

Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society

June Newsletter



May was a busy month for the BWAHS. We hosted the 2nd grade classes from Breckenridge Elementary on May 30 for a tour. The students were very interested and well behaved. On May 24, the Breckenridge 8th graders came to the museum for Civil War Encampment that was organized by Dave and Kathy Wardell. The 8th grade students were able to fire a musket, learn about Civil War era dress and manners, and 1860's laundry procedures. They also listened while Justin Breckenridge (portrayed by Dave Briggs) told them about some local Civil War participants and the founding of the village of Breckenridge. Thank you to Linda Chapin, Carrie Schaub, and Glenda Bloomquist for helping out with activities on that day and a special thanks to Dave and Kathy Wardell for providing the encampment experience.

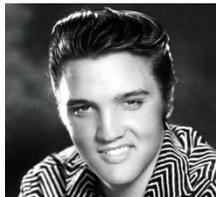


Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity: Call us at 842-3182 to volunteer July 4th – Fourth of July Car Show. We will need volunteers to make hot dogs, direct the parking of cars, and whatever else Linda wants you to do. The show runs from 8 – 3. You can volunteer for a shift. You do not need to be there the entire day, if it doesn't fit with your schedule. Come and join us on the 4th!

We hosted our yearly Perennial Plant Sale fund raiser (with a bonus estate sale) on May 17 and 18. The combined sales netted about \$635 for our treasury. We had lots of helpers for this two day sale. Joel and Diane Colbry, Barb Juhas, Gail Cole, Karen Giles, Sheila Rummer, Linda Chapin, Dale and Cindy Kemler, Glenda Bloomquist and Dave and Loretta Briggs all volunteered. A big thank you goes to Loretta Briggs and Angie Curtis for providing a large amount of the sale plants from their gardens.



Elvis is coming!!!!!!! On September 15, Elvis impersonator, Jake Slater will be presenting a show at the High School Cafeteria. We will be hosting “Elvis” and serving a dinner that night as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$20/ person and can be purchased from Dave Briggs or Linda Chapin. We hope that this will be great fund raiser for us, so purchase your tickets before the show is sold out. To reserve tickets, call 842-3023 or 842-3483.



We are pleased to announce that soon the BWAHS will be opening two funds with the Gratiot County Community Foundation. One will be labeled as the Margaret Drake Elliott Endowment and the other will be the Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society Fund. The Drake endowment is a goal that we have been striving to attain for a very long time. It completes the wishes of Margaret when she bequeathed the property to us in her will. The Historical Society Fund will be started with \$5,000 and must reach \$10,000 within five years. We hope that there will be contributions made by individuals to this fund to help us reach the \$10,000 plateau. The Society feels that by having these funds in the Foundation, we have a better chance of receiving individual donations. The interest from these funds will also provide a steady income for the Society.

Membership - Most members have paid their annual dues. Notices will be mailed out to those that still need to submit their payment. If you are one of the people who have not yet paid, this will be your last newsletter. Avoid that from happening by getting your payment in to BWAHS, Box 52, Breckenridge, MI 48615.

Upcoming BWAHS Schedule:

- **Now through the month of September – museum and house are open on Mondays from 9 – 12(noon).**
- **July 4th – Car Show at Hoffmeyer/JayCee Park (volunteers needed)**
- **July 11 – at 9:00 AM – BWAHS Board meeting**
- **July 17 – at 10:00 AM – Tour scheduled with a camping group**
- **August 16 (tentative) – Plank Road Arbor #779 of the Gleaners will host a fund raiser at the museum featuring music and ice cream. Proceeds from the event plus a \$750 donation from the Gleaners will be donated to the Society. Please mark your calendars and try to attend.**
- **September TBA – Annual BWAHS Society meeting and elections. More details will be made available at a later date.**

Let's end this newsletter with a thank you to all of the members that have helped out this year with the spring events. Also, a thank you goes out to Gary Johnson and George Bradley who volunteered to help with spring cleanup, and to Angie Curtis and Linda Chapin who are spending a great deal of time keeping the Drake House grounds looking great.

The Plank Road Museum and the Drake Memorial House are looking great and we would welcome visitors on Monday mornings or by appointment. Glenda and I had three enjoyable visitors last Monday and hope to see some of you one of these mornings or at one of our events.

Sincerely,

**David Briggs
BWAHS, President**