

# Galesville Tidings

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"Please accept our sincere appreciation for the support from the community, GHS meant the world to Dad. It was most certainly his main focus for many years! We plan to keep the Galesville Room - so all are welcome anytime!"

Love Susie, Don and family.

## In Loving Memory and Gratitude— John E. Smith, Jr.

The Galesville Heritage Society is greatly indebted to Jack Smith for his many contributions, support and love for South County, Galesville, and the GHS. We will all miss Jack greatly and express our sincere condolences to Susie, Don and the rest of Jack's extended family. Below are some excerpts from Don Cosden's heartfelt eulogy delivered during Jack's memorial service. Jack was certainly an "Extraordinary Man."

"When Susie and I sat down to start Jack's eulogy," we were immediately overwhelmed. How could we possibly capture the width and breadth of this man's life? The answer is, we couldn't. So, we decided we would point out some of his best qualities and give some examples of how he lived these qualities every day."

Generosity – "Jack was generous to more than just his family and close friends. Over the years, we witnessed so many people approach him at public gatherings or in restaurants and shops and such, to thank him for the help he had provided them sometime in the past."

Integrity – "During WW II, one of the biggest logistical problems was making sure the beer supply wasn't pilfered and pillaged before the next supply ship arrived. Apparently, Jack was the only man on base they could trust with such precious cargo."

Celebrity – "You could not go anywhere with him that someone did not stop you and say, 'Is that Jack Smith?' and then regale you with some story of how he had helped them or how much lumber they had bought or how

he had found just the right window for their house."

Wit – "Jack's wit was legendary. Some might even describe it as acerbic at times. How often would you greet Jack with a simple 'Hi, how are you doing?' only to see the twinkle in his eyes and realize, 'Uh oh, here comes a zinger'."

Stubbornness – "No list of Jack's greatest attributes would be complete without a discussion of this trait. Jack made an art of being determined."

Sense of Duty – "Jack had a strong sense of community and civic duty, this was inherited from his father, Captain Eddie, who many knew as the self-appointed mayor of Galesville. Jack was instrumental in the formation of the Galesville Heritage Society and Museum and also pushed tirelessly for the preservation of the Wilson Property. He loved to teach about Galesville's history and he loved people everywhere he went."

The Person – "Many things come to mind when thinking of Jack Smith:

Pile driver, soldier, math teacher, country ham connoisseur, lumber and hardware man, water fowler and fisherman, oh and here's one you might never have guessed, high school basketball team member, he was Galesville historian, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

But if I had to find one phrase to sum them all up, without exaggeration, he was an 'Extraordinary Man'."



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ice Cream Social on July 23rd was a great success. Over 60 visitors enjoyed making their own sundaes with toppings provided by the Society and Collot Guerard. Many thanks to Cynthia Czubat, Dorothy Whitman and Susie Cosden for making the Ice Cream Social a fun way to raise money and at the same time build community spirit.



Mary Ruth Tereshinski, Dorothy Whitman, Lois Bird, Jean Trott

### Galesville Heritage Society. Officers & Board Members 2017

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## Fall Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, September 12

**Tuesday, September 12  
6:30 PM**

### Galesville Memorial Hall

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, the 12th for the September Dinner meeting at the Galesville Memorial Hall. The dinner menu will be: fried rockfish, corn, summer squash, sliced tomatoes with fresh basil leaves, salad, bread, dessert.

The price for the dinner is \$20 per person for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Be sure you make your reservations

by calling Dorothy Whitman at 410-867-4731 or emailing dewhitman@verizon.net by September 10.

The dinner speaker will be *C. Jane Cox*, Chief of Cultural Resources for Anne Arundel County, MD.

Jane's presentation is *Elizabeth's Story: Recent Archaeological Discoveries at Skipwith's Addition, a 17th Century Quaker Homesite in West River.*

Jane will share this past season's exciting discoveries

from the Skipwith's Addition Archaeology Site (ca 1660-1684), and introduce you to one of the sites 17th century residents, Mrs Elizabeth (nee Thurston) Skipwith Coale Chew, a devout Quaker woman of many talents (and MANY husbands!)



C. Jane Cox



## Membership

We want to welcome the families of Geoff Tobias and Raya Koren. We look forward to seeing you at the quarterly dinners and the many upcoming events at the museum.

Thanks to all that have joined and renewed their membership so far this year. It is through your continued support that we are able to maintain and improve the museum. We urge you to be active and participate in

the various programs and projects sponsored throughout the year.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member or have questions about membership please contact me.

*Susie Cosden*

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## Fall Festival and Pie Baking Contest



Bake up your favorite pie recipe and enter the pie baking contest at the Galesville Heritage Museum on Sunday, October 8th.

Hayrides, games, children's activities, and some surprises, will make this an enjoyable day for all.

So, save the date and join in the fun. After the winner is announced, slices of the delicious pie entrees will be available for sale.

Time: 1pm to 4pm.



## President's Message

### Galesville— Be A Tourist in Your Own Hometown

Someone once cleverly said “Appreciate where you are, because one day you simply won’t be there anymore”.

The Galesville Heritage Museum is your window into our rich, hometown history and appreciating where you live. A stroll through the Museum on a Sunday afternoon will reveal what’s amazing about Galesville, from its farmers, watermen and war heroes, to pile drivers, blacksmiths, teachers, and more. Did you know at one point five stores provisioned Galesville’s citizenry?

Over the past two years, the GHS Museum has been revitalized with new exhibits, oral testimonies and video archives. I would like to thank the GHS Board and others who donated countless hours to breathe new life into the Museum. Bruce Weidele, Susie Cosden, Cynthia Czubat, Dorothy Whitman, and Jim Chandler are most notably responsible for the Museum’s facelift. Thank you!

Let me also mention the Galesville Community Center Organization, responsible for preserving the Galesville Rosenwald School. I encourage you to stay informed about the historical and community events sponsored by the GCC through their website (<http://historicgalesville.org>) and Facebook.

I think we can all agree, Galesville, is a unique place to live. Originating from a 1652, 660 acre land grant to the Brown and Clark families, Galesville prospered - a quartet of residential, commercial, recreational and industrial zones that play on today. Founder descendants and newcomers alike, we are the Village caretakers. Your GHS membership and support are vital to conserving Galesville’s history and charm while embracing responsible change.

So, take a moment, reflect on our narrative and support your Galesville Heritage Society. Simply stated, be a tourist in your own hometown throughout the year. This inimitable place we live should not be taken for granted.

*Mark Steinlein, President*

### Fall Clean-up at the Museum Grounds Saturday, October 7, 8-10 am

Meet us at the museum on Saturday, October 7 to help spruce up the museum grounds for the fall /winter season. Just bring your work gloves and we’ll provide the rest. See you on Saturday the 7th!

Call 410-867-4731 for any questions or more information.



### Museum Closing for the Season Sunday, November 5, 2-4 pm

November 5th is the last day the Museum will be open this year. It was a successful year that began with the exhibit “Boat Building on the West River” for Maryland Day. The kitchen was completely renovated to provide more display area - a task undertaken by Jim Chandler, Vice-President of the Heritage Society. To celebrate, we’ll be serving wine and cheese and inviting everyone to see the “Galesville in Art” exhibit before it closes.



## GHS Trivia

Question: Who purchased the property “Property of George Gale”, including much of modern day Galesville, at a public auction in 1869?

Answer: on page 6



### Veterans Day Saturday November 11 11 AM Rosenwald School

The Galesville Heritage Society will hold its annual Veterans Day Observance on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 AM.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Because of scheduling conflicts at the Galesville Memorial Hall, the Veterans Day Celebration will be held at the [Rosenwald School on West Benning Road](#).

Please join us if you are a veteran, member of a veteran’s family, friend or just want to be a part of this very moving program to thank all who have served our country. The program will begin sharply at 11:00 AM and we ask you to please be seated by that time. Refreshments will be served.

If anyone wishes to participate, or display any items, email [jjchandler20765@gmail.com](mailto:jjchandler20765@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Veterans Day Celebration will be held at the [Rosenwald School on West Benning Road](#)



### 4th of July Parade

**A big "Thank You" to Bill Whitman for organizing this year's parade. Kudos also go to long-time patriot Charlie Kidd.**

The 4th of July Parade is one of those special days in Galesville that residents anticipate with abandon - a throwback to a simpler time. The annual Independence Day Parade kicked off a little later than usual this year, but the later start and a brief shower (that provided momentary relief from the heat) did not dampen our community's spirits. Attendance was great with appreciative crowds lining the traditional flag adorned parade route down Main Street. Our hometown parade was definitely a crowd pleaser with both participants and spectators visibly entertained.

As 3:00 o'clock arrived, the Galesville Volunteer Fire Crew and the Galesville Station of the AA County Fire Department led the way, with engines and crews

from Deale and Avalon joining the line-up. This year's parade was much like many in the past, old cars (T Models, A Models and newer models), antique tractors, local organization floats, a few politicians and an Uncle Sam sighting. The West River Market replica, built as a labor of love by

delighted the kids (and adults too!).

A big "Thank You" goes to Bill Whitman for organizing this year's parade. Kudos also go to long-time patriot Charlie Kidd, the volunteers and all the participants who contributed to a memorable 4th. A generous contribution from Phil and Pam Brackett was also greatly appreciated.

It's never too early to start planning your float for next year. The only thing that can top watching the annual Galesville Independence Day Parade is being in the Parade. Your GHS Board is already working on expanding opportunities to participate next year. Let us know your ideas.



### 4th of July Raffle

So, who won this year's July 4th 50/50 raffle? John Howell, Jr. was our lucky big winner. The GHS thanks John for donating \$650 of his winnings back to the GHS. An extremely generous donation, indeed!



local residents, was one parade highlight. And, properly placed at the parade's end, were our impressive, local equestrians. Of course, the candy that peppered the parade spectators all along the parade route



## Sharing Your Heritage

We all have them, a few items of family or community history that we keep in a box, on a bookshelf or in a shed. Often these treasures remain out of sight, but occasionally, we show off an old picture, dust off an old artifact or share a story with family and friends. Have you ever thought to yourself, "Who is ever going to want this relic after I'm gone?" Well, why wait to give your piece of history a new home? Why not consider loaning or giving your pieces of history to the most logical choice: The Galesville Heritage Society.

As many of you have noticed, the Galesville Heritage Museum has gone through noteworthy changes

this season. Your GHS Museum Committee has addressed building and grounds issues and made internal changes to keep the museum interesting and dynamic. For example, a new display area (in what was the old kitchen) features art from exceptional local artists (The art is for sale!)

At the close of our 2017 season, we hope to create additional new and interesting exhibits, but to accomplish this, we need your help. Historical items in your possession can become part of a high-quality, larger collection and these collections will add new life to our Museum. GHS is interested in temporary and/or permanent loans or gifts. Also, our



long range plan is to develop storage and display capacities in the museum backyard for larger items. Of course, if you like, the GHS will appropriately identify donors.

Now is the time to act. Contact one of your GHS Museum Committee members (Bruce Weidele, Cynthia Czubat, Susie Cosden, Mark Steinlein, Gertrude Makell, Dorothy Whitman or Jim Chandler). They are eager to accept your artifacts and entertain your suggestions.

**Donate your artifacts to the GHS. Some items of special interest are:**

**Old schoolhouse items**

**Old store items**

**Boarding house items**

**Blacksmith items**

**Local business artifacts (e.g. from the oyster houses)**



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## Calendar

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| Sept. 10 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations   | Nov. 11– Veterans Day Celebration, Rosenwald School, 11 am  |
| Sept. 12 – Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm  | Nov. 11 – Annual Galesville United Methodist Church Ham and Chicken Dinner, Galesville Memorial Hall, 2pm |
| Sept. 16 – Galesville Community Square Dance, Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm                                   | Nov. 18 – Galesville Community Square Dance, Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm                            |
| Sept. 26 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm   | Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day  |
| Oct. 2 – WRIA General Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm  | Nov. 28 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 7:30 pm  |
| Oct. 3 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm  | Dec. 2 – Galesville Holiday Social, 6:30 pm, Galesville Memorial Hall                                     |
| Oct. 7 – Fall Clean Up at Galesville Heritage Museum 8-10 am  | Dec. 5 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm  |
| Oct. 8 – Fall Festival & Pie Baking Contest, Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm                                   | Dec. 10 – Holiday Open House and Bake Sale, Galesville Heritage Museum, 2-4 pm                            |
| Oct. 14 – Galesville Community Square Dance, Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm                                    | Dec. 10 – Christmas Caroling, 1 pm meet at Galesville Heritage Museum                                     |
| Oct. 31 – Halloween   | Dec. 10 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations  |
| Nov. 5 – Museum Closes for Season, Wine & Cheese Reception, 2-4 pm, “Galesville in Art”, Art Show and Sale Closes | Dec. 12 – Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm                                     |
| Nov. 7 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm  | Dec. 25 – Christmas Day   |

Trivia answer: Samuel Stein of Baltimore

## Galesville Community Square Dance

Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming Saturday Night Dance Parties - September 16, October 14 and November 18 at the Galesville Memorial Hall and supported by the West River Improvement Association (WRIA). There will be optional Potluck Dinners that will start at 5:45 PM followed

by family-friendly dancing at 7:00 PM and then, from 8:30 to 10:00 PM, there will be more challenging dancing.

Adults: \$10, Ages 5 to 17 years: \$5, and under 5 can come in for free. For more info, call 301-926-9142.

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*The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is to:*

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“promote an understanding of and appreciation for the history of the village of Galesville and its immediate environs, within its community and the general public. Its historical resources, educational outreach efforts, and the Galesville Heritage Museum serve as catalysts to collect, preserve, and research the area’s history and the Society encourages others to do the same.”

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