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Madison Historical Society

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EVENTS COMING UP

- Christmas Craft Fair
- Christmas Open House
- Strawberry Festival next summer

See details inside....

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Linda Smith

Mary Lucy

Thanks to Mary K. W. Lucy for her many years of service and

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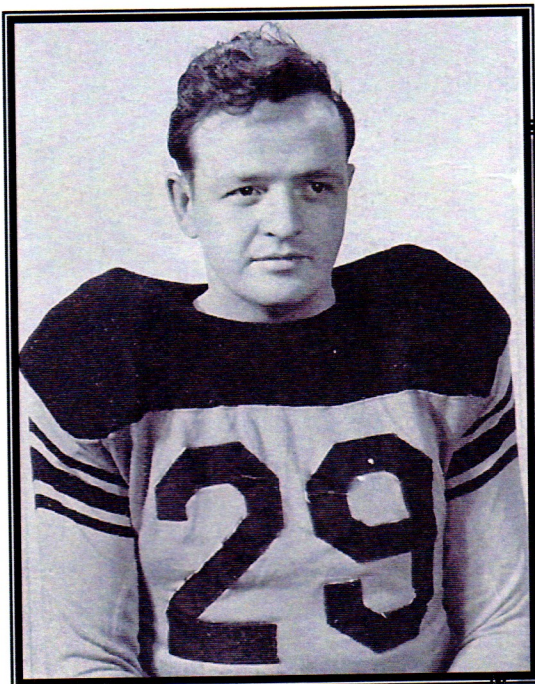
We can't say enough about the amount of work, time and effort that Mary has given to the Society in addition to her very busy life. She worked tirelessly, especially on this newsletter and will be

greatly missed in that regard.

We will be trying some new ideas in the coming year, as always trying to raise money for programs and conservation efforts. We

need to finish the restoration project of the museum building. Our other major project is to make parts of our collection available online. We will need lots of help! *Becky*

Clifton L. Wells 1917-2007



Clif was a friend to everyone. He moved to Silver Lake from Oregon with his wife, Helen, in the late 1980's. His love for this town was shown in his congeniality, generous nature and community spirit. Handsome couple!

I found this interesting handwritten piece in a notebook of items that Roger Clayton has collected over the years. I found it interesting and wanted to share. I transcribed it word for word....those words I wasn't sure of I put in brackets. I have no idea who wrote it or when.....but it was some time after 1852 when Madison split from Eaton.

"I drove over here from the side of Foss Mt to help you fellers celebrate. Youve split the Town in too (sic). You say Eaton didn't amount to nothing so you've got 1/2 of nothing. What you gonta do with it. To hear you talk youre going fill them scrub oak around six mile pond with houses. Let me know when you do and I'll show you a swimming pool on top of Oak ridge.

Likely aint it.

My wife—she sez to me sez she. Stay home and keep your mouth shut. Don't let on what old fool you be.

Look at the roads you have in this end of town. I came over the hills by Sam Frosts. Damn rough rd took two spokes of my left hind wheel. Probably cant get over the wash out at Ben Bickfords going home tather way with any wagon left. When ol Dexter and I come a walking home the old lady will say I told you so & served you right and so on the rest of the week.

You got the line top of Glines hill. Let me tell you we will have a rd up Glines hill every yr for the next hundred yrs with the no count rd builders you got in this end of Town. All you will have after you get to the top is a mud hole you wont fix till August

Its just as old man Currier in So Eaton says let em divide. They are so shiftless Frank Dewitt and Charles Towle have to cut their firewood or they freeze

winters. Ben Bickfords oxen will starve if they don't get hay from the Eaton [Meadows].

Do you think you are going to elect Town officers from amongst you old bald heads. Couldn't get a good Hog Grief not one whud know a boer from a barra.

What are you goin to have Town meeting with Albany? A little Albany cider and you cant say aye let alone stand up to say it.

A hundred years from now you will be holding meetings in Bill [Wen..itts] old abandoned barn.

That's just how shiftless you be. You cant even grow good blueberries in this end of Eaton."

If anyone has any idea who wrote this could you let us know? Thanks, Becky. Hope you enjoyed the humor. beckyknowles1950@gmail.com

We are trying out larger print in this issue...let us know what you think please

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Secretary Position Open
Any voluteers?

Board Members
Celeste Benoit
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NEEDED!!

- ♦ Secretary –duties are monthly minutes and minutes for occasional board meetings.
- ♦ Volunteers for scanning, photographing and researching artifacts and photos for our web sites. Youngsters 6th grade and up are welcome to help us!
- ♦ Volunteers to help with building committee

Thanks to David and Ann Wilkins for the donation of a new printer, scanner, copier!!!!

OLD HOME WEEK FUNDRAISING



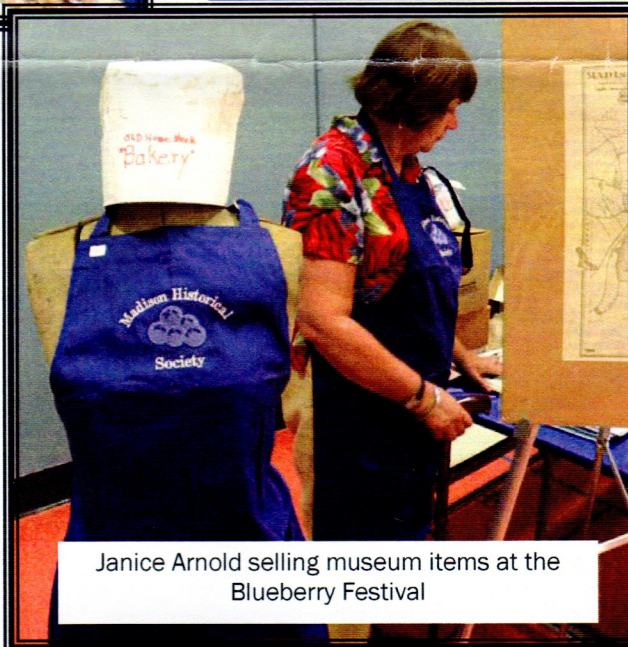
Above—Linda Smith and Roy Bubb at the Blueberry Festival baked goods table. Special thanks to Bob Nipher for organizing this event and Bill Park for picking all those berries!!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Holiday Craft Fair**—Saturday, December 3, 2011, 9am-3pm, Madison Elementary
- ◆ **Christmas Open House**—Sunday, December 18, 2011, 2-4pm at the Historical Society - refreshments and Hot Cider—bring a decoration for the tree !
- ◆ **NEW EVENT—Strawberry Festival**, Saturday, July 7, 2012, 5-7pm. (we will be looking for volunteers to help with this new fundraiser)

Volunteers Make It Happen

Thanks to all of our volunteers who are generous with their time during Old Home Week (and of course all year long) which is usually our biggest fundraising time of the year. The Craft Fair, Open House and Blueberry Festival combine for great visibility for the society! Without all of the volunteer help it would not happen.



Janice Arnold selling museum items at the Blueberry Festival

Volunteers needed during the winter for scanning, photographing and researching artifacts and photos for upload to our website in the Past Perfect Software Program. Training available. Amy Boyd will be updating our website so that we will be able to do this. Please email me if you are interested in helping, beckyknowles1950@gmail.com

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MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH



I found a glass negative on Ebay and had Spectrum Photo make a print from it. I was thrilled with the result. Notice the Kennett Farm in the back ground and the stone War Memorial in front of the Church. No clock on the steeple, no addition on the end and there is a wagon shed out back. *Becky*