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SPRING HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

Please join the Stone Lake Area Historical Society at the first fund-raiser of the season on **Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Stone Lake Fire Department!** We will be serving a delicious ham and scalloped potato dinner accompanied by a large dessert bar and cash wine bar. We have only three annual fund-raisers yearly and they are critical for museum maintenance. The ham dinner provides an opportunity to see old friends and to welcome the snowbirds back to town!

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

On Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM we are inviting all of the Museum Greeters (docents) to a gathering at the museum for wine, appetizers, and a training session. A new booklet, "The Greeter's Guide to the Stone Lake Area Museum Complex," will be given to every greeter. We hope that this guide will make it easier to show guests where things are located and also make the Greeter experience more enjoyable. The museum is open from Memorial Weekend through the first Saturday in October; Friday through Sundays, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Greeters are the lifeblood of the museum and we need to expand our list of Greeters. Please consider volunteering as a Greeter! Please call Chris Maestri to volunteer – 715-865-5452.



Greeters enjoying the museum and each other's company at a recent Docent Appreciation event

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B-52 CRASH PRESENTATION



Tom Sybert and his son are walking up to the B52 bomber crash site just east of Stone Lake

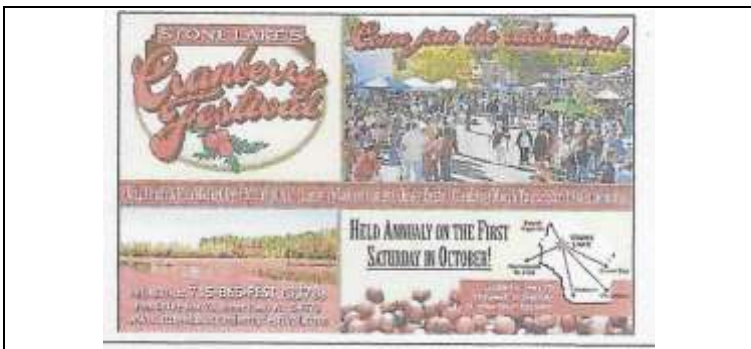
Tom Sybert from Northbrook, Illinois, and his father, Milt Sybert (Hungry Lake) visited the Stone Lake Area Museum Complex last fall after they had placed a memorial to the nine airmen who died in the November 18, 1966, B-52 Stratofortress bomber crash in the Stone Lake area. When the crash occurred, a forest fire watcher, Roger Langham, climbed a lookout tower and located the crash near his farm in Hauer. Milt Sybert's mother-in-law was Dorothy Langham; daughter of Charles Langham. Tom spent many summers with his family in this area and developed a curiosity about the B-52 crash.

Tom requested help in finding the exact crash site from a map and geospatial librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She began looking for the site by using the aerial photos taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture since 1930 to manage cropland. A 1970 USDA photo showed a very visible gash in the forest. She used a 1962 photo as her reference point before she discovered the 1970 accident site photo.

This B-52 flight originated at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and was on a low-level terrain avoidance mission when it crashed and killed all nine men on board. Tom Sybert has visited seven of the nine families. Several family members have also visited our museum.

After the crash, bulldozers were used to clear a road to the very long crash site. The museum has displays of crash artifacts which have been found by hunters.

Tom Sybert will do a presentation on the B-52 crash on Thursday, July 13, 2017 starting at 7:00 PM at the Stone Lake Town Hall. This event is free and open to the public. It will be followed by refreshments.



STONE LAKE'S FAMILY REUNION

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society will host the first Stone Lake's Family Reunion on **August 5, 2017, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Stone Lake Lions Park** (rain location is the Stone Lake Lions Hall). Every family or group that is willing to plan a family reunion for that particular day is encouraged to join us. If you grew up in Stone Lake, visited here in the summer, attended the Brick Schoolhouse, Boylan School (any local school), or had a cabin in the area, please contact your family and invite them to return August 5!

The Stone Lake Museum Complex will be open that weekend and we will take families on individual tours when the museum is closed to the public. Please bring old family pictures and pictures of the area which we could scan and return to you. If you have local or family memorabilia which you would like to loan or give to the museum, please bring them along also. We want to include as many families as possible in the museum archives.

The Patkos at the Stone Lake Pub are planning a family fun day and the Red Schoolhouse Wine Shop will be having a vintage car show that day; so there will be lots to do in Stone Lake. We will have music and children's games at our picnic.

Please return this attached registration form along with a check made out to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society (\$5.00 per person). Pre-registration is required because we will be purchasing food for this event. Clip and return:

Stone Lake's Family Reunion Picnic

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How many will be attending? _____

I have enclosed \$5.00 per person: []

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PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please reserve Sunday, July 9, 2017, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for the annual Stone Lake Area Historical Society Pie and Ice Cream Social! Delicious homemade pies will be served with ice cream and coffee. Ice cream cones will also be available. Please join us at the Stone Lake Lions Park for an afternoon of music and visiting with friends!



A group of good friends enjoying the Pie and Ice Cream Social.

RECOLLECTION WISCONSIN

In 2012, Carol McDonnell and Connie Schield digitized several collections in the Stone Lake Museum Complex. These collections became part of Recollection Wisconsin (200 Wisconsin collections). This is now a service hub for the Digital Public Library of America. This means that people all over the world can view a large part of our museum collection. We receive an annual report of our digital usage and we have just learned that in the past five years, our site has been viewed 12,493 times! It is available for your viewing at <http://recollectionwisconsin.org>.

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MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTS THE STONE
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“The Columns” magazine shared that the Stone Lake Area Historical Society has benefited by two mini-grants funded by the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Council for Local History. The first grant provided funds needed to purchase a scanner, light kit, and other materials needed for the digitization project. The second grant funded a project to replace 86 incandescent and floodlights with full LED lighting. The LED lighting will dramatically reduce the energy consumption and protect the collections from light damage.

NEW VISITOR’S GUIDE

This season museum visitors will be given a guide which will direct them into each room of the museum and point out interesting facts along the way. This should make museum visits more enjoyable and meaningful.

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Stone Lake Area Historical Society
Membership Form

- [] \$100.00 Lifetime membership for family
- [] \$ 10.00 Annual couple membership
- [] \$ 5.00 Single annual membership

Make checks payable to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society.

- [] Yes, I will bake a pie for the July 9, 2017, ice cream social
- [] Yes, I would like to be a Greeter at the museum this season
- [] Yes, I will make a dessert for the May 7, 2017 Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner

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SUMMER

In June, during the Stone Lake Bible School at First Lutheran Church, the museum will invite the students to tour the museum. The museum will also be inviting local nursing homes to visit at specific times. Our exhibits have been re-arranged so that the interior of the museum is wheel-chair accessible.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2017

Sunday, May 7, 2017: Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner to be held at the Stone Lake Fire Hall from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Friday, May 26, 2017: Stone Lake Museum Complex opens at 12:00 PM for the season. Hours are 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, through Saturday, October 7, 2017, when the museum complex closes for the season.

Thursday, June 8, 2017: “A Night at the Museum” greeters wine social from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the museum complex.

Sunday, July 9, 2017: Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Stone Lake Lions Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Live music and a good time for all ages!

Thursday, July 13, 2017: B-52 Bomber crash presentation by Tom Sybert at the Stone Lake Town Hall. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, August 5, 2017: “Stone Lake’s Family Reunion” to be held at the Stone Lake Lions Park (Stone Lake Lions Center in the event of rain) from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. See the article on page 3 of this newsletter.

Saturday, October 7, 2017: Visit the historical society’s “Wine By the Glass” booth during the exciting Stone Lake Cranberry Festival. The booth is located at the top of the hill on Main Street, near the Lions Hall.

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society is a 501 c (3) charitable organization; gifts are tax deductible.

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EXPENSES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

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[] for the year 2015

[] for the year 2013

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