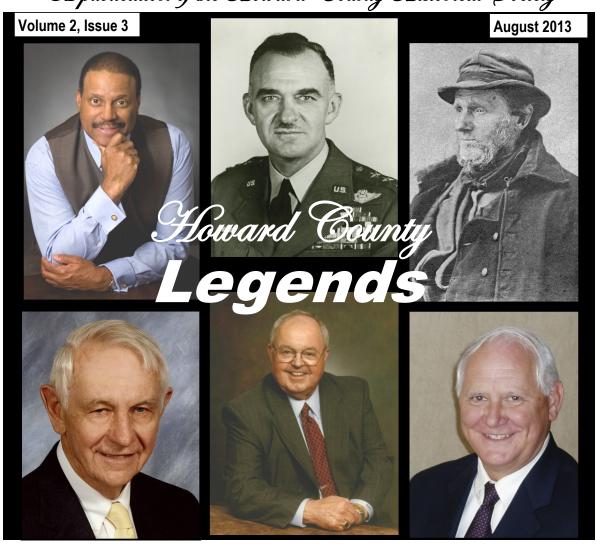
# Footbrints

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## From the executive director

# Recognizing what matters

People in Howard County know the names Haynes, Apperson, Maxwell, Kingston and Bridwell. We're proud to claim them as our own.

Dig a little deeper, though, and you find a much longer list of accomplished men and women with local ties. People like world-famous forensic pathologist Emily Craig, CBS/60 Minutes journalist Steve Kroft and movie and TV actor Strother Martin of "Cool Hand Luke" fame.

Keep digging and you begin to realize – once again – how remarkably successful Howard County has been at fostering innovators, leaders and entrepreneurs.

As the Howard County Hall of Legends prepares to induct its fourth class, I can look down the list of nominations and see that not only are there many more who deserve recognition – but that we're making new legends every year. It's exciting – and encouraging.

In a larger sense, we're making new history, too. Events may not always seem historic as they happen, but they're laying the foundation for the world our kids and grandkids will live in. The consequences of our choices today, even small ones, will echo down through generations. The challenge for the historical society is recognizing what matters. The perspective changes as you acquire some distance in time and begin to see the long-term impact of events and decisions.

The newest exhibit in the Seiberling Mansion's James Long Gallery may help provide some perspective to the last hundred years in Howard County. You'll be able see side-by-side a collection of "then-and-now" photographs from around the county and compare our lives with those of our predecessors. For example, see the changes in Russiaville wrought by the Palm Sunday tornado in 1965 and the difference in downtown Kokomo caused by the Armstrong-Landon fire in 1923. And you'll see those images on display in a building that symbolizes the economic upheaval of the Gas Boom era.

What are we doing to preserve today for tomorrow? What are we doing to give our descendants the chance to acquire perspective?

We're engaging in projects like the Ryan White, Continental Steel and Courthouse Bombing oral histories. And we're striving to provide the best possible environment for the artifacts, documents and photographs in our care. With your support, we can continue to be good stewards of those items – and continue using them to build understanding and awareness of why Howard County is the remarkable place that it is – and why it is home to so many remarkable people.

Dave Broman HCHS Executive Director

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# **Prescription for Preservation**

Annual dinner, campaign, celebrate 100 years of St. Joseph Hospital

Join us for a special dinner and program on Oct. 15 in the conference center at Saint Joseph Hospital. It's our annual meeting and another chance to celebrate St. Joseph's 100 years of service to Howard County.

Sister Martin McEntee will be the speaker and will share the stories and insights of her many years at the hospital.

During the annual meeting, we'll also kick off our 2013 Annual Campaign and introduce our campaign chairs, Dr. Chuck and Alice Simons of Kokomo.

The campaign is the cornerstone of our fund-raising efforts and provides a large part of the financial foundation for our work in preserving and sharing Howard County history, as well as maintaining the Seiberling Mansion and Elliott House.



Dr. Chuck and Alice Simons, co-chairs of the 2013 HCHS Annual Campaign.

# What's new

## In the Seiberling

We're excited to announce the gift of two new display systems from Martin Brothers TV and Appliance in Russiaville.

Bill Martin has generously provided two 42" flat-screen monitors, as well as two DVD players.

The systems will give us the opportunity to share more of Howard County's history with our visitors – in more interesting ways.

The first of the two systems is already in use as part of the "Then and Now" exhibit in the James Long Gallery. It's dis-

playing a photographic quiz that includes historic images from around the county. When you get the opportunity to do so, please tell Bill and his family, "Thank you for supporting the Historical Society!"

### At the Elliott House

With the help of a grant from the Community Foundation of Howard County, we've added round and seminar tables to the equipment available for our renters – and purchased new, more comfortable seating for guests. The house will be more accommodating for business meetings thanks to the seminar tables

(and the coffee service we added last year will help keep attendees awake and alert!). The round tables will provide better dining layouts for the many people who use the facility for receptions, showers and weddings.

To see images of possible Elliott House event layouts, visit pinterest.com/hchistory. More information on meeting and party rentals is available at howardcountymuseum.org, or by calling 765-452-4314.

### **Elsewhere**

Our friends at the **Greentown Historical Society** are preparing a new display on



# Six remarkable men inducted into Hall of Legends

## By Dave Broman HCHS Executive Director

rom its inception to the present day, Howard County has given birth to a long and unbroken line of legendary sons and daughters. Six of the most remarkable will be inducted into the Hall of Legends in August, joining inventor Elwood Haynes, author Norman Bridwell, actor Strother Martin, journalist Steve Kroft, entrepreneur George Kingston and 15 others.

This year, the Hall of Legends Selection Committee has chosen one of the county's founding fathers, along with three contemporary community leaders, an adventurer and heroic military commander and a CEO who pushed the boundaries of technology in telecommunications.

### **David Foster**

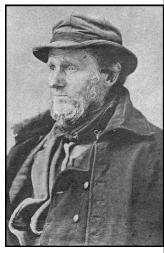
David Foster was born to a family of Virginia Quakers, and came to Indiana via Kentucky with his parents. He trained as a cabinet maker in Johnson County, but found his vocation as a trader. Leaving home, he moved into the Miami Reservation on the Seven Mile Strip near Burlington, gradually relocating east and establishing a trading post in Center Township. Foster became a leader in the establishment of a new county, its government and its social life.

In 1844, Foster was the county's largest landowner. He lobbied for the establishment of a county seat on his land, agreeing to donate 40 acres near Wildcat Creek and to build a courthouse for the new county. Within the next

year, the first court and the first church service in the county were held in his home. Grace Methodist Church was built on land donated by David Foster, as was the Normal School and

land for the county's first railroad line. He was a founding member of the county's first bank, the Indian Reserve Bank.

In his lifetime, Foster saw the wetlands drained and turned to agriculture. The county grew from a handful of pioneers to more than 12,000 citizens. The first log courthouse gave way to a beautiful



**David Foster** 

Victorian structure. The first newspaper was established, and Kokomo High School graduated its first class. And he watched as Howard County sent its sons, one of them Foster's own, off to fight in the Civil War.

Howard County was built on a foundation laid by David and Elizabeth. They are passing though eternity in Crown Point Cemetery, not far from the Wildcat Creek they loved.

### Lt. General William Kepner

William Kepner fought in two World Wars, serving in the Marines, Army and Air Force. He was an infantryman, cavalryman, recordsetting balloon pilot and record-setting fighter



Lt. Gen. William Kepner

plane pilot. In World War I, he was bayoneted and shot. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for taking out an enemy machine-gun emplacement, along with the Purple Heart, the French Legion of Honor and the Croix de

Guerre. In the Second World War,

he was decorated six more times, rising through the ranks to become commander of all air forces in Europe.

In 1934, then-Major Kepner was commander of a National Geographic – Army Air Corps project to reach the stratosphere in a balloon. He and his two co-pilots had surpassed 60,000 feet when their balloon ripped open. At 6,000 feet, Kepner ordered the bail out and stood on the top of the gondola as the others exited. When the second man out got hung up in the gondola hatch, Kepner climbed down the rigging and kicked him loose. Kepner himself jumped at the last moment, 500 feet from disaster. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and immortalized on the cover of National Geographic Magazine.

When the Army abandoned dirigibles, Kepner learned to fly airplanes and gliders. At Langley field during the late 1930s, he commanded the interceptor and pursuit forces and helped develop fighter aircraft and tactics. During World War II, he served as commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter Command, organizing air support for bombing raids over Europe and providing ground-attack support for D-Day. He personally flew 10 missions in the P-51 Mustang. Later, as commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Bomb Division, he piloted 14 bomber raids over Germany. In 1945, Kepner was named

overall commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

After the war, Kepner led all operations in the famous A-bomb tests over Bikini Atoll. He boarded the experimental X-59 and became the first Army Air Corps general to fly a jet aircraft. During the Cold War, he was selected to command all Army, Navy and Air forces of the U.S. Alaska Command. In announcing the appointment, TIME magazine called him a "soldier's soldier" and an "airman's airman."

Kepner's unmatched, and possibly unmatchable, military career ended after 35 years when he retired from the Alaska command in 1952.

### E.P. Severns, Jr.

E.P. Severns was born and raised in Kokomo and is a 1949 graduate of Kokomo High School.

He started working at the family business, the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Kokomo, in 1947. In 1950, he married his sweetheart and KHS classmate, Virginia Pierce. They both attended Indiana University Kokomo in 1950 and 1951, while classes were held in the Seiberling Mansion.

E.P.'s outgoing personality and people skills made him a natural leader. He became the president of the bottling company in 1959 and still serves in that capacity today.

In 1995, Severns was honored with the David Foster Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Community Foundation of Howard County. In 2002, he was elected to the Beverage World Hall of Fame. He received the 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Sagamore Council



E.P. Severns, Jr.

of the Boy Scouts, as well as the first-ever Distinguished Service Award from the Howard County Sports Hall of Fame. He has served numerous organizations in Kokomo and Howard County through the years, including the Salvation Army, Community Foundation, Saint Joseph Hospital, Ivy Tech Community College, Union Bank, Central Bank, Kokomo Symphony, the Kokomo-Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, YMCA, the Kokomo Planning Commission and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance.

E.P.'s uncommon generosity has been directed most notably at young people. He has partnered with Little League, the Carver Center and area schools to help support their activities. Looking far into the future, E.P. and Virginia established two endowment funds in the Community Foundation – one to support the foundation's annual operations and the other to provide charitable benefits to a wide range of community organizations. If you ask E.P. why he's been so involved in the community, his answer is simple, "I like people. I like working with people. And I got to know an awful lot of very good people."

### **Del Demaree**

Del Demaree, Jr., is chairman of Syndicate Sales, Inc., Kokomo's largest family-owned local business and one of the largest distributors of floral and horticultural products in the United States. Del began his career as a young boy working alongside his father, company co-founder Del Demaree, Sr. He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1955 and Indiana University in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree. He assumed leadership of the company in 1967 during a period of financial challenges for the family business when the future of Syndicate Sales in the industry was undefined. Del has guided the company through times of uncertainty, economic recessions and the challenges that burden any growing company and worked to establish Syndicate Sales, Inc., as a leader in the manufacturing and distribution of floral hard-goods in the United States. Today, his company employs nearly 300 dedicated people right here in Kokomo.

Demaree's service to the community is diverse and significant. Del is a past director of

First National Bank of Kokomo, is a former chairman of the **Industrial Steering** Committee, and has served as president of the local Chamber of Commerce. the United Way of Howard County, the Y's Men, the Kokomo-Howard County **Progress Commit**tee, and is a 1985 recipient of the IUK Chancellor's Award.



**Del Demaree** 

Del has served on the IUK Board of Advisors and is a member of the Hoosier Hundred. He has also served the community as a member of the Kokomo Symphonic Endowment Board of Trustees.

Del's influence in his industry is also well documented. He is a past president and director of the Society of American Florists, a past chairman of the American Floral Endowment, past treasurer and director of the Wholesale Florists and Florist Suppliers of America. Del was also once recognized with an Honorary Grandparent of the Year Award in 1983 for his efforts to create awareness for the importance of Grandparents' Day nationwide.

### John Hingst

John was a native Texan who found his true home in central Indiana. He served in the Army during World War II, and was wounded during the Normandy invasion. After his discharge, he enrolled in chemical engineering classes at Purdue University, where he was active in Beta Sigma Psi. His involvement with



John Hingst

the fraternity was the start of a life of active volunteerism and led to a stint as national president of the organization. The highlight of his time in West Lafayette was his introduction to Hilda Miller of Kokomo. John and Hilda were married in 1949.

Hilda brought John home to Kokomo in 1950, and he accept-

ed the job of treasurer for Miller Transportation Corp. In the early 1960s, Miller Transportation was sold to the Bradford family and renamed Brada-Miller. At that time John went into business for himself, starting the modular residential construction company, Durable Homes, Inc. He also spent time in the remaining family business, Miller Beverage, Inc.

John was a Boy Scout as a young man and often told the story that he never reached Eagle Scout because he couldn't swim well enough. In Kokomo, he resumed his life in scouting, serving as a scoutmaster, regional director and district president and working on several national and international jamborees. He embodied the Boy Scout ideal of service in other ways, serving as president of the Purdue Alumni Association, the Purdue Research Foundation, the United Way of Howard County and the Kokomo Howard County Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the Kokomo Development Corporation, a member of the Kokomo Aviation Commission and the Ivy Tech Region 5 Board of Trustees, and served on the boards of First National Bank and St. Joseph Hospital.

Hingst generously shared his financial success, as well as his time and expertise. He left a legacy of philanthropy that includes charitable endowment funds in the Community Foun-

dation, Purdue University and the Sagamore Council of the Boy Scouts.

## **Bob Knowling**

Bob Knowling is a leader in the world of digital communications. He's an author, a mentor, volunteer and philanthropist. But he wasn't born into that life. Bob was born into poverty in Kokomo in 1955. He credits the Kokomo YMCA with filling some of the voids in his life, teaching him character and Christianity. As a result, he's been a lifelong supporter of local and national YMCA programs. His early experiences drove Bob's thirst for success. He earned athletic scholarships at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in theology. He followed up with an MBA from Northwestern University.

In 1977, Knowling went to work for Indiana Bell. When Indiana Bell merged with Ameritech, he was put in charge of restructur-



**Bob Knowling** 

ing, and then promoted to vice president of Network Operations, US West succeeded in luring him away in 1996, as their executive vice president of Network Operations and Technology. During the next two years, he pushed for the company's development of new Internetbased services. Covad then tapped

him for chairman, president and CEO in 1998. They were a private equity/venture capital-backed start-up company located in Silicon Valley. Knowling led the company through its

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# Peonies bloom at Seiberling

## Artist unveils and donates painting at HCHS Garden party

### By Linda Ferries HCHS Publications Committee Member

The latest addition to the Howard County Historical Society's art collection – the glorious and grand "Peonies" oil painting by county native Douglas David – is now wowing

visitors as their tour of the Seiberling Mansion takes them into the first-floor library.

The library, with its large windows and pastel walls, is a perfect location for the artwork unveiled June 14 at "garden pARTy," the first activity in a series of mid-June events celebrating history, the arts and gardening.

The lovely late spring evening event honored Hoosier artist

David, a Taylor High School graduate and award-winning painter with a studio in Indianapolis and exhibitions around the nation.

With the museum festooned with historic art work from the HCHS collections, David unveiled his donation and greeted guests who enjoyed a buffet of appetizers and a selection of beverages. Over the course of the evening, guests gathered around his easel on the

Seiberling's front porch as he applied color to canvas to create a small painting of a vase of peonies. Joining him were his parents – father Herb and mother Bertie, long a celebrated artist in Kokomo herself.

For David, the donation of his work was a way to give back to his hometown.

"I was back in Kokomo visiting family last year and decided to stop by the Seiberling." David said. "It had been awhile since I'd visited. I was moved the day I saw the museum. I have been there through the years, but something was different that day. I felt grown up. I remembered when the restoration was started. I remembered being there through the years. That day was different. Maybe I was different. I was so proud and so



INDIANA PEONIES
DOUGLAS DAVID
HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

very happy with what I found and learned. I was impressed in many ways and the idea of donating came to mind right then."

After working with the historical society's events committee to create the evening, David hopes it is the first of many such activities to celebrate Howard County artists and support the museum.

"I really wanted the evening to be bigger than

my painting donation and the volunteers responded so enthusiastically," David continued. "My hopes were to have them create a fundraising event and focus on the permanent art collection and keep it general enough to grow and evolve over the years. There is talk of bringing someone in each year who is significant in some way that relates to the arts – dance, theatre, sculpture, literature, food and wine ... And the rest is, well, HISTO-RY. They succeeded beyond my expectations."

Continuing his gift, David is making available high-quality giclee prints of the painting with a portion of the proceeds going to support the work of the historical society. The prints, at \$150 each, may be ordered through the historical society by calling 765-452-4514 or through the on-line "gift shop" at the HCHS website: www.howardcountymuseum.org.

All orders will be available for pick-up



Guests gathered around artist and former Kokomo resident Douglas David on the front porch of the Seiberling Mansion as he painted during the Garden pARTy in June.

or delivery (additional charge for postage) about two weeks after ordering.

You can read more about David's thoughts on the evening, and the importance of giving back, on the HCHS website under "connect."

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fraternal organizations for their museum. We're pleased to be able to provide them with artifacts from the Knights of Pythias. Watch for details on their website, greentownhistory.org, and find them on Facebook.

## **Coming Soon**

We're finding new ways to share our history. The **Kokomo Howard County Visitors and Convention Bureau** provided funding for the establishment of a smartphone tour through

Howard County history. Once the system is fully established, visitors will have access to additional audio, text and images, and an opportunity to explore our unique heritage in greater depth. For example, when you visit the Seiberling Mansion, your smartphone will give you background information, stories and images that go beyond the exhibit labels. When complete, the system will support museums, walking tours, and historic sites covering the entire county and including participating members of the Howard County Historical Alliance.

# Step back in time at the Koh-Koh-Mah & Foster Living History Encampment Sept. 21 & 22

### By John Morr HCHS Publications Committee Member

You wake up on a chilly fall morning, crawl from under your furs and woven blankets, exit your handmade lean-to shelter and put some more wood on the low, smoldering fire.

A slight haze makes it difficult to see, but you can hear the ancient forest beginning to come alive for another day.

You have traveled many, many miles from

your young new country; born of immigrants relocated to this existing land who not only fought for their freedom from previous lords, but also had to try to co-exist with those peoples who had already resided here for centuries before. You are in the Northwest Territory, hoping to start a new life in a strange new world.

Has your imagination grasped this concept?

Since shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, a generous and history-minded couple from western Howard County began what is now considered one of the best and most authentic living history encampments in Indiana.

The Koh Koh Mah & Foster Living History Encampment on Sept.21 and 22 exudes 18<sup>th</sup> century life in the wilderness. See, smell, taste and experience what this period brought to our region. More than 1,000 re-enactors/participants take us back to the period from about 1740 to the 1840s.

The woods and meadows will be full of military encampments, simulated villages, traders, Indians, music and pioneers.



Musicians perform during the Koh-Koh-Mah & Foster Living History Encampment, which takes place each September at the Auth Farm, 10 miles west of Kokomo.



Experience the siege at fictitious Fort Richardville and the battle on Winding Creek. Purchase something from the past on Traders Row. You can even attend church on Sunday morning at the amphitheater in the forest. Learn about the French & Indian War, local history, the cultures of the period and even talk to ol' David Foster himself, founder of Howard County, or listen to Chief Koh Koh Mah talk about the battles his ancestors fought.

This years' Eagle Scout project is a "Cannon Redoubt". You can also witness, or participate in, a cross-cut sawing exhibition — the pioneers' method of clearing trees for planting and using the logs to build cabins and outbuildings.

Another exciting feature will be the 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highlanders Bagpipe, Fife and Drum Corps.

The living history encampment provides a plethora of activities and experiences.

The Howard County Historical Society has participated in the living history encampment since 2002. HCHS activities include candle dipping and wood fire-boiled corn ears (roastin' ears to most of us). Volunteers have helped man the HCHS booths at the encampment. If you are interested in volunteering, call the HCHS office at 452-4314.

All of this and more will take place at the Auth farm, located 10 miles west of Kokomo on Sept. 21 and 22. Follow signs from Ind. 22,

26 or 29 to the encampment.

Brochures are available at the Seiberling Mansion and the HCHS office, behind the Elliott House.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Children younger than 5 years are free. No pets will be allowed.

To learn more, go to <a href="www.kohkohmah.com">www.kohkohmah.com</a>. The Auth family will also present the "Winding Creek Bluegrass Festival on Aug. 23-25. Activities will include music, food, folks and fun. For more information, go to www.windingcreekbluegrass.com.



Soldiers march toward the French and Indian battle re-enactments, which take place throughout the weekend.

# 'All aboard!'

# The Indiana Bicentennial Train is coming to town

### By Judy Lausch HCHS Publications Committee Chair

The Indiana Historical Society's Bicentennial Train will kick off a four-year celebration of the state's 200th birthday in Kokomo on Sept. 26-28.

Thousands are expected to gather in downtown Kokomo just east of the fire station at the intersection of Superior and Buckeye streets during the three-day stopover.

The train will stop at four different cities this year, with Kokomo being the first.

The event coincides with Kokomo's Octoberfest on Friday, Sept 27. So, along with the train, visitors can enjoy delicious food and drink, great live music, arts

and crafts vendors and plenty of family fun.

Free parking for the train is available in the

Free parking for the train is available in the lot at 101 W. Superior St.

The train will be open Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will arrive at the site on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon for setup, and the cars will leave on Sunday or Monday after the event.

Individuals may visit, free of charge, at any time. School and groups are welcome but a reservation should be made for groups of



more than 10 people. Tours are now being scheduled during the school day from area public, private and homeschool groups as well as other large groups.

Please call 317-234-7384 to schedule your tour. Group tour availability is updated daily online at <a href="https://www.indianahistory.org">www.indianahistory.org</a>.

#### What to expect

Free admission to an event which explores the state's past through the lenses of transpor-

tation, land use, talent and community.

The theme will be "The Next Indiana". It is designed to challenge visitors to look ahead to what they can expect in Indiana 100 years from now.

Free performances will be given by interpreters dressed in historical costumes. You will also find free creative community space, a Pop-up market to purchase Indiana and bicentennial-related items from the IHS and a free tent featuring hands-on activities and other educational information. The IHS staff has put together creative games and activities that children of all ages will love.

Approximately 10 IHS staff members and 15-20 volunteers (per shift with nine shifts) provide support for the train during hours of operation. **Volunteers** are a vital part of the daily operations, as they will assist with crowd control, school groups, parking and more. If you would like to volunteer for a full day or for time slots, please call 317-232-1882 to schedule your time or locate the online sign-up under the train tab on the IHS website at <a href="https://www.indianahistoryorg">www.indianahistoryorg</a>.

The train will make a total of four stops this year. After Kokomo, the Bicentennial Train will travel to Ft. Wayne on Oct. 3-5, Valparaiso on Oct. 10-12 and Delphi on Oct. 17-19.

The Indiana Bicentennial Train is copresented by The Indiana Railroad Company

and Norfolk Southern. Additional support for 2013 is provided by Duke Energy and U.S. Aggregates.

The Indiana Rail Road company is a 500-mile regional freight railroad that hauls nearly 180,000 carloads of freight — more than 16 million tons — annually. It carries traffic between Chicago, Louisville, Indianapolis and Newton, Ill., with connections to major western and southern carriers. Founded in 1986, it maintains headquarters in Indianapolis. Principal products carried include coal, petroleum coke, grain, lumber, appliances, metals, sugar, corn sweeteners, petroleum products, plastics and chemicals. The company employs approximately 170 people in Indiana and Illinois and operates a fleet of nearly 50 locomotives. For more information, visit www.inrd.com.

The IHS has been Indiana's Storyteller since 1830. Its mission is to connect people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting and sharing the state's history. The IHS maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest. The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, headquarters of the IHS, is located at 450 W Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, visit www.indianahistory.org.

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rapid growth and Initial Public Offering to become the largest and most recognizable brand in the high-speed Internet access industry.

From 2003-2005, Bob was CEO of the NYC Leadership Academy, an independent non-profit organization that is chartered with developing the next generation of principals in the

New York City public school system. At present, he is the chairman of Eagles Landing Partners. He has served on numerous corporate and non-profit boards. His book, "You Can Get There from Here: My Journey From Struggle to Success", was published in 2011.

# **Collecting Raindrops**

## Jenkins Glass collection donated to HCHS

# By Justin Clark HCHS Intern

I oward County has a rich tradition of glass making. Kokomo Opalescent Glass, Indiana Tumbler and Goblet Company of Greentown and the Kokomo Glass Company all made their home here.

David C. Jenkins, who worked at the Greentown plant, moved to Kokomo to establish both the Kokomo Glass Company and the D.C. Jenkins Glass Company, was always develop-

ing new and innovative patterns for glass wares.

A great example of those designs was Kokomo Glass Company's pattern number 50, known colloquially by collectors and historians as "Dew and Raindrop" glass. Its nickname is largely a description; large centered ellipses surrounded by raised beads.

This beautiful glass was manufactured in Kokomo from 1901 to 1905, just before Kokomo Glass Company's 1906 reformation as the D.C. Jenkins Glass Company.

To further share this story,
Shirley Teasley of Pittsburgh,
Pa. donated a 46-piece "Dew
and Raindrop" collection to the
Howard County Historical Society. Her wonderful collection
includes everything from goblets

One of the many "Dew
donated to the HCHS.

to jelly bowls, and even an eight-inch tall water pitcher.

It is a great addition to the museum's collection and a testament to the county's glassmaking heritage.

Justin Clark is an IUK student and a summer intern at the Howard County Museum. He helped process the new Jenkins Glass donation and assisted with the "Howard County: Then and Now" exhibit in the James Long Gallery.



One of the many "Dew and Raindrop" pieces of Jenkins glass recently donated to the HCHS.

# Membership

Thanks to all who joined the Howard County Historical Society or renewed their memberships in May through July

Dr. Bradley Vossberg
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