

Centreville Settlement, Inc.

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Summer is Baseball Season: historic societies are featuring baseball this summer.



Nineteenth-century baseball, a gentleman's game, returns to the Wade House at Greenbush Historic site this summer. The Greenbush Dead City's baseball club will be bringing the nation's favorite pastime back to life with a series of games through the summer. The rules of the game, the lingo, the equipment will recall a past era. They will play against other vintage teams from Wisconsin and Illinois.

Schedule: August 19—Eagle Diamonds
Sept. 16—Milwaukee Cream City

Away: August 4-5, Cream City, Greenfield, WI

The Wisconsin Historical Society has a new exhibit "*World Series Wisconsin: Celebrate Milwaukee Baseball's Greatest Moments*".

The latest "Wisconsin— a magazine of history" also has an article on the Milwaukee Braves.

Enjoy the cranks (fans) grapple with the ash.

2007

Bake Oven Day	Sept 30
Olde Fashioned Christmas Dinner	Dec 3
<i>Mtwc Cty Historic Soc. Calendar</i>	
Newtonburg Brass Band Pinecrest	Aug 4, 5:30 pm
Dairy Discovery Day Pinecrest	Aug 11, 12-3:00pm
GCH Brat Fry	August 11
Fall Harvest Festival Pinecrest	Sept 22, 1-3:00pm
Barn Dance	6-9:00pm
Check with Manitowoc County Historical Society for details. 920-684-4445	

Editors Note

I must apologize for not getting out monthly editions this summer. I was just diagnosed with fibromyalgia which really has limited my energy. And 2 weeks ago I was in intensive care for 5 days for bleeding colon. Needed 8 units blood. Kinda messed up the summer. But I'm back on the road again and should be getting back on schedule.

Greater Centreville Historians

Join the oral history group in documenting Centreville's history the 2nd Monday of every month at LTC at 6:30 PM.

The Greater Centreville Historians is a nationally recognized model for saving oral history. Participate in a unique experience.

2007 Schedule

August 13	Cleveland Fire Department
Sept 10	Cleveland Police
Oct 8	Bucks Bar
Nov 12	Hickory House

(schedule subject to change)

To be put on the mailing list, contact Kathy Sixel at 920-693-8525. She sends out postcards with the date, topic and photo of the topic.

GCH Brat Fry— August 11, Saturday

At CR Stop MiniMart on the corner of I43 & Cty C.

"Great food served by great people for a great cause."

2007 Workday Schedule

Sept 8
Sept 22
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Oct 6
Oct 20



Workdays begin around 9:00 am and last until about 5:00 pm. But anyone is welcome anytime. You don't have to be there all day. All volunteers are invited to participate in a pot luck lunch. Wear work shoes. There are goggles, gloves and hard hats available, but bring your own if you have them.

Around the Housebarn...

1. Charlie B.'s relative is restoring a truck starting with a hub cap. It's a story that should be entitled "Truck: A Love Story:"
2. Edith told the story of calling in sick for work when she worked at Kohler to go to Summerfest and then got sick while there on something she ate.
3. The Housebarn now has a security system including alarms and locks on the doors. It is the "Exclusive" Lutze Housebarn. Admission by permission, but we don't know who to ask to get in.
4. Matt attempts to keep the raccoon population down around the buildings. He uses a live cage and caught a raccoon so large he had trouble getting it out.
5. Marie Pfeiffer, who unfortunately can't get to the Housebarn workdays anymore, has her animal stories as well. Chris, who is her neighbor, says he has seen her on a stool in the garden with a hoe in her hand. She sits quietly until the sassy little bunny hops in to snack on her veggies, "Here little bunny. Here little bunny", she croons. Her plan is to wait for it to get closer and Bop it on the head (just like it the childhood song). Chris asked her if she was successful. " Sure, but I put the little body in the road so people will think it's road kill."

6. Margaret Klessig visited the Housebarn one day and she and Edith were reminiscing about the work they used to do.

Monday—laundry with wringer washer, bluing in the rinse water, shaved homemade soap and hang outside to dry, summer and winter.

Tuesday—Iron...everything

Wednesday—mending

Friday—clean the entire house for the week-end when company comes to visit.

Saturday—bake for company on Sunday and for the next week.

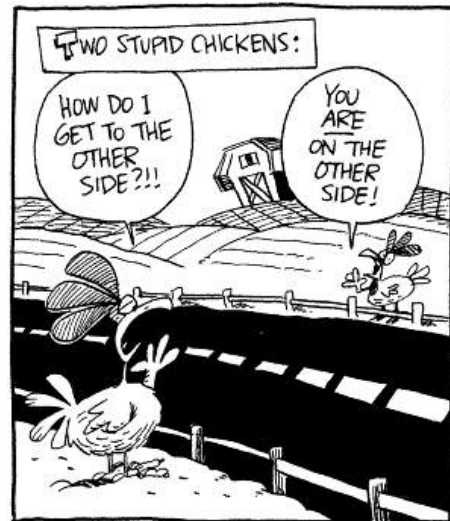
When asked what happened on Thursday, they *said* they couldn't remember, but each had a lascivious smile on their face. You know, farmers took time out during the day too.

7. We had watermelon at a work day. There was a whole half left. Kathy P. wants to know if that is bigger than a regular half.
8. We also got to talking about long underwear and Margaret recalled her mother mending her dad's long johns trap door, except she forgot to take out all the pins. She recalls, "He used such bad language."
9. If anyone has old, old Sears & Roebuck catalogues or old, old magazines, do not throw them out. They can help historians date furniture and artifacts and sometimes, identify an item.



Congratulations to Charlie Simonds

Charlie retired from this job as an architect . When asked what he will do with all his free time, he said he planned on working more at the Lutze Housebarn!!!! Our kind of guy!



Greater Centerville Historians to Receive Gift @ Cleveland State Bank Anniversary Customer Bash

On August 14, Cleveland State Bank will be hosting a picnic for its customers.

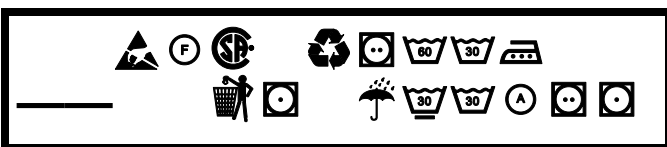
The Greater Centerville Historians will be receiving a donation from the bank for their continued efforts in preserving local history.

Congratulations and Thank you to Kathy Sixel, Charlie Bauer and Jerry O'Neil for their making it happen.

Another Housebarn "Hmmm?"

The plaster in the walls in the housebarn is applied over lathes that were sawed with a machine. That makes one think that the plastering was done at a later date than 1849.

But...always a but...the lathes under the plaster in the ceiling are of split wood in a more primitive style. Why 2 types? Hummm?



“Shooting Carp in Wisconsin”

Miami Herald.com

Columnist & humorist, Dave column June 25, 2000. He re-chilling cases” of fish being dan-life.

On June 17, 1999 John & Lauren Erker of Eureka (that is Greek for “Yikes”), CA, were relaxing inside their house when they heard a loud crashing noise. They went to the porch and found a 2 foot hole in the plastic roof and what they believe to be a 3 pound ocean perch below it. The Erker’s speculate that an osprey dropped it. They do not speculate why an osprey would try to kill the Erker’s with a perch but Mr. Erker is quoted as saying that he knows what waking up with a horse in your bed means but doesn’t know what it means to have a perch.

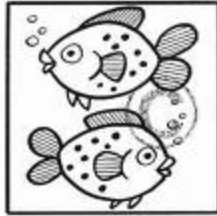
The next incident is described in a Dec 15, 1998 article from Santa Rosa, CA. A truck driver for Sea Products, Inc was driving a tractor trailer when he slammed into a bear crossing the road. The driver was thrown from the truck, which overturned and burying him under an avalanche of frozen mackerel. Fortunately the driver survived but the bear didn’t so there was no way to link the bear to the vicious osprey community.

At this point the reader may be saying that these 2 instances constitute a wave or rash of people almost being killed on land by fish, so what is the government doing about it?

Well, according to the Wisconsin State Journal on March 9, 2000, the Wisconsin DNR planned to improve the habitat in a marsh by poisoning a large number of carp. The plan was that the carp would die and sink to the marsh bottom. Unfortunately, nobody told the dead carp, which decided to float instead. So hundred of thousand of dead carp floated downstream to Lake Sinissippi, where they formed a giant, reeking mass.

There’s where it gets scary. The DNR decided to get rid of the dead fish by using manure spreaders to shoot them across farm fields. The State Journal ran a beautiful front page color photo of a wildlife technician driving a tractor, behind which is a device that is flinging dead fish into the air, apparently at high velocities.

Barry’s point was,” As if it’s not bad enough that the ospreys and bears are trying to kill us with fish; now we have to keep an eye out for airborne carp hurled by the Wisconsin DNR.” So his advise is “Be Careful!



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Wisconsin Poetry

Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts & Letters poetry contest

Friday Nights the Whole Town Goes to the Basketball Game

Frank said, “Listen, Bill,
This is no joke. Chinese
Tanks. Chi. Nese, Tanks,

Bill. Were spotted rolling up
I-94. What you think you know
about the United Nations

is *lies, lies*, spread
by the international conspiracy
to take over our homeland.

We’ve got to protect our country.
We’ve got a constitutional right
to bear arms. But I’m ready.

I’m ready. I’ve got guns
and ammunition
buried in my front yard.

I’m warning you,
you’ll regret it
if you don’t do the same.”

Bill said, “Frank,
Frank, whaddya thinking?
What if the Chinese

show up in February,
Frank? This is Wisconsin,
for Christsake. How’re you

going to get those guns
out of your front yard
when the ground is frozen?

Whaddya goona do then,
Frank?”

By Teresa Scollon

Scientific Field Work for the “City Slicker” or “Burb-inite”

Visit a farmer and observe the cows, then answer the following questions.

1. Do cows lay on their side or do they tuck their feet under them when they sleep?
2. Do cows kick with their front feet or hind feet when aggravated?
3. Do they kick backward or to the side?
4. What is the primary use for the cow tail?
5. What is the color of a Holstein’s eyes?
6. Do they close them when they sleep?
7. Describe the difference between a Holstein, a Jersey and a Guernsey.
8. Are cows able to flick their ears?

While you are on the farm, learn more about farming in the computer age.



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CSI's treasury supports all the efforts of historic preservation in the Centerville area including that of the Greater Centerville Historians.

"Tax exempt, not for profit" means donations to the organization can be claimed on your income tax. Donations for general funds or specific use are greatly appreciated.

The organization has a tiny bank account and knows how to stretch the dollar. It is able to accomplish the work each year through donations in kind and generous volunteer time. Every work day, volunteers contribute over 40 hours, the equivalent of one work week. Then there are the extra hours put in during the week to mow the lawn, tend the trees and garden, plan for the next work day, gather supplies for work days. Each volunteer contributes not only their time but gas to get to the housebarn; 2 people drive 65 miles one way each work day to help. Tax credit for volunteer mileage is deductible if you itemize.

And don't forget to include CSI in your estate planning.

Each and every volunteer appreciates your donations as it supports and recognizes the work they do.



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Interesting Concepts

- If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?
- What hair color do they put on driver's licenses of bald men?
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide, is that considered a hostage situation?
- Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?
- If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

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