



The Williamsburg Villager

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In Memory of Joe Crane

We lost our beloved boss and owner of Marlene's Restaurant/Crane's Museum, of Tuesday, September 6th, 2016. Joe was the third generation of the Crane's General Store. He was fighting lymphoma (cancer in the lymph nodes) which came back after 16 years of remission.

Joe Crane was born on January 11, 1933. He was a loving husband to Marlene Crane for 56 years. He was the son of Sam and Bernice Crane and Brother to Bill Crane.

Joe graduated from Fulton High School, went to the University of Missouri College, and then went on to receive his Master's Degree from the University of Missouri College.

Joe and Marlene were married on August 16, 1954. They had one son David Crane, who now runs the General Store as well as the Restaurant/Museum. David is married to Amy (Rankin) Crane. They have two handsome sons, Trask and Mason Crane.

Joe taught Industrial Arts and History at the University of Missouri College for years, until becoming the principal of Hatton McCredie Elementary School for 23 years.

Joe was a very active member of the Williamsburg Community. He was known to be a moving target – always on the go. He had many projects, which mostly consisted of his woodworking (picture frames, arrowhead displays, and rocking animals and transportation). He would say, "This is a work in progress and I'm doing all the work."

Joe was also known to go to many an auction on a Wednesday or Saturday. He would bid on, "Stuff" that went with his, "Already Collections" he had, or maybe something that caught his eye that day.

Joe and Marlene wanted to leave the Museum and Country Store as a legacy for their son and grandson's to enjoy. They wanted to share the history of Williamsburg with everyone and not let us forget how life was back in simpler times.

Joe and Marlene will both always be remembered by everyone. They will be greatly missed.

News of the Village

- September 8th, marked the 60th wedding anniversary for Harvey and Eunice Neimeyer.
- September 24, 2016, we had a great turn-out for the annual fish fry. Once again we were glad to see everyone who could come and join the fun.
- October 1st, is the All Town Auxvasse Garage Sale, the Calwood Mutton Festival, and the Hatton Craft fair. Hope to see you at one event or many!
- The Williamsburg Ladies Club will hold their annual auction and quilt raffle on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Community Center, starting at Noon. Funds raised from the day will contribute toward three scholarships yearly to a graduating North Callaway Senior.
- Birthdays and anniversaries this month are;
John R. – 75, Lambert – 65, Mike and Kerry – happy 23rd, Kathrina – 19, Trask C. – 18, Jack Ecton, Jamie K., Curley – 57, Eric S. – 44, Kendra K. – 14, Wes Z. – 53, and Grace E. 18.
- Don't forget the election is November 8th.
- Once again, just another friendly reminder...

It's time to renew your membership.

Come December, dues must be current if you wish to continue receiving your monthly newsletter. If you have not done so, please pay as soon as possible so you don't miss any future issues.

If you have any questions, please call us at 573-254-3356. Prices are still \$12 a year.

Joe's Corner



Mama & Baby Brown Cow Statue

Joe's latest addition to the museum is a statue of a mother cow with her calf from the Monmouth Pottery Company in Monmouth, IL. This piece has been in Williamsburg for over 100 years, in the Crane's Houses. Bill Crane (Joe's Brother) told Nette Peters he wanted it if she would ever part with it. That was in the 1950's. Joe was watching the American Pickers when they happened across one without the calf and bought it for \$500.00. Joe said, "I have one of those at the house and it's the original." It now resides in the museum as part of the Crane's collection. Come on back and check it out.

Hunter's Welcome

During hunting seasons we see many new and regular faces who come to hunt in or near our village. Whetstone is one of the popular hunting areas. This year, there is a special check-in for deer. They will be held at the whetstone station, Kingdom City Town Hall, and Mokane Lions Club.

Crane's Store will be open Special hours during the first week of riffle season.

Friday, November 11th – 8am – 7pm.

Saturday, November 12th – 8am – 9pm.

Sunday, November 13th – 9am – 2pm.

Marlene's Restaurant will have their usual hours of 8am – 5pm Monday thru Saturday, and Noon till 5pm Sunday. We will be serving biscuits and gravy all day during riffle season (November 12th, -- November 22nd.) Our grill closes at 4:30pm every day.

Recipe of the Month

Hamburger or Deer burger Casserole

By Mary Belle Starkey

1½ Pounds Hamburger (venison)

2 Medium Chopped Onions

¼ Green Pepper

1 Tsp Salt

½ Tsp Garlic Powder

12 Oz Noodles

Velveeta Cheese for top

1 Tsp Marjoram

1 Can Tomato Soup

1 Quart Tomatoes

1 Can Sliced Mushrooms

1 Can Water Chestnuts (sliced)

Brown hamburger with onions, peppers, and seasonings. Add tomatoes and soup. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add mushrooms and water chestnuts. Boil noodles until tender. Make layers of hamburger mixture, noodles and cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Smile-A-While

The jokes this month are from the June 2016 edition of The Missouri Chigger.

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'Senior Special' was two eggs, bacon hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said, "but I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay more for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously.

"Yes," said the waitress.

"I'll take the special, then," my wife said.

"How do you want your eggs?" the waitress asked.

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

Don't mess with Seniors!

A cop pulls a man over for speeding. He walks up to the car and says, "Do you know how fast you were going?"

"I was trying to keep up with traffic," he replied.

The cop looks up and down the highway. "What are you talking about? There is no traffic."

And the man answered, "That's how far behind I am!"

After his return from Rome, Will couldn't find his luggage in the airport baggage area. He went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that his bags hadn't shown up on the carousel.

She smiled and told him not to worry because they were trained professionals and he was in good hands.

Then she asked Will, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

Williamsburg Willy sez... Oct. 2012



“Four little pumpkins sitting on a fence ↪↪ by M. Crane
Waiting for Halloween **FUN** to commence!! Be safe...”

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Crane's Museum is a Regional History Museum located in Williamsburg, MO. We invite visitors of all ages to enjoy a step back in time. Enjoy breakfast, or lunch in

Marlene's Restaurant, shop for gifts at Town House Treasures get ready for winter and spring with Crane's Country Store Clearance and Closeout.