

# ◆ THE UNION CAMPGROUND NEWSLETTER ◆

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Fall 2011

## **2011 Fall Meeting Friday, December 9**

**5:30pm meal  
6:00pm meeting  
in the meeting room at  
Panera Bread  
2535 N Kansas  
(@ The Library Station)  
Springfield, MO**

### **From the President:**

Somehow it has already been almost six months since our annual meeting at Vera Chandler's home in June. It was very nice to see several of you at that meeting, and I hope several of you will be able to attend our meeting in December at Panera Bread on N Kansas in Springfield. Plan to join us for a meal at 5:30pm if you can, or arrive at 6:00pm for the meeting, whichever you prefer. The main thing is come visit with us, get caught up on the latest going on in each family, and find out what has happened with the cemetery and help discuss what our future plans are for the cemetery.

Please refer to Larry's article on what has been going on with the cemetery this year. There are still several things to do in the cemetery, but it is really taking shape as

to what our vision has been for it. We certainly aren't finished yet though, and we need folks with good ideas to come to the meeting for our discussion of what to do next. Please join us that evening if you can, but if that is not possible know that we will miss you, and want to wish you the best for the rest of this year and for the coming year.

Take care, and God bless you.

Robb

### **QUILTING**

#### **An American Folk Art**

In early colonial times, people felt privileged to own two sets of clothing. Fabric was scarce and only the more affluent could import materials from England. It was not until the 19th century that quilt making flourished when scraps of material were more readily available. This enabled women to express themselves through the art of quilt making. It allowed them to translate inner emotions of hope, love and beauty into something pleasing to the eye.

Fabrics and colors were chosen with care much as an artist selects paints and brushes. The quilts were not

only personal but provided warmth and protection.

As time allowed quilts were donated for community causes, perhaps crafted by a member of women who gathered together enjoying a special time of fellowship.

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Today's quiltmakers seek to preserve this American art form. They have a reverence for this connection to the past, and often wonder about old quilts and the women who made them. The fabrics used can tell us approximately when a quilt was made and can reveal social and economic status.

Did you know?

The oldest surviving quilted textile is a linen funerary rug found in a Siberian cave and dated between the first century BCE and the second century CE. And a carved ivory statue of a pharaoh dated c3400 BCE appears to depict the monarch wearing a quilted cloak.

Resources: [American Quilts](#), by Robert Shaw Sterling Press 1951.

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Jean Gaffga Rayl

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Doug Rayl is our web site coordinator.

Check it out at:

[www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org](http://www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org)

We also have a web newsletter.

**Cemetery Location:**

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UNION CAMPGROUND  
 CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
 TREASURERS REPORT

Nov 16, 2011  
 Fall Meeting

Balance, May 15, 2011	\$3,415.91
Receipts:	
Donations	\$60.00
Dues	450.00
Sign Rental	150.00
Total Receipts	\$ 660.00
Total Balance and Receipts	\$4,075.91
Disbursements:	
Bank Box	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$807.63
Misc	18.78
Total Disbursements:	\$ 846.41
Balance Nov 16, 2011	\$3,229.50

Signed: Pansy Harvey, Treasurer

**Web Site**

Have you checked the web site lately?

[www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org](http://www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org)

Andrew has done a great job in the re-design work he did last year.

**A MOMENT IN HISTORY**

Infant child of C Braswell

Birth date: Unknown

Death date: 18 Apr 1903

No tombstone marks the grave of this infant child. A newspaper clipping from the Springfield Republican, 19 Apr 1903, gives a brief account, with no first name to indicate gender:

"Child Dead. This infant child of C. Braswell died Saturday morning. The burial will take place Sunday afternoon at the Union Campground. The parents live north of the city."

On the 1876 map of Franklin Township 30, there is a C. Braswell farm located approximately one or two miles north of the Union campground Cemetery. Vera Chandler of our cemetery association confirms that the Braswell family lived near the Terry Price farm & Lochie Braswell was a childhood friend of Vera's mother. The name was spoken as "Brassel."

**Cemetery Log for 2011**

**June 1** Doug & I went out and set 5 head stones in concrete to see how it would work and to show cemetery members how they would look. Doug had stopped and picked up some quickcrete. Larry had brought a tractor and water. Doug 3.0 hours, Larry 3.0 hours.

**June 2** Doug & I fill some sunken graves to show the members what we have been talking about and how it would look after the job is completed. The dirt had been rained on and it was hard to haul and also hard to break up and spread. Doug 6.0 hours & Larry 6.0 hours.

**June 4** Annual meeting at the Vera Chandler home. Good turnout. After the general meeting we went to the cemetery. Trent Auvil helped in driving the Harley golf cart. We made several trips in and out hauling people. I believe the cemetery trip was a success. As far as I could tell everyone liked what they saw. We will continue filling the sunken graves and then start on the concrete project of setting the stones. We think that one more load of dirt from McDaniel will be enough.

**June 5** Took golf carts back home on Sunday afternoon. Talked to Brian Gorden and he said he would check first thing Monday morning as to when we could get another load of dirt. I made a call to Doug. Talked to Trent and he can work on Tuesday. Also talked to Pansey and told her that there will be 2 more loads of dirt she will have to pay for. She said ok and get her the bills.

**June 7** McDaniel Excavating. Brian brought another load of dirt at about 7:00 am. Trent and I were there at 6:00 am cleaning

up the dirt pile getting ready for another load. We hauled 55 dumps down and scattered. Doug came at 9:00 AM and worked until noon. Trent worked until about 3:00 pm and I broke a fitting on the tractor. I got it fixed and left at about 5:30 pm Doug 3.0 hours, Trent 9.0 hrs Larry 11.5 hours.

**June 8** I went back and finished hauling the dirt. I had 5 more dumps. This is probably all the dirt we will get for a while. 1.0 hour

**June 9** I stopped at Lowe's and got more 1 x 4's and made 9 more frames for the concrete project. This makes 14 total, and should be for a good days work when we start. Lumber \$20.57 using 4 12 foot 1 x 4's made 9 forms.

**June 10** Sharpened 4 chain saw chains.

**June 16** Hazel & I went and cut more stumps. We worked until we dulled the 4 chains again. 3 hours each.

**June 17** Sharpened chains and went back and cut more stumps. Only used 2 chains this time. Raked leaves off the graves around the Elizabeth Snow grave. Cut several stumps in this area. 3 hours each.

**June 18** Worked with the coat hangers trying to make a set of Witching Sticks. The internet has several articles on the art of dowsing for graves. 1.0 hour

**June 20** Hazel & I went out and remarked some grid stones. Then laid off grid C-4 and worked with the sticks to verify the unknown graves. We verified several flags that were still standing from the last time Bettie and Hazel worked with the sticks. It was windy and we would have had better luck with a more still day. Worked about 3 hours each.

**July** Sometime this summer I went out and sprayed for weeds again. 3 hours

**November 6** Hazel & I went to the cemetery and looked at the 4 inches

of leaves covering the ground. The trees are pretty and they give shade for the very few that do venture down in to the cemetery during the summer months. The trees are like animals. They leave unwanted deposits on the ground that we have to clean up after them. I don't think that I have visited the cemetery when I haven't found a fallen limb or branch on the ground. And now we have 4 inches of leaves covering the total cemetery. We also have 6 or 7 trees that need to be removed because they are dead and it is dangerous to be around them, and most of them are 60-70 feet tall. The majority are small enough that we could remove ourselves. We have a couple that are too big for us to work on.

**November 14** I went out with riding lawn mower and spent about 3.5 hours stirring the leaves. I made 3 trips total that day. I mowed about an hour and had a flat. I went home and fixed the flat. I went back and mowed another hour and broke a belt. I went and got the new belt and replaced another that was worn. They couldn't have been at the same time. I went back and mowed another 1.5 hours. The filling of the sunken graves with dirt made a big difference with the mower.

Next year:

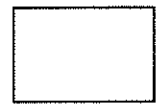
1. We need to continue working to get the head stones installed.
2. Mark all the field stones with a stake or some kind of marker.
3. Any rocks that are not markers need to be picked up.
4. The remaining stumps that stick up more than one inch need to be cut off.

**Thanks** to Robb Chandler, Doug Rayl, Trent Auvil and Hazel Voris for helping me in the cemetery this year. Larry.

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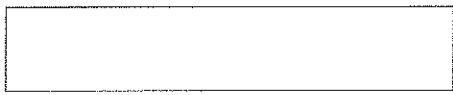
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### PAY YOUR DUES NOW

*Dues are \$15.00 per single person or \$25.00 for any two persons. Your support will help pay the cost of preparing and mailing the newsletter and for cleanup activities at the cemetery.*

*Dues will be payable at the meeting or mail a check to:  
Pansy Harvey, Treasurer  
Union Campground Cemetery Assn  
3822 E. State Hwy AA  
Springfield, MO 65803*

**PLAN ON BEING AT THE MEETING THIS YEAR. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR INPUT.**

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We spent more for maintenance this year than any year in the past. But we did a lot of work.

When I can use a riding lawn mower over the cemetery, that is good. Thanks for all your support.

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### Note To All Members

Keep me updated on your e-mail address. This is a quick and easy way to communicate with each of you. Besides it is cheaper than sending mail.

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### Past Newsletters

I think that all past newsletters have been up loaded to the web site. You can read them there. If you want a copy on a CD let me know and I will copy one off for you. I also need to know if you can download programs in pdf format. There will be a minimal charge for this service. You can also furnish a flash drive if you have one.