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Upcoming events!

June 15th 2010 Calendar Released July 4th (tentative) Burr Oak Dedication August 3rd County Historical Meeting (Old Country Buffet) October 11th Antique Appraisal (Central Park)

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Annual Meeting of the WHS Well Attended

The annual meeting of the Woodbury Heritage Society was held on Thursday evening, April 16th, at the Salem Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. With president John Seemann chairing, the annual reports of the secretary Ruth Duncan and treasurer Richard Pribnow were presented. The full reports are available starting on page 4 of this issue of the Heritage Happenings.

Two retiring board members, Clarence (Bud) Urtel and Earl Raths, were recognized for their many contributions to the board and the society. Bud Urtel has been a board member for seventeen years and is the current vice president. Earl Raths has completed his two year term. Both gentlemen will be missed, however, they assured the audience that they will continue as active society



members.

Two new board members were elected. President Seemann welcomed and introduced Patty Minehart and Barry Brown. The evening's program, "The History of the Garbe Family"



Wayne Schilling and Jean Garbe

was presented by Jean Garbe Brown and Wayne Schilling. Both are members of the Garbe family. In addition to their narrative, Wayne and Jean provided a plethora of family pictures. The audience was delighted with the trip through yesteryear which generated many side

President John Seemann welcomes new board members Barry Brown and Patty Minehart and Patty's son.

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Left to right Gary Garbe, Richard Bielenberg and Randy Schillings

Annual Members Meeting (cont'd)

conversations of old Woodbury. Many of the Garbe family members in the audience were introduced. All were delighted that Evelyn Garbe, the matriarch of the family, was able to attend. Following the program refreshment were served and the reminiscing continued.



Left to right Evelyn Garbe, Vonnie Stutzman (Board Member) and Bette Garbe Hellerud

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So Many Bales Alex Amble Gravdahl Photo Contest Winner

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Many in attendance asked for the recipes of the treats provided by board member Sheila Raths Hause. They can be found below.

From Sheila's Kitchen



Refreshments Chair and Board Member Sheila Raths Hause

Easy Toffee

1 cup butter 1 cup brown sugar Saltine Crackers 12 oz choc chips (semi-sweet)

Line jelly roll pan (11x17) with tin foil. Cover bottom completely with saltines (approx. a sleeve and a half). Cook butter and brown sugar until boiling (approx. 3 minutes). Pour on top of crackers and bake in a 400 degree oven for 7 minutes. Pour chocolate chips on top and put back in oven for 30 seconds to melt chips. Spread chips over top. After cooled/hardened pull up tin foil and break.

Rhubarb Cake



1 cup shortening 1½ cups brown sugar 1 egg 1 tsp. vanilla 1 tsp. baking soda ½ tsp. salt 2 cups flour 1 cup sour milk 1½ cups finely diced rhubarb 1/3 cup sugar 1 tsp. cinnamon

Cream shortening and brown sugar; add egg and vanilla. Mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with sour milk. Add rhubarb and mix well. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9x13 pan. Combine 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon; sprinkle over top of cake batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.



Did you know ... That Woodbury Village became the City of Woodbury on January 1, 1974?

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Annual Members Meeting of April 2008

The Annual Members Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Salem Lutheran Church in Woodbury. There was a short business meeting addressed by the president, John Seemann. However, there was no treasurer's report and there was not a secretaries Annual Report for the year of 2007 -The treasurer's report was filed in the 2008. last Members Newsletter (Heritage Happenings). The guest speaker was Mr. Tom Wood who gave a presentation of Mile Road (south of Bailey road) Tom explained the story of his adventures of walking the road every day for a year and taking his camera along for expressing the entertainment that went along with his walk. Tom studied the plant life, the seasons, the changes in the road, and the population of the people and animals. And the best part was that he was able to share this with us through a digital camera... He has a website that he encourages us to look at, and invited us to share our opinions at,

www.informationhighwaytohell.com. We also had a presentation by Emily Wolterstorff of notebooks and scrapbooks of old 4H history. Emily is looking for someone to volunteer to help her document this history.

John Seemann requested that the members please volunteer for positions for work that needs to be done for the WHS, and to let him or someone on the board know if they have some time for different projects. The meeting was fun and very interesting, but, the evening was all too short. The Girl Scouts served refreshments, and did the kitchen clean up.

<u>May 2008</u>

Barn Calendars

The decision was made to sell Barn Calendars for the year of 2009. Bill Schrankler organized and marketed the calendars. They were priced at \$10.00 each. Burr Oak Project

Wayne Schilling has been working with

Washington County to obtain a piece of the Historical Burr Oak that was cut down on Radio Drive between Lake Road and Bailey Road during construction.

Heritage House

Sheila Hause announced the "Open House "hours for the Heritage House for the summer, starting in June 8, 2008 through September 28, 2008, every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1-4 pm.

<u>July 2008</u>

Heritage House Pump: It was suggested that we possibly install the Pump at the Heritage House with water and have it working. However, Wayne Schilling checked with City Hall and they said that we could not install water because of health hazards and contamination. The board decided that we should repair the platform that the existing pump stood on and we would not have running water. Burr Oak Project: Wayne Schilling received the piece of Burr Oak from Washington County, and the board decided to have the piece sanded and finished so we could present it as a historical tree in the city of Woodbury. Wayne delivered the piece to Galand Schilling (a woodworking expert) in Wisconsin.

<u>August 2008</u>

The Board voted to participate in the annual Woodbury Days Celebration as a means of increasing our exposure to the community and promoting our books and calendars. Kathryn obtained a booth and the Woodbury Heritage Society members volunteered to help.

September 2008

<u>Memorial Dedication</u>: The Butterfly Garden at the Heritage House was dedicated to the memory of Bernice Bielenberg on September 28, 2008 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We enjoyed the day with many guests and visitors. Bernice would have been really proud.

Elementary School Visits:

Vonnie Stutzman scheduled the visits from Middleton Elementary School and Red Rock Elementary School for on September 17, 18, 19, 25, and 26th with two tours of 3 groups of children a day. The WHS members volunteered to assist the children, and show them how the people lived long ago without electricity or