

## DODGE COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING INFORMATION

*Each year the local historical societies in Dodge County take turns holding the quarterly meetings. These meetings include presentations on a variety of topics such as artifacts, storage and local history. Any members who are interested in attending are welcome to do so.*

*The last meeting was held in September and hosted by the Kekoskee - Williams-town Historical Societies. The presentation was on cemetery monument preservation. Those attending from our society were Vernon and Lois Biel, Gene and Karryl Carlin, Kathy Schraufnagel and Arnie Bashynski.*

*The next meeting will be held in the spring in Lebanon. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the officers.*

### 35 ATTENDED BOOK SIGNING

On October 4 we were honored to host a book signing for Jean Goodwin Messinger as she presented her newest book;

#### **In the Best of Families:**

#### **Biel Goodwin Scandal/Shame of 1900**

In this book she recounts the true story of her grandfather's attempt to murder her grandmother and the dramatic rescue and scandal which shook the Lost Lake area in 1900.

Thirty-five people enjoyed meeting the author and having their copies autographed. At the end of the event, Jean very generously donated half of the proceeds from the day. Thank you, Jean!

If you didn't get your copy, we have some available at the Historical Society for \$11.95.

Other books she has written include:

*A Closer Look at Beaver Dam*

*Same War Different Battlefields:*

*Inspiring Stories of Civilians Impacted by WWII*

*Faith in High Places: Historic Country Churches of Colorado*

### STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*There are always interesting programs being offered by the State Historical Society. Below are a few upcoming events and programs. More details can be found at: [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)*

#### ***Old World Wisconsin Dinners and Themed Weekends:***

*Experience the eeriness of Edgar Allen Poe's stories with a dinner theater on October 23, 24, 30 & 31 or discover the charms of many holiday traditions with the Spirit of Christmas Past weekends on December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13.*

#### ***In Madison ...***

*From now until the end of the year visit the August Derleth Book Exhibit on the first floor of the Wisconsin Historical Society Headquarters.*

*At the State Historical Museum on the Square: Watch costumed interpreters bring to life peculiar and interesting people in "Colorful Characters of Wisconsin's Past" Oct. 27-30 from 10 am to 3 pm.*

*Learn how to make Belgian cookies with Terese Allen the author of "The Flavor of Wisconsin" on Dec. 5 from 10:30 - 11:30 am.*

*Or attend a workshop to learn how to use Ancestry.com at the Memorial Library on Dec. 12 from 9 am to noon. (Register soon if you are interested . . .class size limited to 20)*

## Would Hooperville by Any Other Name Smell as Sweet?

*When we look at old plat books and news clippings it is not unusual to find the names of many communities have changed throughout the years and surprisingly some have changed many, many times. The crossroads we now call "Hooperville" followed this pattern and has been referred to by at least eight different names.*

*Going back to the Calamus Chips column in the Beaver Dam Argus from May of 1879 we find this reference to four of the names. "Sloughville, Hard Scrabble and Devel's Gap, are some of the names applied to Hubers Corners."*

*The "Huber" being referred to is likely Wolfgang Huber who is listed on the 1880 census as running the saloon. Also, in an 1879 Beaver Dam Argus column we find this description:*

*"There is a little burg on the other side of Lost Lake now containing a church, school house, saloon, and blacksmith shop. It has never been named yet, because an agreement could not be arrived at by its inhabitants, but at last a majority of them have agreed that it shall be called Huberville, and so, in behalf of those interested, we proclaim it. It is just nine miles from Beaver Dam, from Fox*



**Hooperville - date unknown**



**The congregation lined up in front of St. Mary's before 1908.**

*Eventually, Huberville acquired a post office and officially became Lost Lake to the US Postal Service, at least until 1902 when this office was closed. The first attempt to name the office was Calamus, then Arthur, and finally Lost Lake was accepted. (We are left wondering why Arthur was suggested. Does anyone know?)*

*Apparently, the Columbus Republican and Columbus Democrat often referred to the area as Loss Lake and not Lost Lake until someone wrote in to correct them in 1903. I suppose there could be some argument here as an 1890 plat map does indeed show Loss Lake. In an excerpt from an 1884 Columbus Republican article we see this 'error' as we read:*

*"Loss Lake is a post hamlet lying immediately on the line between Calamus and Westford, Dodge County, Wis. The post office was established Oct. 1, 1883 and J.D. O'Brien appointed post master. The place was formerly called Mount Pleasant and has also been called Huberville.*

*Finally, a plat book in 1910 listed the name as Huperville beginning our final metamorphosis to the current name.*