

Heritage Happenings

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Restoration Work Brightens Future for Heritage House



You may have noticed a change in the “little white house” recently. It has been prepped for painting and repair work to deal with a few issues that 140+ years of wear and tear have created. The repair work is proceeding efficiently and will be followed by a thorough painting, using a special paint that will help ensure that the Heritage House is around for future generations of Woodbury residents to enjoy.

We especially appreciate the hard work and dedication to detail that carpenter, Mark Philippi, of Mark Philippi Construction, is putting into the project. Equally appreciated are the efforts of Bruce Reichert of A Reichert Paint and Texture, who is very enthusiastic about helping spruce up the house! Not only have we found skilled craftsmen to help us restore the house, we have made new friends.

Interestingly, we have heard from several professional photographers: they like the “rustic” look of the house in its power-washed state! Nonetheless, weather permitting, the house should be painted soon. Prepare to be dazzled.

Other projects at the Heritage House include a beautiful new arbor for the grapes, built by members Bill Schrankler and Dick Fields. The arbor’s pressure-treated wood is weathering and will be installed next year. Proposed Eagle Scout projects will bring more enhancements to the garden towards fall. Watch for details!

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WHS Member Fall Social

Join us for cookies and lemonade
Sunday, September 23, 2012
1-4 p.m.

Heritage House, Marsh Creek Park






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History teaches everything including the future. — Lamartine

Memories of mid-20TH Century Woodbury

On Wednesday May 30, 2012 there was an article on the front page of St. Paul Pioneer Press entitled “10 plants shape our state.” The article included pictures relating to each of the ten plants. The pictures relating to apples, alfalfa, and corn brought back special memories of my early years growing up in Woodbury.

When I think of apples, I think of homemade apple pies baked for church, community club, and other neighborhood activities like barn dances. You could almost always have a delicious piece of apple pie at any of the above activities. Orris Schilling’s orchard along Bailey Road also comes to mind. When I passed by his orchard, I would often see Orris amongst the trees caring for his apples.

Alfalfa brings back memories of Gerald Heinbuch’s hay baler (one of the first in Woodbury) that threw the bales into a trailing wagon. One of our foreign exchange students from Sweden, Ake Akesson, said when he first saw it, “what will Americans think of next.” Also my Lindeman relatives sang what could be considered their family song “Alfalfa Hay” at family gatherings including funerals. Lindeman family members sang “alfalfa hay” over and over to the tune of O Tannenbaum.

Corn brings back memories of my brother Tom selling sweet corn from his stand by our farm driveway on Bailey Road. His little enterprise provided funds for his college years. Filling silo with my grandfather Walter Raths, neighbors Loren Donath and Wallace Porth, and others also comes to mind. Filling silo was one of my favorite farm activities.

It is hoped the plants grown in Woodbury over the years will bring back special memories for each of you. Come see the wide variety of plants that will be growing this summer around our Woodbury Heritage House.



Alfalfa Hay

I checked in with long-time Woodbury Heritage Society member, Don Lindeman, to see if he remembered the song, “Alfalfa Hay” mentioned in Dick’s article. Don remembers well when his grandfather, Ralph, would sing the song, making up words as he went along, with lots of adjectives like “glorious” and “wonderful” describing the alfalfa hay.

Dick Bielenberg

Kathryn Ho

**WOODBURY
HERITAGE
SOCIETY**

The general purpose and plan of operation of the Woodbury Heritage Society shall be to research and study the history of Woodbury; to provide for the collection, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge and information; to provide for the collection and preservation of papers, books, records, relics and other things of historical interest; to display such materials in appropriate exhibits; to acquire, hold, own, operate and provide for the marking and preservation of historic sites and buildings; to publish materials which shall bear upon the history of Woodbury; and, in general, to carry on all activities appropriate for a Heritage Society.



A Step Back in Time

(An occasional series on the story behind the steps)

Friedrich (sometimes spelled Frederick) Raths and his wife, Sophia, emigrated from Germany in 1853. After settling in Woodbury in 1866, they built a log cabin home. The building we call the Heritage House was originally an addition to that log cabin. Later it was used as an outbuilding on the farm.

Summer Open House Schedule

1-4 p.m.

June 10	July 8	August 12	September 9
June 24	July 22	August 26	September 23



Hope to see you there!

JOIN US!

Membership dues are for an individual, and cover the calendar year (January—December).
 Already a member? Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join the ranks.
 Your support and participation in the Woodbury Heritage Society is greatly appreciated!
A special welcome to our newest member, Bob Voigt!

Application for Membership 2012

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address : _____

City: _____ State _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dues: \$10 per individual

Send application and check or money order to:

In Sympathy



We lost another long-time member and friend on March 31st with the passing of Thomas “Tom” Halfpenny. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Odds&Ends

Patty Minehart, Sheila Hause and Barry Brown were all reelected to positions on the Board of Directors at the April 19th Annual Meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the 2nd-grade class visits in September. Please contact the office if you would like to join in the fun!

We are excited about recent offers to donate butter churns to the Woodbury Heritage Society. What a wonderful addition that will make! We very much appreciate it.

Did you know—Woodbury had the lowest foreclosure rate for farms in Washington County during the tough period of 1910-1938? How about that!



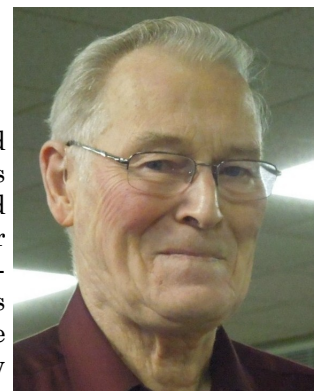
Turn the Page on History

The legendary film and television star, Rin Tin Tin was a real dog, born in France on a World War I battlefield and rescued by an American Soldier, Lee Duncan. Author Susan Orlean spent ten years researching the history of the dog and his owner, and the result, *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend*, is a fascinating look at how an orphaned puppy grew to become an extraordinary dog loved by millions around the world.

Kathryn Ho

Richard Pribnow recognized for service as Treasurer

At the Annual Meeting on April 19th, Richard Pribnow was recognized for his outstanding service as Treasurer for the Woodbury Heritage Society. Richard has done a stellar job of managing our accounts for many, *many* years, in addition to all the other volunteer work he does for the Society. Though Richard is stepping down as Treasurer, he remains an active board member. John Seemann was elected the new Treasurer at the May board meeting.



Richard Pribnow

Each month, the Woodbury Heritage Society contributes “A Moment in Time” on the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission show, *Woodbury City Style*. If you don’t have cable television, you can see the current show online at www.swctc.org, or view archived episodes on www.vimeo.com.

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Woodbury Heritage House and Garden is located at the corner of Radio Drive and Lake Road, in Marsh Creek Park.

Dates to Remember

September 23—WHS



Member Social at Heritage House, 1-4 p.m. [Bring a friend!](#)



Memorial Tree Park named in honor of Vonnie Stutzman

Not long after you receive this newsletter, Vonnie Stutzman will celebrate her 90th birthday. In recognition of her many years of service to the Woodbury Heritage Society, the Board of Directors, at their June meeting, voted to name the memorial tree park behind the heritage garden fence “Stutzman Grove.” When signage is installed in the garden later this summer, a sign will let everyone know what an asset she has been to our organization.



Stutzman Grove

Happy Birthday, Vonnie!