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## From the Editor *Julie Musick Hillgrove*

*The spring birds are starting to arrive at my feeders up north here in Goshen. Larry and I sip our coffee each morning and watch the "floor show" of a hundred birds outside our window. Among the usual birds, yellow finches, cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers...a bluebird visited yesterday morning! Change is in the air.*

*I must brag: The most exciting visit of this year was from a female [pileated woodpecker](#). You may recall a famous fictional one—Woody Woodpecker. She is a very large bird with tall red top feathers. Pileated woodpeckers never come to feeders, but there she was! It's only the second I've ever seen. I danced around my house all day with binoculars in my hand hoping for a return.*



Picture from AllBirds.com

*It's exciting to find something new and different, to be surprised by the unexpected. These moments happen in research too. There are AH-HAH moments in research when what I'm looking for is in a most unusual place.*

*We live in trying times. I wonder if our ancestors felt the same way. My heart is full of gratitude for those pioneers who fought to give us this good life. Naming them, knowing them is my way of thanking them. There is always the joy of finding the unexpected with a heart full of gratitude.*

*YHA meetings start in April. Come to learn and socialize. Binoculars are optional! ~ Julie*



## Old Films—A Glimpse of Yorktown in the 1960's



### 1968 Yorktown High School Alumni Homecoming Parade

Watch the 2 1/2 minute video. What a stroll through downtown! Recognize anyone? Posted by BSU Libraries

<https://youtu.be/ff7XFkh5NFs>

### 1969 Yorktown High School Boys Basketball Sectional

Wes-Del vs. Yorktown silent movie—less than a minute. This brings back memories! Posted by BSU Libraries.

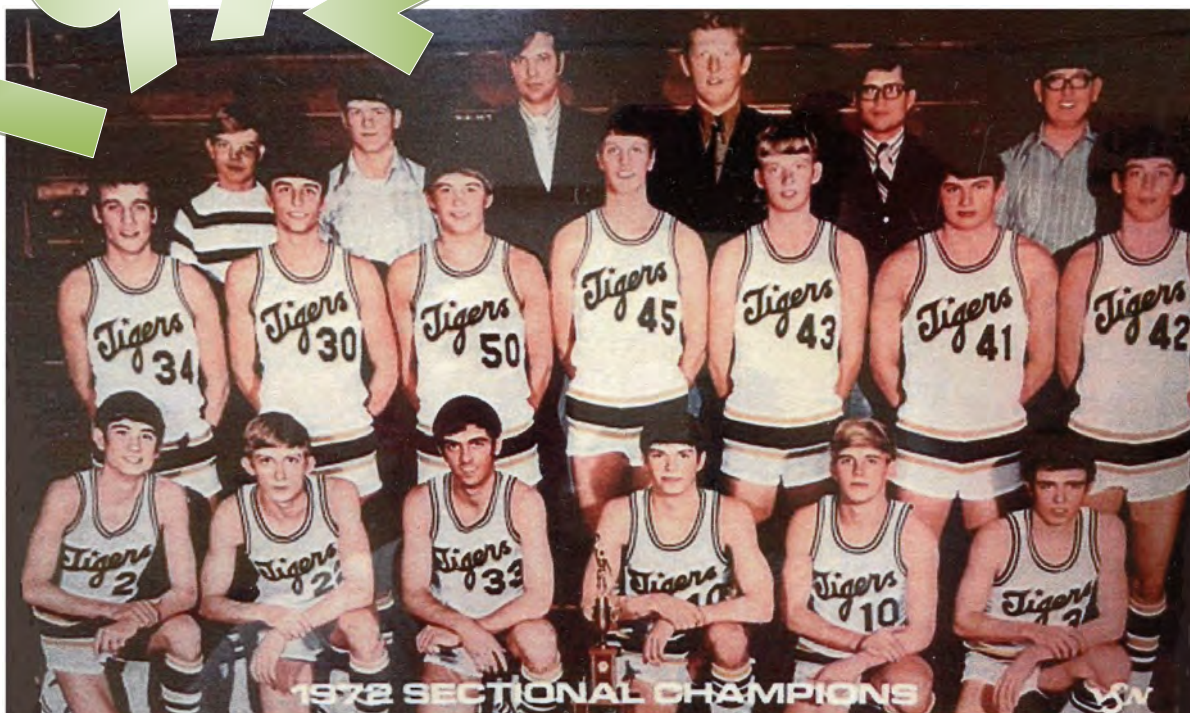
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1972

## Shooting into History

By Becky Sears Monroe



In 1972, the Yorktown Tiger Boys Basketball Team went down in history by defeating the Muncie Central Bearcats in the final game of the Delaware County Sectional Tourney. From the looks of the Tiger Gym following the game, it appeared that most of the town arrived to celebrate. Not only were the bleachers full but the playing floor was packed with students. Needless to say, the celebration outdid any prior to this.

The following week the Tiger fans took 13 buses to New Castle where they competed in their first ever regional tourney. They beat New Castle but sadly were defeated by Richmond in the final game of the regional tourney.

Fast forward 50 years when current Coach, Matt **Moulton**, came up with the idea of celebrating the 1972 victory. One of his first stops was at the Yorktown Historical Alliance where he looked for pic-

tures and gathered information. During his visit, I told him about pieces of the original gym floor that had been salvaged. Several of those pieces were stored in my outbuilding along with more pictures.

The wheels began to turn!

Coach **Moulton** began contacting former players so they could make arrangements to recognize the team members and coaches. The results were amazing. A large picture of the team was beside the registration table and smaller ones were placed on each table.

Saturday, February 12, 2022: A reception and Pizza King Pizza party was held at the High School Library. Team members, cheerleaders, coaches and others helping with arrangements were invited to this event. Following the first reception the doors were open to the public. It wasn't long before the library was full of well-wishers. (Continued on 3)

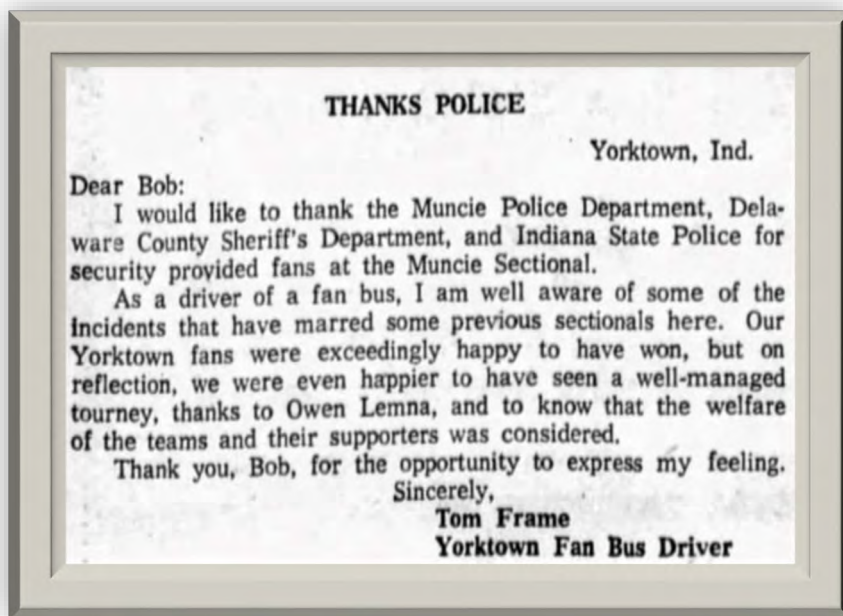
## 1972 Boys Basketball Tournament (Continued from 2)

Following the reception, we made our way to the gym for the official program. The cheerleaders, team members and coaches lined up in the middle of the floor and the program began. To begin the program, Coach **Moulton** gave the history of the team (which included the radio recording of Morrie **Mannies** announcing the last seconds of the game). The name of each participant was called and a member of the current team or cheerleader presented them with a gift bag. The gift bags contained a picture of the team and a piece of the original gym flooring with a plaque placed on the front. The plaque had each person's name, the date, and a note stating it was part of the original gym floor.

Recognized at this event were: Cheerleaders: Bar-

bara (**Hummer**) **Webster**, Marcia (**Stanley**) **Strong**, and Jane (**Beouy**) **Parkinson**. Others recognized were; John **Mohler** (Team Manager), Eddie **Winningham**, Randy **Sollars**, Brett **Reed**, John **Stephenson**, Jeff **Guy**, Steve **Hilton**, Craig **Charles**, Kurt **Humes**, Cliff **Bell** and Bruce **Parkinson**. Assistant Coaches, Mike **Kelly** and Dwight **Michaels**. Michaels is deceased but he was represented by his wife, Patti **Michaels**. Lastly, Head Coach, Don **Rogers**, received accolades for his coaching. Team members Rod **Harmon** and Sam **Crisswell** are deceased. Rick **Day** was unable to attend.

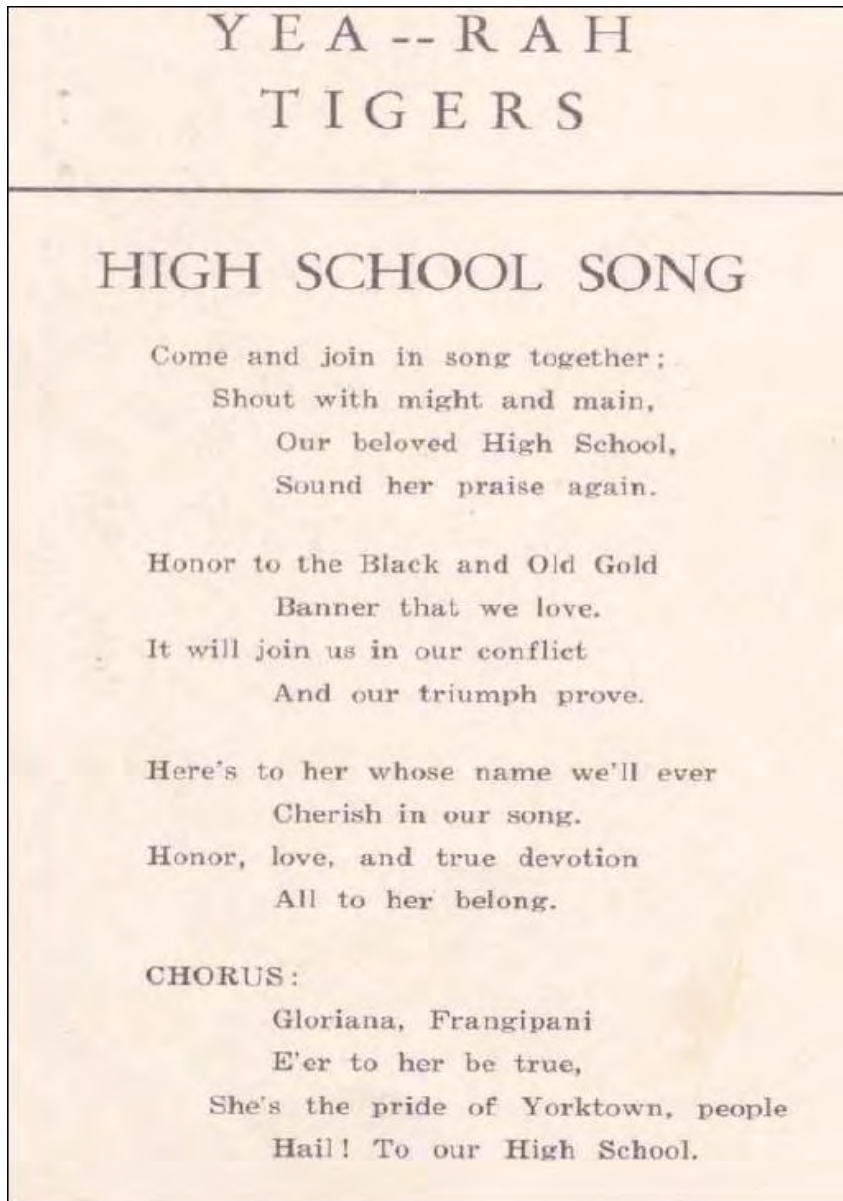
Thank you to Coach **Moulton** for putting this event together and to the many well-wishers that attended.



Letter written by bus driver, Tom **Frame**, after the tournament in 1972.



Undated. Overmire Building on the corner of Market and Smith.



### Gloriana and Frangipani!

The clip to the right is taken from the 1937 Yorktown High School yearbook. Note that in the song, Yorktown School colors are “**Black and Gold**”, not green and white. .

“**Yell Leaders**” and not “**Cheerleaders**” led the students’ cries for wins.



There was a chance, before class basketball, that a David could beat a Goliath, as happened when the Milan Indians beat the Muncie Central Bearcats in the state basketball finals in 1954. It was the stuff of legends, movies, and dreams!



## Two bits, Four bits, Six bits, A dollar...

What did that cheer mean, anyway? 2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits, a dollar...in sequence that means **25 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents, a dollar**. Thus, a bit is half of 25 cents. Before there were multiple denominations of money coined or within remote areas, it may have been necessary to cut a coin into pieces to give change. According to online sources, the origin of “bit” comes from the practice of cutting the Spanish dollar (peso) into eight pieces to

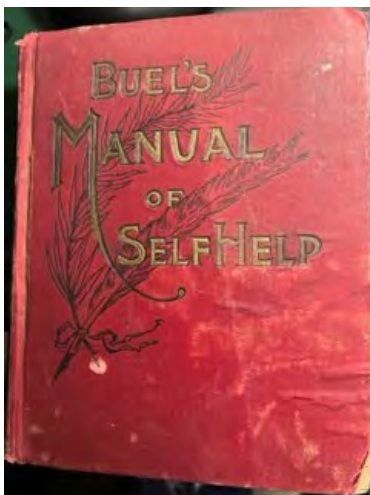
make change . If you bellied up to a bar, you could get two drinks for two bits or even a cigar. If you ordered a “smile” , the bartender would slide a shot of whiskey your way, also for two bits. A dime, not quite 12 1/2 cents, was called a “short bit” .

The peso was used throughout lands west of the Mississippi until the [Treaty of Guadeloupe](#) in 1845.

## Solving a 50-Year-Old Mystery—Who Was Emery Applegate?

By Julie Musick Hillgrove

There was a hole burning in my pocket—a quarter and a dime. I had every intention of spending my allowance that day. On allowance day, I often went shopping downtown after school. **Bonnet** Drugs, **Rinker's** Jewelry, Dairy Queen, and Ralph's Market were nearly always stops as I strolled along Smith Street. Another store caught my eye this day, **Wilhoit's** Furniture Store, where the old **Prillaman** Furniture used to be. I was about eight years old, so it would have been about 1965. I wasn't sure how much furniture I could buy for my mom with my 35 cents, so I went inside to find out.



After I investigated the furniture, sadly finding that 35 cents couldn't buy mom a new couch, I found a treasure box full of old books, each 25 cents. It took a while, but I chose a book, "*Buel's Manual of Self-Help*", published in 1894. In the front of the book was a signature and date: "Emery **Applegate**, April 16, 1895". I was sure that ancient book was going to be worth a million dollars! A

bonus: it had a treatment for cancer printed inside. Important, lost information, I was certain! (You can find it on our web page.)

Well, In case you haven't guessed, it's been 55 years and I still haven't sold the book for a million dollars. I always wondered who was Emery **Applegate** and how did his books came to be at Wilhoit's store.

Emery **Applegate** was born 16 Sep 1870 to parents George D.

**Applegate** and Sarah L **Bryant Applegate Curtis**. His father, George, was a Civil War Veteran. Emery married Ada M. **Ratcliff** in 1902. She was the daughter of Robert R **Radcliff** and Rachael Emery and Ada's children were: Carlos Theron **Applegate**, Jeannette **Applegate**, and Emery **Applegate**, Jr.

When Emery died in 1962, his obituary said that he was Yorktown's oldest resident. He was a grocer for over 50 years. His wife, Ada died in 1970. Emery had already lost two children, Carlos Theron **Applegate** and Jeannette **Applegate** by the time of his death. His only surviving child was Emery **Applegate**, Jr. The timeline works for the book being at **Wilhoit's** after Emery's death.

The **Applegate** family was very prolific in our area. Most of the **Applegate** families descend from John William **Applegate** and Mary "Prudence" **Wallingford**. John moved to Delaware County from Kentucky where he was an overseer. He purchased land in Delaware County in 1838. The *History of Delaware County* (Kemper 1908) reports that John and Prudence had 14 children. Two children died at birth, leaving seven sons and five daughters. That's a lot of children!



Emery and Ada **Applegate** (with Bob **Shaffer** in the Middle)

Emery was descended from John William **Applegate's** son, Parker (1816-1886) and wife Jemima **Bogue** (1819-1869). She was a Quaker, just as my 3rd great-aunt Elizabeth **Bogue**. George D. **Applegate** (1843-1872) was the grandson of John William **Applegate** and father of Emery. Many **Applegates** are buried in the Yorktown Cemetery. If you are interested in seeing more information on the **Applegate** family, go to our website at [www.yorktownhistory.online](http://www.yorktownhistory.online) and click on "Research and Resources" and then "Biographies". (Or click [HERE](#).)

## Today's News is Tomorrow's History



**Historical Alliance Meetings** will resume **April 19th** The topic for our first meeting back is "**Early Businesses - Locations, What they Did, and What Did They Look Like?**"

Becky Monroe presenting.

**May 24th - "House Histories 101" Applying maps and Genealogy to your research.** Melissa Gentry - Ball State Library and Sara McKinley - Muncie Public Libraries.

Both meetings will be at the Alliance Museum at 7:00 pm. 9132 W. Smith St., Yorktown.



Morrow's Meadow is a happening place on Friday evenings as the [Yorktown Farmers Marketplace](#) continues to whip up summer fun. The Farmer's Marketplace operates from 4-7 PM every Friday evening through September. Items available include fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and flowers, meat, cheese, wine, and baked goods. Look for the Farmers Marketplace at Morrow's Meadow on Tiger Drive, next to the Pizza King.

More information can be found on their Facebook page [Yorktown Farmers Marketplace](#). Come for fresh produce and other locally produced items, stay for the fun!



### Delaware County Historical Society

Delaware County Historical Society has reopened the doors of the Research Center on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. 120 East Washington Street, Muncie, Indiana



March 19 **Farmers Market** at Minnetrista: Indoor Market 9AM to 12 Noon. 1200 N Minnetrista Pkwy, Muncie

April 13 **Tea and Talk: Crafting** Join Minnetrista's Associate Director of Curation and Exhibition, Nalleli Guillen, Ph.D., as she shares information about the rich tradition of fiber art.



The town of Yorktown and the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce presents Concerts on the Green. Join us throughout the summer for free community concerts at Civic Green in downtown Yorktown. Food trucks and local dessert caterers will be onsite, as well as wine and beer cash bar (IDs required). Follow "Town of Yorktown Indiana-Community" on Facebook for more details for each event. Food trucks: 6pm Music: 7-9pm; Bands perform 7:30-9:30 pm

- May 20 Mike Milligan and Steam Shovel
- Jun 03 GrooveSmash
- Jun 17 Big Roscoe & The Hammers
- Jul 15 Andrew Young



### Indiana State Historical Society

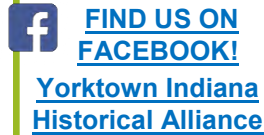
Want to get closer to history and take a virtual step back in time? The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) has made two of its popular features — You Are There and Be Heard exhibits — available online. And you can access them for free!

"Visitors will be able to view videos, images and objects as well as select digital interactive features that make you part of the story." The online exhibits are available here: <https://indianahistory.org/online-exhibits/>

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## Donate Now

Now more than ever your generous support of the Yorktown/Mt. Pleasant Historical Alliance and Museum makes a significant impact to preserve our local history. Through your gifts, the Museum can remain an important partner in the teaching of our local students, our neighbors, and visitors. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so donations are 100% tax deductible. Please consider a gift or a membership today. We thank you for your support!

## Volunteer Opportunities

We always need volunteers. Now that we are developing online resources, we need help writing and researching for biographies, articles, and general research. Our needs can be as simple as scanning or transcribing documents.

Those who are experienced with and have access to Ancestry.com can help by researching pioneers and early Mt. Pleasant families.

**BIOGRAPHIES:** Help populate our database with relevant information about our pioneer families and their descendants. We need writers, genealogists, and researchers. Have you written family history or constructed a family tree? Please consider sending a digital copy to us or attaching your Ancestry tree to our family research tree at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). Our research tree is named "Yorktown Family Trees".

**We want photos!** If you have old photos, please consider giving us a copy. We would appreciate scanned, digital copies but we'll take them anyway we can. Come into the museum (by appointment during the pandemic) and we'll get them scanned. We'd love photos of street scenes, old buildings, local people, vintage items, tractors, tools, sports...We are looking for interesting items for a **digital exhibit** or for **our research data base**.

There is much work to do inside the museum. We especially need people to help identify and scan photos and loose papers. Please contact our president, Becky Sears MONROE at [yktmpthistory@yahoo.com](mailto:yktmpthistory@yahoo.com). She will give you an idea of volunteer opportunities in the Museum.

## From the Web Master

There are hundreds of people in our database. For a few years, I have been uploading items and attaching metadata tags so data is searchable. Many pictures, newsletters, historical items will display in a regular website search with only a last name or a subject. This is the power of properly **tagging items**.

There are hundreds of items that need to be identified and tagged. Becky **SEARS MONROE** has untold numbers of **photos** that need to be tagged before we lose all people who can help with identification. I would mark this project urgent. Do you love to look at old photos and yearbooks? We may have a job for you!

There are **yearbooks** on my personal computer for Yorktown Schools from 1926 to 2004. They need to be uploaded to the website and, more importantly, tagged. (Do I mention tagging too much? t's not possible in regards to a database!)

As I am writing or researching our Mt. Pleasant pioneers, I must often establish their relationships. (Really, how many **STEWARTS** and **VANMATRES** were there in our township?!) I'm a genealogist so I never complain too much when I must unravel puzzles. This process of finding relationships and facts has led us to have **4,592 Yorktown ancestors with 11,130 records and 1,681 photos in Ancestry.com**. I built a tree for Yorktown families for my own research. It has grown a teensy bit. (Don't worry, the information of living people is blocked.) If you want to add your tree to the research tree or correct something, email us at:

[TimeDetectives@yorktownhistory.online](mailto:TimeDetectives@yorktownhistory.online).

## 2022 Board Members

### YHA Meetings

We meet the **2nd to the last Tuesday** of specific months at 7:00PM at the Museum in April-June and August-October. There are no meetings in July or during the winter.

The first meeting of 2022 will be April 19th at the Museum, 9132 W. Smith St., Yorktown.

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