

Mansion News

From the President

Hello Folks and a Happy Spring to you all!

And what a spring it has been. Looking out the window at a freshly fallen 16 inches of snow on April 16th I sometimes ask, why is it we live here? That is actually an easy question to answer as I reflect on our community. From all the hard working business people, farmers, factory workers, medical personnel, law enforcement, fire and rescue and to the hundreds of other hard working citizens we have to make this area a productive and safe place to live, it gives great satisfaction in knowing we have a community that has a sense of purpose.

We have had a renewed sense of purpose around the Upham House as well. We are looking forward to re-wallpapering the upstairs galleries and changing out some displays. Also, we have been trying to organize an event for Hub City days to bring horse drawn vehicles such as stage coaches, buck boards etc... for display to pair with the car show down town. Anyone with interest in displaying such vehicles please contact us. Or, if you know anyone else who may have an interesting item please have them contact us as well.



The heavy spring snow took down one of the big spruce trees on the NE side of the property and by fate it fell without damaging any buildings; it did however damage our apple tree. Unfortunately, we have

to incur a significant cost to remove the debris and grind the stump down. Any donations to offset this cost would be appreciated.

Please remember that as members of NWCHS that this is your House too. If you have family or friends that are visiting, please bring them over. If you have a family function you need a spot for please call Kim and see if it is something we can accommodate. We want people to be able to enjoy this lovely home and the property it sits on, it is not just ours- it is here for the community.



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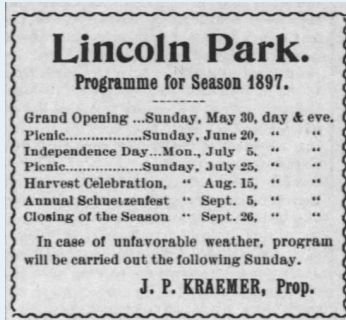
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Shooting and Dancing at Bakerville's Lincoln Park

By Chris Pederson



"Go to Lincoln Park next Sunday. If you can't shoot you can bowl; if you can't bowl you can dance, so you are sure to have a good time anyhow"



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JP Kraemer Store, Bakerville, WI

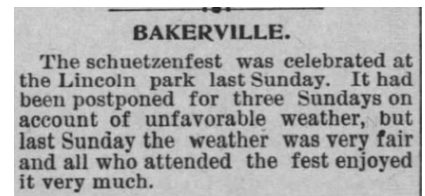
The story of Bakerville is largely the story of "Mr. Bakerville," John P. Kraemer. Bakerville was named after the farmer J. H. Baker who lived in the log shanty house where the first Post Office was operated out of in 1878. Kraemer first came to Bakerville in 1880 at the age of 25 and decided to build its first general store there. In 1882, he became postmaster of Bakersville. In 1886 he built a popular saloon and hotel in Bakerville on the only road between Neilsville and Marshfield. In 1895 a biographical article on J. P. Kraemer stated; "Perhaps no one man has done as much to build up the interests, of the thriving little village of Bakerville... as Mr. Kraemer."

J. P. Kraemer added another destination for people of Bakersville and the surrounding communities in 1892, Lincoln Park. The June 16, 1892 edition of the Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub announced it's opening and the large dancing pavilion that had been erected there. Each season thereafter saw picnics, Independence Day celebrations, Harvest Celebrations and the Annual Schuetzenfest.

A *Schuetzenfest* is a traditional Germanic shooting festival that dates to medieval times. The festivals had many colorful costumes, parades, unique shooting competitions and associated events. In Bakerville they likely did not have the colorful costumes, but amongst other fanfare they had shooting competitions and an evening dance afterward. The paper wrote; "Schuetzenfest at Lincoln Park next Sunday." And they advised; "Go out and get some chickens and in the evening dance to sweet strains." Another paper mentions turkeys as well as chickens as a prize of the shoot.

At the Schuetzenfests, and likely other days, they also played the game of Ninepins. It was a very popular game in Wisconsin among Swiss, German and others of the time. The game evolved into the modern bowling we are today familiar with. In the August 29, 1895 edition of the Marsh-

field paper they wrote; "Go to Lincoln Park next Sunday. If you can't shoot you can bowl; if you can't bowl you can dance, so you are sure of a good time anyhow." In May 1916 J. P. Kraemer sold Lincoln Park to his son Albert J. Kraemer. Albert Kraemer then held dances, picnics and his first schuetzenfest in 1916. The October 12th edition of the paper reported that; "Many people attended the schuetzenfest, given at Lincoln Park Sunday." The park and tavern built there in the 1890s has changed hands over the years, but today the location has continued to be a favorite spot for weddings and get-togethers. The old dance pavilion that saw hundreds of weddings and other dances was torn down in 1969. Today the location of those many important events to people of the area continues in that tradition. The modern hall hosts not only wedding receptions, but events like indoor volley ball. You can find it under the name *Bakerville Sports Bar and Grill*. There may not have been a schuetzenfest in several years, but the current owner keeps the location a fun destination worth visiting.



*The Marshfield and Wisconsin Hub
9 October 1902. Pg. 8*

The Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub, September 17, 1896. Page 5.

The Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub, August 29, 1895. Page 5.

Chris Pederson is a Military Historian in the United States Army and currently finishing his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. He uncovered this old story of Bakerville while researching on Swiss, German and Austrian shooting traditions in Wisconsin.

This Place Matters ~ Historic Preservation Month

May 2018

May 1 - 27

"Marshfield: Past, Present and Future Exhibit"

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library 105 S. Maple Avenue

Marshfield Middle School student artwork depicting Marshfield's historic downtown through various time lenses displayed.

Thursday, May 10 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Artist Reception ~ Refreshments will be served.

Tuesdays, May 8 - 29

2:00 - 4:00 pm **"Family History 101"**

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library 105 S. Maple Avenue

An introductory lecture series on available library tools for family history research.

May 8 ~ Getting Started

May 15 ~ Heritage Quest

May 22 ~ Ancestry Library edition

May 29 ~ BadgerLink Newspaper Archives

Thursday, May 24

7:00 pm

"Preserving the Past"

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library 105 S. Maple Avenue

Rhonda Whetstone, professional genealogist and featured historical columnist for Gannett News, will share techniques to expand the preservation of family genealogical history to incorporate personal mementos and multi-media records from today which will become the treasures of tomorrow for those who follow in our footsteps.

Marshfield Historic Preservation Month Events are coordinated by the City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Committee, Main Street Marshfield, the Marshfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, the Marshfield Historic Preservation Association, the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library, the North Wood County Historical Society, Chestnut Avenue Center for the Arts, and the Laird Foundation For Historic Preservation

Monday, May 7

7:00 pm Mayor's Proclamation and Spoken History presentation, *Historic Marshfield Walking Tour Application*

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library 105 S. Maple Avenue

Marshfield Mayor proclaims May as Historic Preservation Month in Marshfield, followed with a presentation by David Buehler, City of Marshfield GIS Coordinator, on the new GIS Historic Walking Tours.

Friday, May 25

8:30 ~ 11:00 am and 12:00 ~ 2:30 pm

Cemetery Tours

Hillside Cemetery Entrance 1110 N. St. Joseph Avenue

The public is invited to join school children as they tour the cemetery and meet noteworthy citizens of "Marshfield's Past."



Historical Reenactor, Jean Swenson, portrays Clara (Erion) Thomas.

Saturday, June 2

10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

"North Wood County Historical Society's 38th Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social"

W.H. Upham House 212 W. Third Street

Celebrate Marshfield DairyFest at the home of former Governor William H. Upham. Enjoy hotdogs, brats, pie and ice cream in the governor's yard and gardens, then tour the home and view the current exhibit of historic woodworking tools.



The east yard and heritage rose garden of the William H. Upham Home.

Regular Tour Hours:
Wednesday & Saturday
1:30 ~ 4:00 pm
By appointment
715-387-3322

Jan Thomas Remembers Wildwood Park and Zoo

Wildwood Park and Zoo History

*Excerpt from The Marshfield Story
1872-1997 pp. 168, 169*



Wildwood Park developed over a long period of time. The land was originally owned by CM

Upham and his brother who built a saw mill in 1878. William H. Upham established a power plant and water works in this area. The city purchased the power plant and water works and 120 adjacent acres in March of 1904, and had a municipal utility operating by May of 1906. Prior to the city acquiring this land, the Uphams established a logging railroad. It was soon discovered that there were cold springs in this area and those were then used to aid thirsty workers and were believed to have played a part in W.H. Upham's decision to locate his power plant and water works in this area. Originally known as "the springs, it later became Water Works Woods and in 1906 the area became Water Works Park.

In 1913 the Eagles Club obtained a ten year lease on on 5 acres of Water works Park, which they laid out for park purposes with walks and benches. A pavilion was also erected to be used as a dance hall and auditorium... The pavilion was named White City Pavilion and the area then became known as White City Park. The American Legion leased the pavilion from the Eagles Club in 1924 for 5 years and continued to hold dances there.

The park's present name was tentatively adopted by the council on July 10, 1923. The name was suggested by the Women's Club. The 1923 Women's Club campaign led to a special park committee to engage the services of Professor W.A. Aust of the University of Wisconsin to make plans for landscaping and developing the park. It is believed the zoo was formed sometime after 1904 when city utility employees undertook the care and feeding of two black bears. In 1910 the city council made Mayor Robert Connor personally responsible for the bear's care. The mayor, at his own expense,



The bears that made the zoo

built a new enclosure for what were described at the time as "the little orphans". The zoo was officially dedicated on July 27, 1930.

Submitted by the Parks and Recreation Dept.

The Wildwood park and zoo has been in Marshfield for a very long time. Established as a park in early 1900s, it was not until 1923 that it was named Wildwood, and the zoo was dedicated in 1930. The park was also the home to the roller rink and pavilion and I remember my Mom telling me about the dances there. I started going the park and zoo at a very early age with my parents and grandparents. We had many family get-togethers and Holubet's reunions in the pavilion. It was great fun just to walk through the park and see all the animals. We especially enjoyed the big family of monkeys which entertained us and made us laugh. We would feed the ducks and geese and in the spring, we enjoyed seeing the baby buffalos and 'bambies'.



Hefko Swimming Pool c.1960s

When I was a teenager, we would love to congregate at the park just to hang out. The Hefko swimming pool was across the street and we spent a lot of time there swimming and just having good old-fashioned summer fun. We also enjoyed driving through what we called "lover's lane" near the rear of the park.

When I got married and had children, we spent many hours of quality time at the park where my children enjoyed the playground and, like their Mother, spent many hours swimming at Hefko Pool. Sometimes we would take a picnic lunch but often we would go after supper as Gordie, my husband, worked many evening

hours at our grocery store. My children loved to feed the ducks and geese and we would save our old



Roller-skating in the Pavilion c.1940s

bread and rolls to take down to the park.

Today we have a new pavilion, which hosts many special events- Fall Maple Fest, Zoofest, concerts, weddings and reunions to name a few. Many people enjoy walking the park for daily exercise and trails are used for high school cross country meets, and in the winter is the Rotary Winter Wonderland, which in itself is another story. In 2015 the Zoo high light was the addition of two Alaskan born and orphaned Kodiak cubs – Munsey and Boda. They found a brand new, bear haven in the JP Adler Family Kodiak Bear exhibit and many from Marshfield and surrounding areas are still coming to see them.

I still enjoy going to the park as much as when I was young. I love to check out all the baby animals in the spring, watch the bears, and feed the ducks and geese. I enjoy all the special functions the park holds. Marshfield is lucky to have, and I am proud of such a zoo and park!



Zoo Entrance Circa 1949

38th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social



Saturday, June 2—10 am to 3pm

- * **Pie & Ice Cream**
- * **Hot dogs & Brats (NEW!)**
- * **Lemonade Stand (NEW!)**
- * **Children's Carnival Games**
- * **Bucket Raffle**
- * **The Heritage Rose Garden and the WH Upham House will be open for tours (donation at the door)**

Featured exhibit this year: Historic Wood working tools

If you would be interested in helping out with this event please call Kim in the office 715.387.3322

Spoken History: Local History Groups Team Up for Lecture Series by Kaylin Speth—ExploreMarshfield.com

Those interested in learning more about the area's rich history are invited to attend a new lecture series called "Spoken History," underway at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library.

The series is a collaboration between area groups dedicated to the region's history: North Wood County Historical Society, Marshfield Historic Preservation Association, The City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Committee, Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library, Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and Laird Foundation for Historic Preservation.

The idea for the events grew from the planning for May's Historic Preservation Month activities, of which many groups are involved. "We were finding it hard to squeeze history-focused programs into a month already packed with school and family events," said library director Lori Belongia. "We also wondered if we could better serve the community by spreading the interesting history events throughout the year."

There are multiple benefits to

having the groups, who each share a passion for history, work together.

"Working together to plan a year's worth of programs spreads the planning around, lets us brainstorm a long list of intriguing topics, coordinates activities so they don't compete with each other, and allows us to tap into the membership of all the organizations as we promote our programs," said Belongia.

Topics will be decided by each group and will cover a wide range of interest in relation to the area. Each lecture will be held on the first Monday of each month in the evening.

"We hope to provide a series of interesting, thought provoking and informative programs with historic themes," said Belongia. "By offering them monthly at a predictable time and location, we will encourage people to plan for these outings – maybe a week night getaway, a monthly date night or just an educational outing."

Pie & Ice Cream Bucket Raffle

If you have new items you would like to donate towards the bucket raffle, please call the office and let us know! 715.387.3322

All funds raised during the Pie & Ice Cream Social go to support the NWCHS mission to preserve area history.

Spoken History Series Future Presentations

May 7th – Historic Preservation Committee

June 4th – Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

July 2nd – NWCHS

August 6th – Historic Preservation Association

September 10th – Historic Preservation Committee

October 1st – Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

November 5th – Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

December 3rd – Laird Foundation for Historic Preservation

Adopt A Dress Project



Pictured above: L.—Louisa Tillack's 1904 dress sponsored by Jan Thomas, and R.—Rosa Adler's 1915 dress—yet to be sponsored.

Adopt a Dress Sponsors:

- ◆ Donna Zwicke—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Michael & Jody Lovstad—*Virginia Sebold*
- ◆ Mary Jo Pikul—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Waleen Storm—*Elsie Semerau*
- ◆ Haley Klein—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Patty Lippert —*Barbara Devine*
- ◆ Scott Schweikl — *Lorayne Schweikl*
- ◆ Mfld Red Hat Crystal Chandeliers — *Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Barb Bartkowiak—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Pat Passo—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Kaylin Speth— *Myrtle Greeler*
- ◆ Bill & Pat Reigel—*Curator's Choice*
- ◆ Becky & Bill Martin —*Adel Martin*
- ◆ Jan Thomas— *Louisa Tillack*
- ◆ Holly Schnitzler — *Alta Vedder*
- ◆ Jamie Bradaseric — *Lilian Guensburg*
- ◆ Monie Upham — *Betty Upham & Anna Schutte dresses*

The NWCHS collection holds over 50 wedding dresses ranging in dates from 1870s to 1980 which need proper storage material to help preserve them. The cardboard boxes they have been in are acidic and will, over time, cause damage to each garment. During the *Victorian Wedding Christmas* exhibit we introduced the "Adopt A Dress" project where people could sponsor a dress and help purchase the materials needed to help preserve it. Preservation kits purchased through **Gaylord Archival** cost around \$66 (factoring in shipping costs) and includes an acid free box large enough to safely house one dress, sheets of unbuffered, acid free tissue, and labels to identify contents. To date, 17 people and one group have contributed towards the project. With a Wisconsin Historical Society Affiliate discount we were able to preserve 21 dresses!

Below is a list of unsponsored dresses in the collection. If you would like to sponsor a dress please contact Kim at **715.397.3322** or nwchs@uphammansion.com

Dress
1870? Black wedding dress
1872 Mary Hady to Vincent Johnson,
1893 Agatha West Ramsey
1897 Kristine Herauf to Paul Weinz;
1902 Florence Glaser to Robert Connor
1902 Hattie Liese
1909 Fred Forenefelt/ Lena Young,
1913 Josephone Jalkner to Peter Scherr
1913 Mary (Curtiss) to Roy Crawshaw;
1914 Julia Hebert Ingham
1915 Rosa Bille to JP Adler
1920 Ida Florence Larson to Emil Von Borgersrode
1921 Ella Federwitz & Fred Ohm
1923 Rose Meyer to Frank Gass
1926 Agnes DeNoble Steffen
1928 Isabelle Hoffman to Ernest Sollerger
1934 Wedding dress
1937 Gertrude Johnson Stone
1940 Hilda Bargander & Lawrence Bau-
1940s Millie Hupe

Dress
1940s satin wedding dress, veil, headpiece
1942 Norma (Sterneweiss) Justman,
1943 Germaine Sautner & Ray Herman
1946 Evelyn Peterson to Merlin Muir
1947 Sophie Kohlbeck to Roy Steiner
1948 Flower girl dress Buchanan wedding
1948 Margaret Westfall to Glenn Buchanan
1949 Betsy Koller to Matt Grassl
1950 Arleen (Hupe) Sanford
1950 Audrey Von Borgersrode Arthur Hokensen Jr.
1952 Amy Cook to Ronald Kamps
1952 Rowene Schaefer to James Steffen
1955 Shirley Erickson to Robert Burt
1956 Marilyn Meyer to Norman Hein
1957 Rita Burke to Charles Louis
1960 Martha Stone to John Williams
1976 Joan Uthmeier to James Vogel
1979 Kathy Stone to David Janke

Yes! I will help the NWCHS preserve a wedding dress!

(Donations tax deductible according to law)

◆ 1 DRESS \$66

◆ DONATION: \$ _____ CHECK # _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS OR EMAIL _____

PHONE: _____

Farm Technology Days—July 10-12

Wisconsin Farm Technology to
Spotlight Local History

The 2018 Wisconsin Farm Tech Days will feature a regional history display inside the Family Living Tent thanks to the collaborative effort of the North Wood County Historical Society, Marshfield Historic Preservation Association and The City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Committee.

Working together the groups will fill the center of the Family Living Tent with local Wood County History that includes stories, photos and even artifacts providing Farm Tech attendees an opportunity to

learn about our rich Central Wisconsin history.

If you would like to assist us with the display before, during or after, the event, please contact Don Schnitzler, 715-383-9775 for further information.

Volunteers may also be needed at the Upham House for tours beyond our regular hours.

Farm Tech will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 10 – 12, 2018; times are 9 am and 4 pm.

Wish List

Without the support of members, friends, and the community the North Wood County Historical Society could not exist. Besides financial support, volunteers are our biggest need! Let the office know if you can help! Thank you! 715.387.3322

- ◇ Cataloging artifacts
- ◇ Spring cleaning the House
- ◇ Research for Exhibits
- ◇ Submit article for newsletter
- ◇ Tours of the House
 - *Regular tours - One Saturday a month (We'll teach you!)
 - *Student tours (3rd grade) during May
- ◇ Pie & Ice Cream Social June 2
 - *Help set up and or take down for event
 - *Bake a pie
 - *Help monitor rooms in the House
 - *Help with Carnival Games
 - *Help with Bucket Raffle
 - *Help grill hot dogs & brats
- ◇ Hub City Days – July 28
 - *Help set up and or take down for event
 - *Help grill hot dogs & brats

Just a reminder, it's not too late to send in your membership dues!

All financial donations are tax deductible according to the law and help NWCHS continue its mission to preserve the history of Marshfield and surrounding North Wood County area, the historic articles entrusted to the Society, and to maintain the Governor WH Upham House.

July 10-12 • 2018

LOCATION:

D & B Sternweis Farms and Weber's Farm Store –
Heiman Holsteins
9885 Co. Hwy. H • Marshfield, WI 54449



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Future Shows:

Jefferson County — July 2019 | Eau Claire County — July 2020

2018 WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS

www.wifarmtechnologydays.com/wood
www.facebook.com/FTD2018

Reward for reading the small print

Bing this coupon to the 38th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social June 2, 2018 for 1 free scoop of ice cream with the purchase of a slice of pie!

LIMIT 1 PER NWCHS MEMBER



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Acknowledgement of donations will be emailed for those who provide an email address.

End of year receipts for all donations will be mailed out in January the subsequent year.

I/We wish to support the NWCHS –Governor W.H. Upham House for the year 2018

☐ Individual \$35 ☐ Student \$10 (High School & College) ☐ General Gift \$ _____

☐ Family \$50 ☐ Business \$100 ☐ House Restoration \$ _____

Memorial—In Memory of _____ \$ _____

All memorials will count as General gifts unless otherwise designated:

I/We also wish to contribute by helping with one or more of the following:

- ☐ Bake cookies/pies for Dairyfest, Christmas Event
- ☐ Guide at Upham House- *occasional Saturday afternoons (We will train you!)*
- ☐ Garden and yard care - *seasonal work*
- ☐ Help with Special Events - *Dairyfest, Hub City Days, Christmas Open House*
- ☐ Identify and Classify Photographs - *meet one Saturday afternoon a month*
- ☐ Artifact Care & Accessioning - *Wednesday or Saturday afternoons*
- ☐ School Partner - *work with projects with Education Liaison and students at Upham Mansion*
- ☐ Research Exhibits - *develop exhibit material and historical data for the Exhibit Committee*
- ☐ Help Design Exhibits - *layout and display of artifacts with the Exhibit Committee*
- ☐ Sponsor an Exhibit - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- ☐ Sponsor an Event - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- ☐ Speakers for Meetings - *help find speakers for quarterly meetings*
- ☐ Take a Leadership role- *Board, Committee Member, Publicity, Fundraiser*

The North Wood County Historical Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible.