carriages

1st \$20 2nd \$15 3rd \$1250

Vintage Cars

1st \$25 2nd \$20 3rd \$15

\* The following entries are a separate class \*

Motorcycles, Mopeds,

Motorbikes, Bicycles, Pets,

Horses, Costumes

1st \$5 2nd \$4 3rd \$3

## FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CONTINUED

Time To Be Announced B\*I\*N\*G\*O

\$50 BLACKOUT

SPONSORED BY: VIRGINIA RYSDAM & FAMILY

7:30 PM

**INVOCATION** 

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

By Reed Whisler American Legion Post #78

PRESENTATION OF CHAIR TO THE OLDEST SOLDIER

Chair Donated By Dean & Mary Stocker Honored By Veterans Affairs

8:00 PM

STAGE SHOW FEATURING

"HARVEST BAND W/ BETH HUNTER"

9:15 PM

**DRAWING** 

(Immediately Following Stage Show)

PRIZES GIVEN BY THE REUNION

ORGANIZATION. \$500 TOTAL CASH!

(1) \$200, (2) \$100, (2) \$50

B\*I\*N\*G\*O

FOLLOWING STAGE DRAWING.

\$100 BLACKOUT BINGO

SPONSORED BY: EAVES TRUCKING, GARY & DONNA EAVES

## Saturday's Schedule OF EVENTS

9-11:00 AM YOUTH FISHING TOURNAMENT

> 16 yrs and under. Adult present with each participant. Bring your fishing Equipment & bait. Some poles & bait will also be Available.

NO flip flops - only tennis shoes.

11:00 AM KIDS & ADULT GAMES

1:00 PM BABY CONTEST

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1:00 PM TRACTOR PULL

Drakesville Arena. See Page 20

2:00 PM FROG JUMP

> On The Dance Floor, Trophies Awarded For Longest Jump, Largest Frog, & Smallest Frog

**BEARD & PONYTAIL/PIGTAIL** 5:30 PM

CONTEST

7:00 PM INVOCATION

7-7:30 PM REGISTER FOR CHAIR

To Be Given To The Oldest Settler.

Register At The Log Cabin.

Rules In By-Laws On Pages 95 & 96

7:15 PM EARLY BIRD DRAWING

> Buy your Membership & Quilt Raffle Tickets at the Log Cabin.

## SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CONTINUED

7:30 PM

### B\*I\*N\*G\*O

\$50 BLACKOUT SPONSORED BY: LYNCH LAW OFFICE

7:45 PM PRESENTATION OF CHAIR

TO THE OLDEST SETTLER

Chair Donated By Susie Warner, DPM

8:00 PM STAGE SHOW FEATURING

"WILSON FAMILY BAND"

9:15 PM DRAWING

(Immediately Following Stage Show)

PRIZES GIVEN BY THE REUNION

ORGANIZATION. \$400 TOTAL CASH! (3)-\$100 & (2)-\$50

### B\*I\*N\*G\*O

\$100 BLACKOUT

Following Stage Drawing

SPONSORED BY: BARB COLE

Buy your Membership & Quilt Raffle Tickets at the Log Cabin.

## rden & Flower Sho

at Drakesville Old Soldiers & Settlers in the Green Building JULY 29TH, 30TH & 31ST - 2021

- 1. Entries open to ALL Davis County and surrounding areas.
- Each exhibitor must purachase a \$1.00 membership ticket.
- Only one ribbon or prize per class to each exhibitor with more than one entry.
  - 4. Entries Due Wed., July 28th, 6:00 8:00 pm & Thur., July 29th, 9:00 - 12:00 pm in the green building. Judging after entry closes.
    - There will be a grand prize for best of show in each division.

#### Grand Prize Donated by:

Crop Services, INC., Bloomfield Greenhouse, Making Memories Flowers & Gifts, Maggie's Avon and Farm Bureau Insurance - Gary Sprouse.

For information call:

Chairperson - Maggie Smith at 641-664-1357

#### VEGETABLES

Division 1 - Below Ground Crop Division 2 - Above Ground Crop

- Class: 1. Potatoes three
  - a. White
  - b. Red
  - c. Other
  - Carrots three
  - 3. Beets three
  - 4. Onions, Any Kind three
    - a. White
    - b. Yellow
    - c. Other
  - Any other below ground vegetables not mentioned.



- Class: 1. Tomatoes three
  - a. Large
  - b. Roma
  - c. Cherry (5)
  - 2. Peppers, Any Kind three
    - a. Bell
    - b. Hot
    - c. Other
  - 3. Cabbage head
  - 4. Pumpkins, Any Variety one
  - 5. Squash, Any Variety one
  - 6. Watermelon one
  - 7. Cantaloupe one
  - 8. Cucumbers three
    - Pickling
    - b. Slicing
  - Green Beans five
  - Zucchini one
  - 11. Any Other



#### **BIG VEGETABLES**

#### Division 3

- Class: 1. Largest Onion
  - 2. Largest Cucumber
  - 3. Largest Melon
  - 4. Longest Green Bean
  - 5. Longest Cucumber
  - 6. Zucchini
    - a. Largest
    - b. Longest
  - 7. Largest Cabbage
  - 8. Largest Tomato
  - 9. Fresh Garden Baskets

#### **CUT FLOWERS**

#### Division 4

3 flowers displayed in appropriate container.

Class: 1. Asters

- 2. Dahlias
- 3. Gladioli
- 4. Marigolds
- 5. Roses
- 6. Snapdragons
- 7. Sweet Peas
- 8. Zinnias
- 9. Lilies
- 10. Misc. other cut flowers



## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

- Class: 1. Natural Flowers Mixed Bouquet
  - 2. Silk Flower Arrangements
  - 3. Hanging Basket
  - 4. Wild Flower Arrangements

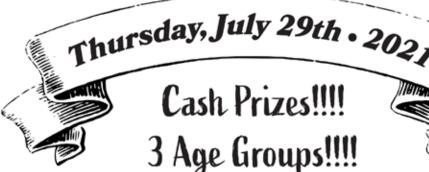
#### **POTTED PLANTS**

- Class: 1. Geraniums
  - 2. Violets
  - 3. Other Flowering Plants
  - 4. Foliage Plants
  - 5. Vines
  - Any Other non Flowering Plants









 Age 9 & Under
 Age 10 - 14
 Age 15 & Over

 1st Place \$25
 1st Place \$50
 1st Place \$100

 2nd Place \$15
 2nd Place \$25
 2nd Place \$50

 3rd Place \$10
 3rd Place \$25
 3rd Place \$25

Call for sign up
Limited spots available.
Performance time is limited to 5 minutes
CD player and electric keyboard available upon request.

10-14 Age group winner will preform on Friday night before main stage show!! 15 & Over age group winner will perform on Saturday Night before the main stage show!!

Call Tammy King at 641-208-5546 by Tuesday, July 27th 2021, or sign up at park by 7:00 PM. Entries are taken on a first come basis.

The Davis County Old Soldiers & Settlers Reunion is committed to giving people of all ages a stage to show their talent in a family, friendly environment.

Please come join us!!



### THE HARVEST BAND

with Beth Hunter



The Harvest Band is not just another band. The band plays a mix of country, rock, oldies and originals. Because they play a wide variety of music including their own arrangements and keep current with the music they appeal to a broader audience and are sure to entertain.

Established in 1983 members include Tom Robinson- Leader, guitar, keyboards, vocals; Mark Bailey- Bass and vocals; Jim Robinson -Drums, percussion and vocals All members are versatile and enjoy having a good time with the audience. The Harvest Band has played clubs and events in over 12 states and have shared the stage with many nationally known artist such as REO Speed Wagon, Steppenwolf, Kenny Chesney and many other touring groups. Three part harmony and years of experience brings every song to the heart of the listener. Great music coupled with great entertainment is what you can expect from this group!!

Joining Harvest is an amazing female vocalist and entertainer, Beth Hunter. Hunter is the host of the one-hour Classic Café on Thunder Country, KIIC, 96.7 FM Albia. She continues to give audiences a memorable experience performing opry style shows in Iowa and Missouri.

Beth Hunter is entertainment for all audiences. Hunter was voted Midwest Country News Female Vocalist of the Year in 1990. In 1990 she performed as a headliner on a regional television show produced by KTVO in Kirksville Mo. With the late Sammie Lee Schmidt and Barbara Hayes-Ackley, Editor of Midwest Country News was the Emcee. She worked as a co-headliner with Wild Bill (Wild Bill's Opry) from 1992 to 2001 and went on to produce an opry-style show (Night Sky Opry) until 2012. Beth was honored to sing on the Jimmy Snow Gospel Hour at the Grand Ol' Opry in 1994, with her gospel partner, the late Maryanna Deaton. (Thanks to the graciousness of the Vincent Family Sally Mountain Show and Midwest Country News) Hunter says "The purpose of music is not whether the audiences love you, but if they know that they are loved". The Harvest Band with Beth Hunter will be playing after the Big Parade on Friday evening and hope to see you there!!

## TRACTOR & TRUCK PULL

Saturday, July 31st · 1:00 PM (WEIGH-IN & SIGN-UP STARTS AT 10:00 AM)

#### LAPLANDER RULES - JEFF WHITE SLED \$15 PER HOOK

1st Place: Trophy 2nd Place: Trophy

#### **FARM CLASSES:**

3500; 4000; 4500; 5000; 5500; 6500; 7000; 8500; 9500;

10000; 11000; 12000

#### **COMBINED ANTIQUE:**

3250; 3500; 4000; 4500; 5500; 6500

(1957 & older 3.5 mph speed limit)

#### **CLASSIC:**

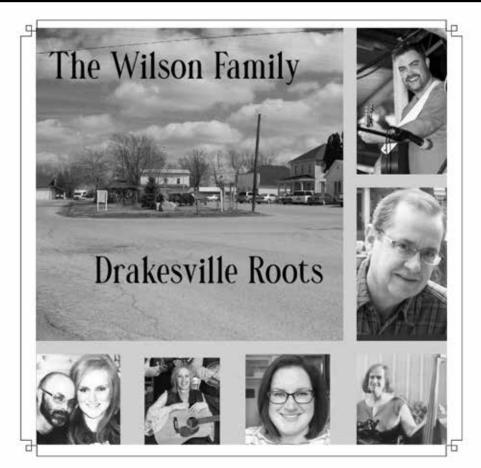
3500; 4000; 4500; 5500; 6500

(1958 & older open speed limit)

#### **OPEN TRUCKS:**

4x4 gas 6800 lbs.; 4x4 diesel 8500 lbs.





## For over 60 years, The Wilson Family has been playing music together.

Those familiar with Drakesville history may remember two young boys named Bob & Mike Wilson who grew up playing Bluegrass & Country music on the family farm West of town. The two would become lifelong champions of the music they loved and have passed that passion down to their children and grandchildren.

Carrying on this legacy are Cindie Wilson Deputy, Tabatha Wilson Hood, Marnie Wilson Andrews, Erin Wilson Wagner, Casey Weldon and Brian Wagner. All play multiple instruments and sing lead as well as harmony. "Growing Up Wilson" meant that you picked up whatever instrument someone else wasn't playing at the time and sang what every part was necessary to round out a close, 3-part harmony. Being family makes those harmonies tight and clear, which makes their unique sound even better. Included in the Wilson Family Band is long-time family friend and renowned fiddler, Kirk Brandenberger, who is one of the most influential fiddlers across the country today. Kirk's versatility and tasteful musicianship rounds out the sound of the music across the several genres.

This award-winning, multi-talented family is certain to entertain you with the traditional music they grew up on, such as Jimmy Martin and the Osborne Brothers as well as the country sounds of Hank Williams Sr., Jim Croce and the soulful Chris Stapleton. You'll find yourself singing along with the fun-loving and talented family with Darkesville Roots!

## BUCKSKINNERS

Rendezvous-

Take a step back in time and get in the pioneer spirit!

Take part in a variety of hands-on crafts and activities including rope making.

Hear stories and learn more about the fur-trading era by visiting the Buckskinners Rendezvous.





Family Gime Fun



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From left to right: 2000 2000 Runner Up - Claire Garland Reunion Queen - Myah Jones

1st Runner Up - MacKenzie Raye Horn

#### 2020 OLDEST SOLDIER

## 2020





Ernie Bohi

Betty Judd



2020 Honorary **GRAND MARSHALS** 



The many heros of the front lines during the Covid 19 virus.



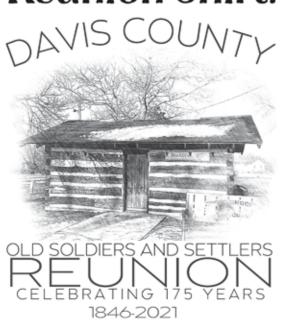
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### BUY MEMBER TICKETS DAILY DURING THE REUNION AT THE LOG CABIN.

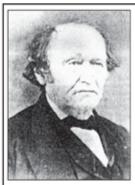


## Purchase a 175th Reunion Shirt!



We held a t-shirt design contest this winter for our 175th celebration t-shirt. Melissa Stocker won the contest with above design (also shown on the front cover). It is a photo taken of the log cabin in the Drakesville City Park this past winter. If interested in a shirt, please contact Susie Warner at either 515-321-9112 and leave a message or purchase one at the Log Cabin during the reunion.

# The history of DRAKESVILLE, IA





John Adams Drake & Harriet Jane O'Neal Drake. Founders of Drakesville, IA.

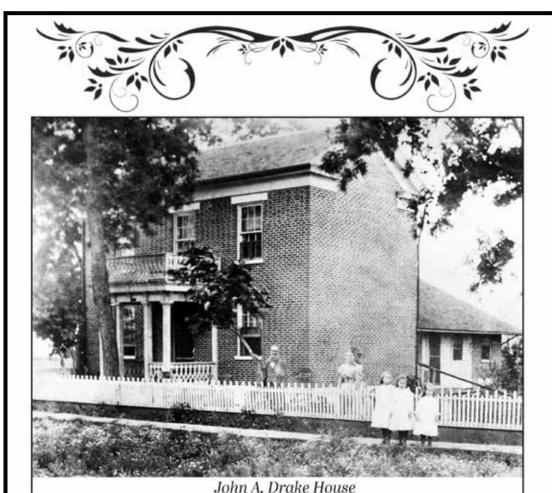
Before 1843, white settlers were not permitted west of Van Buren County because of the treaty made with Sac & Fox Indians.

John Adams Drake, descendant of Sir Francis Drake, born in 1802. In 1846, Drake and his family came to Davis County and founded the town of Drakeville.

The town was platted February 1847 on Drake's Land. John established a general store, milling business and packing plant. The packing plant was the forerunner of Armour & Co. Later he engaged in the banking business and opened the Drakesville Bank. His banking methods were unique, for the use of checking accounts had not been invented, so, for a small fee, farmers and merchants deposited their money in his safe and withdrew their own bills when money was needed. He represented Davis County as a Whig in the State.

John's wife's maiden name was Harriet Jane O'Neal, born in North Carolina. They had two sons. John Hamilton Drake, born in Drakesville, was a banker in Albia. He was killed in the Civil War. Francis Marion Drake was a brigadier general in the Civil War. He was a lawyer and banker in Centerville. Drake University was named for him. In 1895, he was elected Governor of Iowa.

Francis M. Drake organized two oxen trains to cross the plains for California during the Told Rush and these originated at Drakesville.



The Christian Church was first organized in 1846. Before the church was built in 1853, a frame construction costing \$600.00, they had church in the log school house.

During the Civile War, Drakesville sent many soldiers to fight for the Union; but, was also a part of the underground movement. A Mr. Wonn, who came here from Ohio in 1853, was an agent for the John Brown underground railways, and his house, made out of native timber, was a station for the underground. Slaves escaping North to freedom were sheltered and protected there and despite the attempt of several southern spies to find it, the Drakesville station was never found.

The Southwestern Brand of the C.R.I. and P. Railroad was built in 1871, and the depot agent was William Truax. In 1947 the railroad tracks were relocated a mile north of town.





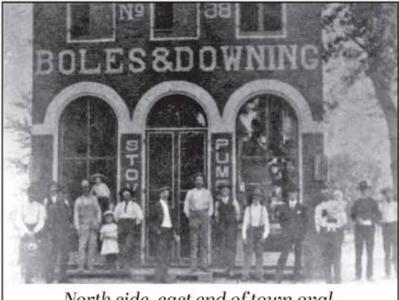
Drakesville Railroad Section Gang - 1911







Drakesville bosted many business over the years including a grocery and dry goods store, hardware store, fire station, Post office, bank, Dairy Drive-Inn, lumber yard, wool mill, drug store, doctors office, hat shop, farm supply store, resturants, blacksmith shop, livery barn and many more.



North side, east end of town oval.



Stewart Blacksmith - North side of town oval 1860's. School in background.

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#### Grocer Ticket - 1873

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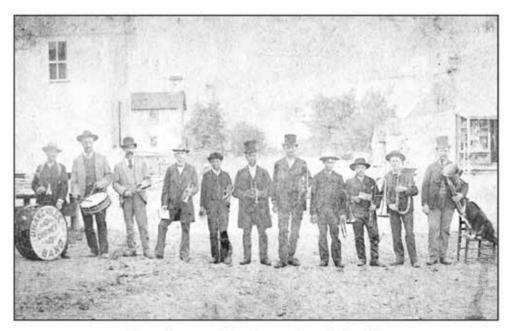
This photo of the community band at Drakesville was given by Don and Lola Taft.

With the help of Basil Swaim, Lloyd Thompson, and Sumner Hardy, the participants in the picture were identifies. Basil related, that as a small lad, he was hired to sweep & dust out the gazebo twice weekly for the two bands that played for the public.

Sumner, who played a horn in one of the bands, Basil spoke of; related the photo was the band that played before the period Basil spoke of, as the two band came along later.

The folks in the photo to the best of Basil, Lloyd & Sumner's ability as being: Left to right: (Sitting) Johnny Day, Lloyd Henderson, Kenneth Bunten, and Glen Downing. Left to right: (standing) Ezra and Estel Henderson, Lottie Goodlander, Guile Hardy, Russell Burnett, Oris Ralston, and "Slim" Shelburg.

## Drakesville Photos of Yesteryear



Drakesville Band - 1860's



Drakesville Band - 1907

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### Dr. Ghomas Jennings of Drakesville

Thomas Hart Benton Jennings was born in Tipton in 1843 and moved with his parents to Davis County when he was 6 months old. The family settled north of Drakesville.

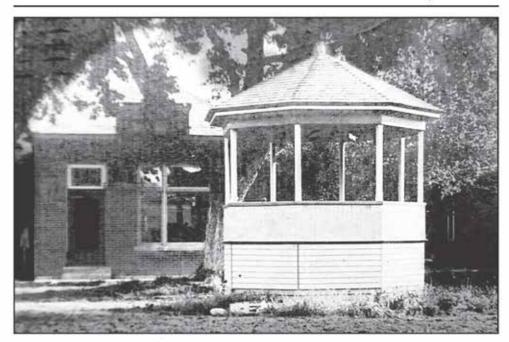
With the coming of the Civil War, Jennings enlisted in Company B of the 30th Iowa Infantry in August 1862. The record is contradictory, but he was discharged either in May 1863 at Milliken's Ben, LA., according to his obituary or in June 1865 at Washington, D.C., according to the regimental roster.

After the war, Jennings taught school in Drakesville until 1872, when he entered the Keokuk Medical College. When he graduated in 1875, Jennings returned to Drakesville, where he practiced medicine and surgery for the next 44 years. His office (pictured below) was on the south side of the town's oval on the southeast corner of Main and Washington streets. Dr. Jennings died in May 1919.

- Rudy Evans



## Drakesville Photos of Yesteryear



Drakesville Bandstand 1915



**Drakesville Cemetery** 

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## School Day Memories

By Charity M. (Bunten) Boles, Drakesville, IA

Ca. 1885 - 1895

We're living on the Old School Grounds
A home we built with care.

It brings back memories both sad and dear,

It brings back memories both sad and dear, When I think of the hours I spent there.

Many school mates have left us, few with us yet,

But the dear Old Days we'll ne're forget. Out teachers were patient, good and kind,

Some of the names I recall, some I have forgot.

But I remember Mrs. Scarbourough Southerland, Mrs. Baum and Lou Mott.

One teacher Mr. Riley was full of dope,

The boys woke him when they put pins in the bell rope.

There was Francis Baldridge, then John Rogers,

Who was mighty cross.

He soon let us know he was boss,

We had Wesley Smit, "Whistle Britches" was his name,

Then after him came Mr. Payne.

Just to the right was the railway track,

Our seat faced the west, the door to our back.

Now this is something that I'm ashamed to tell,

But we all loved to do it, oh so well.

While the teacher was busy with a class,

A long train was sure to pass,

So out of our desk came pencil and slate,

We tried to see who could copy the most numbers from the freight.

Near the back of the room was a hole in the wall,

Just the place for our notes, love letters and all.

We would tear them up and keep poking them down

Till I think it was solid clear to the ground.

When school was out, we rushed to the door;

To see who could beat down to the first floor.

Walking down the steps was entirely to slow.

So we slid the banister to get below.

Recess, we played ball, Blackman, drop the handkerchief





And blind man's bluff.

Then the old bell would ring and that was enough, Uncle Arther and Betsy Corner lived across the way, When a ball was pitched over the fence, it was sure to stay.

Now what do you suppose those bad boys did?

Loaded one with powder and flew it over the fence.

And their ceiling was damaged by the old stove lid.

Over east lived Sampsons, about them I haven't much to tell.

One thing I remember was their old fashioned well,

With it's windlass and iron bound bucket, let down by a chain.

We would fill the bucket with water and wind it up again.

It was custom to pass the water at least twice a day,

All drank from the same dipper, just any old way.

Now I'll tell you about people, the stores and the town.

Something of the styles and the cut of the gown.

Well, I wore my hair straight back, and tire it with a bow.

My dresses were quite long, so my knees didn't show.

I wore an apron, two petticoats and sometimes more,

The older girls dresses swept the sidewalks and the floors.

Father came from Moulton and bought a store.

And now Mr. Wishard is erecting the oil station on this same ground.

Mr. Gaston was a much respected cabinet maker,

And was also Drakesville's undertaker.

We trimmed the caskets, and worked with bowed head,
While we were saying "Mr. Gaston, will you please tell us who is dead?"

I know he thought us quite a bore.

But he would answer our questions o'er and o'er/ On our way back was William Zigler's monument shop,

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And carved all the animals out of wood.

I think some of you remember this, or you should.

Uncle Bobby Hambleton was a blacksmith,

A good man and very devout,

We loved to go to church and hear him shout,





"My should, girls and boys, we're living on borrowed time."
Told us about the shing'in ladder that he would climb.
He had worked for the Lord nigh onto forty years,
He talked so earnest he brought many tears.
Down the north side of the street, I don't know just where,
An old gentleman bought rabbit skins and sold tin ware.
This man's name was Chambers, nickname Pots.

He married the mother of Mattie Brimm

And that's about all I remember of him.

Uncle Dickie Calvert kept the Post Office and a little store, Sold peanuts, licorice pipes, red cinnamon drops and something more.

But the main thing I remember when thinking back, Was that he made a paper funnel and used as a sack.

To watch him fill this was a pleasure,

He would heap it up and say "Scripture Measure".

I suppose you remember Mrs. O'Hara

Who kept a millinery and top shop just east of the square.

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Of this child they all took the best of care
For fear he would take cold, changing his winter underwear.
They raveled the cuffs and the tails of the shirt a little each day

Now I won't vouch for this story, that just what they say.

There's other people I've thought of before

But I've racked my brain till my head is sore.

You have heard enough of my Drakesville School Days,

And I am sure, I'll not be called up for more essays.

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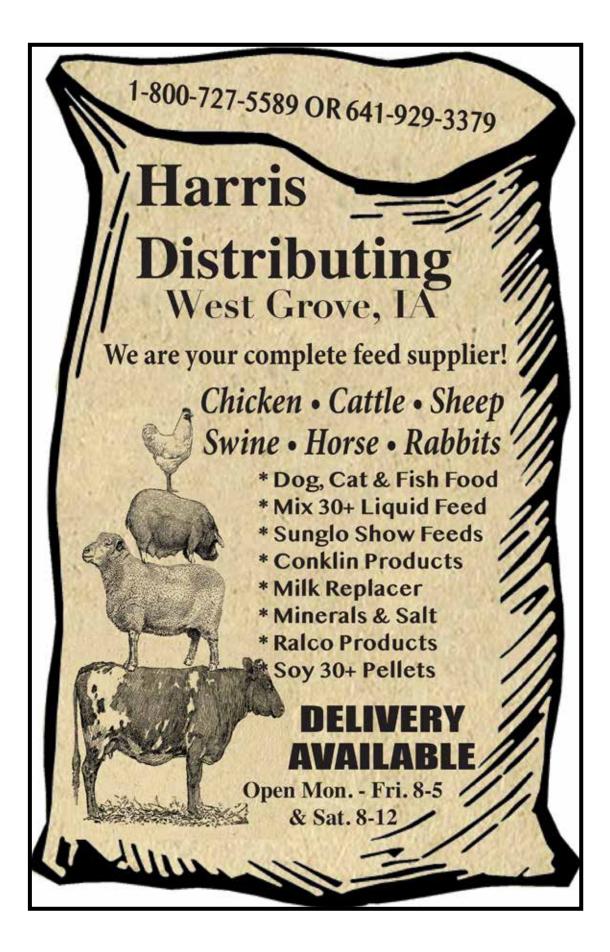
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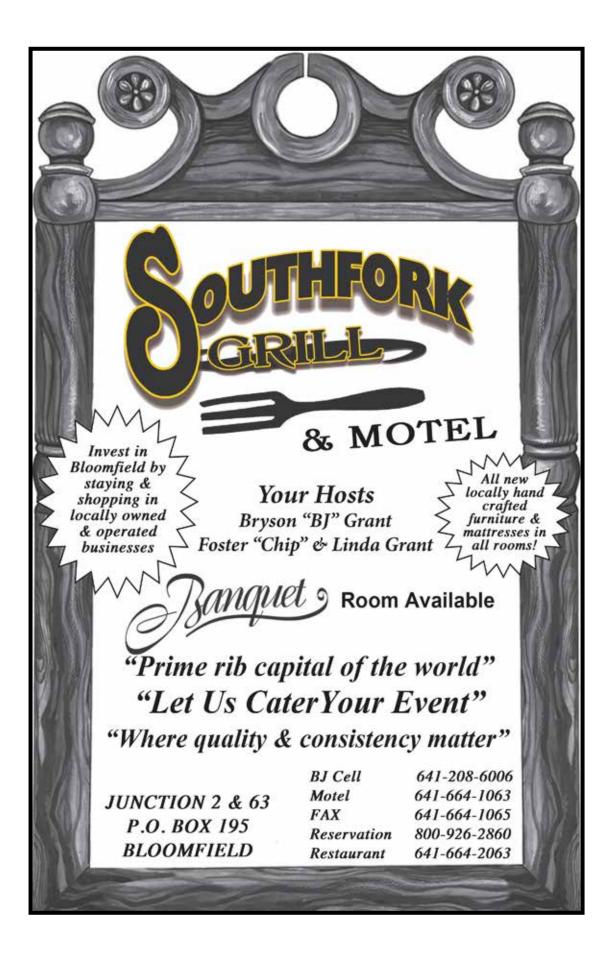
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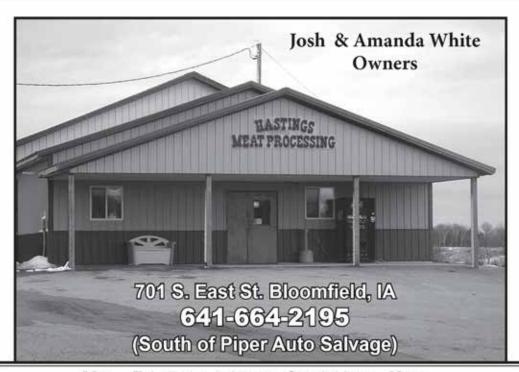
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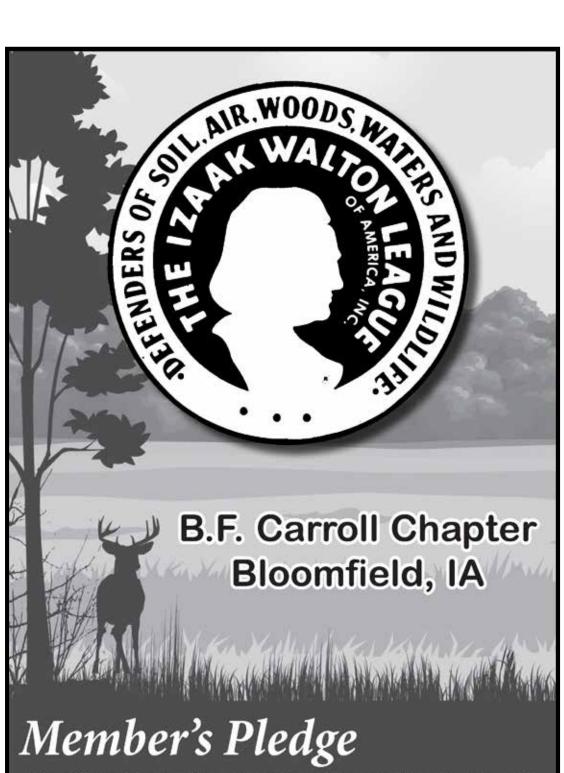
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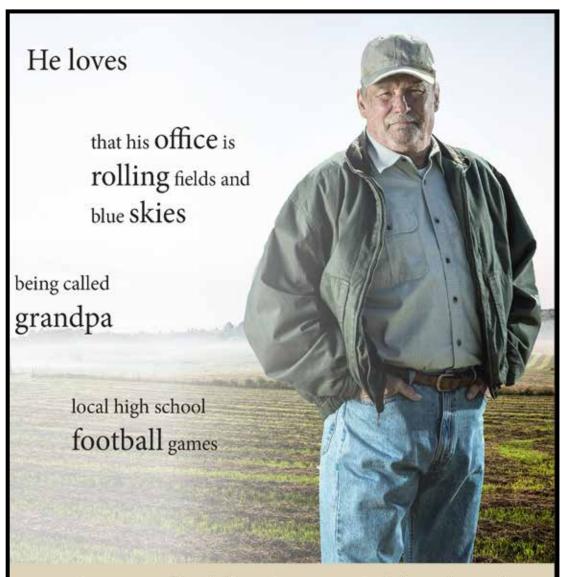
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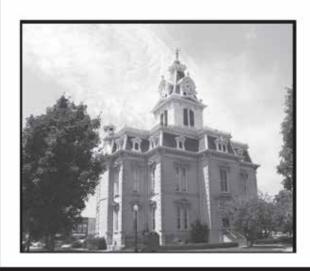
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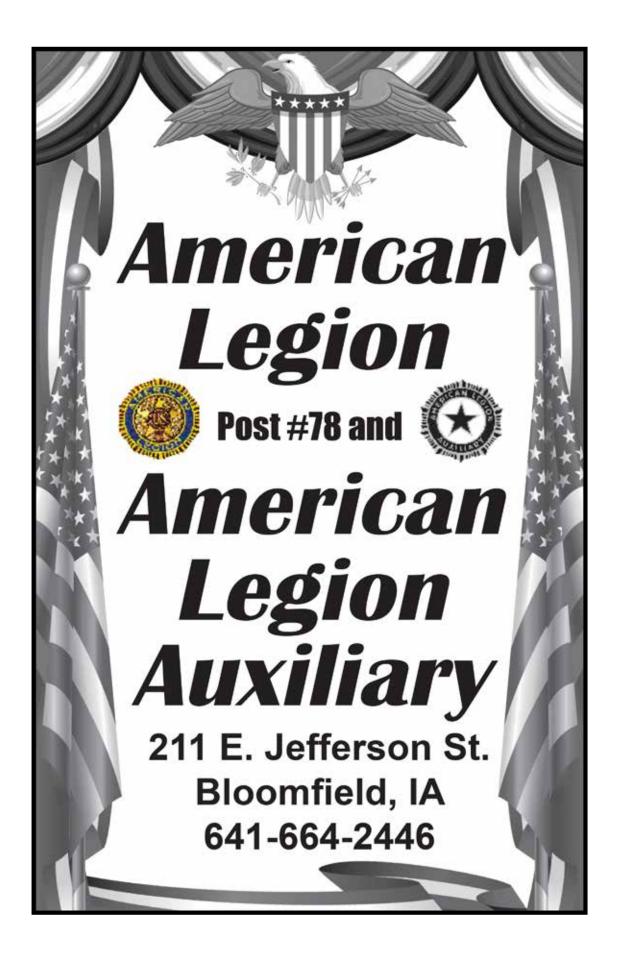
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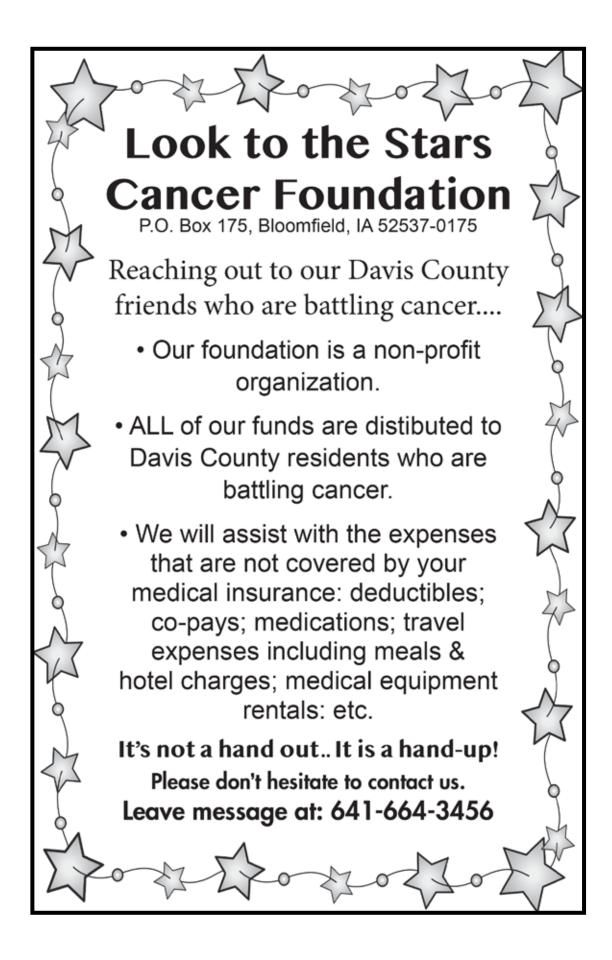
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#### ARTICLE FOUR

Displays:

The Governing Body shall have the privilege of selling display plots to have a ten (10) foot frontage and twelve (12) feet in depth at the rate of \$10.00 per day per plot.

There will be a charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) fee per booth (eight by eight feet) 8x8 per day for space within the green building.

The Governing Body reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications for display plots and may take alterations concerning locations and adjustments thereof. The Governing Body reserves the right to reject any merchandise sold in the flea markets.

By-Laws, Rules & Regulations (Con't) on next page

#### ARTICLE FIVE

Premiums:

The Treasurer and Governing Body shall have the jurisdiction of all premiums given as prizes.

#### ARTICLE SIX

Amendments:

Amendments to these Articles may be made at any annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting of the members called for that particular purpose, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

Parking:

All vehicles (including campers) will be parked where designated by police with the Governing Body having final authority. The Governing Body shall reserve the right to accept or reject any vehicles (including campers) on the grounds.

All campers, tents or otherwise, shall pay a fee of \$10.00/night.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT

Chairs:

An individual registering for the chair given to the Oldest Soldier and the Oldest Settler can only win a chair one year as the Oldest Soldier and one year as the Oldest Settler, but not in the same year. This amendment shall override any previous chair rules.

The individual registering must register in person the day of the Reunion and must be present to accept the chair. The decision reached by the Committee as to the winner will be determined by the age of the Oldest Soldier attending the Reunion who is now a resident of Davis County and has been constantly for the most years.

The Oldest Settler chair will be presented to the one attending the Reunion who is now a resident of Davis County and has been constantly for the most years. The individual must also register in person and be present to accept the chair.

#### ARTICLE NINE

Anyone having the Shelter House as a food stand has exclusive rights to all food on the grounds with the exception of the Carnival and the Old Settlers Corporation.

#### ARTICLE TEN

Prizes donated by merchants for the drawings will be given to only immediate members residing in the same household. They must be present and come forward to claim their prize at that time. Anyone who is donating their time working for the Reunion Corporation that particular evening and leaving his or her name with the Membership Committee or a Reunion officer are exempt and will get their prize. This does not apply to the prizes given by the Reunion Corporation each evening. You do not have to present to win them.

There is to be only one name per ticket. One membership ticket equals one chance to win a prize.



The Davis County Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion Officers and Committee members would like to say a special THANK YOU to all who shows your support through donations to our drawing at the 2020 Reunion.

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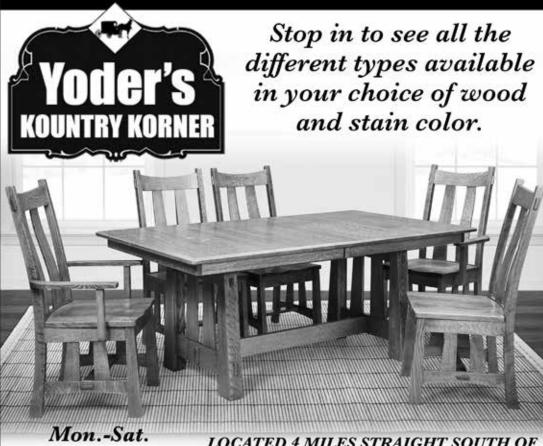






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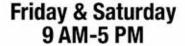
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