

Otter Creek Historical Society

DURAND VILLAGE HALL

DECEMBER 2011



To explore the history of the Durand School District #322, also known as Otter Creek area and preserve information, oral and written, pertinent to its heritage. To display articles of historical and genealogical interest. To establish a museum.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone. I pray everyone is healthy and enjoying this time of year. The weather is getting colder each day. The Christmas lights and decorations are up, Christmas cards are sent, and gifts are purchased. You would think we were ahead of the game, but there is always much to do. I'm writing this on December 7th, a time to reflect on the past. Many of you remember this day well. I, for one, am a baby boomer and have only my parents memories of this day, and what I have read. Survivors of this infamous attack that history books say marked the beginning of the modern era, are almost gone. The current issue of the Rockford paper shares the experience of one survivor. I truly respect and appreciate the sacrifices of the men and women of this generation. They put personal gain aside and answered their country's call. Some served on the front lines. Others carried on the daily duties of the home front. All served to keep freedom alive and well. Our thanks to all of them for what they did for us.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Rockford this year. It will be on Sat. January 7th at 11:00. The theme this time is “old family recipes”. This has to be a great chance to add to your recipe collection.

All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it. They will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

FROM THE PAST

LAONA HEIGHTS (from Changing Ways)

This tract of woodland four and a half miles northwest of Durand on county route 19 was the second purchase made for a forest preserve. This area was purchased in September 1924, at first consisted of 20 acres of virgin forest bought for \$4000, being enlarged in September 1926 by the purchase of 19.90 acres for \$2500. .

Laona Heights is used by crowds of visitors from Shirland and Laona townships as well as by tourists and others from Wisconsin. They come again and again to enjoy the spot of great natural beauty with its hillsides covered by this fine virgin timber and one may often find there Nature study groups who find this a popular place in which to study wild birds, flowers and trees.

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Two fellows were discussing the problems of henpecked husbands.

“But let me tell you,” said one, “I'm boss at my house. Last night I found there was no hot water. So I raised the roof. Believe me, I got hot water in a hurry!”

There was a pause, and he added: “ I hate to wash dishes in cold water, don't you?”

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A VERY MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

