

Red Oak Grove Reporter

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Old-fashioned ice cream social

Red Oak Grove Church's ice cream social October 19 was a terrific success. The \$900-plus raised will help to fund "Red Oak Grove Remembers Its Heroes" July 5.



More than 30 pies, and ice cream, were donated.

Workers, from left: Daisy Wingert, co-chair; Sherry Hall; Shelly Quinn; Lori Ostrich, co-chair; and Sandy Harmel. Not shown: Barb Rickard. (Another photo on Page 3)



Dwight Hughes of Cedar Rapids brought his Percheron horses and buggy from Cedar Rapids and gave rides.



Dates to write on your 2015 calendar

April 4 – Annual cleanup day

May 19 – 9th annual Reunion

**July 5 – “Red Oak Grove
Remembers Its Heroes”**

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Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new year!

In memoriam: Recent interments at Red Oak Grove

Pearl Rosa Schroeder Crispin, 95, died Aug. 11, 2014, at Cedar Manor, Tipton. Her funeral was Aug. 14 in Tipton. Survivors: four children, Nancy Hipple and Jan Krob of Tipton; Beth Shaull, Greencastle, Pa.; and Charles Crispin, Davenport; 12 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. Her husband was the late Carl Crispin.

Danny Michael Symmonds, 60, of Lowden died Oct 27, 2014, at a Maquoketa care center. His funeral was Oct. 31 in Tipton. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Lori Miller Symmonds of Lowden; three children: Jennifer Nath, Leann Symmonds, and Jason Symmonds; three grandchildren, a sister; and two brothers.

The ashes of **Maxine McCully Burton**, who died March 31, 1999, at 63, and her son, **Jeffrey Lynn Burton**, 57, who died June 3, 2014, were interred Aug. 30, 2014. Mrs. Burton lived in West Liberty, and her son in Iowa City. Mrs. Burton is survived by her daughter, Gloria Burton of Mesa, Ariz.; one grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

Wedding bells

David Ross and Kara Robinson were married Oct. 18, 2014, at Red Oak Grove Church, rural Tipton. They are living in Tipton. Congratulations and best wishes!

Centenary, golden anniversaries

Verna Hale Kimberling of Tipton was honored on her 100th birthday Sept. 6, 2014. An open house was hosted by her children, Virginia Osborn of Midland, Ohio; Joyce Kuhnle, Marengo; and Victor Kimberling, Mechanicsville. She also has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband was Vernon Kimberling (1913-1982).

The Rev. Ron and Nancy Lashmit of Tipton celebrated their 50th anniversary July 4, 2014, with an open house at Calvary Foursquare Church in Tipton, where they were married July 4, 1964. They have three sons, Ron II and Charles, both of Tipton, and Philip, North Liberty, and six grandchildren.

Robert and Joyce Kimberling Kuhnle of Marengo, who were married Oct. 10, 1964, at Red Oak Grove Church, celebrated their golden anniversary Oct. 18, 2014. An open house was held at Conroy Hall. Their children are Kevin and Craig Kuhnle, and Pam Freeman. They also have five grandchildren.

Our history: Alexander M. Bain and his wife, Isabella

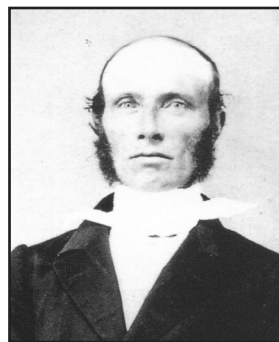
The Rev. Alexander M. Bain served Red Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in the 1870s. His wife, Isabella Barland Read Bain, died in 1876 and is buried in Red Oak Grove Cemetery. Little was known of them, but now their great-grandson, Dr. Robert V. Bain of Salem, Ore., has been contacted. He has generously shared information and photos.

Alexander was born in far northern Scotland; Isabella in Roslin, near Edinburgh. They met while he was studying law in Edinburgh, but her wealthy parents disapproved, and packed her off on an ocean voyage to New York with her married sister. Undaunted,



Music for the Oct. 19 ice cream social was provided by Dale Thomas and his Adam's Apple Quartet. From left are Troy Vincent, Mark Sharnweber, Ed Spencer, and Dale Thomas.

“RED OAK GROVE REMEMBERS Its Heroes,” a major public event, will be held July 5, 2015. Please mark your calendar, then watch for a special issue of the Red Oak Grove Reporter beforehand, giving all the details.



Alexander and Isabella B. Read Bain

Alexander signed on as a crew member of their ship! He and Isabella were married March 24, 1854, in Lodi, N.J.

The couple then lived in Chicago, Philadelphia (where Alexander studied for the ministry) and Sparta, Ill., before coming to Iowa in the 1860s. Two children died in infancy; two others survived. After being widowed, Alexander lived in Cass County, Iowa, and Rooks County, Kan. About 1883, he emigrated to Australia. There he “did very well in the mercantile business” and remarried in 1891. He died Jan. 24, 1906, in Upper Micham, near Adelaide.

8TH ANNUAL REUNION REPORT

The eighth annual Red Oak Grove Reunion was held May 18 this year; 68 persons attended the 11 a.m. service. “Faith, Family and Country: A Red Grove Blessing” was the theme of speaker Jeff Kauffman. A wonderful potluck and the 123rd annual business meeting of the Cemetery Association Association followed the service. Once again, the weather was ideal.

Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association

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Monetary donations, January-November 2014

Albaugh, Don & Connie, Cedar Rapids	Herring, Mike & Brenda, Mechanicsville
Amate, Dorothy, Grants Pass, OR	Keller, Max & Judy, Tipton
<i>In memory of Frank & Clara Smith,</i>	Lenschow, Phyllis, West Branch
<i>William & Clara Murray, Lee & Muriel</i>	Lillis, Gary, North Liberty
<i>Miller</i>	Mathias, Cecil, Tipton
Bierman, Cory & Jamie, Tipton	<i>In memory of Randy Mathias</i>
Bolton, Duane & Judy, Tipton	Meyers, Alecia, Stanwood
Buchmayer, Paul, Iowa City	Olson, Colleen, Windsor, CT
Burton, Gloria, Mesa, AZ	<i>In memory of Evelyn Gaul Straub</i>
Crist, Josh & Kristi, Tipton	Ostrich, Lori, Stanwood
Crowley, Pat, Tipton	<i>In memory of Gary Ostrich</i>
<i>In memory of Jack Crowley</i>	Penningroth, Mark & Rebecca, Tipton
Dykstra, Dennis & Linda, Tipton	Rickard, Bob & Barb, Tipton
Ehresman, Edna, Tipton	<i>In memory of Betty Rickard</i>
Ferguson, Hugh & Mary, Friendswood, TX	Schroeder, Don and family, Olin
Garlick, Geraldine, Tigard, OR	<i>In memory of Kathleen Laing</i>
<i>In memory of Frank & Clara Smith,</i>	Schroeder, Scott & Diane, Mechanicsville
<i>William & Clara Murray, Lee & Muriel</i>	Smith, Keith & Ginny, Farmington, MO
<i>Miller</i>	<i>Smith Foundation</i>
Hall, Sherry, Tipton	Stonerook, Marjorie, Tipton
Hargrave, Julia, Tipton	Taylor, Karen, Springville
Harmsen, Dennis, Iowa City	Thofson, Steve & Dawn, Northwood
<i>In memory of Harold, Dorothy, and</i>	Whitlatch, Keith & Lois, Stanwood
<i>Maryann Harmsen</i>	Wingert, Ron & Daisy and family, Tipton
Harmsen, Steve & Beverly, Papillion, NE	<i>In memory of Kathleen Laing</i>
<i>In memory of Harold, Dorothy, and</i>	Wurr, Anne, Petaluma, CA
<i>Maryann Harmsen</i>	<i>In memory of Alice Rigby</i>
Heck, Vera, Guernsey	
Hegarty, John & Kay, Swisher	
Herring, Ken & Carolyn, Tipton	

In-kind donations, January-November 2014

(Time, expertise, and loans or gifts of equipment/supplies)

Bahr, Jamie – ROG reunion special music
Barglof, Pat – ROG reunion organist
Behne, Randy – Cedar County Attic Museum
Beine, Lee – legal services
Bierman, Liz, Rachael, Frank, and Sam – cemetery cleanup

(Continued on reverse)

In-kind donations, January-November 2014 *(Continued from reverse)*

Bierman, Kirby & Greta – church cleaning
Boyle, Mike – Heroes
Buchmayer, Paul – monument cleaning
Corbett, Becky – ice cream social decorating
Crist, Josh – use of bucket truck, sprayer, backhoe
Crist, Randy – monument cleaning
Curry, Katlyn and Ashlyn – cemetery cleanup
Curry, Jeff and Tony – church cleaning
Ferguson, Cleo – pies for ice cream social
Freet, Blair & Pam – Cedar County Attic Museum
Hall, Sherry – pies and bottled water for ice cream social
Harmel, Sandy – pies and decorations for ice cream social
Herring, Mike – operations, Heroes, TSI
Hill, Carter and Landan – cemetery cleanup
Hill, Dave & Trina – building superintendent, church cleaning, TSI
Hughes, Dwight – horse-drawn buggy rides at ice cream social, TSI
Kaufmann, Jeff – ROG reunion message, Heroes, pies for ice cream social
Ketelsen, Margaret – pies for ice cream social
Lashmit, Pastor Ron – ROG reunion service
Lenschow, Phyllis – pies for ice cream social
Lillis, Gary – monument cleaning
Mathias, Cecil – life member, ROG Cemetery Association Board
Mohr, Karrington – ROG reunion special music
Nau, Randy and Garrett – monument straightening
Oberfrank, Drew – cemetery and monument cleaning, TSI
Ostrich, Lori – records, finance chair, Heroes, ice cream social co-chair, pies, coffee
Penningroth, Mark – finance committee
Quinn, Shelly – pies and ice cream for ice cream social
Rickard, Barb – ROG reunion potluck, church cleaning, lunch for volunteers, pies
Rickard, Bob – monument cleaning, sexton, Heroes, music sponsor for ice cream social
Schott, Kathy – Cedar County Attic Museum
Stonerook, Marge – ROG reunion potluck
Storjohann, Eric – restoration of veterans' markers, cemetery cleanup
Taylor, Karen – Reporter editor, Heroes, pies for ice cream social
Urban, Dick – cemetery cleaning, monument straightening
Urban, Kiaya and KiaLeigh – monument cleaning
Urban, Rich – superintendent of grounds, monument straightening, TSI
Whitlatch, Keith – Heroes
Wiese, Samantha – restoration of veterans' markers
Wingert, Daisy – church committee chair, ice cream social co-chair, decorations and pies, Heroes

Abbreviations: Heroes - Red Oak Grove Remembers Its Heroes committee
TSI – timber stand improvement

❧ **Founding Members, Presbyterian Church of Red Oak Grove, 1841** ❧

John Chappell, Elizabeth Sturrock (Mrs. Charles) Dallas, Robert & Elizabeth Pirie,
Robert Dallas, Miss Sarah Dallas (later Mrs. Elza Carl),
John & Isabella Sturrock Ferguson, John Safley, Samuel Yule

Current trustees, 2014: Mike Herring, Cecil Mathias (*honorary*), Lori Ostrich,
Mark Penningroth, Bob Rickard, Karen Taylor, Keith Whitlatch, Daisy Wingert

Mission The Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association, Inc., comprises a historic church and perpetual care cemetery and is dedicated to their upkeep and preservation.

Vision To further enhance the park-like setting, through encompassing nearby Rock Creek and Red Oak Park (founded in 1894), by these actions:

- Revise Red Oak Grove Church and Cemetery's National Register of Historic Places designation to include Red Oak Park;
- Acquire approximately five acres of land lying between the cemetery and the park, making the two entities contiguous;
- Build walking paths and additional cement driveways to access the cemetery;
- Clean and reforest the timbered area west of the church to accommodate a labyrinth, walking paths along Rock Creek, and paths linking the cemetery and Red Oak Park.

Red Oak Grove Church and Cemetery have been listed on the
National Register of Historic Places since February 2010.

*The Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association, Inc., is a 501 (c) (13)
organization. All donations are tax-deductible.*

For information about church rental, purchase of plots, or other church or cemetery matters, contact Bob Rickard, Red Oak Grove Cemetery Association president:
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