

BUSY BEE WINNIES NEWSLETTER

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The Busy Bee Winnies September campout was held at Harvest Farm Campground, Cresco, IA on Sept. 7-10, 2017. Twelve coaches, 22 members and guest Barb Boie enjoyed the campout and beautiful weather.

Our campout started on Thursday, Sept 7 at the Howard County Visitor's Center in Cresco, IA. Jason Passmore and Spiff Sifka from Howard County Business and Tourism were our guides for "Every Town Has a Story." It was interesting to see and learn about the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame which was started in 1970. At 3:00 Spiff took us to the Theater and Opera House, a 100 year old building which has been restored and is still used for movies and live performances. Back at the campground we had a potluck and campfire.

On Friday we caravanned to the Norman Borlaug Boyhood Farm and Birthplace. Tom Spindler gave us an interesting tour. The Borlaug home was a Sears home bought for \$1000 in 1922. Dr. Norman E. Borlaug received the Noble Peace Prize in 1970 in recognition of his contributions to world peace through increasing food supply. Dr. Borlaug was credited for saving millions of people from starving by developing high yielding, disease resistant dwarf wheat. In 2014 his statue was placed in

The National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building.

After lunch the Busy Bees went to the Bily Clocks Museum and Antonin Dvorak Exhibit in Spillville, IA. The clocks are hand-carved by brothers Joseph and Frank Bily, who were bachelor farmers. They did their carving in the winter months, using wood from all over the world.



Dvorak, the famous Czech composer lived in Spillville in the summer of 1893. Next we saw St. Wenceslaus, the oldest Czech Catholic Church in America, and the historic cemetery which is full of iron cross grave markers in a variety of designs made by Charles Andera. At 5:00 we drove to K-Tap at Kendallville for supper and then enjoyed another campfire.

On Saturday morning the committee served us a delicious breakfast of casseroles, watermelon, cantaloupe,

bread, juice and coffee. This was followed by a 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and lunch on our own.

At 1:30 Sharon Rendack gave us an interesting tour of Vesterheim Museum in Decorah. We learned that rosmaling started on farm equipment. Some things we saw were a chair carved from a tree trunk, 1851 ship that sailed to America, mangle boards which are traditional courtship gifts carved by young men in Scandinavia or the Netherlands, Silver Bridal Crown, Hardanger Fiddle, Textile Gallery, and Spoon Carving.

At 2:45 we went outside to see the Haugen House and the Norsvin Mill with grass on the roof. The Valdres House built in 1795 was shipped to the US in 1975 from Norway. The Egge-Koren House built in 1852 was a 3 bedroom cabin which housed 2 families. The Bethania Lutheran Church was built in Northwood, ND in 1903 and moved to Decorah in 1992. The Mikkelson-Skree Blacksmith Shop was built in 1855 and the Painter-Bernatz Mill in 1851.

At 4:00 we went to Center St. and listened to The Contratopia Band composed of Eric Sessions (fiddle) and John Goodin (mandolin and guitar). We enjoyed our evening meal including Swiss Steak and Chicken in the basement at Stone Hearth.

On Sunday morning the committee served scrambled egg burritos and fruit. At 9:00 Glen and Sally Boie led the church service.

A big THANK YOU to the committee Bob & Carol Hustad, Ken & Barb Pitt, Myrna Elliott, and Larry & Sue Wiley

The October campout will be Oct. 5-7 at Jellystone in Monticello, IA. (old Walnut Acres). 22128 Hwy. 38 Monticello IA. call 319-465-4665 to make reservations. RSVP to martyharper@netins.net or Pat Strong at camperalaska@yahoo.com we do have a pavilion for activities.

Nov. 4 will be at bill's Pizza and Smokehouse, Independence, IA.

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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WORDS OF WISDOM

So when is this “Old Enough to know better” supposed to kick in?

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL
CAMP HOSTS IF YOU CAN OR
CANNOT ATTEND THE CAMPOUT.**

