

of the Board of Directors, right before the parade on Saturday morning. We were all treated to stories that each one shared of their memories about family members and the tavern. Certain members then left to march in the parade itself wearing t-shirts, specially made for the Goodell reunion.

Tom Boyd

Lt. Governor Timothy Murray And Rep. Paul Kujawski Tour the Tavern

Among the many people who toured the Black Tavern during the Town of Dudley's 275th anniversary celebration, were Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and Rep. Paul Kujawski. Both were on hand for the Family Fun Day held on Saturday. Accompanying the Lt. Governor were his two children as well as other guest for a 20-minute walk around tour. Both men were very impressed with the amount of work that has been ongoing in saving the Black Tavern as well as the work on the barn.

Tom Boyd

Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor Walking Weekend

On a beautiful fall afternoon of Saturday, October 20th the Black Tavern sponsored one of the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor Walking Weekend walks.

According to information received from the Last Green Valley website, over 6000 walkers, a new record, participated in their Walking Weekends this year.

The Dudley walk, entitled "Voices from the Past" was sponsored by the Black Tavern and encompassed a leisurely 2-hour stroll from the Tavern to Village and Corbin cemeteries where walk guides Bob Ducharme and Mike Branniff told

stories about the civil war soldiers that were buried there. Upon conclusion of the cemetery visits the group then strolled back to the Tavern for refreshments. As a note of interest, walkers included a person from as far away as California as well as another from Great Britain.

After meeting and registering at the Tavern the group led by Bob and Mike along with 40 walkers from throughout the Massachusetts and Connecticut area began promptly at 1:00 P.M. to proceed down the hill to Village cemetery. Upon reaching the cemetery Bob began telling of how during the civil war, 19 young men from Dudley enlisted together to serve in the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and of those 19 men, 14 were either killed, died from disease, were wounded or held as prisoners of war. He went on to say that although men from Dudley served in many other regiments no other regiment would account for the loss of as many Dudley boys as the 1st Heavy Art. Many of these boys are buried in these two cemeteries.

At this point Bob, along with Mike, went on to identify each grave and tell the stories of the 16 Dudley civil war veterans buried in Village cemetery. Bob also gave a handout sheet to each walker that included the names and regiments of each of these veterans including 9 photos. His description included the particulars of the soldier's military history including where and how they died. Mike then included local anecdotal information on many of the men that he found during his hours of searching microfilm of local papers.

Upon completing the Village cemetery tour the group continued on to Corbin cemetery where the same procedure was followed relating to the 20 civil war soldiers buried there.

After the tour of Corbin cemetery the group returned to the Tavern for refreshments, whereupon many asked for and were given a tour of the Tavern.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable afternoon where we had an opportunity to meet and talk with folks who ordinarily are not familiar with Dudley or the Black Tavern.

Bob Ducharme

Editors Note- The entire Walking Weekend tour of Village and Corbin cemetery was filmed by Mr. Tony Troiano of Access Oxford Inc. and he has graciously offered a copy of the videotape to Dudley Cable Access Television for it's use in showing to the citizens of Dudley. We look forward to its airing.

The Planting of Elm Trees on Dudley Hill

One hundred years ago stately American elm trees graced the properties located throughout Dudley Hill. Sadly, because of disease, these giants have long disappeared. This past summer two, disease resistant variety, elm trees have been planted on the hill.

As stated previously in this newsletter, Carolyn Earp donated an elm tree that was planted in front of the barn in memory of her late husband Thomas R. Earp. A second elm tree was purchased with funds raised by the elementary school children of Dudley and was planted on the Town Common in front of the Congregational Church as part of Dudley's 275th anniversary celebration. Local members of the Nipmuck Tribe assisted in the planting of this second tree by performing a very inspirational and moving Native American purification ceremony. Hopefully these beautiful trees will have reached their splendor when Dudley celebrates its 300th anniversary.

Bob Ducharme



Nipmuck Indians conducting purification ceremony.

a Dudley native and past postmistress of Dudley Hill currently lives in Glen Burnie, MD, Peg Pedersen, Bob Ducharme, and Tom Boyd were there to greet her when she arrived for a brief visit. A pleasant and informative visit ensued at the Tavern, with Mrs. Bateman showing the Dudley post office records from the 1920s and 1930s. She donated the records to The Black Tavern.



Mrs. Bateman At The Tavern

Black Tavern Historical Society

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Goodell Family Reunion

The Goodell family descendants held a long anticipated family reunion. 13 family members came from California, Missouri, Washington, Colorado, and Massachusetts. They represented descendants of Rev. Charles Goodell as well as his brother, Anson Goodell. The reunion was timed to coincide with the Town of Dudley's 275th anniversary celebration. Most of the family members were able to enjoy all of the festivities that went along with the town's birthday party.

The Tavern hosted a brunch for family members, as well as members

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groups, the Cultural Council and Improvement Society, and the 1st Congregational Church and its staff for making possible the venue changes on very short notice; they made possible a summer of MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! THANK YOU.

Peg Pedersen

October 18, 2007

The Art of Shoemaking in the 18th and 19th Century

Dennis Picard, Director of the Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield, MA, ventured to our neck of the woods on October 18, 2007 and educated us on the true art of shoemaking from the 1700s and 1800s. Dennis explained that shoe sizes were actually standardized back as early as the 1300's, and that shoemaking in the 1700's and 1800s entailed more than ten different steps with multiple parts for each shoe. These shoes were neither right nor left but molded to each individual foot within a day or two of wearing, as the leather was very pliable. He also told us that "cobbler" is a most uncomplimentary way to refer to any real shoemaker, as the term connotes just "throwing things together to make do." Dennis was kind enough to explain and date many of the Tavern's old artifacts of the shoemaking art displayed in the Museum Room.

Sandy Peterson

November 15, 2007

A Brief History of the Nipmuck Indian

November being Native American Month, the Tavern was very pleased to welcome DeerHeart (English name, Dee Raymond) and her brother, SnowElk on November 15th. Snow Elk began the presentation with a moving Indian chant after which DeerHeart gave a comprehensive history of the Nipmuck Tribe, its customs, and its trials and tribulations in the last 200 hundred years. DeerHeart also read a touching personal account of her

re-integration into the tribe and her path to forgiveness. Nipmuck artifacts were displayed and explained during the discussion following the presentation.

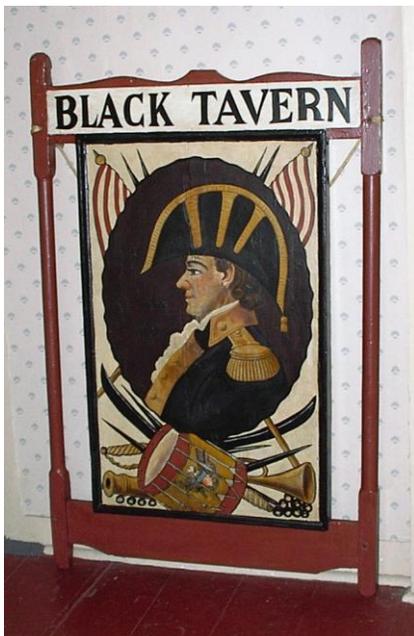
Sandy Peterson

**Tavern
Odds and Ends**

By Linda Branniff

"Fresh Paint For Black Tavern Sign"

An excellent job of painting and refurbishing the Tavern's replica of the "Black Tavern" sign was done by Deborah Bazinet. All seeing the sign were very pleased with the job.



Newly Painted Black Tavern Sign

New Flags For The Black Tavern

On the occasion of the 275th Anniversary of the Town of Dudley's incorporation, Ken Butkewicz donated two new flags and stands to the Tavern this spring. They represented the flags that would have flown when the town of Dudley was founded in 1732. The flags were carried by Chairman Joe Antos (left) and Vice Chairman Mike Branniff (right) in the 275th Anniversary Parade. Accompanying the men, who wore period costumes, was Board of Director, Nancy Roy (center) who also marched in colonial dress. (see following photo)



The Black Tavern's New Flags (photo by Ken Butkewicz)

Elm Tree Is Planted In Front Of Black Tavern Barn

An elm tree was planted in front of the Black Tavern Barn during the 275th Anniversary Celebration of Dudley. Carolyn Earp, Board of Director member at the Tavern, kindly donated the purchase price of the tree. The tree was then planted in memory of her late husband, Tom Earp.



Chairman, Joe Antos, and Carolyn Earp With The Elm Tree

Black Tavern Hosts Mrs. Bateman

The Black Tavern was very honored to host a visit by Mrs. Helen Bateman this summer. Mrs. Bateman, Continued on next page....

for the children to share. Volunteer members agreed it was a wonderful day and provided the local students a direct look back to history of Dudley, especially during this 275th Anniversary of the founding of our town.

Nancy Roy

June 21, 2007

"Strawberry Festival"

A more beautiful day could not have been imagined for the 2007 Grange Strawberry Festival held on the Town Common and the Grange grounds on June 24.

The Black tavern was open that day, as well as the nearly completed Black Tavern Barn. A local resident had mounted a retrospective of Dudley's history in the Barn with old photos and town records, that was well attended. There was even a youngster in a chicken suit, driving a John Deere pedal tractor, who stopped in at the Barn to see the local artifacts.



*Photo Display In Black Tavern Barn
(before opening).*

Some of the Tavern members, decked out in period costume, were giving guided tours of the Black Tavern that were very popular. And, of course, the strawberry shortcakes served up by the Grange ladies were absolutely excellent.



Crowds At The Strawberry Festival

The Dudley Conservation Land Trust had a table on the Grange

lawn, as well as many other organizations. A contingent of Civil War re-enactors was encamped on the lawn of the Old Town Common. There was a miniature canon to be seen, and the firing of a Civil War musket was heard throughout the day.



*Civil War Encampment On The Common
(Photo by K. Butkewicz)*

In addition to the strawberries, popcorn, hot dogs, and hamburgers were available from the cook shack and vendors.



Waiting For A Tour Of The Tavern

Entertainment was furnished this year by the Pulaski Brass Band and the ever-popular Old Time Fiddlers from Rhode Island who filled the air with music, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Following the sale of the strawberry shortcake, a large group of folks adjourned to the Dudley Town Common in front of the Congregational Church for the traditional children's frog jumping contest. It was hard to determine if the wet, green entrants in their buckets of water were having as good a time as everyone else, but much squealing, laughing and croaking was heard as the creatures hopped across the lawn, urged

on by their young coaches.

As usual, the Dudley Fire Department was present with its equipment on display, much to the delight of the youngsters. There was a bike parade and lots of games for the children.

The Strawberry Festival came to an end early in the evening with all in attendance leaving the wonderful event knowing that the Grange Strawberry Festival had ushered in another summer.

Linda Branniff

Summer Concerts Music, Music, Music!

The summer of 2007 was the year of music sponsored by the Black Tavern Historical Society. For the 15th year, assisted by the Dudley Cultural Council, two, free to the public, outdoor concerts were scheduled to take place on the Tavern's back lawn. The very successful QUINTESSENTIAL BRASS returned on June 28th, however, due to the weather, they moved across the street to the sanctuary of the 1st Congregational Church. Barely two weeks later, for the first time, the large Pulaski Brass Band of Webster presented, on the lawn, of the Black Tavern, a lively and diverse program. As part of their contribution toward the 275th birthday celebration of the Town Of Dudley, the Black Tavern Historical Society, with a contribution from the Dudley Village Improvement Society, sponsored two musical events. Friday evening, June 22nd, The Heritage String Band was to perform on the Dudley Town Common, directly in front of the 1st Congregational Church, however, weather forced their move to the church's sanctuary. Saturday morning, June 23rd, we were blessed with the sun and weather ideal for the parade lead by two members of the Buxton Fifes and Drums. The Black Tavern Historical Society is very indebted to the four musical

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Society.

Following the 275th anniversary celebration, the barn restoration was put to rest for a short while. However, as this is being written, (on the weekend before Thanksgiving) the restoration of the north wall is being put out to bid. Hopefully this wall will be restored and resided in the spring of 2008, leaving the east wall, and the roof for later, as funding permits.

David Proulx

Editor's note- Michael Branniff spends endless hours searching microfilm of local newspapers looking for, among other items, interesting historical information relating to Dudley Hill's past. The following is an excerpt from an article in the September 19, 1918 issue of the "Webster Times" and is one of the only known articles that Mike has come across that makes reference to the past use of our own Black Tavern Barn.

Reverend Goodell's Barn

A patriotic entertainment was held in Re. Charles Goodell's barn last Saturday afternoon. It was presented by the children of the town and the proceeds from it were donated to the Red Cross. The program was as follows. Part 1--- Welcome speech, Marion Merrill; solo, I Am Coming Back to Siam, Kenneth Carson; Poem, " Whose Little Boy is That?" Harry Penniman; duet, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," Florence Penniman, Mary Bair; poem, "The Dolls Wooing," Louise Carson; solo, Sambo, Donald Carson; Gramophone selections; intermission. Part 2--- poem, Francis Hastings; patriotic poem, Chester Goodell, Courtland Carson; Highland Fling; Mary Goodell, Kenneth Carson; Grandmothers story, Thelma Carson, Florence Penniman, Mary Bair, Louise Carson; dance, minuet Mary Goodell, Thelma Carson; Gramophone selection. "Scottish Bagpipes;" Indian song, Glee club; Gramophone march; The Greatest Mother, Dorothy Ide; "The Star Spangled Banner," all.

A Review of the Past Year's Programs

Jan. 18, 2007
"A Peddler's Pack"

When itinerant Balladeer Jim Douglas opened his pack, a rich and entertaining assortment of "long time ago" melodies came out. It was easy to imagine the folksy atmosphere that must have been once so common in the Tavern. No better way to relive those days, with the woody smell of the big fireplace ablaze. However, it is doubtful the balladeers of old mastered the guitar as craftily as Jim does. His virtuoso accompaniment was admired by all attendees. We had a most appreciative "full house"!

John Vanderaa

February 15, 2007
"Bee Keeping"

In February Master Bee Keeper Ken Warchol was our speaker. Ken gave a lecture on basic bee keeping.

Ken pointed out that pollination is one of the most important rewards of bee keeping. 90 crops depend on bee pollination and the honeybee accounts for 80 percent of all pollination done by insects. It also benefits the home gardener with bigger flower, fruits and vegetables.

Honey is a great sweetener but also contains pollen, which can help with allergies if taken during allergy season. It's sort of a homeopathic way of inoculating yourself. It also has antibacterial properties as well as valuable enzymes and minerals.

Joe Antos

March 15, 2007
"19th Century Landscapes"

Back on March 15, 2007, Paul Rogers, our gardening guru, inspired us with his presentation of 19th Century gardens and landscapes. His exquisite slides of English gardens and Old Sturbridge Village plantings were magnificent. Paul explained that raised beds were used in the 1800's to contain the plantings, prevent walking on the beds, and to better manage the soil condition. With

his sparkling wit, he entertained multiple questions from the audience, educating us all. He continues to keep us well informed with his weekly gardening column in the "Telegram and Gazette.

"May 31, 2007
**"Third Grade Trip to the
Black Tavern"**

There was excitement in the air as the volunteer guides readied themselves for the annual visit from the Dudley Elementary Third Graders. All were prepared with their talks and explanations as the early morning buses rolled up to the tavern. It was hard to determine who was more excited when the students descended from the buses and eagerly awaited their assignments to enter the building. A new barn was included on this year's trip and the students had the opportunity to view the new floor, which their pennies helped to rebuild. Many farm implements were on display and they drew the curiosity of the students and chaperones. John Vanderaa entertained the groups on his harmonica as they visited the area. All were curious as they entered the tavern and went to their respective rooms for the beginning of the tour. The teachers and chaperones led the children through the many rooms on both floors of the tavern. After a short, but delicious lunch break, more students arrived for their afternoon visit. During both sessions, the children, chaperones, and teachers were attentive and inquisitive as the guides explained the articles in each room or area and their function back in the days when the building was a tavern, a guesthouse, and a home. Everyone was also told stories about the Joe Froggers, (cookies), or the people who once lived and worked here. Each teacher was given a package of the cookies, baked by Black Tavern members, to take back with them

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and pictures of Dudley's past, and the Tavern hosted visitors throughout the days of celebration. The Tavern was an integral part of the anniversary events, taking its rightful place in the center of the Town's historic heart.

Ed. Bazinet

Black Tavern Historical Society Awarded Grant

During the spring of 2007, David Butler and David Proulx filled out an application for a Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor mini-grant. The application, along with all the required supporting documentation, was filed with Quinebaug-Shetucket in early April of 2007. On May 18th of 2007 the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor informed the Black Tavern Historical Society that it had been awarded a TLGV (The Last Green Valley) Mini-Grant of \$2,500. the largest award available in 2007.

This was a matching grant and was used to pay for some of the costs of restoring specifically the front wall and doors of the Black Tavern Barn. Lois Bruinooge, Deputy Executive Director of Quinebaug-Shetucket presented a check to Joe Antos, BTHS board chairman, in front of the barn on the Saturday of Dudley's 275th anniversary celebration. The remainder of the grant money will be given to the Tavern when we have documented the spending of both the grant money and the required matching amount on the restoration of the front of the barn. The Black Tavern expects that this will be done before the end of 2007.

David Proulx

2007 Black Tavern Barn Report

2007 was a very busy and expensive year for the barn. First,

American Dream Post & Beam was hired to replace the floor framing of the barn. The new framing is all of white oak and extremely sound and beautiful. They also installed the two tie beams along the drive bay that were hewn by Tavern members a year ago. Next, several members of the Black Tavern replaced all of the flooring. The new flooring is 1-1/2" thick, wide pine boards and was nailed down with historically correct cut nails purchased from the Tremont Nail Co. of Wareham, MA. This company has been manufacturing nails since the 1790's.

Members of the Tavern Society also patched up the south wall (adjacent to the annex) while Hammersmith Construction Co. was hired to restore and reside the west or front wall. They did a very nice job and the wall, looks excellent both from the inside and the outside. The Tavern also acquired a new transom light which was installed above the large front doors as part of the restoration work, this phase of which was finished just before the annual third grade visit.

The third grade visit at the end of May was a wonderful experience. For the first time in three years the third graders were able to enter and tour the barn. They were treated to the music of John Vanderaa, a display of antique tools and farm implements explained by Joe Antos and a demonstration of barn door building by David Proulx, all inside the barn. It was wonderful to be able to have the third graders actually be in the barn to see the restoration work, some of which was paid for by their generous gifts of the past few years. They presented the Barn Restoration Fund with another large gift raised by their annual penny drive, and we of the Black Tavern are extremely grateful to them for their gift and their faith in the barn restoration process.

At about this time the Tavern was also informed that it had been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the

Quinebaug-Shetucket Historic Corridor, the money to be used to help pay for the restoration of the front of the barn and the barn doors. This grant was obtained through the work of David Butler, and we are grateful to him. Antique barn door hinges were acquired and the new doors that were built during the third grade visit were installed. The Town of Dudley Highway Department donated a large stone and Mark Bedard of Oxford installed it in the front of the doors as a ramp stone as part of the landscaping that he and his company performed, creating a new and properly draining front yard for the barn.

This brings us to the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the Town of Dudley. Deborah Wellsby of the Dudley Historic Commission presented a photo and artifact exhibit of the Town of Dudley, "Past to Present" in the barn, a reception was held in the barn following a reenactment of the first town meeting at the Carter House, said reception included a light meal catered by Mack's Catering and a wine tasting provided by Marty's Liquors, both of Dudley. The reception was well attended, as was the exhibit of photos over the weekend of the celebration. During the celebration a Liberty Elm (a Dutch Elm resistant variety) was planted in front of the barn, starting the process of reintroducing a shade tree once common in Dudley. Lois Bruinooge of Quinebaug-Shetucket also attended the event and presented Joe Antos with the first installment of the grant mentioned above.

Throughout the weekend, the barn served admirably as an exhibition and gathering place during the celebration, showing a lot of promise for future use by the Black Tavern Historical

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Nov. 20, 2008

- "A Day in the Life of a Local Winemaker". Presented by Taylor Brooke Winery.

Dec. 2008 (Date TBA)

- "A Christmas Get Together"

For program information, contact Sandy Peterson (508) 949-2468 or Linda Bazinet (508)-943-5509

Most events begin at 7:00 pm, are Open to the Public & held at The Black Tavern, Dudley Hill, Center Road. For concert times, check local papers or listen to the radio as times may vary.

To schedule the Black Tavern for functions/meetings, contact Eric & Sue Clearwater (508) 943 4579).

Please watch the local newspapers & listen to WESO or call (508)-943-8391 for any changes with these events

A Bit of BTHS Trivia

Our mailing list of supporters contains over 300 addresses in 21 mainland states, from as far north and west as Washington, as far south as Florida, and as far east as Maine.

From the Chairman

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purchase some new shutters for the "Tavern", made possible through donations to the "Tavern" in memory of Charles L. Moseley. Mark, along with several volunteers, has been busy painting and installing the shutters.

In conjunction with the local 275th festivities, Carolyn Earp donated an elm tree that was planted in front of the barn in memory of her late husband Thomas R. Earp. Paul Weilock volunteered to nurse the tree during the spring after it was purchased, and planted it for us at the 275th Anniversary. Deborah Bazinet did a wonderful job in repainting the "Tavern" sign, which was prominently displayed at the anniversary festivities and will be hung out in front of the tavern at all current and future activities.

Pratt Trucking donated a dumpster

for our use, while work was being done on the barn renovation, and Hugh Cushing donated paint used on the exterior of the Annex.

In May it was announced by Dave Proulx that we were awarded a \$2,500. grant by the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor to help with the funding for work on our barn restoration project. The BTHS is very grateful to David Butler for all his work in assisting us in writing the grant that resulted in our receiving this award.

I would also like to thank Sue and Eric Clearwater for their part in keeping the grounds maintained and John Vanderaa, our dedicated handyman, for all his work.

In June, in conjunction with the Town of Dudley's 275th celebration, Deborah Wellsby and volunteers set up a photo display depicting photos of Dudley's history, past to present, in the barn. This display, along with a reception held after a reenactment of Dudley's first town meeting, were the first functions in which the barn was used and by all accounts they were deemed a huge success.

In May Sarah White coordinated the annual 3rd grade visit to the "Tavern" and barn. Once again, as they have done each of the past few years, the students of the Dudley Elementary School made a generous donation to the "Barn Restoration Project".

During the summer, Nancy Roy joined the board of directors as its newest member. Welcome aboard, Nancy.

The barn restoration is coming along, but we still have a long way to go. Any donation to this project will be greatly appreciated.

It's wonderful that this building of Dudley's past will be preserved and appreciated by local children and citizens of the future.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the BTHS Board of Directors for their continued support throughout this past year.

Chairman, Joe Antos

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Dudley's 275th Anniversary

Dudley celebrated its 275th anniversary in February with a birthday party at the Municipal Complex, but the main event was the reenactment of the first town meeting in June. On a spectacularly quintessential June evening, townsfolk gathered at the Carter House to watch a dozen local men take the parts of the town's first voters. Along with the history lesson, a lot of laughs were enjoyed. And following the reenactment, everyone strolled back to the Tavern to enjoy the opening of the renovated barn. Wine, food and the dedication of an elm tree near the entrance to the barn completed a most enjoyable celebration of community life still going strong on the Hill. The Tavern participated in the annual Strawberry Festival the next day, then hosted an evening of music the following night, as Civil War re-enactors camped on the green. Finally, on Saturday, the town held a small parade and family fun day on the common, with the Nipmuck Indians offering a traditional ceremony for the planting of an elm tree on the common purchased by elementary school children. The Tavern Barn showcased artifacts

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From the Chairman

It has been another busy and productive year at the "Tavern".

The board of directors took on the task of preparing the barn and tavern for Dudley's 275th anniversary celebration. A barn committee was appointed, and with the help of various contractors we were able to open the barn for the town's 275th celebration.

The barn committee members were Ed Bazinet, Joe Antos, Dave Proulx, Bob Ducharme, George Martin, Ray Stockley, Will Moseley, Mike Branniff and John Vanderaa. Along with the committee, we were fortunate to obtain the services of Mark Bedard of DRL Corporation of Oxford, MA and Don Pulaski of American Dream Post and Beam, of Orford, NH, whose skills will not be forgotten.

In January, the BTHS board of directors voted to allow Mark Smith to

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2008
List of Events

Jan 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Birds of Winter- To Feed or not To Feed?" Presented by Massachusetts Audubon Society (Snow date Jan. 24)
Feb.21, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The History of Money". Presented by Paul Joseph (Snow date Feb.28)
Mar.20, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "New England Stone Walls". Presented by Robert Thorson. (Snow date Mar.27)
April 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier. Presented by Robert Ducharme.
May 2008 (Date TBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Third Graders to the Tavern"- Third Grade students from the Dudley Elementary School visit The Black Tavern.
June 19, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Strawberry Festival"- The Black Tavern is open to the public for tours.
July 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Concert Pulaski Brass Band
(Date TBA) 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Summer Concert
Sept. 18, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Antique Clocks & Annual Harvest Basket". Presented by John Vanderaa.
Oct. 16, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Antique Lighting". Presented by Michael and Linda Branniff.

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