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Russ Doris



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50th Wedding Anniversary 1953 ~ 2003

Russ & Doris Barber

Family and friends are invited to an Open House, Saturday, May 10th from 2pm to 4pm at South Dunwich Community Hall, Wallacetown. Best wishes only.

Doris



Wallacetown W. I. served afternoon Tea at Doris 50th Anniversary on May 10th 2003.

Helene, Kay, Louie, Sally, Kathy



Sally, Kay, Diane



Ruby, Kathy, Joan.



Wallacetown WI tours Mac Lilley Farms

WALLACETOWN- In Thursday, 5 June, 13 members of the Wallacetown W.I. met at the South Dunwich Community Hall, then proceeded to Mac Lilley Farms just north of Dutton.

Owners Mac, Anne, Jeff and Raleen Lilley along with grandson Alex gave us a very informative talk on their Standard Bred Brood Mare operation. They have 120 mares around throughout the year, many of these are their own, some are brought in for breeding, while others are year-round borders.

The mares have an 11-month gestation period, and a filly will be up and about 1/2 to 1 hour after being born, where a colt could take up to three hours. Mare's can be bred from three years to 20 years of age. A vet comes 3 times a week, ultrasounds can be performed at 17-18 days pasted breeding to ensure pregnancy for both owner and breeder, time is essential.

The pacer horses are exercised everyday, on a walker for 30 minutes and also on the track once a day. The Lilley family race in Windsor, Toronto, Sarnia and London.

The best time is 1:59 seconds to run twice around the track. 7-8 horses will be racing for the year out of 20 and they all need to be registered before race day. Paperwork is very impor-

tant and needs to be kept up to date at all times. Registration of all offspring, means freeze branding on the neck before 1 week old and they have up to 6 months to give each animal a name.

Mac and Raleen took the ladies on a hayride to view the farm, and Anne had a memory contest for the ladies then gave out prizes. Helen Van Brenk thanked the Lilley's for a very enjoyable afternoon, and Kay Lilley presented them with a gift.

We then proceeded to the home of Kay Waite, where we held our meeting and lunch.

President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. Kathy Minnema read the secretaries report and Dorothea Montieth gave the treasurer's report. Joan McLandress read the correspondence. Our twin Sparta has invited us to join them at Pinefore Park in St. Thomas on 15 July, at the south end pavillion at noon for a picnic.

Helen pasted out tickets for the Cancer Tea to be drawn on 25 October from 9:30-11:30am.

Sally McIntyre reported on the Bobier Villa Auxillary happenings - July 31st is our day for the Birthday Party; BBQ on Aug. 14th; Harvest Tea - bake sale from 2-4pm on Oct.

3rd; and the Residence Christmas Party on Dec. 5th.

The Elgin Pioneer Museum Strawberry Social is on Wed. June 25, from 1:30 - 4pm. On Monday June 9th. the committee convenors met at the South Dunwich Community Hall to help organize the programme for 2003- 2004. Gladys Graham invited everyone to her 85th birthday celebration at the Dutton Baptist Church from 2-4pm, on Sunday June 22nd.

The meeting was then adjourned, and everyone enjoyed strawberries, cake and ice cream put on by Kay Waite and Sally McIntyre. Convenor - Kay Lilley then took over and read the motto: Self-control is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping the gears!

The Roll Call: Name a chore which you did as a young person growing up at home.

Gladys Graham thanked the hostess and assistant for the lovely lunch.

Next meeting: Convenor Louie Lackey, at the South Dunwich Community Hall on July 3rd at 1:30pm. MOTTO : All I ever needed to know I learned in Kindergarten. ROLL CALL : Name an organization and service it provides. SPEAKER : Ken Loveland - Clerk Administrator of the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

THE SUMMERCURY July 25th 2003



June 5th 2003

Back row from left: 1, Helen Van Brenk 2, Kathy Minnema 3, Louie Lackey
4, Sally McIntyre 5, Ruby M'Gugan, 6, Mary Lapadat, 7, Kay Lilley.
Sitting front Row: left: 1, Gladys Graham, 2, Joan Johnston 3, Kay Waite
4, Joan McLandress. 5, Dorothea Monteith, 6, Darlene Ford.

Lilley-
Harry & Cassie moved to this farm
Dec 9/1933 - 70 yrs ago - Cliff was
a baby.
Weather was very cold & Land frozen
Moved with family of six &
moved with wagons & horses
Written by Kay Lilley on June 5th 2003



The Mac Lilley Farms. June 5th 2003



2004 Exhibitions and Events
Elgin County Pioneer Museum

- March** March 1 – April 24 **Exhibit: Sweets for My Sweet**
Exhibit: Quilts & Coverlets
- April** April 3, 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Hooking Club
April 14, 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Hooking Club
- May** May 1, 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Hooking Club, Special Topic: Infestations
May 8 – August 28, **Exhibit: Automobiles, Trains & Planes.**
May 19, 9:30-11:30 am. Rug Hooking Club
- June** June 11-13, 11:00-3:00 pm. Rosy Rhubarb Days, Shedden
June 12, 2:00-4:00 pm Rug Hooking All Years Reunion
June 23, 1:30-4:00 p.m. **Strawberry Social.**
- July** July 8- 31, **Talbot Trail Kids 2004**, Children's programs with a historical theme. The program will run Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. for children 5-7 and 8 – 12 years of age.
- August** August 3 - 27, **Talbot Trail Kids 2004**
August 14-15, Historical Steam Show, Dan Patterson Conservation Area
- September** September 4, 9:30-11:30 am. Rug Hooking Club
September 11 – October 30, **Exhibit: The Boys of Summer**
September 16, 9:30 –11:30am Rug Hooking Club
- October** October 2, 9:30-11:30 am. Rug Hooking Club
October 16 **Creative Sewing & Needlework Festival** Bus Trip to Toronto
October 23, Children's Halloween Party, 9:30-11:30 am.
- November** November 2 – December 4, **Deck the Halls**, Silent Auction of Christmas wreaths and wall hangings
November 13 - January 15, 2005, **Exhibit: The Mona and John Ricketts Memorial Exhibit**
- December** December 2, 9:30-11:30 am. Rug Hooking Club
December 4, 9:30-11:30 am **Christmas Coffee Break**



Pioneer Museum June 25th
2003 Louie Lockett, Sally
McIntyre, Helen Van Buren,
looking at Col Thomas
Talbot desk.

Elgin County Pioneer Museum Report

March 29th, 2004

1. Exhibits

May 15 - Aug. 28 - Automobiles, Trains and Planes - Travel in Elgin County

2. Quilts and Blankets Exhibit has been on since December.

3. Sesquicentennial Book and Bicentennial of Talbot Settlement are available at the museum for \$10. each.

4. Board room at 449 Talbot St. is available for meetings and will seat 25 people.

5. A Rug Hooking Club, with a membership of nineteen, meets monthly at the museum. Elgin Memories in Wool
Another Rug Hooking Class will be held next year and there is already a waiting list.

6. The March Break program, "March Merriment" was run by a student volunteer, Claire Finch.

Volunteering at the museum is an excellent opportunity for students to acquire their hours required to graduate.

7. Memberships

\$5.35 for W.I. and I.O.D.E. members

Many groups purchase 10 memberships to help support our museum.

8. Alma College Alumni recently donated a number of plaques, trophies etc. to the museum.

9. Strawberry Social - Wednesday, June 23.

Tickets \$4.00 - Printed and sold in advance

Paynes Mills and Crinan are hosting. (40 quarts of strawberries, 6 tubs Cool Whip, cutlery, bowls, napkins)

I.O.D.E. - provide cakes and servers

Receivers: Mary Clutterbuck - president of Museum Board

Pauline Lindsay - incoming president of Elgin County W. I.

Bertha Vickerman - I.O.D.E.

Eleanor McMillan - secretary of Advisory Board

10. Saturday, October 16 - Bus trip to the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival in Toronto.

11. Deck the Halls Silent Auction of Wreaths and Wall Hangings

November 2, until Coffee Break

12. Christmas Coffee Break - Saturday, December 4, 2004. 9:30 - 11:30

-Clachan and Yarmouth Glen are hostesses.

-At least part of your proceeds should be donated to the museum. Some groups donate all proceeds.

-If your group finds it too difficult to put in a table, a donation is recommended.

-Discussions have been ongoing about allowing crafters to sell their own goods at the Coffee Break.

13. Location Study - Elgin County Pioneer Museum

- final report was presented to the Elgin County Council May 11, 2004..

Copies available from Elgin County Council.

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All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

Given in by Louie Lacey at the meeting on July 3rd 2003.

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten.

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder, Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup—they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all—the whole world—had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap.

Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and in other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

by Robert Fulgham



Bonnie

Feb 26th 2004 The Winter Picnic



Borcall W.I - a funny presentation by Bonnie Graham

Kingsmill-Mapleton^{WI}: Members favoured a collection of songs of yesterday.



Clachan WI: Members joined in singing a revised version of the Institute song entitled "Hats" - 90 years

Yarmouth Glen W.I.: As a tribute to Heart Month, and the Children's Hospital: "The teddy Bears Picnic."



— Thursday Feb 26th 2004

Winter Picnic 2004

Written by Kathy Minnema.

Kathy - Hi ladies! It's good to see everyone out to the ~~the~~ meeting this month. Have you heard about the latest diet.

Helen - What diet? I've been on and off so many in the last 20 years, I think my body needs a new refreshing change. Why walking on the treadmill everyday just doesn't seem to be enough, my weight seems to stay at the same point all the time. I look at all those young girls and think what a good figure I used to have, why can't I have it again.

Amarilis - Do you mean I have to try and fit something else into my schedule. It would have to be really good, and worth my while. Why it could mean changing my whole meal plans for the week. I don't know if I can handle change. I just got the kids to eat well balanced foods that they like and I approve of.

Louie - Well come on you have to fill us in, my will power to diet simply needs to find the right one that I feel comfortable with. I know I can do it, in between seniors meetings, church gatherings and of course W.I. get-to-gathers. There just has to be the diet that eliminates those pesky extra pounds I put on during the winter months.

Kathy - Well I've been hearing so much about this on the radio, in the papers. It's called the "Amish Diet"

Helen - Ya right! This otta be good!

Amarilis - Okay! you've got our curiosity up, now explain.

Kathy - Well they eat meat, potatoes, bread, fruit & vegetables and an array of pies, cakes & other desserts. They enjoy a diet high in

calories, fat and refined sugar, but seldom worry themselves with the amount they eat. They work hard before sun-up until sundown, and have 3 big meals in a day. They walk greater distances. Many jobs still done the hard way. But it's working for them.

Louie - You know when I was a kid at home I used to have to walk a mile to get the cows from the pasture and bring them home during the warm months. It was no easy task either crossing the road then walking past the neighbour's house and yard back towards the lake. Then we had to feed all those chickens out in the field with a pail. We always had work to do, gardening, canning everything from fruits to vegetables and even meat of all kinds. At thrashing time there could be up to 20 men to feed noon and supper meals. We didn't give them salads either it was hot meals.

Helen - Man I would die if I had to do all that work. I don't like cooking for just the two of us the grocery store is only 5 min's away, they have a lot of convenience foods, that come in handy. It takes minutes and it's ready, besides it cuts into my soaps.

Amarilie - Soaps I've got everyone down to 1 hour TV time a day, tops. The rest of our time is taken up with meetings, lessons, homework, belonging to service clubs, sports, household chores, we do get sometime in for quality family time together. I don't know where our days go, or weeks for that matter.

Kathy - They also said in this survey that there heart problems are low, diabetic, high blood pressure, cholesterol all low and a 4% obesity rate. You know that says an awful lot in my books. There is something there to look at. I'm not saying I want to do everything

the hard way again, but it's a healthy living.

Louie - When we were kids cutting grass was our fun time, one would pull while the other pushed behind the mower, playing games or tag. When later when we were able to go out we would go to dances all over the community, quite often 2 times a week. But always made sure we got up in the morning to do our work. There were also community get-togethers for the whole family. Like garden & card parties, house parties and singing, community showers, housewarming and family times to no end.

Amarilis - I hardly know my neighbours, usually we wave while passing on the road either going or coming. I guess were so involved with ourselves we don't take the time to visit neighbours anymore.

Helen - Ya but it's so handy going shopping any day of the week until late at night or going out for supper, and I just couldn't give up travelling, man I need to get away 3 times a year just to keep my sanity.

Kathy - They put a pedometer on the Amish to measure the steps taken over the course of a week and an average male walked 18,425 steps in a day and women took 14,196. That's roughly 14 kilometers covered by men and 9 by the women. Why one man walked 40 kilometers in 1 day behind a team of 5 Belgium horses and a set of harrows working from dawn till dusk. And one woman who rose at 3:30 am one morning, covered close to 32 kilometers over the course of the day.

Amarilis - Maybe we should try getting a pedometer for our group and see how far we would walk in a day.

Helen - I'd cover more miles my legs are longer.

Amarilis - That's interesting I have shorter legs I'd take more steps in a mile.

Louie - I think if we take more time to plan our meals.

Amarilis - Oh I already do that!

Louie - Or even read the labels, know what your getting in the prepared food, and use good judgment, don't be in such a hurry.

Helen - Maybe I should go work out at the local fitness center. I could fit it into my schedule two times a week.

Louie - I'd like to get back walking on a daily basis. I know I used to feel better, and getting fresh air never hurt anyone. Besides you also see what the neighbours are doing.

Amarilis - That's something I could do to keep in touch with my neighbours.

Kathy - You know ladies, if we could look at our diet and make changes in our habits we would be better for it. Well it's time to get on with our meeting.