



PRESERVING THE PAST FOR TODAY AND FOR TOMORROW

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Lost Lake-Randolph Historical Society

We Salute Carole Graff

In this issue we are saluting Carole Graff, one of our founding members. We are grateful to Carole for her work behind the scenes doing an extraordinary amount of research.

Carole has researched the genealogy of the extended Biel family, including quite a collection of newspaper articles and announcements. More recently, she compiled the early St. Mary's Church history for the Centennial Celebration which allowed us to produce the lovely booklet we handed out that day.

These materials are a tremendous resource to have at our society giving us a true sense of days gone by. Thank you Carole!



REMINDER

Membership statements went out a few weeks ago. Don't forget to send in your renewal!

Centennial Celebrated



Vernon Biel demonstrates his 1904 Cylinder recording player during the Centennial program.

The 100-year anniversary of the construction of St. Mary's was celebrated on Sunday, August 24th with a complimentary luncheon and program.

Nearly 100 members, guests and neighbors enjoyed the day. The program highlighted events from St. Mary's history, including its importance as a social center in the community. We enjoyed hearing from Fr. Stan Baranowski and Fr. Maney as their letters were read describing fond memories of their time at St. Mary's. The program also included musical entertainment provided by Marge Cupery on the piano and organ, Kelly Bleich with his stories and songs, and Vernon Biel demonstrating his cylinder recordings.

Board of Directors**Delwyn Biel****President****Vernon Biel****Vice President****Arnold Bashynski****Secretary****Lois Biel****Treasurer****Bill Kirchberg****Director****Kathy Schraufnagel****Director****Gene Carlin****Director****ANNUAL MEETING NOTES**

Our annual meeting was held on Wednesday, August 13. All officers were re-elected to their positions.

MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES

This year you may have noticed the major effort was sprucing up the landscaping around the church. The water damage to the side entrance stairway was fixed and painted, too.

FINANCES/MEMBERSHIP

In the past year we raised approximately \$23,400 through fundraisers, dues, donations and rent on the rectory. We spent a little more than \$22,400 in operating expenses and repairs. We currently have 138 members in our society. (That includes 128 membership renewals and 10 new memberships in the August 07 to August 08 time period.)

Thank You!

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Centennial Celebration a success in August.

A special thanks to Arnie Bashynski, Kathy Schraufnagel, Vernon Biel and Gene Carlin who put in a special effort to create the festive Labor Day Parade float!

Moving & Restoring the Lost Lake School

We are excited to announce a new restoration project coming our way! The board has accepted the donation of the old Lost Lake School building. We are planning to move the building from the corner of County Road FW & Hwy 73 onto the grounds of the Historical Society. We will then restore it and create an authentic one-room school for visitors. Donations are being accepted to help underwrite the building relocation and restoration costs.

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.)

A current photo of the Lost Lake School which held classes from 1876 to 1953.





CHILI SUPPER



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

Serving chili and potato soup

cheese, bread, desserts and beverages.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need help cleaning & setting up before the event on either Fri. (11/7) or Sat (11/8). We'll also need help turning our donated ingredients into chili and potato soup on Friday morning

During the meal we will need help serving food, 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 to make desserts and/or chili.

Donations of crackers and cheese are appreciated as well.

Please note what you plan to donate on the enclosed postcard and mail it back to us by November 1.

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 7:30 p.m. on November 8th.

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 ValerieBJohnson@aol.com

**CALENDARS
FOR
SALE!**



Our second Historical Society calendar is nearly ready! Each month in 2009 features a photo of a church from the area. This is a wonderful way to showcase the photos we have acquired and get a little PR in the community. They will be available to purchase for \$10 beginning at the chili supper on November 8.

THANKS TO ARNIE BASHYNSKI FOR TAKING ON THIS PROJECT!



St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Doylestown



German Lutheran Church - Randolph

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