Update on the Web Site.
by Larry Voris

It was voted at the 2008 annual meeting to investigate setting up a stand alone web site for the Union Campground Cemetery Association. One that we can control ourselves and one that is user friendly for people doing research on family history. We got busy in early summer and purchased a domain name or internet name which will open the site. (unioncampgroundcemetery.org) was selected. Our address is:

www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org

It was a busy summer and fall for all. We had a interesting e-mail from a person in early August, that had visited the cemetery saying he would help us set up a web site at a very reasonable price. We investigated some of his sites and we made contact and met with Andrew VanZyll in late October discussing what we had in mind and the price of owning our own site and what the yearly cost would be. We gave him a tentative go ahead pending approval of the board of directors. He had a temporary site up the next afternoon. Jean & Hazel have been busy updating the information in the plot book so this information can be added to the Plot listings. Elaine, Doug and Larry have transcribed the information into electronic data so it can be added to the web site. Below are the tentative subjects on the home page:

1. Home Page
2. Plot Listings
3. Cemetery Location
4. Cemetery History
5. Cemetery Association History
6. Cemetery Pictures
7. Geocaching site
8. Directors & Officers
9. Newsletters
10. Help & Restoration
11. Other Related Sites
12. Contact Us
13. Membership application
14. Maps

Submitted by the Web site committee:
Doug Rayl
Larry Voris
Jackie Warfel

Message from Our President

It is the time of year that we should be celebrating the birth of the Christ child. But we seem to forget this with our busy lives. We need to slow down and thank God for all the blessings we have.

It seemed only last week that I was asked to write my article for the newsletter and that was in 2007. Where did 2008 go?

I want to thank everyone that has been working on the cemetery this year. Larry and Doug reported with all the strange weather we have had that this year was a wash. Larry & Don sprayed a couple of times to keep the weeds down and some cleanup late this fall and hoping for a early start in the year of 2009.

I have been on the new website and it looks great. And again thanks to everyone involved in making this work.

A little bird told me that we may have someone coming to help on the cemetery next year. We’ll have to wait and see if this comes true.

I hope that 2009 will bring us more time to work on the cemetery and I promise to help a lot more next year.

Again thanks for all your support in the restoration of the cemetery.

May God bless and to all have a Merry Christmas.

Robb

Frontier Medicine
By Jean Gaffga Rayl

During the early years of the 19th Century, knowledge of medicine was very limited. A doctor often practiced without adequate instruments of facilities. If surgery seemed necessary, it would be performed with benefit of anesthetic.

A rural doctor faced even greater challenges as he would have to travel many miles over difficult terrain to reach a farmstead. Once at his destination, he might deliver a baby, find a patient suffering from scalds/burns, a wound from a animal, an insect bite, injury from a primitive tool, toothache or severe headache. About all he could do would be to prepare a homemade concoction abstracted from herbs and plants found in the garden or nearby woods. Spider webs were added to tea or liquor to lower a fever, a sore throat was usually treated by using salt pork, lard of vaseline applied to pieces of flannel, and if bear grease happened to be available, the grease was applied to ease a complaint. It was not until late in the 1800's that patented medicine became available in southwest Missouri.

Fees charged by a doctor might range from $0.50 to $1.00. If house calls were made, then the fee could go as high as $5.00. This did not mean cash actually changed hands. More likely than not, the fee would be paid in produce.

Today, we know the use of tobacco is harmful and we tend to think this is something more recent to medical knowledge. However, one hundred and twelve years ago (1896) a medical volume was published, entitled “Essential Lessons in Human Physiology” by Dr. W. E. Baldwin, and in this volume, on page 34, he comments: “Tobacco lessens the muscular power and, like alcohol, prevents all accuracy and steadiness of muscular action...Its injurious effects upon boys have become so generally recognized that in some countries laws have been passed to restrict its use. The use of tobacco by young and growing persons tends to dwarf the whole body; and consequently the muscular system.”

DID YOU KNOW
Springfield had telephones by the fall of 1899 and its first automobile by April 1900. (Copied from “Springfield Smallpox” 1899-1900)
**Cemetery Location:**
US Hwy 65 North of I-44 at Valley Water Mill Road, Springfield, MO.

**Address all inquiries to:**
Rob Chandler, President
Union Campground Cemetery Assn.
4875 E. Cimarron Lane
Springfield, MO 65803
417-833-4501

**Member Information**
Phone Numbers are all “417”

- Robb Chandler 833-4501
- Bettie Hickman 881-5424
- Jean Rayl 881-4456
- Elaine Mott 886-1296
- Larry Voris 881-1587
- Molly Faulkner 833-2023
- Clarence Stiver 833-1419
- Betty Jane Turner 862-6293
- Joanna Coonrod 881-2501
- Don Holdway 833-9684
- Pansy Harvey 833-4503
- Doug Rayl 742-4967
- Jackie Warfel 742-3848
- Hazel Voris 881-1587
- Vera Chandler 833-4503
- Ben Gravely 326-3057
- Don Harvey 380-1515

New to our information page is our web site address:
www.unioncampgroundcemetery.org

Check it out.

**E-mail addresses:**
- Ben Gravely marquita@alltel.net
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**UNION CAMPGROUND CEMETARY ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT**

**November 1, 2008**

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**Signed:** Pansy Harvey, Treasurer

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**Cemetery Visit**

I stopped and walked down to the cemetery on Friday, Oct 24. I hadn't been there since early summer when we sprayed for weeds and brush. There were tall weeds in places that I hadn't seen before. There didn't appear to be any brush as in small sprouts or buck brush. Leaves are starting to fall. It has been a busy summer and fall. With the wet weather we have had, it was impossible to take a tractor in to remove the fallen tree limbs. The southeast part of the cemetery still needs the tractor to clean that area. The ditch on the east has brush piled in it and maybe this winter this can be cleaned and burned.

We still need to do some work with a chainsaw. The goal is to be able to mow with a riding mower of some kind. We are closer now than we have ever been since I have been working out there. I don't want to lose what we have gained. Jim and Jean Rayl and family worked several years and then nothing was done for 5 or 6 years and it had to be done all over again. We need all your support. Larry Voris

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Larry & Hazel Voris for reaching the 50th wedding anniversary milestone.

They were married, October 18, 1958 at the Pleasant Valley Church. The celebration was hosted by their three children on October 19, 2008 at the Second Baptist Church.

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**New Directions to get into the Cemetery**

The Union Campground Cemetery is located 500 ft north of Valley Water Mill Road at the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 65 and Valley Water Mill Road. If you follow Highway 65 North from Springfield and go past (under) I-44, you need to take the first exit which is Valley Water Mill Road. You need to turn right and turn around, then you can park on the north side of Valley Water Mill Road headed west. Walk west down the ditch on the north side of Valley Water Mill Road. You will come to a cable across the path. You then follow the path down the hill (North) and up to the Southwest corner to enter the cemetery.

The Missouri State Highway Department says that it is dangerous to park along side of US 65. US 65 is now a 4-lane highway to Fair Grove and they are working on the next section which will take us to Foose or Hwy EE south of Buffalo.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OFF HWY 65
Memories from The Past
By Dee Appleby

My dream had come true. It was late Spring, 1980-81, I was strolling among the tall trees and the few remaining gravestones of the Union Campground Cemetery, near Springfield, Missouri. At times, pausing to look up through the tree tops at the sun shafts shining down through the massive webs swinging from treetop to treetop. Since childhood, I had heard my relatives speak of "the old Union Campground Cemetery" as if it were a most special and revered place. Their sentiments rubbed off on me. Now, I had come to pay homage to the friends and neighbors of my dear Grandparents. For many years, my William Eagleton Appleby and Mary Jane Dysart-Appleby lived on their Bluegrass Farm, sharing the back property line with the Union Campground Cemetery. I remember hearing the stories of my Uncles as they recalled some of the funerals they attended in the Cemetery, as they were growing up on the farm. I knew of only two Appleby connections buried here. One, the infant child of Robert & Emma (Dulin) Appleby. Second, Elizabeth (Snow) Freeman Appleby, second wife of William Alfred Appleby. She was buried in the Freeman plot, the family of her first husband. Leonard had recently had a new stone installed on his Grandmother's grave. It startled me to come, unexpectedly, upon such a new stone. By the time of my first visit, I was well into my family's history and on my second visit, we had the good fortune to have as a guide for our small family group, Leonard Appleby, a lifetime Springfield resident and the historian of our Appleby family. Leonard Appleby was, at the time, living on the former farm of his Great-Aunt, Amanda Appleby and her husband, Wiley Gregory. Leonard, bless him, knew the stories of those buried around us, and leaning against a large tree trunk as he spoke, he shared the stories with the rest of us. While still living in Arizona, I learned that Jean & Jim Rayl and others, had formed an Association to restore the old, neglected cemetery and obtain the status of Historical Site. It was another dream coming true. I could not attend the first meeting of the Association, so I wrote to Anne Appleby, in Ozark, she voluntarily offered to attend the meeting in my place. Anne did attend the meeting and offered the services of her Attorney son, to do the legalities necessary to clear the Title to the land occupied by the Cemetery.

This is just background for my interest in the Union Campground Cemetery. Now, it is not only my dream, but, of the entire association, of others becoming interested in the dear, old, hallowed ground and will join the "Dream Team's" sincere and dedicated efforts to bring the cemetery back from oblivion. I'm sure even the 'rest-breaks' would be worthwhile the participation. Refreshments, cool shade, pleasant friends sharing a common interest, and reflecting on the once busy, constructive lives of former Greene County residents, they, too, at rest.

The Group is active and making their plans for Spring at the Cemetery. The time spent is a Labor of Love, and if you feel a tug at your heart to join them. If you want to work in the cemetery, contact, Larry Voris.

A Moment in History
By Jean Rayl

Mrs. Susan Cottrell
Born: c 1833
Died: 11 Mar 1903
Two newspaper notices record the death of Mrs. Susan Cottrell:
Springfield, MO Republican Mar 12, 1903: "Mrs. Susan Cottrell, age 70 years, died at her home on North Boonville Street of paralysis." And, Mar 13, 1903: "Funeral yesterday. The funeral of Mrs. Cottrell occurred yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and burial was in the union Camp Ground burying grounds."
Maiden name was Susanna C. Goodwin, married 21 Nov 1950 in Laclede County, MO to Henry W. Cottrell (copied from the Laclede County Marriage Blk A 1849-1881). Her birth date was copied from "Opening the Ozarks—First Families Southwest Missouri" 1835-1839.
Exploring Rural Greene County
By Jackie Warfel

Jackie was asked to explain her new book. She said, it isn't exactly a book but is more like a 24-page brochure called "Exploring Rural Greene County", (a Driving Tour of Registered Historic Sites and other interesting features in rural Greene County). The drive is approximately 250 miles in length (intended to be taken in sections) with a centerfold map and has 61 registered Greene County Historic Sites, plus addition 22 churches, 28 cemeteries, 20 schools, 40 Missouri Century Farms, 14 other farms, 5 old Mill locations, 21 "Ghost" towns and 63 other places and names. There are brief histories of the features.

The intent is to educate people about Greene County's early history. As a project by myself as a member of the Greene County Historic Sites Board, the City of Springfield is not included because our board has no authority there. Springfield has the Landmark Board.

I will have several of the latest edition with me. It is a work in progress and copies can be picked up at the checkout desk at Borders. No charge but you have to ask for the Tour.

Cemetery Pictures
There will be a picture section. Pictures take a lot of room and when you view them on the internet they are very slow to load on a dial-up computer. We are working on this now exploring a better way to exhibit pictures so you can view them without taking a hour to download them. If there are pictures you would like to see, let me know.

Membership Application
There will be a membership application on the site. Maybe we can pick up some new members.

Maps
We are planning a map page. On the cemetery list page there is a number below some of the names. Hopefully you can click on the number and it will take you to the point on the map where this head stone is placed.

Members Only Page
Some organizations have a members only page where you have a user name and passwords. We could post the newsletter under this button and not let the general public see our information unless they are a member.

Upcoming Events
This is a button he has put on. Don't know for sure how it will be used. We can rename it and use it for something else. This could be used as a schedule of workday outings.

Newsletters
We can do a lot with this page. Listed are a few things we could do. Over the time of 29 newsletters that have been sent out it is interesting to go back and read them once in a while.

• We could list each newsletter and click on it, and would take you to the selected letter.
• We could scan in the articles that have been written. Most letters have some very interesting articles about the cemetery.
• If we scan in a newsletter it will have to be edited to remove phone numbers, e-mail addresses and financial statements.
• Then we could post the newsletter each time and save postage to those that have e-mail. They could print their newsletter off for themselves.
• When we go to the web, everyone can read what we post.