

'Trail of Death' to be topic at Canal annual meeting

The 1800s journey that the Pottawatomie Indians call the "Trail of Death" will be the topic of Shirley Willard's talk at the annual meeting of the Wabash & Erie Canal Association on

April 15 at the Canal Conference and Interpretive Center.

Dessert, coffee and drinks will be available at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 7. A short business meeting and announcements will follow.

The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge.

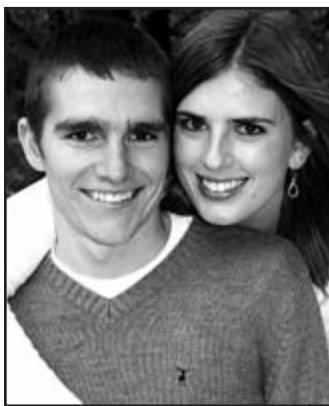
Shirley Willard, Fulton County historian, first became involved in the subject in 1976 when one of her sons, a Boy Scout at the time, placed a sign at Mud Creek south of Rochester. The sign marks the first death on the trail that the Indians followed when they

were removed by the government from their village in northern Indiana to new lands in Kansas.

To help preserve the trail's history, Willard and the Pottawatomie Trail of Death Association began working in 2006 to place highway signs along the trail. A portion of the trail crosses Carroll County. The association has finished placing signs in Fulton and Marshall counties, and hopes to erect signs next in Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe and Warren counties. After marking the trail in Indiana, they hope to place signs in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

Engagements

Hensley-Holzer



Sara Leanne Hensley and Kenneth Andrew Holzer announce their engagement. They were engaged on Oct. 8 at Mammoth Cave, Ky. They plan to wed July 12 at The Church at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

Spohr-Huckstep



Terry and Pam Spohr of Kendallville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Ann Spohr, to Jeremy David Huckstep. He is the son of Charles and Jayne Huckstep of Cutler.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of East Nobel High School. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary math education. She is employed by Ben Davis High School as a math teacher.

Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Indianapolis. He is enrolled in the doctorate physical therapy program at the University of Indianapolis.

A June 14 wedding is being planned.

Meetings

Double Dozen EH

Double Dozen Extension Homemakers met April 1 at the home of Barbara Dillon.

President Lona Yeakley read the Thought of the Month.

The 10 members present told "What I left undone to attend this meeting."

Susie Dyke led in singing the Song of the Month, "Singin' in the Rain."

Members were reminded of Friends Day on April 17 as well as the Home & Family Conference at Purdue on June 11-13.

Plans to volunteer for various activities at the July 13-20 4-H Fair were discussed and will be further put into place in the coming months.

The lesson, "Household Cleaning Tips," was presented by Mary Ellen Johnson with group discussion.

The prize was won by Margie Albaugh.

The next meeting will be May 6 with Virginia Marcellino as hostess.

What's Happening Elsewhere

HOW TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKSHOP will be held April 16 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Swezey Commerce Center, 337 Columbia St., Lafayette. The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in starting a business or who is already in business and seeks more information. To make a reservation or for more information, call 765-496-6491. The workshop is being sponsored by the Greater Lafayette Small Business Development Center.

SAFE SLEEP TRAINING will be offered by The Child Care Resource Network on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Cass County. The training is free, but seating is limited. To reserve a spot, call Erin at 765-742-7105 ext. 106, by April 23. Location will be given at that time. This training is open to anyone, but is required for licensed and CCDF home providers.

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