



BUSY BEE WINNIES NEWSLETTER



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The Busy Bee Winnies June 1-4 campout was held at the Grundy Center Fairgrounds, Grundy Center, IA. There were 11 coaches, 19 members and guest Barb Boie. Also visiting on Thursday evening was Scott Pitt, Ken Pitt's brother and Mike and Sandy Tagtow, friends of Paul & Shari Harberts. On Saturday evening joining us around the campfire were Winnebago owners, Larry and Darlene Marske.



Our campout started with a potluck on Thursday evening. Then we relaxed and visited around the campfire.

On Friday at 9:25 a.m. we had a tour of the newest Grundy County Museum, Heritage Center and Agricultural Hall in Morrison, IA. Kevin Williams, Grundy County Conservation Board Executive Director was our guide. He told us many interesting stories about

his experiences as a Bottle Digger and about the infamous Buddy Beckwith.

We saw a wikiup made of willow poles and cattail mats. It could be rolled up and moved with the change of seasons. The 90 foot long diorama depicted the transformation of Grundy County prairie to farmland. A 1900 house and barn were recreated and visitors could enter and view the displays.

We saw Carl Dingel's dollhouse-sized miniatures all built to scale and completely furnished inside. The Little Brown Church, Boarding House, Country School, Depot, Saloon, and Log Cabin reflected the lifestyles of the residents of Grundy County as early as the 1900's.

A wagon full of hand-picked corn (in the picture below) is in Agricultural Hall "From Grasslands to Granaries".



After lunch at Morris Inn we drove to Gladbrook to Matchstick Marvels, winner of the 2007 Iowa Tourism Attraction of the year. Pat Acton has created dozens of wooden models and sculptures made exclusively of ordinary wooden matchsticks. We saw large-scaled models of the USS Iowa battleship, the space shuttle Challenger, the Wright Brothers' Flyer, and the United States Capitol, which measures 12 feet long. His newest model, The Star Wars Millennium Falcon model is on display at Matchstick Marvels until July 25, 2017. The model contains 910,000 matchsticks, is 15 feet long, 10 feet wide and packed with interactive features! Ripley's Believe It or Not has purchased Star Wars and more than 20 Acton's matchstick models for their museums throughout the world.

On Friday evening after supper at That Place at Conrad, IA, we went back to the campground. Sally Boie played her accordion for our entertainment as we sat around the campfire.

On Saturday morning at the Mutch Museum of Tools and Things established in 1992, we saw hundreds of items all identified as to where Harold obtained them and how they were used.

Everyone had lunch at the Landmark Bistro in Grundy Center. Back at the campground at 12:45 Tom Clancy told us about Sky Med. At 3:00 Vice President Myrna Elloitt conducted the Busy Bee Meeting and Sally Boie was the Secretary pro tem. This was followed at 4:00 with Happy Hour and then a delicious supper of lasagna, lettuce salad, and French bread furnished by the committee and fruit from Mardine Meyer. The committee surprised Larry

Wiley for his birthday with a special cake complete with candles, and we sang Happy Birthday to Larry. We enjoyed another beautiful evening around the campfire.

On Sunday morning the committee treated everyone to scrambled eggs, bacon, jumbo muffins, juice and coffee. At 9:30 Glen and Sally Boie led the Church Service, and closed with Happy Trails.

A big THANK YOU to the committee, Paul & Sharie Harberts, Tom & Jan Bailey, and Mark & Donna Petersen for a great weekend.

There is a change in location for the Busy Bee October 5-7 campout. It will be at Jellystone Campground at Monticello IA.

Please let Lyle Airey know by July 1st if you CAN or CANNOT attend the August campout.

Register before June 15 and save \$10 on the State Rally at Hampton July 7-9 The Busy Bees have set up, clean up, and decorations. If you have any strings of red, white or blue lights could you please bring them for decorations.

GNR Pre-Rally starts July 11-16 at Forest City. The Busy Bees have Head of Row Decorations. For the Head of Row decorations we are using the theme: "Welcome to Fabulous Iowa". If you have any ideas to decorate the Iowa Row contact Shari Harberts. We want to let people know what is grown, manufactured, found, ect. in Iowa.

Any information about future campouts should be sent to Mike Donahue.

BIRTHDAY

June

3 Larry Wiley
10 Pat Niel
11 Kathy Conlon
12 Dean Meyer

July

2 Liz Arends
8 Jane Fransen
12 Judy Swartz
21 Mildred Cummings
21 Mardine Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

June

1 Carroll (deceased) &
Jane Fransen
15 John (deceased) & Judy
Swartz 1957
18 Glen & Sally Boie 1960
22 Jim & Kathy Conlon 1968

July

5 Jim & Deanna Darrah 2008
14 Erv & Bonnie Loomis 1957
21 Dean & Mardine Meyer 1957
30 Mark & Donna Petersen 1983

FUTURE CAMPOUTS

2017 meetings and campouts

July 7-9 Iowa Winnie Hawks State Rally
Franklin County Fairgrounds
Hampton IA.

July 17-21 GNR Forest City, IA

August 3-5 Morwood Campground,
Hazleton, IA. Make your
reservations by July 1st. 319-636-2422

Sept. 7-9 Harvest Farm, Cresco, IA.

Sept. 10-16 Busy Bee Caravan,
Southern Minnesota

Sept. 22-24 Iowa Winnie Hawks Fall
Meeting.
Mahaska County Fairgrounds
Oskaloosa, IA.

Oct. 5-7 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park,
Monticello, IA.

Nov. 4 Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse,
Independence, IA

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Everyone is invited to the Union Sunday School in Clermont, IA on Sunday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m. for a free Organ Recital by Sally Boie. Also performing in the program called "Musical Journey" will be Glen Boie, Bonnie Loomis and Ruth Schlatter vocalists. Sally will also play her Accordion. The building is air conditioned and coffee and cookies will be served at the Opera House after the concert.

