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Letter from the President

Great job!! The 36th Annual Warrens Cranberry Festival was a tremendous success. The weather, our guests, our vendors, our entertainers and especially our Warrens Cranberry Festival volunteers were all fantastic. Thank you! I hope you enjoyed the festival as much as I did and are looking forward to our 37th annual event, September 25th-27th, 2009.

In the fall, our board and membership spend a great deal of time reviewing committee reports and comments from our visitors and volunteers. We take these reports and comments and use them in our strategic planning for the future to help us determine what works and what doesn't. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome as we strive to showcase our community in the best possible way each year and give our guests a 'berry' special festival experience.

This fall our community lost a long time Warrens Cranberry Festival member and supporter. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Virgil Schroeder. Virgil and his family have volunteered and worked with the festival for many years, and we appreciate all their help.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas Season. I look forward to working with both the members and the community in the coming year. We are already on our way to hosting another spectacular fall festival. Come and join us!!!! We would love to have you!

Sincerely,

Vicki Nemitz, President

Meeting Dates:

No meeting in December

January 19, 6:00 p.m.

February 09, 6:00 p.m.

Meetings held the second
Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Donations to date in 2008

Lincoln Warrens Area Fire Department—
\$2,000.00—Toward Fire Truck
\$600.00— Fireworks - \$12,000— Equipment
Warren Mills Cemetery—\$2,000.00
Warrens Youth Wrestling—\$540.75
Derek Storkel-International Sports
Specialist—\$100.00
Haleigh Flottmeyer-International Sports
Specialists—\$100.00
MS Snow Tour—\$50.00
Zor Shriners—\$500.00
Livingstone Fellowship—\$2500.00
Millston Knapp Sportsmen's Club—\$100.00
Star Gazers 4-H—\$1,000.00
Tomah Area Cancer Society—\$60.00
Tomah Police Department Bike and Blading Expo—
\$50.00
Crantastic Singers—\$500.00
Warrens Beautification Grants—\$3400.00
Softball Shirts-Warrens—\$330.74
Shriners Raffle Sweatshirts—\$56.00
Monroe County Community Service—\$1,000.00
Boy Scouts—\$223.50
Junior Achievement—\$325.00
LaGrange Tunnel Lites 4-H—\$75.00
Open Door—\$100.00
Monroe County Agricultural Society—\$300.00
Warrens Lions Club, Kendra McGarry Benefit—
\$400.00
Antique Mall—\$20.00
Warrens PTO—\$1,000.00
Village of Warrens-permit for festival
\$10,600.00

Many organizations help with the running of our festival. When the festival is over donations are made to each group involved.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church helps with parking of commercial buses—A donation was given in the amount of \$2,494.00

Those that help with garbage pick-up

Nitelight Snowgoers—\$3,125.00
Baptist Church Warrens—\$2,684.00

Those that help with parking are
Tomah Gridiron Club—\$3336.00
Oakdale Lions—\$4536.00
Tomah FFA Club—\$720.00
BRF Lions Club—\$176.00
HOGS BRF Chapter—\$1,296.00
Kendall Lions—\$320.00
Wilton Lions—\$408.00

Gift Baskets Donated

Tomah Chamber Annual Banquet
Shriner Clay Shoots
Business After 5
Handishop Golf Fundraiser
WSCGA Golf Outing
Cutler Volunteer Fire Department
WI Association of Fairs
Rural Development
Tomah Gridiron
Fran Callaway benefit
Tomah Boys & Girls Club
New Residents of Warrens (3)
Tomah Memorial Hospital Foundation
Golf Outing
RV Radio Network
Bike Tour-Paul Rice
High School Girls Golf Team
High School Show Choir
Warrens Softball Association—shirts
Village of Warrens (Jolene for
Municipal Clerks Association)
WSCGA Shoot at Woods and Meadow
Connie Crohn Benefit
Kendra McGarry Benefit
Faith in Action
Turkey Federation
IFWD

Scholarships

\$500.00 Scholarships
Ceila Erdman-Kay Johnson Scholarship
Melissa Moravec-Dale Trowbridge Scholarship
Joshua Vollmer-Ken Rattle Scholarship
Brittany Pierce-Ken Peterson Scholarship
Travis Wilder-WCF Scholarship
Mallory Prise-Alice Walworth Scholarship
Kelsey Betthausen-Royalty Scholarship—\$500.00
Hailey Dechant-Royalty Scholarship—\$250.00
Makayla McGinnis-Royalty Scholarship—\$250.00

Virgil Schroeder

By Carolyn Habelman

Warrens has lost another resident in the passing of Virgil Schroeder, son of George & Mamie Beltz Schroeder on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at Tomah Memorial Hospital. He was born 30 April 1926 in Grant Township. He married Lorraine Miller on 18 June 1955 at Warrens Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Marine Veteran in the Korean War and a member of the Grassman-Sowle-Lenz American Legion Post #201 in Tomah. He held many different occupations throughout his life but will best be remembered in later years as working with the Cranfest Farmer's Market.

His "Schroeder" family has been an asset to our annual Cranberry Festival. Virgil was active as Farmer Market Chairman for years with the help of his wife and most of his children, our mower, and snow remover. His Mother, Mamie, helped bake pies, and quilts for the contests. His daughter Debi Hancock was our President and with her husband helped with the Bus Tours; Lorraine, his wife, was involved with the Bus Tours, our secretary for years and helped setting up vendors; his son Cal, has been working with mowing and trimming for years; Laverne and his wife Sharon have been active as trimming, building things as needed, taking care of the float/truck, bus tours, setting up vendors, etc; his Mother-in-law, Mrs. Miller helped with setting up booths; his son, Dale trims, helps with the booths, troubleshoots, and is the other half of our own Kim Billiard in the Cranfest office; all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren have helped for years in setting up the booths. All in all the entire family have been an addition and help to our Cranfest. I am sure I have missed some of the things and people within his family that have helped one way or another.

I will remember Virgil best for our annual spats. He loved a good argument and liked to be known as a bit grumpy. I am sure he would have felt left out if he and I didn't have our annual little spats. He loved to tell me how to set up my booths and I would retaliate by arguing how he set his up! We had more fun. All in all the Cranfest and the village of Warrens are sad to see him leave our environment and glad he did not have to suffer too much. We will miss seeing him driving around Warrens with his favorite companion, his dog! He was laid to rest in the Warren Mills Cemetery.



2008-First place recipe in the fresh cranberry category

Cranberry Layer Cake

Irma A. Johnson
Neillsville, WI

- 1- 18.25ounce package white cake mix
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 2 cups fresh or slightly thawed frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two 9" round baking pans. Rinse cranberries in cold water and drain. In large mixing bowl, combine cake mix, water, oil, eggs, and grated orange peel. Stir in the cranberries and pecans. Pour into prepared pans and bake for 30-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire rack to cool completely. Spread cream cheese frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

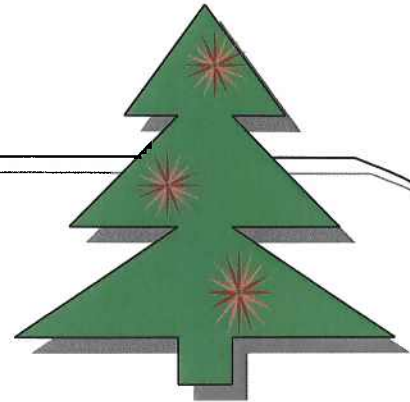
Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1-teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 3 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, butter, vanilla and orange peel until blended. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar.

Yield: 12 servings

Adapted from recipe in Quick Cooking Nov/Dec 2002



RECIPE CONTEST WINNERS 2008

FRESH FRUIT

- 1.) Irma Johnson—Neillsville WI "Cranberry Layer Cake"
- 2.) Rachel Reeck—Sparta WI "Cashew Chicken with Cranberry Chutney"
- 3.) Debbie Thelen—Tomah WI "Not Your Ordinary Brie"

PROCESSED FRUIT

- 1.) Louise Watkins—Thayer Missouri "White Chocolate Berry Pie"
- 2.) Darlene Blunk—Beloit, WI "Cranberry Pretzel Salad"
- 3.) Andrea Montesi—Palentine IL "Craisin & Cheese Coffee Cake"

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