

BUSY BEE WINNIES NEWSLETTER

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The Busy Bee Winnies October Campout was held at Jellystone Park Camp-Resort, Monticello, Iowa on October 5-8, 2017. Twelve coaches, 21 members, and one guest, Barb Boie enjoyed an interesting weekend of activities. It began when we sat outside for Happy Hour at 4:00 p.m. We were bothered by uninvited guests, flies, bees, No-See-Ums. Then we went into the building for a 5:30 potluck with lots of good food.

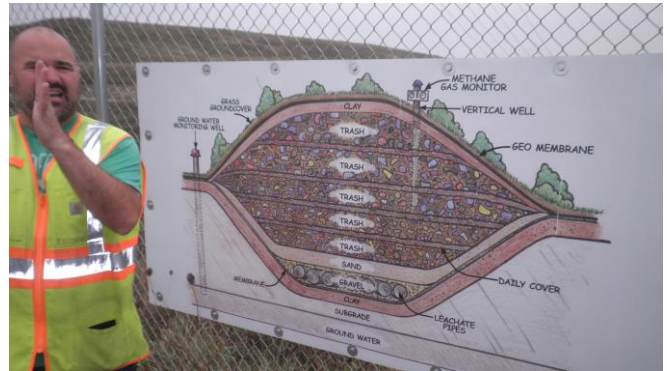
We were so lucky to have a “special cleaning lady” at our Busy Bee potluck. What a fun way to start off the Campout Weekend!



Thanks Pat Strong for entertaining us as you cleaned up. Everyone enjoyed the surprise gifts in bags decorated for Halloween!

On Friday morning at 9:00 we left Monticello and drove to the Cedar

Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency at Marion, IA. At 10:00 we met Jason Evans, our tour guide. We drove to the Landfill and he told us about the Landfill Cell.



At 10:45 a.m. we went to the Resource Recovery Building. Residents of Cedar Rapids/Linn County can recycle everything from paper, plastics, glass, and cardboard to batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and electronics – no charge.



Usable products are available to Linn County residents – no charge. At 11:30 we went to the Environmental Building. We each received a pencil

made from recycled blue jeans and a ball point made from recycled bottles.

At 12:10 we went to Springville and had lunch at Sally's on Broadway. The rest of the afternoon was free time. At 4:30 we went to the building for Happy Hour, visiting, and a Mexican Train Domino Game. At 6:00 everyone brought finger food to share.

On Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Lyle Airey drove and Don Harper, Glen & Sally Boie and Barb went to the Lawrence Community Center to see the Anamosa Pumpkinfest & Ryan Norlin GIANT Pumpkin Weigh-Off. The largest pumpkin we saw weighed 1,971.5 lb. and a watermelon weighed 257.5 lb.



Then we walked across the street to the Farm Bureau Fin. Services building for the Pumpkin Carving Exhibit and voted for our favorite carved pumpkin.

At 11:00 the Busy Bees met at McOtto's in Anamosa for lunch. Then we drove to the Catholic Church in Stone City where we met Brad Hatcher. We followed Brad to the Weber Stone Company Quarry where he gave us a tour. The Company has one of the largest production capacities in the Midwest. They do

landscape stone including flagstone, veneer, wall stone, steps, patio squares, benches, tables, custom hearths and mantels. It was interesting to learn that this limestone is 400 million years old and has no fossils in it.



We went into the tunnel which has a constant temperature of 55 degrees. The men work there in the winter, breaking up the big blocks of limestone and stacking them up. After the Quarry tour some members stopped to see the big pumpkins or watch the Pumpkinfest Parade.

At 4:30 we had the Business Meeting. Officers for next year were elected and installed by Past President, Glen Boie.



Officers are: President Myrna Elloitt, Vice-President Ken Pitt, Secretary Sue Wiley, Treasurer Mary Jane Schieltz, and Historian Mike Donahue.

At 5:45 the committee served us brats or hot dogs on a bun, baked beans, cole slaw, carrot salad, carrots & celery, and pumpkin bars! After supper the

members had fun playing various games.

On Sunday we had to wait until 8:00a.m. to get into the building. For breakfast we had raspberry/chocolate scones and blueberry scones with coffee, cranberry and apple juice. At 9:20 Glen and Sally Boie led the church service.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to the committee for a nice weekend, Pat Strong, Jim & Pat Powers, and Don & Marty Harper.

The next Busy Bee Meeting is at Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse, 201 1st St. W, Independence, IA. Paul & Shari Harberts are hosts. Everyone will order off the menu. Please let Shari know if you can or cannot come by Friday, October 27, if you have not already done so. Her email is: psharb818@gmail.com or call her at 319-404-1382.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, you can pay them at the luncheon at Bill's in Independence. The Dues are \$20, \$10 for the Busy Bees and \$10 for the Iowa Winnie Hawks.

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

BIRTHDAY

October

11 Jim Conlon
16 Myrna Elliott
24 Ken Pitt
25 Don Harper
27 Janie Schieltz

November

4 Ervin Loomis
6 Louie Walderbach
9 Paul Harberts
18 Marrlee Airey
19 Sharon Donahue
26 Donna Petersen

ANNIVERSARIES

November

9 Leslie (deceased) & Kathy
Hunemuller 1947
23 Phil & Pam Perdock
25 Lyle & Marrlee Airey 1956
25 Ken & Barb Pitt

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL
CAMP HOSTS IF YOU CAN OR
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