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History Past and Present

What a fantastic turn out we had for Mr. Kingston's Historic Car Show!

It was fun to see so many historic cars and demonstrations. Did you know that there is a team who can put a 1926 Model T together in under five minutes? We were also very happy to share our mansion with so many people. I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, staff, event committee, and volunteers for a successful event. Our committee has already started working on next year's event, which is sure to be even better.

We are zooming right into our next big event, Hall of Legends. The class of 2023 holds a wide array of "Legends" connected to Howard County -- Meta Christy, Ben Cotner, Rachel Jenkins, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Lee, Don Moore and Dr. Lance Washington. Starting on Page 10, you can delve into the stories of each of these amazing people. The Hall of Legends event is August 17 at The Venue at Brookstone and tickets are available through our website at www.hchistory.org/programs/hall-of-legends or via our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hchistory.

By the time you are reading this, I hope you have received our annual campaign fund-raising letter. We have many needs here on our campus, most related to our amazing buildings. As owners of old houses and buildings know, the work is never-ending. The roofs of our first-floor porches on the Seiberling Mansion need to be replaced, we are updating the Elliott House to create an improved rental space, and the chimneys on the Seiberling need to be tuck-pointed and repaired. In addition, we are working on enhancing our museum experiences, adding new programming, and trying to keep up with current technology in our office and on our website.

In June, I completed the Community Foundation's Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership series. Educational sessions every month provided training on subjects such as board development, strategic planning, marketing, fundraising, and grants. It was so helpful to sit in a full class of other nonprofit leaders to gain insights on experiences and knowledge. Some of the sessions left me feeling proud of where we are as a healthy organization and board. Many provided ideas on how to improve and resources to utilize to reach new goals.

All of the sessions drove home how integral you, as our members, are to the success of our organization. It is always one of my biggest joys to talk to new and existing members to hear different perspectives and ideas that we can incorporate into our mission. Keep those ideas coming and hopefully we will also see you at one of our upcoming events!

From the President

Second Quarter Stories ...

Greetings!
I hope this quarterly edition of HCHS Footprints magazine finds you all well! I am so happy that you have found this edition and I hope and pray you find it both informative and interesting.

The second quarter of 2023 at the Howard County Historical Society was a great one! Our first big event of the year was successfully planned, organized and implemented with "Mr. Kingston's Historic Car Show!"

The event filled the grounds of the beautiful, iconic and historic Seiberling Mansion on June 9 and 10. Before I talk about the success of the weekend, let me offer a hearty THANK YOU and congratulations to the committee that executed the plan to such a high level!

Thanks first to Alyssa Pier for her leadership of the committee (for the second year in a row!). Alyssa's energy and enthusiasm for this work is certainly contagious to those of us anywhere in her influence. Beyond that, she also had quite the team of volunteers put together to make the event a success.

Those volunteers included Steve Ortman, Sally Tuttle, Terry Bell, Gale Hendrix and Dave White. From the staff, Stew Lauterbach, Randy Smith and Anne Shaw were all critical to the success as well! I offer a note of deep gratitude to each of these volunteers and staff!

As far as the event itself goes, more than 30 historic cars were on display

around the mansion with each of these cars attended by their enthusiastic owners sharing information on their vehicles. Lots of learning opportunities for the visitors!

There were great exhibitions including the full assembly of a working Model T Ford several times over the weekend! Putting the disassembled vehicle back together in five or six minutes is FAST! Thanks to our fabulous sponsors, the Seiberling Mansion was open to the public – and saw over 300 visits! There were other fun activities and food to be enjoyed as well! We are already looking forward to the next show!

Finally, I want to draw your attention to our next big event. On Aug. 17, the HCHS will present our 2023 Hall of Legends event to honor six people with ties to Howard County who have distinguished themselves at home, nationally or internationally!

As Anne notes in the director's column, this year's class promises to be awesome. Won't you join us on Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. (dinner at 6) at The Venue at Brookstone to celebrate these incredible honorees? You can buy tickets online or by calling the HCHS at (765) 452-4314.

Thank you for reading! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Respectfully,

Dave Dubois
HCHS Board President

Our Vital Volunteers

Volunteers Goldie Snavely and Patty Jones strike a genial “American Gothic” pose while tackling yard work on the museum grounds.



By Sheyenne Adams

HCHS Volunteer Coordinator

The Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) could not function without the hours and hours our volunteers donate to the museum and their community.

Our volunteers have many qualities that make them exceptional. Volunteers at the historical museum are welcoming and engaging. They educate themselves so they may educate guests. Volunteers accommodate the diverse needs of museum patrons. They communicate to staff all questions, concerns, ideas, and suggestions from other volunteers or guests. They are flexible when change occurs. Our volunteers are able to work well in pairs or on a team. Our volunteers are invaluable.

While we currently have an excellent group of volunteers, we are always looking for new applicants as well. Benefits of volunteering at HCHS include:

- Learning Howard County's history
- Making new friends and contacts
- Improving social skills
- Providing a sense of purpose, increasing self-confidence and happiness, and decreasing stress, anger, depression, and anxiety
- Keeping physically active
- Advancing public speaking skills
- Meeting new people and hearing unique stories
- Gaining knowledge and impressing your friends with fun facts
- Advancing your career by teaching you valuable job skills and gaining career experience
- Joining the long tradition of being a host of the Seiberling Mansion

There are many ways to volunteer with HCHS, the best-known role being museum host. Museum hosts welcome guests, take

admission fees, and share information about the history of the Seiberling Mansion and Howard County. They answer questions or connect guests to our curators when needed. Hosts work three hour shifts during open hours at the museum, which are one to four in the afternoon Tuesday through Sunday. They may work as many days per month as they would like.



Helping at any of our special events is another volunteer opportunity, including Mr. Kingston's Historic Car Show in June, Hall of Legends in August, From Dark Pages in October, and Christmas at the Seiberling in December. There are a variety of needs at each event that may involve setting up, decorating, cleaning up, and hosting or serving guests.

HCHS is also always looking for volunteers with specific skills such as gardening, building maintenance, researching, cleaning, sewing, and data entry.

If you would like to volunteer or request more information, please call Volunteer Coordinator Sheyenne Adams at 765-452-4314 or email sheyenne.adams@howardcountymuseum.org. Volunteering at Howard County Historical Society is a great way to contribute to our community!



Mr. Kingston's Historic Car Show



Mr. and Mrs. Kingston (Jerry and Marcia Nelson) welcomed hundreds of guests to the "Kingston" Mansion and grounds on June 9 and 10, to enjoy Mr. Kingston's Historic Car Show, an event that entertained the community and gave visitors a glimpse into the early automotive world of 100 years ago ... and more.

About 30 historic cars were on display thanks to area owners of the vintage beauties. A Model T assembly demonstration, courtesy of the Model T and Model A Club, and a display of vintage clothing were popular with the crowds.

Cub Scout Pack 3527 shared its Pinewood Derby track and Scout Troop 619 handled the refreshments of hot dogs, soft drinks and chips, along with fresh popcorn throughout the day.

A highlight was a best-of-three Derby car competition between Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore and his most enthusiastic competitor Tom Tolen (a development specialist for the City of Kokomo when he's not engaged in such contests). In an entertaining and jocular exchange, Mr. Tolen declared himself the winner despite actual results.

Event chair Alyssa Pier, secretary of the Howard County Historical Society Board of Trustees, offered special thanks to Wayne and Cindy Beckom of Tipton County for bringing Kingston toys and inventions to share.

Veteran HCHS volunteers remembered when the Beckoms demonstrated their steam-engine farm equipment at Antiques in Action events in the 1980s.

Other members of the car show committee included Sally Tuttle, Steve Ortman, Larry Hayes, Gale Hendricks, Terry Bell, and Dave White, with support from the HCHS staff.

HCHS leadership extended their thanks to these local sponsors: Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union, Button Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Erik's Chevrolet, Graves Sheet Metal, HomeTeam Ice Cream, Huston Electric Inc., King Oil & LP Gas Inc., Kokomo Bobkats,



Jerry and Marcia Nelson portrayed Mr. and Mrs. George Kingston, longest owners of the Seiberling Mansion. Left, top, 1926 Ford Faultless Speedster (Dan Conder), and 1923 Apperson Jackrabbit (Elwood Haynes Museum). Photos pages 6-9, by Pastor John Dreyer, Linda Ferries, Alyssa Pier, Mary Rusch and Anne Shaw.

Martin Brothers TV & Appliances, Roxanne Kronk Agency LLC - American Family Insurance, Second Missionary Baptist Church, Stellan RV & Camping Center, Syndicate Sales, Inc., and Culligan's, with additional support from The Severns Family Fund and Martin's Wrecker Service.



Left, Mary Rusch and Randy Rusch, seated. Right, Chad Tharp, Scout Catie, Scout Mia, and Gale Hendricks.



Model T assembly with club members Terri Bell, Rocky Price, Dan Conder and Lance Bell.



"Back Home Again in Indiana": Tom Tolen, Stew Lauterbach, Tyler Moore. 1926 Buick Master Six Sedan (James E. Meck).



Another view of the 1926 Ford Faultless Speedster. Terri Bell, Lois Bell, Marcia Nelson, Jerry Nelson, and Alyssa Pier.



Derby competition! Anne Shaw (winner) and Dave Dubois. Tom Tolen (ersatz winner!) and Mayor Tyler Moore.



1922 Haynes Tow Truck (Jay Meck). Kingston's toys and products with Kokomo roots (Wayne and Cindy Beckom).

2023 Hall of Legends



Dr. Meta Christy



Ben Cotner



Rachel Jenkins

Selectd for their many contributions on the local, state and national levels, six people with Howard County connections will be inducted into the Howard County Hall of Legends at the annual banquet in Kokomo Thursday, Aug. 17.

Members of the 13th Hall of Legends class, chosen by a volunteer committee of community leaders, are the late **META CHRISTY** (born in Kokomo in 1895, she was the first African-American woman to become an osteopathic physician); **BEN COTNER** (Emmy-nominated Hollywood producer who is now the creative lead for MasterClass);

RACHEL JENKINS (Greentown historian, newspaper publisher and political activist); the **REV. DR. ROBERT A. LEE** (decorated Vietnam veteran, pastor, noted theologian and community leader; the late **DON MOORE** (owner and operator of Moore's Drugs for 50 years and a leader in national small retail pharmacy organizations and policy-making); and **DR. LANCE WASHINGTON** (successful physician in Howard and Hamilton counties, philanthropist and community leader).

Don Moore and Ben Cotner are grandfather and grandson, only the second members of the same

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Rev. Dr. Robert A. Lee



Don Moore



Dr. Lance Washington

family to be inducted into the Hall of Legends. The first pair were brother and sister – former Congressman Elwood “Bud” Hillis and international choral music director Margaret Hillis.

The 2023 honorees join a list of more than 70 truly exceptional people and organizations with Howard County connections who have been honored in the first 12 years of this program.

Some were born in Howard County and have made their mark here or in the broader world. Some came here and made outstanding contributions in their “adopted” home. You can learn more about

the program and those who have been honored here: howardcountymuseum.org/programs/hall-of-legends.

The Hall of Legends banquet, a program of the Howard County Historical Society (HCHS), will begin at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Brookstone, 1201 W. Alto Road. Tickets are available through the Howard County Historical Society website at the link above or by calling the office at 765-452-4314.

Anne Shaw, Linda Ferries and Ginny Hingst researched and wrote the articles for this special section. Read on to learn more about the Legends of 2023 ...

2023 Hall of Legends

When **META LORETTA CHRISTY** was born Oct. 2, 1895, in Kokomo, Indiana, to parents John F. and Arminda Christy (a schoolteacher and a dress-maker, respectively), would anyone have expected her to achieve distinction as a “first” in the nation’s medical history?



Dr. Meta Christy

Probably not ... and yet she did.

John and Arminda both were descendants of free African Americans who settled in Indiana from Newberry, South Carolina. Meta’s father died in 1905, 10 years after her birth, from,

according to his death certificate, “muscular rheumatism, immediate cause of heart exhaustion.”

After graduating from Kokomo High School in 1915, Meta left the city in 1917 to study at the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy in Boston, spending her school breaks with her mother in Kokomo. Her mother moved that year from North Union Street to the home at 917 E. Jefferson St.

Meta transferred to Philadelphia College of Infirmary and Osteopathy (PICO) to complete her studies, graduating in 1921 as the first African American doctor of osteopathic medicine in the United States.

After graduation, Meta lived with her mother until Arminda’s death in 1924 from, as her death certificate said, “acute suppurative appendicitis and localized peritonitis.” Meta herself suffered from a multitude of ailments, as mentioned in the Kokomo Tribune several times from 1913 to 1925, when she had an appendectomy. Her brother Oran also had an appendectomy at some point, saved by surgery as well. In an article published by PICO (now Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine [PCOM]), historian Carol Benenson Perloff surmised that all of Meta’s own illnesses combined with her family’s poor health contributed to her drive to become a doctor herself.

An article in the Kokomo Tribune dated March 6, 1926, noted that Dr. Meta Christy had accompanied her brother Oran to his home in Las Vegas, New Mexico. An article in the Albuquerque Journal on April 3, 1929, stated that five osteopaths, including Meta, had passed their tests taken before the state board of osteopathy in Albuquerque.

In her new home, Dr. Christy’s practice included African American and underprivileged white patients who were not allowed treatment in the local hospital. Renting a room for \$20 a month in a boarding house owned by Joseph and Maggie Marable, Dr. Christy treated patients in the same house she resided in. The practice continued for the rest of her career in the same location.

Meta served on the board of directors of the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association in the 1940s. In 1955, Meta was one of four osteopathic doctors to be awarded a certificate of merit by the organization. The very next year, she was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the association. Meta passed away in 1968 and was noted by the Las Vegas Optic as a “widely known osteopathic physician.”

In 1995, the PCOM Student National Medical Association established the Meta L. Christy Award in “recognition of exemplary practice of osteopathic medicine, service to the community, and inspiration to future doctors of osteopathic medicine.” In 2010, as part of the New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative, the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division erected an historic marker about half a mile from her home and practice.

In 2021, the PCOM approved renaming a college residential building to the Meta Christy House, and honored Meta with an article in the Digest Magazine to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the graduation of Dr. Meta L. Christy, DO, the first African American student at PCOM and the first African American doctor of osteopathic medicine in the nation.

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He's been gone from Kokomo for 20 years.

He's traveled the world, produced major motion pictures and television episodes, won top directing honors at the legendary Sundance Film Festival, and been nominated for a slew of Emmy awards and other honors.



Ben Cotner

But **BEN COTNER** says he'll never forget his hometown and the combination of work ethic and innovation that is the foundation of his life.

"Kokomo was incredibly important to who I am," Ben says. "The biggest

component would be growing up in a family business that continues on today." Ben's grandfather, fellow Howard County "Legend" Don Moore, owned Moore's Drugs and Ben, like his sister and cousins, grew up working there. There's the work ethic. And he remembers the community spirit of "The City of Firsts:" "Haynes automobiles, the Seiberling Mansion ... Kokomo does a good job of celebrating that." There's the innovation.

As an elementary school student, he traveled with his grandfather to pharmaceutical conventions with an emphasis on continuing education and a spirit of entrepreneurship. Weekends and holidays were reserved for family and he remembers long days of fishing, boating and swimming on Lake Manitou. "We grew up with a spirit of being loved and having the support of our family," Ben said.

Then there were the enrichment opportunities of the KEY program in Kokomo Schools. "The fact Kokomo and the community invests in providing that sort of educational experience really allowed me to tap into my potential," he said, remembering teachers like Lyn Shirley, Carol Gatman and Susan Luttrell. He went on to excel at Culver Military Academy and the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities where he graduated from

high school in 1998.

Ben moved to Southern California and graduated from Pitzer College in 2002. He spent seven years as an executive at Paramount Classics and was a senior vice president of acquisitions at Open Road films before launching a career as a director.

His first major documentary, "The Case Against 8," a five-year examination of the legal battles to overturn California's constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage, thrust him into the limelight at Sundance and a raft of other major film venues in 2014.

A look at his LinkedIn resume and an IMDB listing of his credits that goes on for four printed pages tells the story of the last nine years. Credits for such notable efforts as Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth;" Ava DuVernay's "13th;" biographies of Quincy Jones, Lady Gaga, and author Amanda Knox pop out. Released in July were two highly anticipated productions – the biopic "Steph Curry: Underrated" in theaters and Apple TV+ and the thriller "The Deepest Breath" out on Netflix.

In January, Ben moved into his latest position as vice president of Creative at MasterClass, a high-level role that allows him to combine his love of education and love of storytelling with the mission of creating a "modern-day library of Alexandria" sharing the wisdom of world-class thinkers and teachers.

He thinks back to his travels with grandparents Don and Naomi Moore. "Grandma's hobby was photography and Grandpa would always have the latest video camera," he remembers. "Perhaps my desire to document the world may have some roots in that." His production company's name? Moore's Filmed Goods and Services.

And the Moore tradition of family continues. Ben and husband Matt Partney, a native of Oregon, recently moved from the Los Angeles area to Kirkland, Washington, to offer daughter Cascadia, almost 3, and son Marshall, 2, the kind of warm, supportive upbringing they both enjoyed.

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RACHEL JENKINS' friends call her a true Renaissance woman as her broad range of interests include people, community affairs, history, genealogy, environmental issues and politics.

These interests, in concert with her natural bent to be a mover-and-shaker, mean Rachel Jenkins has made an indelible mark, in her Greentown community ... and beyond.



Rachel Jenkins

Possibly, Rachel is best known through Jenkins Studio, a photography business that she and husband Fred operated out of their

home-studio for 50 years. Having met during their undergrad years at Purdue University, the two were married for more than 50 years, partners in many community endeavors and parents of three children, Mark, Sarah and Heather.

Rachel kept the photography business going after Fred's death in 2012 but retired it in 2015. Customers still express their appreciation of the memories that the Jenkins' photographs inspire.

The many who enjoyed *The Greentown Grapevine* for nearly 20 years (1994-2013) have Rachel to thank. In collaboration with Fred, Rachel manually assembled the publication, usually 16 pages, each month on the kitchen table and then drove the paste-up to a printer.

Through the *Grapevine*, readers learned of the happenings of the town council and the results of local sports teams. They read of engagements, weddings and deaths. The flashback section, documenting events 10 and 20 years prior, was a hit. Income came from ads, classified and business, plus out-of-town subscriptions. (Greentown residents could receive a free copy.)

Rachel was reporter and editor, tracking down

verification of all news that she received, guarding against *The Grapevine* becoming a rumor mill. The issues are being preserved digitally by the Indiana State Library.

Another mark Rachel made came in 1998 when Greentown celebrated its 150th birthday. The event grew from a comment Rachel made: "Wouldn't it be nice if we had a celebration?" and was three years in the making. The Sesquicentennial celebration culminated in a three-day event that involved displays, re-enactments and music.

The joy for Rachel came from seeing the original committee of six grow to involve dozens of people from local schools and the surrounding community. One can read about the event, which was troubled by a tornado, in *The Greentown Grapevine*, Volume 5, Issue 7. In that issue, Rachel states the event's purpose: "To remind people, young and old, of their unique heritage in this spot on earth and to look forward to the future."

During the cleanup of the celebration, people expressed a desire to preserve the artifacts collected, inspiring the formation of the Greentown Historical Society. Rachel was one of its founding members and the spark of its growth. The Historical Society building, located at 101 and 103 E. Main St., contains 1,040 artifacts, the oldest dating to 1849. Fred Jenkins' camera is among them.

Rachel believes her zeal for community stems from her parents during her growing-up years on the family farm in Johnson County. Her parents and grandmother made world affairs a topic of conversation, a conversation she now continues as an active member of the League of Women Voters and various environmental organizations.

Rachel also credits her involvement in 4-H, which bred self-growth but also the desire for service that has animated her life.

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Asked what he is most proud of, Kokomo's **REV. DR. ROBERT A. LEE** pauses and reflects. The answer comes firmly and strongly: "The fact that God has used me to be an enabler of people."

Selection as a Howard County "Legend" is the latest of a multitude of honors that have come his way over the years. Medals for his service as a Green Beret and combat medic during the Vietnam War; citations for his decades of work for the Baptist Church locally, statewide and internationally; community service awards



Rev. Dr. Robert A. Lee

from Indiana Black Expo, the NAACP, Boy Scouts of America, Grissom Air Force Base and the City of Kokomo; honors from Indiana University Kokomo and Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo; Indiana's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash, from Gov. Eric Holcomb.

And what ties them all together?

The common denominator is what Rev. Lee wants to be remembered for: helping others, enabling their success, leaving a good imprint on the lives of all he meets.

It was a path that started on the northeast side of Indianapolis more than 75 years ago where he grew up steeped in his family's Missionary Baptist tradition. It was at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church that a 6-year-old Robert A. Lee and a 5-year-old Clementine Barrow met and what Rev. Lee calls the "centrality of his life" – faith and family – took root.

For 55 years, "Tina" has been at his side as his "helpmeet," as they raised son Robert Clemont Lee and daughter Angela Kristine Lee; as he pursued his education (a certificate in chemical technology from IUPUI and bachelor's master's and doctoral degrees

in theology from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Indiana, the International Bible Institute and Seminary, and Simmons Bible College); and as he served as Minister of Education and Youth at New Bethel and then at Kokomo's Second Missionary Baptist.

Through God's calling and a vote by the Second Missionary Baptist congregation, Rev. Lee and his family came to Kokomo in 1981 and his decades of service to his adopted hometown began.

Within the church, he led construction of a new facility across North Apperson Way from the original structure, designing it based on scriptural descriptions of the Old Testament Tabernacle and in the Missionary Baptist faith tradition.

As president and CEO of RALM (Robert A. Lee Ministries), he is a nationally recognized pastor-teacher who has lectured and conducted leadership workshops all across the country and across denominational lines. He has preached in Haiti, Jamaica, Nigeria, Mozambique, and Israel.

In the broader Kokomo community, he led the efforts of the Adelphos Ministerial Society to address racism and bring all parts of Kokomo together in conversation and fellowship. He served 20 years on the Kokomo Park Board and eight years as Center Township Trustee and has been master chaplain of the Kokomo Police Department and member of boards and advisory boards from the NAACP to St. Joseph Hospital to IU Kokomo.

Now retired, for the last two years Rev. Lee has had to focus on health issues he believes can be traced in part to exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. But he remains committed to finding new ways to share his faith; to deal with concerns that range from faith to culture and education to economics; and, as always, to be of help to others.

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For nearly 50 years, Moore's Drugs served the people of Kokomo from its location on West Markland Avenue.

It was known nationally for innovation and efficiency that impacted the retail pharmacy industry across the country. Locally, it was known for kindness, compassion and community service. And its mission, approach and success can all be attributed to one man – pharmacist and risk-taker **DON MOORE.**



Don Moore

Don Moore was born in French Lick on St. Patrick's Day 1931 into a Southern Indiana farm family. With an opportunity to buy a dairy farm in Kendallville, the Moores moved to the other end of the state. There he met Naomi Strawser, the high school sweetheart he would marry in 1950, the woman who would travel the world with him and support his many interests throughout his life. Together, their family grew to three daughters and, by today, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After earning a Pharmacy degree from Purdue University, Don managed Muir's Drugs in Marion and Muncie from 1953 to 1955.

With what must have been a strong sense of adventure and a good dose of self-confidence, at the age of 25 with a wife and three daughters, Don jumped when given the opportunity to open a new Rexall drugstore in Kokomo in 1955 and, along with the store, his status grew.

Don was extremely proud that Moore's was one of the first pharmacies in Indiana to computerize their prescriptions, and he educated other pharmacists across the country to implement computerization. Moore's became a leader in home infusions during the AIDS crisis, mixing IV medication for home health care nurses to administer.

Don was president of Moore Drug Store Inc.

until he retired in 2001. He considered the people that he came into contact with over those 45-plus years to be friends and family rather than customers and employees and he was known for making sure all neighborhood children had the medicine they needed, no matter their parents' ability to pay.

Don served as president of the Howard County Pharmaceutical Association, the Indiana Pharmacists Association, the National Association of Community Pharmacists and the National Home Infusion Association; served on the Purdue University President's Council and advisory panels for the Purdue pharmacy program, Eli Lilly, Upjohn, the Indiana Pharmacist Education Foundation, and Howard Community Hospital, among others. Memberships included Rotary International, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion and First Christian Church, Kokomo.

Don's list of honors and awards was long and included the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Purdue University, the John W. Dargavel Medal (the highest award given by the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation, and the state of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash.

Moore's pharmacy business became a CVS store when Don retired in 2001, the era of independent, locally owned drugstores in Kokomo all but history (Herbst Pharmacy being the exception). Daughter Janet Moore and granddaughter Sarah Cotner have continued the family's service to the community through Moore's Home Health & Medical Supply at 608 W. Markland Ave.

Don passed away in 2012, Naomi in 2013. They are remembered through the Don and Naomi Moore Endowed Scholarship for Community Pharmacy at Purdue.

Don Moore -- whose Hoosier roots go back eight generations -- became a change leader with a heart, committed to modernization in support of efficiency and economics while never losing his belief in the importance of the local community.

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"We go where our loves draw us." So said a wise philosopher who could very well have been speaking of **DR. LANCE WASHINGTON'S** life journey.

That journey landed Dr. Washington in Kokomo, Indiana, where he has practiced internal medicine for nearly 30 years. Although Kokomo is not the destination Dr. Washington envisioned, he has grown to love his patients, and they return that love.



Dr. Lance Washington

The love that Washington exudes has its foundation in his close relationship with God, a relationship that drives his love for his patients, wife Lisa and their three children. It was that trust in God that enabled Washington to listen when he was lured to Kokomo, where there was a need for primary care physicians, in the late 1990s.

"I thought I would be in San Diego or Chicago," Dr. Washington said. "I never guessed I would be in Kokomo taking care of mostly white patients. But I fell in love with this town."

Dr. Washington's parents are of Jamaican descent and had immigrated to London, England, in the early 1960s. He was born there in 1965, but because of economic trials, the family relocated to the United States in 1979. Son Lance was in the eighth grade at the time.

Racism had reared its ugly head overseas when young Lance scored the highest on a standardized test, only to be denied entrance into the best school. But in the States, race seemed to be a daily factor.

"I really didn't understand I was Black until I moved here," Dr. Washington said. But his parents challenged him to combat the prejudice with academic excellence, and the young man was deter-

mined to do so. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1988 with two degrees, chemical engineering and biomedical engineering. He quite likely is the first person to ever graduate from the university with those two degrees.

He landed a job with Polaroid but found the job an insufficient challenge for his active mind. That dissatisfaction led him to enroll in the University of Michigan School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1993.

During residency in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Lance met a young woman named Lisa. The two married Aug. 12, 2000. (Of Lisa, Washington asks, "Have you ever loved someone so much it hurts?")

Washington's impact has gone beyond his family and the hundreds of patients the popular doctor has served during his three decades here. He has organized blood drives through the Red Cross; given Town Hall presentations on health initiatives through the Minority Health Alliance, a local nonprofit that works to eliminate health disparities through research, education, advocacy, and access to health care service; participated in the Black Barbershop physician network healthcare efforts; provided free physical exams for various organizations; and participated in fundraisers for Project Access, a service program of the Howard County Medical Society created to provide access to healthcare services for uninsured residents of Howard County.

What is Washington most proud of?

He does not hesitate in answering: "My faith and my family." He and Lisa have three children, Jesse McMillan, Anissa and Milan, but family also includes his parents and his "Granny," who embodied the Christian faith for Washington and his brother.

"Our faith is everything. I get up every day with joy looking forward to what I do," Dr. Washington said. "I would do this for free."

By Jonathan Russell
Howard County Historian

This quarter's Footprints celebrates the latest inductees into the Howard County Historical Society Hall of Legends.

As in the past, those who have been chosen to this prestigious list have offered significant contributions to the arts, science, industry, military and government. All have had some connection to the Kokomo/Howard County area.

Some names just seem to stand out in local lore: Industrial pioneer Elwood Haynes; actor Strother Martin and his famous line "What we've got here is failure to communicate," from the 1967 movie *Cool Hand Luke*; or "Clifford the Big Red Dog" author Norman Bridwell. Others have been less popularly recognized, but no less distinguished. This year's class is no exception.

What exactly defines a "Legend?"

According to the dictionary, a legend is "an extremely famous or notorious person, especially in a particular field." That works for us. It's common to include those who have "brought honor and notoriety" when dealing with inclusion in halls of legends.

To include those who have brought reproach (though they may be considered "legendary" by some) would just seem counterproductive, though it could develop some interesting conversation at a recognition banquet.

Kokomo, in this respect, is a bit like "a key to the universe," especially if you include a radius of just 35 miles to find the birthplace of some other truly outstanding individuals. The short distance of 21 miles north will find the birthplace of Cole Porter, arguably the greatest songwriter of the 20th Century. His work in music includes such songs as "True Love," which won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1956; "Night and Day," and my personal favorite, "Begin the Beguine"

Highlighting (Fairly) Local Legends

*(Just a few stats
from the Howard
County Historian)*



Will Geer

Clinton
County

Frankfort

(recorded as recently as 2001 by Spanish singer Julio Iglesias).

Travel 31 miles east to Fairmount and find two more legends, Jim Davis and James Dean. Davis is best known as the creator of "Garfield," today the most syndicated cartoon in the world. And, of course, the "King of Cool," symbol of the restless and idealistic youth of the 1950s, actor James Dean.

(Perhaps only one other actor could be considered a rival in that respect. That's Steve McQueen, and he was from Beech Grove, Indiana, only 59 miles away. I'll tell you, we're a magnet for greatness!)

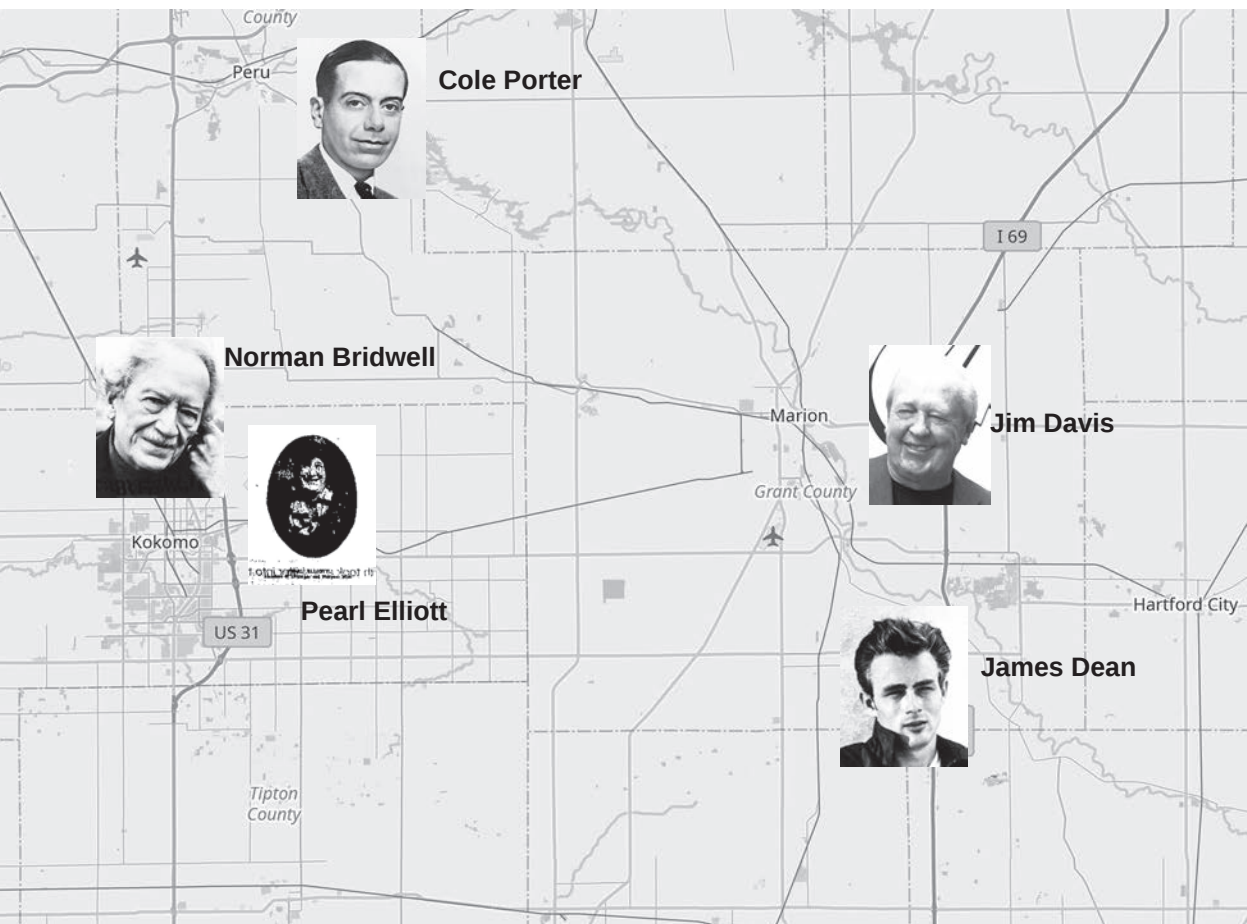


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Do you remember the Waltons? No, not the guys who started Walmart, the hit TV series that aired from 1972 through 1981. The man who played “Grandpa” was Frankfort-born Will Geer.

I could go on and on, as many know, but alas we come to the “notorious” part. And that honor must go, initially, to Pearl Elliott. Pearl was a notorious “madam” on Kokomo’s north side and close friends with Prohibition-era gangster Harry Pierpont and bank robber John Dillinger. One might recognize that those

circles would classify her as “running with the ‘legends,’” at least in the opinion of the police. Along with gun moll Mary Kinder, Chicago police listed Pearl as a “Public Enemy” in 1933. Enough said.

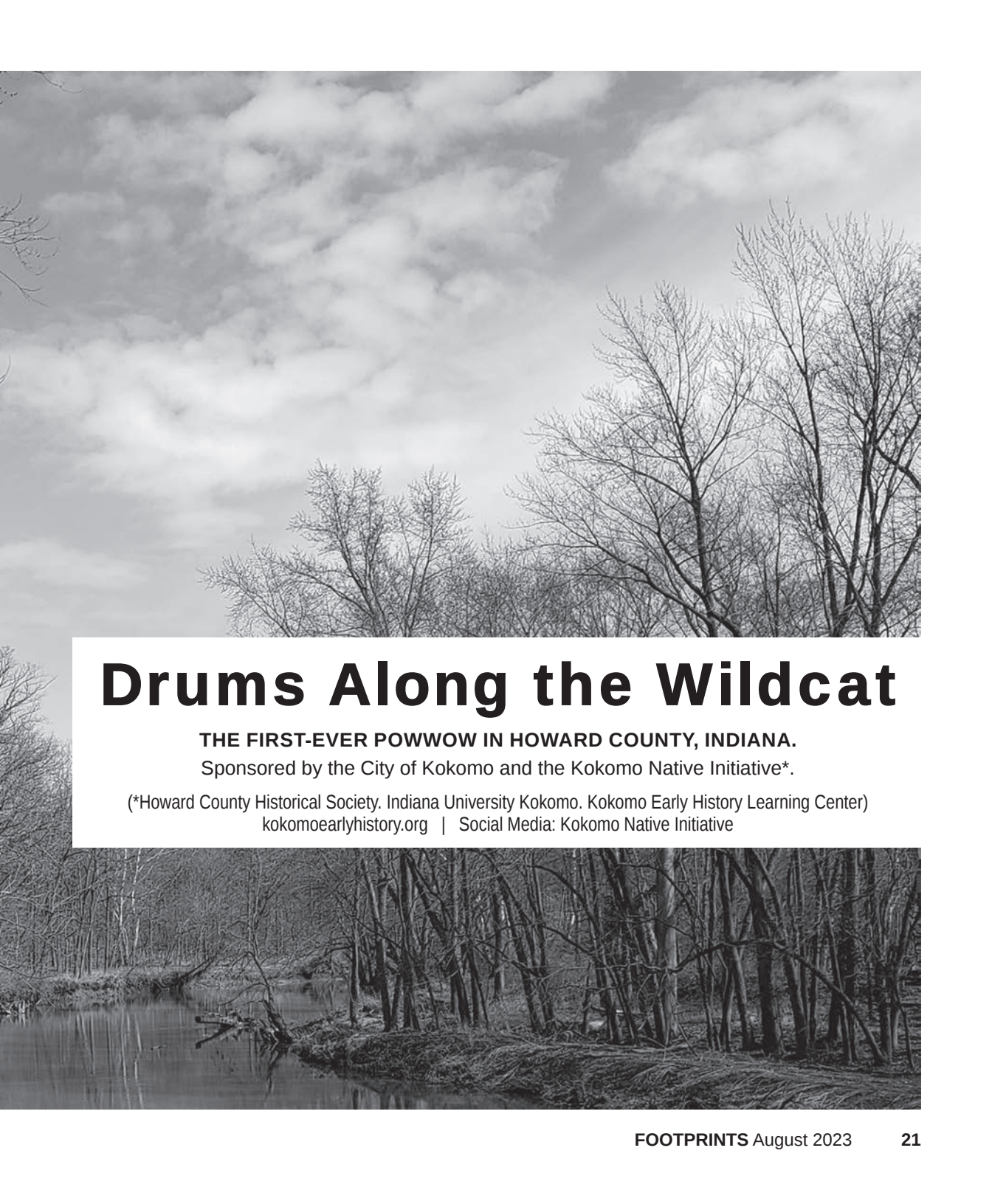
So, to wrap things up, I’ll end with a tagline from legendary newscaster and storyteller Paul Harvey. “And now you know ... the rest of the story.” (Sorry, NO, he wasn’t from around these parts, but he ended his radio programs nicely.)

“Jon Russell ... Good day!”



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