



# Lost Lake-Randolph Historical Society

## A Memorial Tribute to Philip Biel

We were sad to say farewell to Philip E. Biel, a founding member of the historical society. He passed away on December 30, 2007 surrounded by his loving family. Philip was born on April 27, 1924, in Randolph to Edward and Sophie (Straseskie) Biel. He was united in marriage to Elaine Miller on June 21, 1949.

Philip will always be remembered for his love and devotion to his family. He farmed for 56 years, winning Outstanding Conservation award for Dodge County and numerous 200 bushels of corn per acre awards. He also worked at Busse Brothers for 27 years. He loved to attend his children's and grandchildren's athletic events, travel, fish, hunt and take care of his cats.

Philip is survived by his wife, Elaine, and five children: Linda Biel, Beaver Dam; Nancy Gove, Faye (Oscar) Oosterhouse, Geno (Kris) Biel, Randolph; and Mark (Margie) Biel, Ellsworth; 10 grandchildren: Marie



Philip and Elaine Biel



'The Hooperville Gang' L-to-R; Red Wallentin, Gerald Sadoski, Philip Biel, Arden Neuman and unknown. If anyone knows the name of the man on the far right, call Delwyn Biel. First person to identify him wins a free fish fry at Kelly's Bar.

(Kevin) Lotto, Mary Meyer, Brian (Heather) Gove, Gary (Tammy) Gove, Jaelyn Oosterhouse, Michelle (Mark) Dreger, Michael Biel, Steven Biel, Victoria Biel, and William Biel; 3 great-grandchildren: Morgan, Emma, and Ava Gove; brother Vernon Biel and 2 sisters: Mary Biel and Helen (Don) Hensler. Philip was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Herald and Bernard Biel.

In addition to his involvement with the historical society, Philip was a member of Annunciation Catholic Parish, The Knights of Columbus and member of the Golden Boys Club of HoChunk.

The historical society was honored to be among the groups receiving memorials in Philip's name.

"To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven." Philip now has a spectacular view from all directions.

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**Message from the President**

Dear Members,

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership for this year!

The board members have been planning the upcoming events for this summer and fall and have decided to have a different kind of event in August. Normally, we hold our flea market and brat fry, but after a few years we realize our effort to run the event was more substantial than the funds being raised.

INSTEAD, this year we will hold a Centennial Celebration commemorating the 100 years since the present church building was constructed. We will have a catered dinner on Sunday, August 24th at 12.30 p.m. Reservations will be required. We'll let you know how to rsvp along with the annual meeting notice we send out at the end of July. There will be a presentation of the history of the building and the congregation following the dinner. Additionally, we will be creating a scrapbook about the church . . . so anyone willing to share stories and/or photos should plan to bring them to us at least one month in advance. (A good time to do this would be on the Sundays when our museum is open from 1 - 4 p.m. on June 15, July 6 and July 20.)

We need to pay tribute to another of our members, Teddy Pritchard, who recently passed away on May 25. You may remember Teddy for her extensive hat collection which she showed to us as our first featured program. We are also grateful for her donation of a selection of her hats as a permanent exhibit.

Please mark you calendars for the annual meeting on August 13! Watch for a mailing in late July with more details about our Centennial Celebration on August 24!

Sincerely,

*Delwyn Biel*

***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.)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 - ANNUAL MEETING 7 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 - CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
Dinner at 12:30 p.m. with program to follow  
(See President's message above for more details.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - CHILI SUPPER

***Please mark your calendars!***

## Encore Performance of the Friesland Men's Choir

The performance of the Friesland Men's Choir was enjoyed so well three years ago we were pleased to have them back again for a concert on Sunday, April 6. Their gospel songs, once again, entertained and inspired us!

Thanks to all society members who brought desserts for the reception following the concert. We appreciate your help!

The quartet below performed as part of the concert given by the Friesland Men's Choir on April 6.



### STATE HISTORICAL SITES SUMMER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

With summertime already here, you may want to make some plans for day trips around the state. There are interesting programs being offered at our State Historical sites. More detailed information can be found at their website: [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)

#### ***Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show - July 4-6***

Come to Circus World Museum and see the re-enactment of the original show which visited Sheboygan in 1896 featuring cowboys doing trick riding, roping and shooting. Buy tickets in advance through [circusworldmuseum.com](http://circusworldmuseum.com).

#### ***World War I Experience - July 12 & 13***

Experience life in a World War I army camp, including meal preparations, equipment inspections, medical examinations and weapons instructions at Old World Wisconsin.

#### ***Laura Ingalls Wilder Day***

At Old World Wisconsin on July 26 & 27 enjoy a celebration drawn from the pages of *On the Banks of Plum Creek*. Also, see steam powered vintage machines at work.

#### ***Museum Exhibits***

At the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison two new exhibits have recently opened and run into November.

#### ***That's the Ticket! A Parade of Presidential Elections***

In honor of this year's presidential elections, the museum presents an exhibit chronicling the highlights of past races for the White House from 1856 (the first contest between Democrat and Republican parties) through 2004.

***Chris Farley Remembered*** Celebrate the life of comedian and Madison native Chris Farley with this exhibit featuring clothing, props and photographs from his career.

### EXHIBIT & PROJECT UPDATE

- **One-Room Schools:** Kathy Schraufnagel is continuing her work on recording the history of our area one-room schools. Please take the time to share your stories!
- **Local Military Service History:** We're collecting photos and military history of anyone's family member that served our country.
- **St. Mary's Cemetery History:** For each person buried in our cemetery we would like to have: an obituary, photos, and any personal history.
- **Family Homestead History:** Photos of the past and present, changes made over the years and noteworthy events like fires, floods or tornadoes.
- **Church History:** We're collecting photos of anyone married at St. Mary's as well as first communion and confirmation photos.
- **History Contest for 4th-Graders:** We are working to coordinate this future contest with the new Wisconsin History text book for 4th graders which will be ready for 08-09 school year. If you would like to help with this, please contact Valerie Johnson 326-5554.

## 2008 Museum Schedule

Our first open museum day for the 2008 season was earlier this month on June 1.

We will continue to be open the 1st & 3rd Sundays, June through September. Members willing to take a turn at staffing would be appreciated. Please call Delwyn at 326-3573 to let him know which days you can help.

### OPEN DATES:

(1st & 3rd Sundays 1-4 p.m.)

JUNE 1 & 15

JULY 6 & 20

AUGUST 3 & 17

SEPTEMBER 7 & 21

## County \* Regional \* State Meetings

The Dodge County Historical Societies most recent quarterly meeting was sponsored this spring by the Dodge Centre Historical Society in Juneau.

Those attending were Bill & Mary Kirchberg and Vernon & Lois Biel.

These meetings can be very informative. If you are interested in attending the next county, regional or state meeting listed below, contact Delwyn Biel.

The next Dodge Co. Historical Societies' quarterly meeting will be in Beaver Dam in July.

Our Regional History Conference will be sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society in West Bend on August 2.

The 2008 Annual Local History Convention and Historic Preservation Conference will be in Madison on September 26 & 27.

As a benefit to our members this newsletter will be published twice per year.

Your ideas, articles and pictures are welcome. For publication contact Valerie Johnson

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