

NEW BLOOMFIELD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 7:00 P. M.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING

We've missed YOU!

(COFFEE, COOKIES AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES WILL BE SERVED!)

We are pleased to have Dr. Jon Warren as our guest speaker for the September meeting. Jon has become a very active member of the Society and has given many hours to the completion of exhibits in the society. He has donated a substantial amount of World War I memorabilia that belonged to his uncle, as well as many exhibits from Harry Truman (signed documents).

Jon was the Assistant Division Director for the Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services for the Department of Corrections prior to his retirement from state government in September 2006. Dr. Warren was the Chief of Education Services for this division. He began his career in adult education in 1977, by providing tutoring and adult basic education services to inmates in the Greene County Jail in Springfield, Missouri. In 1979, Dr. Warren began working for the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Corrections in inmate education in Jefferson City, Missouri with duties located various state correctional institutions.

He joined the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) staff as a supervisor in Veterans Education in 1981, moving to the Adult Basic Education section in 1985. In 1996, Dr. Warren became the Assistant Director for Human Resources for DESE. In this capacity he was responsible for professional development and training of all Department employees.

In November 1999, Dr. Warren became the Director of Adult Education and Family Literacy Section of DESE. A little over a year later, he was picked to head the office of offender education service for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Since 1996, Dr. Warren has been an adjunct faculty member of William Woods University in the Graduate Teacher Education Program.

He is a member of several professional associations and organizations serving in leadership positions. He has had a life-long interest in history especially railroad and Civil War (or War Between the States, as he refers to it. Dr. Warren was for many years a bi-vocational pastor in small rural churches in Missouri and continues to do part-time work in that area.

Jon has earned degrees of Bachelor of Science in Sociology; Master of Education in Adult Education; and, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion.

We are fortunate to have a member with Jon's credentials. More importantly, we greatly appreciate his active participation in our Society's activities.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WHAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE AN INTERESTING PROGRAM!

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE for 2010!

You will be receiving a renewal notice from our Evelyn Criswell Thomas in the very near future under separate mailing. **PLEASE** consider renewing your membership. Dues are to be in by the end of October. We cannot continue to operate without your support. We thank each of you, whether you're a "townie" or a great supporter out of the area, for helping sustain our efforts! Where else can you have this much fun for only \$25 per year?!

CHILI AND MUSIC IN THE STREET

The New Bloomfield Area Civic Association has asked us to join them in sponsoring a "Chili and Music in the Street" celebration on Saturday, October 3, in front of the NB Fire House. Chili with the works will be \$5 per person. The "Posse", who performed for "Celebrate America", will provide the music. We will discuss our participation in this event at the September meeting. Maybe there will even be a few of us that can still "shake a leg!" Mark your calendar for this community event!

CELEBRATE AMERICA

Thanks to all who donated a cake to our Cake and Ice Cream special at the Celebrate America event on August 15. The Society raised approximately \$275. The flags were beautiful and the ceremony honoring our veterans was both moving and special.

MEMORIALS

I know I write about this in every meeting notice, but this is such an important program for both our society and those to whom we want to honor. Don't forget – birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions can be celebrated by donating money in someone's honor to the society!

VISIT THE SOCIETY ON SATURDAYS!

Don't forget! The Society is open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday for visitors and members to view our exhibits! Believe it or not, we have people stopping by each Saturday! Thanks to Dave, Dale and Wayne for their continued volunteer services to the Society! Next spring we will be planting shrubs in front of the building. Sorry we didn't get it done this Spring!

ANNUAL MEETING

Despite beautiful cool weather for July, our annual meeting had a very low turnout. We had about 35 in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Since I began working again in January, I know I have shirked my duties as President, for which I greatly apologize. Without the continued support of Dave West, Dale Lawson, Wayne Johnson, Jr. Pearre and Jon Warren, the Society's progress would have suffered greatly. I know there are many others whom I have not mentioned that have also worked tirelessly to continue what we started three years ago. To everyone, I say thanks for your help. Hope to see you on September 14, as we have another project we need to discuss!

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