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The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC) will meet **Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 10 AM at the Central Community Historical Museum, 628 Sixth Ave., DeWitt**, located on the south end of the main business district across from Scott Drug Store. DeWitt is at the intersection of Hwy 61 and Hwy 30, the Lincoln Highway, in Clinton County. SAPIC guests can arrive any time after 9 AM for refreshments at the museum.

LUNCH IN DE WITT

There are several pizza places and restaurants in town on 11th St. (old Hwy 30) and in the main business district: Happy Joes, Pizza Hut, Jorgies, Subway, Mezal Mexican, Golden Wok Chinese, Sunrise Restaurant and Urban Eats (our newest venue). There are also many interesting shops and gift stores in the vibrant downtown area. For more information, contact Ann Soenksen, 563-659-3686, or Ruth Wilson, 563-659-3940.



American Legion

From the American Legion web site, June 14, 2018: "Legion testifies on replacing private grave markers with headstones." American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division Deputy Director Geraldo Avila testified June 7 before the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA). Avila's testimony focused on the VA's mission to honor veterans with final resting places in national cemeteries and with tributes that

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Mary & Larry Richards at proclamation signing. Others were John Heider, Larry Davis, Brad Hughes and Mike Rowley.

These SAPIC members attended a ceremony on April 11, 2018, in which the Governor of Iowa signed a proclamation for "Cemetery Appreciation Month" in May: Thanks to those persons for representing SAPIC.



American Legion—*con't*
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honor their service. The discrepancies and inconsistencies in how headstones, markers and medallions are issued based on era of service was one of the key issues brought up by Avila. Presently, the NCA will provide a headstone for veterans' graves. Veterans who died after Nov. 1, 1990, may be issued a medallion to commemorate their military service. "The American Legion believes there should be no inconsistency or discrepancy between veterans based on era of service, and our members are in favor on having NCA headstones replace the private markers, if the veteran or veteran's family prefers," Avila said. The American Legion passed resolutions, including Resolution 237, which calls for the VA to allow veteran service organization accredited representatives to apply for headstones, markers or medallions when next-of-kin is unavailable.

Butterfly's and Cemeteries



The monarch butterflies are beginning their majestic flight through the U.S. to their winter home in Mexico. These beautiful winged creatures make our world a more vibrant and colorful place.

However, we're losing monarchs in droves. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, we've lost 90% of the monarch population since their peak in the '90s. The Washington Post put it bluntly, that this is nothing short of a massacre.

Monarchs are dying because they are losing their source of life -- the milkweed. Monarchs depend on milkweed for food and habitat, and it is being destroyed by toxic pesticides including Monsanto's Roundup.

Some pioneer cemetery restoration groups are leaving/planting milkweed plants and seeds in fence rows or other designated places to provide food and

habitat for Monarch butterflies. A sign could be posted to explain why the milkweed is allowed and encouraged to grow there. Cemeteries are being used more and more as sanctuaries for birds, butterflies and wildlife.



From the Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter:

WOODLAND CEMETERY TOURS FOR 2018

Take a tour of Des Moines's oldest cemetery Here are the Saturday tour dates and times:

July 21st from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. August 25th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Please email Archie Cook for confirmation and directions/instructions at email address archiecook@email.com

[http://
www.iowapioneers.com/
Newsletters/2018/2018%
20May.pdf](http://www.iowapioneers.com/Newsletters/2018/2018%20May.pdf)

From Iowa State University of Science and Technology News Service, May 16, 2018:

“Iowa State students develop plans for crowded cemeteries, a looming issue for communities across the nation.” Over the past several years, only two US researchers have been studying and publishing research on the land-use implications of cemeteries and burial, one being Carlton Basmajian, associate professor of community and regional planning at Iowa State University. Last year, the city of Perry, Iowa, asked for input in starting a master plan for land it recently purchased for its third expansion due to growing space needs. Students in Basmajian’s class addressed the concerns by learning about the history of cemeteries and burial practices, as well as land-use regulations, planning practices and the complexity of these problems considering religious and cultural factors. Students came up with five options that could provide solutions for grappling with cemetery space constraints: cremation, columbaria (which holds urns), traditional burial, natural

burial and a scattering garden, some of which “would require policy changes” both in Perry and Iowa. One student team developed a multi-use cemetery, considering columbaria, a scattering garden, public art and landscaping.

On Facebook: [Grave Topics: Cemetery Art, History, and Symbolism](#)

HOW TO READ A GRAVE-STONE MARKER

To read a grave marker by using chalk, peanut butter, flour, shaving cream, magic marker or any other like material will damage a stone.

Often these items are used to better "read" a gravestone because

- (1) people want the information immediately,
- (2) this is what others do or is recommend,
- (3) do not realize applying any of them will damage and decrease the stone's life.

Also, the application cannot be reversed; "do not take any action that cannot reverse"---a cardinal preservation rule.

It is a common misconception that rinsing the stone afterward will remove the product; it does not.

Recommended methods are as

follows:

- Take digital photographs and, if needed, may be enhanced via a computer program.
- Have two people look at the lettering and from different angles. Multiple perspectives may help.
- At different times of the day, shadows on the stone will often reveal information.
- Spritz or mist water on the stone may improve clarity.
- Use a large mirror to reflect light on the lettering.

Although "rubbing" is not encouraged, it is a method that does provide information, however it does remove surface particles.

There are recommended methods for doing a rubbing. These are all approved, non-damaging methods. Applying anything else is a no, no. Upon request, more documented information is available.

-- John Heider

(contact information elsewhere in this newsletter)



American Legion Report

WASHINGTON - While many people are filled with emotion on their visit to Arlington National Cemetery, a particularly heartfelt moment came for one veteran who came to visit Washington, DC from North Carolina.

George Boone is a 96-year-old Veteran who came to Arlington Saturday on an Honor Flight. The B-24 pilot served his country during World War II -- becoming a prisoner of war when he was shot down over Romania in 1943.

Boone will one day be buried at Arlington, but his wife of 56 years, Alma, as a military spouse, preceded him there with her passing in 2007.

While groups typically only have time to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Boone requested to see his wife's grave -- for what may be the last time.

"I just sort of gave up on the whole thing and thought I would have to visit her from that distance," said Boone.

But some volunteers were

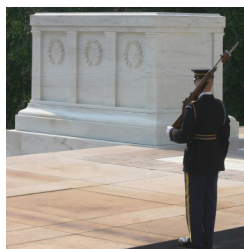
able to aid Boone in his request.

A cemetery worker and volunteer made it happen. The Arlington National Cemetery employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave the man a lift-- quite literally -- to visit his wife's Alma's grave. In their rush to get over to his wife's resting place, Boone's wheelchair was accidentally left behind, and so the Arlington employee carried the man on his back to his wife's grave.

"I thought -- carry me at my age, size and weight?" said Boone over Skype to FOX 5. Carry him, he did. His son, Jon Boone, documented the scene that ended with Boone being held up for an emotional reunion with his beloved wife.

Boone says it would not have been possible but for that selfless employee.

"I would like him to know how greatly I appreciate what he did. His kindness was over whelming."



Friday, July 6, 2018 12:30 PM

Gov. Reynolds attends Memorial Service for Unclaimed American Veterans.

Iowa Veterans Cemetery
34024 Veterans Memorial Drive, Adel, IA

COUNTY REPORTS

BLACK HAWK

SAPIC board member, Mike Magee, received a service award from the Cedar Valley Civil War Roundtable on April 19 for his tireless research of genealogy and Civil War related history. He was recognized as a rehabilitator of gravestones and dedicated to seeing that gravesites of Civil War veterans are preserved for future generations to appreciate.

CHICKASAW

From radio station 95.1 The Bull, Today's Country:

Wally Boehmer was a special guest on the morning show. Wally talked about the Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission's Rededication ceremony which took place Sunday, June 3 at Ma-

ple Grove pioneer cemetery near Fredericksburg.

The Chickasaw County Supervisors met with twelve members of the Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery Commission on April 23 to sign the proclamation for May being declared Cemetery Month.

Since the beginning of this year, we lost one of our members of whom had been with the Commission from the beginning. On March 22, Betty J. Tylee died. Not only was she a valued member of the



Chickasaw County Supervisors and us when they signed the proclamation for May is Cemetery Month on April 23.
 FRONT ROW: Dan Carolyn, Jason Hackman, Wally Boehmer, Judy Liddle, Jeanette Kottke, Don Dowd, Steve Geerts
 SECOND ROW: Diane Murphy, Adis Lee, Bonnie Keller, Dale Liddle
 THIRD ROW: Merrilyn Knight, Julie Eckenrod, Tim Zoll
 FOURTH ROW: Philys Boehmer, David Tilkes

Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission, but also the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, The Legion Auxiliary, and the Rosary Society. She was a mother of four, 10 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. She had just turned 90 years old. she was buried in the Calvary Cemetery, New Hampton, Iowa.

On June 1, Our Chairman Wally Boehmer and his wife will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congrats to them both!

Unfortunately, our treasurer, Julie Eckenrod resigned from her position and Diane Murphy was unanimously voted as our new treasurer.

We have also been extremely busy preparing for the rededication of Maple Grove Cemetery. It will be held at the cemetery, June 3, at 1:00 pm. Not only are

there 191 residents in the Cemetery, but in the big tree close to the center of the cemetery resides an eagle and at least one eaglet! Sometimes it swoops down towards us for a closer look!



Cemetery Preservation Takes a Heart, Not a Backhoe

CLARKE

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Gov. Reynolds spoke at a dedication ceremony for Clarke County Freedom Rock and Honor Wall



Murray Cemetery
135th Ave., Murray, IA

JEFFERSON

In an e-mail dated June 11, SAPIC member David Lewis, whose ancestors' graves are located in the Koons Cemetery wrote: "There is some great news regarding the Koons Cemetery. The new landowner, Patrick Hammes, who in January 2016 bought the farm where the cemetery is located, is no longer farming the cemetery. According to Pat McAvan at the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, Mr. Hammes has entered the location of

the cemetery in the GIS for the farm and that area is being left alone. This cemetery shows up as a small gray rectangle surrounded by crop land in the 2017 USDA Ortho photos which can be seen on the Iowa Geographic Map server. This is a wonderful development. More than three decades of farming over the graves of these pioneers has come to an end. Thank you for your role in helping us get to this point. With the stolen gravestones still missing, we don't have a traditional graveyard to visit. But the graves are not being subjected to repeated abuse anymore and the cemetery is visible again. We've come a long way in this endeavor."

KEOKUK

From the *Ottumwa Courier*, March 16, 2018: "Pekin football helps clean up Richland cemetery," by Scott Jackson.

RICHLAND -- During a visit to the Methodist Cemetery last winter, Brent Blakely, head football coach of the Pekin Panthers, discovered extensive damage due to vandalism toward the back of the cemetery.

"I thought this would be a good community outreach project for our kids on the team. It'd be a good activity

to interact with the Richland Fire Department." Blakely anticipated, with the extent of the damage done in the cemetery, that the work needed would likely take up the entire day on March 17. What Blakely did not anticipate was the amazing turnout of the entire football team and the many community members that came to help. Instead of all day, it simply took all morning as the volunteers worked to repair and reset several stones. Some things that required warmer weather were flagged to do later. "The heavy labor of getting stones set and level the ground up got taken care of. We had a discussion about honoring the cemetery and those that are in it. That was kind of the learning part of the day," said Blakely. Kent Whitney from Whitney Monuments in Fairfield helped and shared his expertise.

LEE

From the *Daily Gate City*, February 26, 2018:

"They became known as 'The Four Chaplains,'" by Terry Altheide.

In February, American

Legion Post 41 honored four chaplains who served on the SS Dorchester, a WW II troop transport ship -- Methodist minister George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Reformed Church in America Clark V. Poling, and Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington.

On Jan. 23, 1943, the ship was hit by a German torpedo at night when most of the men aboard were asleep. The four chaplains sought to calm the men, helped them into life boats and gave away their own life jackets, as there weren't enough for the 904 military personnel aboard. The four chaplains linked arms and began praying and singing hymns as the ship slipped beneath the waves. Of the 904 men on board, only 230 were rescued. Many who received life jackets died of hypothermia in the frigid ocean. The chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and a special medal authorized by Congress known as The Four Chaplains Medal to carry the same importance as the Medal of Honor.

The Chapel of the Four

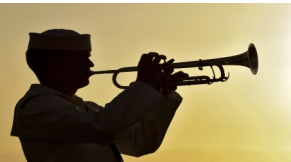
Chaplains, located in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, was dedicated February 3, 1951. "The Four Chaplains Day" is celebrated each year. To commemorate the occasion at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk, members of the youth group of the Calvary Baptist Church placed a wreath at the grave of Civil War Chaplain Leonard Whitney. Graves of other Civil War chaplains, Laurence O'Connor and John Burgess and WW I Chaplain, Joseph O'Connor are also at Oakland. Post 41 hosted the Rev. Jim Luder of the St. John Church of Christ in Ft. Madison later in the evening, who spoke about his tour of duty in Iraq as a deputy division chaplain with the Army.

From the *Daily Gate City*, May 3, 2018: "May is Cemetery Appreciation Month" by Terry Altheide. Keokuk Mayor Tom Richardson declared the month of May as "Cemetery Appreciation Month" for the city, supported by American Legion Post 41 Commander Larry Batley and the Lee County Pioneer Cemetery Association member Terry Altheide. Activities pertaining to cemeteries include conducting military

rites at 52 funerals in 2017 at the National Cemetery, Oakland, Sunset and Montrose Cemeteries in Lee County; cleaning the Judy, Blacksmith, Locust Grove, Johnson, Pitman Chapel, Dudley rural cemeteries; tombstone restoration at Oakland by the Keokuk Parks and Recreation Board; and The Lee County Veterans Project with assistance from the Calvary Baptist Church in resetting about 40 stones in the last few years at Oakland. Legion Post 41 has conducted 18 funerals so far in 2018, 17 at the National Cemetery.

From the *Daily Gate City*, May 9, 2018: "Civil War veterans honored," by Terry Altheide. On Saturday, May 5, the Lee County Veterans Project conducted its 11th annual salute to the Civil War veterans whose graves are located in Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. The grave site of Frederick Brackelsberg was chosen to represent the 377 known Civil War veterans buried there. Brackelsberg was a musician who served with the Minnesota volunteers. He was eventually wounded in battle and was transferred to a Keokuk hospital. After the war, he settled in Keokuk and died in

1901. Three descendants of Frederick Brackelsberg placed a wreath on his grave and received an American flag. Pastor Milo Van Veldhuizen who serves at the site of the church where Brackelsberg was music and choir director, gave the invocation. Bugles Across America representatives played Taps and the echo of Taps and the colors were retired. 100 flags were placed prior to the ceremony that led to Brackelsberg's grave.



MADISON

In a letter dated April 18, 2018, Larry Downs of St. Charles, Iowa, provides an account of the history of the St. Charles Cemetery gravestone restoration project sponsored by the local Lions Club. The project began in 2014 when SAPIC board member, Ben Mayer started stone restoration at the cemetery and continues to the present time. Fifteen stones have been identified to receive attention this summer. Over the past four years, 27

stones have been restored, along with removal of trees at the Union Chapel Cemetery.

To the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries

Brad Hughes, Treasurer:

Hello Brad,

Yes, it's June 20th all ready. Today I met with Ben Mayer about repair of the found broken stones. He says, to tell you, "it's on the calendar." I do appreciate Ben's skills.

Next, we need to prepare the surrounding fence line before we do the GPR in July. The fence is overloaded with weeds. Kirk Freeman is concerned that grave sites may be located next to or just outside the fence line.

I expect our University of Iowa contract for GPR services to be approved at our next MC Historic Preservation Meeting this Thursday.

Hopefully, the GPR will be completed July 9th or 10th. We also want to do witching again. It could be an interesting comparison.

Personally, I have been cleaning the visible stones with D2. I like this product. When I go back to check the grave stones after application, I have been pleasantly surprised. I do want to

have my own probe. I always like to listen to you for advice on that too. There must be stones still just below the surface. Remember Farris Cemetery has 20 known plus burials and with only two grave stones standing.

As a volunteer, advocate, commissioner, chair of this project, I must say I am most proud of our growing community support. That includes the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. June 12th we received a grant for \$4,525. from the Greater Madison County Community Foundation. This grant covers costs for 1. stone repair, 2. half the cost of new/repared perimeter fence and gate and 3. two historical markers.

The GPR will be paid for with MCHPC funds, MC Antique Association and fundraising. The GPR cost is \$3,162.

Your gift will help us with supplies, and the GPR costs.

In January, I mentioned the formation of a citizenry group for Farris Cemetery. It is now growing with 13 members. We call it the Farris Cemetery Advocacy Group. It is composed of an historian, archaeologist, grave repair skills, descendants, county trustee, land owner, neighbors, volunteers for the cause and a SAPIC member.

Thank you for your patience.

Molly Clause

President

Madison County Historic Preservation Commission

MARSHALL



Marty Mitchell, owner and operator of the Mitchell Family Funeral in Marshalltown, Iowa, recently established the Iowa Funeral Home Museum and Education Center -- the first and only facility of its kind in Iowa. This place is dedicated to the men and women of the state of Iowa who devoted countless hours to the care of both the living and the dead. It is also to honor those who are their families- knowing that mom or dad was not going to be at dinner or the school play or basketball game because a death occurred. We honor those in association with funeral service - the cemeterians, casket and vault companies, florists, clergy, support staff and all those who make a funeral happen. We want to share this colorful history

with you. The funeral is still one of the most important events in our life. We hope you enjoy your visit.

POWESHIEK

The Old Victor/Wilson Pioneer Cemetery is now landlocked, being half a mile from the nearest road and had fallen into disrepair. Over the last 20 years the Poweshiek Pioneer Cemetery Commission along with the township trustees cleaned and revitalized the cemetery and gained a permanent access. This spring the trustees had a sign fabricated and erected along with a chain link fence around the cemetery.



Grave Marker Restored



This grave marker is that of Reverend Johnson who with his wife Abigail settled in Montezuma, Iowa in October 1849. They organized the first church in Montezuma, erected the first church building and started the first Sabbath school there. A good portion of what is now the city of Montezuma is on land once owned by them. Over time the stones foundation settled so much that the top fell off. The foundation was leveled and the top put back on by members of the Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission.



Rev. J.B. & Abigail Haines Johnson grave stone

SAC

The 2018 Cottonwood Cemetery Walk Fund Raiser was held on May 26 featuring the Light Artillery Civil War Reenactment Group of Lake View, Iowa.



Civil War Veterans and other notables whose graves are located at Cottonwood were portrayed by actors. The Lake City American Legion has graciously agreed to replace a number of military grave markers.

From *Markers*, the newsletter of the Cottonwood Preservation Association, Spring, 2018:

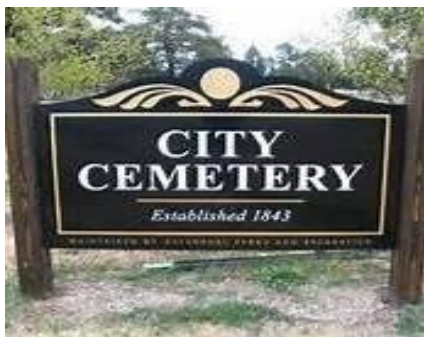
2018 Cemetery Directory Project. With the help of Tanner King and board member Terry Finley and Don Duell, an 8' X 6' steel structure was designed to house a cemetery directory that will provide updateable grave listings, veterans listings and cemetery mapping. It will be placed alongside the Veterans Memorial site.

Contributions to help pay the fabrication costs are tax deductible and may be mailed to

the Cottonwood Cemetery Preservation Association, PO Box 85, Lake City, IA 51449.

SCOTT

Cemetery Appreciation Month and Memorial Day Acknowledged With Presentations and Hands-On Classes. Davenport City Cemetery Volunteers presented a free program on Saturday, May 26th. The title for the event: *The Last Word: If Headstones Could Talk*, included several cemetery preservation and knowledge topics: Headstone Rubbing, Headstone Cleaning, Grave Witching, Cemetery Symbolism, Headstone Cleaning, and Headstone Rubbing.



The sexton's cottage was open for visitors to research burials and other history of the City Cemetery. The event was underwritten with a generous gift from Scott County Historic Preservation Society.

VAN BUREN

From the *Van Buren County Register*, April 19, 2018: At its April 12 meeting, the Van Buren County Genealogical Society Cemetery report was presented by Don Aldrich. A resident of Kansas, Rhonda Johnson, had visited the Roger Pioneer Cemetery, Washington Twp. Section 10, located about two miles east of Mt. Zion. She intends to clean and clear the small area, reset the stones and replace the fencing that is the resting place of her great grandparents. The owner of the surrounding land, who had installed a gate and sign about 10 years ago, assisted by clearing much of the area with his chain saw.

From the *Van Buren County Register*, April 26, 2018: The text of the proclamation that named the month of May as "Cemetery Appreciation Month" was printed in the newspaper. Also, the work of the Van Buren County

Genealogical Society's Cemetery Work Crew, headed by Don Aldrich, was noted for their dedication to the preservation of the pioneer cemeteries and honoring the sacrifices of their pioneer ancestors. A copy of the original proclamation was displayed on the bulletin board of a local bank in Keosauqua.

From the *Van Buren County Register*, May 17, 2018: "Genealogy society meeting." An update on the progress at the Roger Cemetery was reported by Don Aldrich. Rhonda Johnson and her sister had found 12 field stones, indicating that more burials exist. Don is working on the re-setting of four stones. Timber was searched for gravestones found by a local citizen about two and one half miles NW of Cantril, but were not located. Don will investigate further

at a later date.

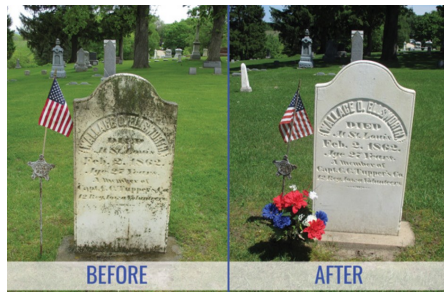


WASHINGTON

From the *Washington Evening Journal: Book provides a guide to grave markers*, by Xiomara Levsen. Washington county resident Michael Zahs, along with Dr. Loren Horton of Iowa City, has co-authored a book titled *Grave Marker Symbols: A Field Guide*. A book signing was held at the Washington Public Library in April. According to Zahs, the book is also meant to celebrate the people buried there. "I always say, 'You go to the cemetery not because people died, but because people lived.'"

WINNESHIEK

Decorah resident Stacy Gossling is passionate about preserving history. Her interest was sparked



six years ago when she was appointed to the Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission. Through

her work on the commission and workshops she attended, she learned how to properly repair and clean historic gravestones in order to preserve their place in history. "Once I learned the correct way to clean a stone," says Gossling, "I started cleaning Civil War soldiers stones in a local cemetery on my days off. Eventually, I had so many people ask me to clean a stone of a loved one that it led me to start my own gravestone cleaning business." And so began Gossling's business, Gravestone Cleaning Service, in 2014.

Gossling explains, "I do all the cleaning by hand, the old-fashioned way. No harsh chemicals or toxic household cleaners are ever used." Things like bleach, vinegar, peroxide, and ammonia will actually do more damage than good, according to Gossling. "I am a firm believer if you can't do it the right way, don't do it at all. It's better to leave a stone alone than to do some kind of irreversible damage."

The gravestone restoration process usually involves multiple visits, especially when restoring older marble stones. On the first visit, the stone is

thoroughly cleaned and treated with a special biological growth cleaner that soaks into the stone and continues working for months. Gossling says, "After the first cleaning you will likely notice a big change. About a month later, the stone will be treated again, and after another month, it will be treated for the final time. The sun, wind and rain will continue to clean the stone for 3-6 months."

"It's important to realize gravestones are not just dirty stones," says Gossling. "They make up the history of our area. Restoring and cleaning the stones is an important part of saving a piece of history. Cemeteries are really outdoor museums."

For more information on the process and services of Gravestone Cleaning Service, visit www.cemeterysavers.com

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR GRAVE NEWS

Funds on hand as of June 30, 2018, consist of \$5,686 in a share draft (checking) account, \$205 in a reserve savings account, and \$6,515 in a certificate of deposit. These funds total \$12,406 and this total reflects a decline from balances on hand of \$12,661 at year-end 2017 and \$13,052 year-end 2016. An expanded treasurer's report as of quarter-end will be submitted for approval at the July meeting of SAPIC.

Have you read our new column?

In the past, Mike Magee has supplied the Grave News with many interesting articles from the past. These historical reports are being sent as a separate news letter called *Mike's Musings*.



Read these interesting stories from the past and compare how much the past is like the present.

If you have any comments or questions you can contact Mike at Digger4045@yahoo.com

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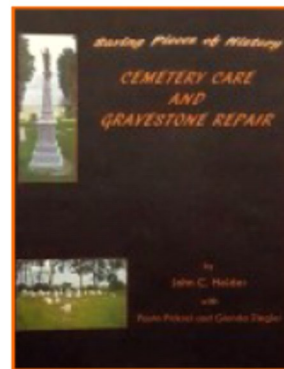
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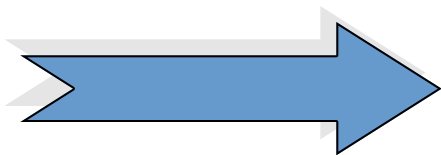
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“Cemetery Care and Gravestone Repair”

This handbook's foundation is built on thirty years of preservation experiences. It concentrates on planning, cleaning, resetting, heavy lifting, simple and complicated repairs. The manual's eighty pages contain over 100 color photographs and illustrations.



Timeless Preservation



NEW BOOK ABOUT GRAVE MARKERS



Grave Marker Symbols: A Field Guide

Loren N. Horton and Michael D. Zahs

This new book is devoted to the explanation of the symbols found on grave markers in Iowa and the Midwest. It was released for sale in Feb. 2018.

The authors are Loren N. Horton and Michael D. Zahs, both founding members of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. The 116 page book contains dozens of illustrations of symbols used on grave markers, with text which explains what the symbols meant in the 19th century.

The list price is \$24.99.

**The book is available from
Amazon .com,**

or from the publisher:

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P. O. Box 935, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

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SAPIC is on Facebook!

SAPIC Lending Library has books and other materials related to cemetery preservation; the list can be found on the SAPIC web site. sapiciowa.org



Contact SAPIC president John Heider for a list of suggested cemetery supplies and where to purchase them.



Thanks to SAPIC member Tony Bengston for obtaining a new web site provider and for transferring the information to the new site. The web site is currently “under construction” but is available for use.

WHERE TO GET SIGNS

Iowa Prison Industries
Box B
Anamosa, IA 52205
1-800-336-5863

VETERANS’ HEADSTONES

<http://www.cem.va.gov/>
Telephone: 1-800-697-6947

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