



# Lost Lake-Randolph Historical Society

## We Salute Delwyn & Mary Biel

Although they did not want to be recognized in this issue, it is time to say a huge thanks to Mary and Delwyn Biel for their continuing volunteer efforts on behalf of our society.

Their reluctance to take center stage (even for a moment) is representative of the selflessness with which they donate their many hours of volunteer time. From the beginning of our organization in 2001 until the present, Delwyn and Mary have worked hard to make our society successful. They've been helping to lead our team as we first acquired and repaired the church and rectory, as we began collecting items for our first displays and as we are now able to have a functioning museum. They've been there preparing for and working at every fundraiser and meeting and have attended many local and regional meetings to learn more about creating a useful and effective museum.

Truly, it would take more space than we have here to thank them for all the jobs they have done. So let's just say thanks for all of your hard work. We are fortunate to have folks like you dedicated to our cause!

### Thank You!

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the brat fry and flea market a success in August. We had 25 vendors including produce, garden art, glassware & jewelry. Our food sales went very well. We hope you had time to stop by! A special thanks goes out to the Myrlen Campnell family for letting us use their 1925 Studebaker in the Labor Day Parade. Thanks also, to Dwight Campnell for 'playing' chauffeur.



Delwyn and Mary Biel on their 50th wedding anniversary.

## EXHIBIT & PROJECT UPDATE

Our exhibits continue to expand with additional research and donations. Two new display units have been donated in memory of Ray & Leone Everett and in memory of Myron & Helen (Tompkins) Watters. Another has been ordered with a donation from Dr. Ted Patek in memory of Jean Patek. The piano bench has been donated in memory of Charles & Justine Gilmore. It was originally from the Randolph United Methodist Church. A flag stand has been donated in memory of Clara Biel. Thank you all for your generosity!

We are hoping to expand the kitchen exhibit with the addition of a dry sink. If you have one or know of one we might acquire, please call Mary Biel at 326-3573.

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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Our annual meeting was held on Wednesday, August 8. All officers were re-elected to their positions.

### MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES

We have new renters in the rectory. The repair/painting of the exterior wood portions of the church is nearly completed and looks great. New eaves troughs and gutter guards have been installed. Repair of the damaged plaster in the church is our next maintenance job. We discussed borrowing scaffolding to reach the ceiling.

### MUSEUM LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The space needs of our growing exhibits is of some concern. After discussion as to how often we completely fill the pews when we have events, it was decided to remove the back three rows of pews (up to the balcony support post) to make way for future exhibits.

### FINANCES/MEMBERSHIP

In the past year we raised approximately \$12,000 mainly through fundraisers, dues and donations. We spent about \$18,000 in operating expenses and repairs. The lack of rental income through much of the year greatly impacted our normal revenue stream. Luckily, we do have a renter in the rectory again. We currently have 115 members in our society. (That includes 107 membership renewals and 8 new memberships in the August 06 to August 07 time period.)

### 2008 - St. Mary's Centennial

In 2008 we will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the building of St. Mary's. We are excited to commemorate this occasion and are seeking ideas on how to do just that. What kind of event should we have? Let us know your ideas.

## ***Want to be a member?***

If you are not currently a member but would like to join, our membership levels are:

\$10 Individual    \$20 Family    \$100 Contributing  
\$500 Business/Professional    \$1000 Sustaining

Please send your name and address along with your contribution to

Lost Lake-Randolph Historical Society  
c/o Lois Biel

324 North Columbus Street  
Randolph, WI 53956

(Please note: current members are sent renewal notices in August each year.)



Society members, Norman & Rosie Smith, at the flea market in August.



# CHILI SUPPER



**Saturday, November 10 4:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Serving chili, cheese, bread, desserts and beverages.**

**\$5 - 10 & up \$3 - ages 5 to 9 (under 5 free)**

**Raffle \* Silent Auction**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**We need help cleaning & setting up before the event on either Fri. (11/9) or Sat (11/10). We'll also need help turning our donated ingredients into chili on Saturday morning.**

**During the meal we will need help serving chili, beverages and bussing tables.**

**(This is a great job for teens who are logging community service hours for church or school.) Please call Delwyn or Mary Biel at 326-3573 to sign up or return the enclosed postcard.**

**BAKERS & CHILI MAKERS!**

Please mark your calendars now to set aside some time late next week to make desserts and/or chili. We do have a substantial donation of chili ingredients this year, but as always, we want to make sure we have an ample supply.

Please note what plan to donate on the enclosed postcard and mail it back to us by November 6.

**INGREDIENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO COOK!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Those of you who have raffle tickets, please return your ticket money and completed ticket stubs before the Chili Supper or bring them with you that night. The drawing will take place at the end of the evening.

If you have unsold tickets, please be sure to return them **BEFORE** the Chili Supper. They can be mailed to Arnie Bashynski at 244 Williams Street, Randolph, WI 53956 or dropped off with any one of the officers if that is more convenient. Please direct any raffle ticket questions to Arnie Bashynski at 326- 3301.



**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

We will again have a silent auction at the Chili Supper. A few more items are needed. If you have an appropriate item (gift basket/home décor etc..) to donate, please call Mary Biel at 326-3573.

**As a benefit to our members this newsletter will be published twice per year. Your ideas, articles and pictures are welcome. Contact Valerie Johnson at 326-5554 or at gopwins@aol.com**

**CALENDARS  
FOR  
SALE!**



Our first ever Historical Society calendar is nearly ready! Each month in 2008 features an historical photo from our growing photo collection. This is a wonderful way to showcase the photos we have acquired and get a little PR in the community. They will be ready for purchase for \$10 each beginning at the chili supper on November 10.

**THANKS TO ARNIE BASHYNSKI FOR TAKING ON THIS PROJECT!**



Thrashing crew near Randolph (undated)



Train plowing through Randolph - 1910



**PRESERVING THE PAST FOR TODAY AND FOR TOMORROW**

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