



**A TREE WILL GROW  
IN MEMORY OF BOB ZEIT**

Bob was not only one of the first members of our Society, he was also one of the most diligent promoters of Ben Hunt, having worked side by side with Ben on many projects that were featured in *Boys' Life* magazine, the main publication of the Boy Scouts of America. Bob's father was a friend of Ben's and accompanied Ben at Boy Scout Jamborees and Hoe Downs throughout Wisconsin.

Bob was our Society's chief docent at the cabin, providing countless tours for Boy Scouts, school children, whittling groups, and Native Americans. In addition, from the late 1980s to shortly before his death in 2016, Bob spent at least two hours every week cataloging the items that make up our collection of Ben Hunt artifacts. He was an invaluable source of information, and our book on Ben Hunt features Bob's tour of the cabin in his own words.

For all these reasons and more, our Society will honor Bob by planting a Serviceberry tree in front of the Ben Hunt Cabin. We are currently working out the details with the Village DPW. Stay tuned for our announcement of date and time.



**DON'T FORGET OUR  
JUNE 24th FUNDRAISER!**

Society members will be grilling and serving brats, hot dogs,

with all the fixings at the Hales Corners Pick 'n Save on Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please make a point to stop by and satisfy your craving for summertime fare. Come hungry, and bring your friends!



**CHEST OF DRAWERS**

Thanks to Carol Flieller, we have received a small chest created by Ben Hunt as a project for *Popular Mechanics* magazine in 1942. Featuring 10 drawers made from wood Kraft Cheese boxes, the chest measures only 28-3/4" high by 10" wide by 11" deep.

**BADGER STATE CARVERS VISIT OUR CABIN**

On April 4th, the Ben Hunt Cabin welcomed five members of the Badger State Carvers, who met there to exchange stories and work on their individual wood artworks. Among them was Larry Sandberg, who has donated a number of artifacts to our permanent collection. Thanks, Larry!



*Seated at the Cabin table, left to right: Kathy Ellenbecker, Larry Sandberg, Jim Schlap, and Klaus Zunker. Not pictured: Richard Wawrznaak.*





*This detail of an aerial photo of Hales Corners includes Grange Ave. at the top and the “Village Triangle” at the bottom. The photo was taken on Dec. 6, 1960 from an altitude of 1,500 feet, with Hwy. 100 running vertically down the center.*

## **NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS!**

Many thanks to the Rynders family for taking such good care of the original stove that once provided the heat in Ben Hunt’s cabin. Additional thanks to Carl Rynders for donating it to our collection. The stove is labeled as the “Signal Oak Brand from Sears Roebuck and Co., the world’s largest store.”

This month our Society also received 21 aerial photos of Hales Corners from 1960 and 1989 from Mike Martin, Director of Public Works in the Village. In addition, we received a couple of calendars from Don Schwartz which served as promotional material for the State Bank Hales Corners in 1968 and 1994. Thank you, Mike and Don!



*Ben Hunt’s stove was delivered to the Society offices by Randy Sannes and Jim Bain. It’s cast iron, and they said it weighs a ton!*

## **OLD VIDEOTAPES CAPTURE HALES CORNERS HISTORY**

Last year, the Village Cable TV station was discontinued due to increased costs associated with a change in cable TV ownership. Although gone, the station left behind about 70 videotapes featuring events in Hales Corners from the 1980s - 2000s. Unfortunately, technological advancements have made it impossible currently to view the events recorded on these tapes.

Our Society wants to convert the tapes into today’s technology so we will be able to present these glimpses into Hales Corners’ past during our quarterly free presentations at the Hunt Room of the Hales Corners Library.