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FEBRUARY PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT WOMAN'S CLUB

On **Monday, February 9, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Boynton Woman's Club building, 1010 South Federal Highway, the distinguished journalist, writer, and documentary filmmaker **Stuart McIver** will discuss the history and circumstances that lead to the writing of his latest book, *Death in the Everglades: The Murder of Guy Bradley*, America's First Martyr to Environmentalism. This is a story about the Florida plume hunters and the devastation they caused among Florida's beautiful bird population, and how they were ultimately curbed by the bird protection movement which included Guy Bradley's role in law enforcement. Bradley had early ties to Palm Beach County which are discussed in the article which follows. McIver is an exciting storyteller, well-known for his many books and articles on South Florida.

THE BRADLEYS: EARLY SETTLERS IN LANTANA

[In previous issues of *The Historian* we have included information taken from a series on Palm Beach County history published by *The Palm Beach Post* in the early 1980s. These were known as "Sunday Brown Wrappers." Much of the following is from material gathered by **G. Keith Bailey** for publication April 14 and 25, 1985, as "Adventures of the Bradley's in Early Lantana, Parts I and II. Other information is from interviews with **Harvey E. Oyer, Jr.** whose pioneer ancestors knew the Bradleys. Some material is adapted from *Early Lantana, Her Neighbors and More* by **Mary Linehan**.]

Edwin R. Bradley first brought his family to the lake region of Lantana in the mid-1870s. He homesteaded and farmed in the area. E.R. had retired from a newspaper reporting job in Chicago to become a pioneer in South Florida.

Until 1909 what is now Palm Beach County was part of Dade County. E.R. Bradley served as one of the first postal carriers and became Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Dade County Schools which at that time reached from the St. Lucie River to the end of the Florida mainland. Life was difficult and demanding in those early years. Medical care as we know it was primitive. Two of E.R.'s children, **Guy** and **Flora**, became deathly ill in 1883. Guy recovered, but Flora died.

Guy later became the first game warden in what is now Everglades National Park. At that time fashionable ladies' hats were frequently adorned with egret plumes; and the Everglades offered good hunting for these birds despite laws making it illegal to shoot them. Guy was shot and killed by poachers. One of these was **Walter Smith** whom Guy had known for years. At a trial later in Key West all were subsequently acquitted.

Other Bradleys fared better in their frontier lives. **Louis**, a brother of Guy, made a business of hunting and later became a guide for sportsmen from the North. The Bradley family developed excellent rapport with the Indians. Louis became a partner with one of his Indian friends, **Tommie Listee**, whose experience was invaluable in hunting. Before Guy's death the three worked together splitting their profits three ways.

In an interview in the 1930s, Louis reported that in those early years, despite good relationships with the Indians, there were sometimes tense moments. During one hunting expedition, Guy, Louis, and Tommie were completely surrounded by Indians who had hidden behind trees as though they were planning to ambush the three. Apparently "even Tommie was shocked." But the whole event was a practical joke, and the Indians ultimately all broke out in laughter.

But there were times when Tommie displayed real bravery. Once he had an unexpected encounter with a wild panther. According to Louis, "It was in the winter. He [Tommie] had built a little fire on the south side of a hammock. He was sitting down leaning over the fire cooking his supper when the panther leaped upon his back without warning, and buried his teeth in his neck, and tearing his back to the bone with his claws, threw him clear over the fire, nearly killing him. Big Tommie drew his knife and slashed at the panther until he struck his heart, even then it was a few minutes before he turned him loose. The panther died and Big Tommie lost a lot of blood."

Louis continued, "He came to our house for first aid and food. He was so weak he could hardly walk. Father [E.R.] and Mother made him stay with us a week or more until he grew stronger. Then he went away, coming back again soon with some venison to show his appreciation of our services. "This panther would have killed any ordinary man, but Big Tommie was an extraordinary man, a regular young giant, weighing over two hundred pounds, with large neck muscles, and great strength, which saved his life. . .

"The nearest we ever came to having trouble with the Indians was when a young drunken Indian came to our home, walked up the stairs to my sister **Rosa's** room and stood in her door. She saw him and screamed. I was in the next room, rushed to her aid, grabbed the Indian, we wrestled round, and both of us fell down the stairs with me on top. He was skinned up and hurt, but I was lucky enough to escape without a scratch.

"The next day the chief of the Indians came to my father and apologized, saying, 'Boy drink too much wyome.' Father accepted his apology and there were no hard feelings."

According to Mary Linehan, Rosa was the second English speaking girl to be born between Jupiter and Miami. The first was **Lillie Pierce [Voss]**.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Write these dates on your calendar now!

Monday, March 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Boynton

Beach City Library, Judy Gail, professional actress and storyteller will portray **Ivy Stranahan**. This is the second program of the year scheduled through the **Florida Humanities Council** and is jointly sponsored with the **Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library**. Ivy Stranahan has been called The First Lady of Fort Lauderdale and Watchie Esta/Hutrie—Little White Mother to the Seminoles. As president of the Florida Equal Suffrage Association,



Judy Gail

Ivy was a leader in the fight for women to vote along with **May Mann Jennings**, wife of the governor, and made speeches with **Mary Elizabeth Bryan** and her orator husband, **William Jennings Bryan**. She founded the Fort Lauderdale Audubon and Historical Societies, the library, parks, schools, hospitals and more. Another name she proudly bore was The Battling Belle of Broward. She was an important figure in South Florida history.

Monday, April 12, 2004, 7:00 p.m. Boynton

Beach City Library, Darcie MacMahon, Exhibits Coordinator, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, presents a program **FORT MOSE: Free Black Town on the Spanish Frontier**. Fort Mose was a free colony established in Spanish Florida about 1738 and was made up of Africans who had escaped slavery in English America. While we had hoped to present this program during February in honor of Black History Month, Ms. MacMahon was fully booked during that month and agreed to come in April. All reports indicate this is a wonderful program for any month and reveals more about historical and archaeological research efforts to broaden knowledge of Florida's rich heritage. This is the third program from the **Florida Humanities Council** for this year. It is co-sponsored with **The Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library**.

Other programs will be announced as arrangements are completed.

ADDENDUM: 2004 MEMBERS

In our January issue we listed those members who had paid 2004 dues at the time the newsletter was prepared. The following list are those who have paid since then. (Memberships in the Boynton Beach Historical Society are for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.)

Corporate Membership:

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Eleanor Murray Sala
James D. Shelton
Katherine Foy Thompson
Lorraine Vicki
J.H. "Jim" Weeks
Debra K. Wilson

IN MEMORIAM

One of our members, James D. Shelton of West Hartford, CT., has informed us that his father, Clarence Wilton Shelton, age 93, of Erlanger, KY passed away recently. Until he moved to Erlanger, Clarence Shelton had lived in the Gainesville area for about 20 years. He owned Palm Beach Grove, Inc., in Boynton Beach. Two other sons are C. Wilton, Jr. and Samuel T. Shelton.

Twenty Two Persons formerly on this Registration List have either moved or deceased since the last Registration which contained One Hundred & Eighty Eight names. The List of names of Persons deceased & moved having been posted at the door of the Town Hall according to the Law at the time prescribed.

John Powell Clerk

Oath Subscribed on Registration

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) That I will protect & defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida. That I am Twenty One years of age & have been a Resident of the State of Florida for One Year (Twelve months) & of this Town for six months. That I am a Citizen of the United States & that I am qualified to vote under the Constitution & Laws of the State of Florida.

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Appendix 154 Voters 1924
305 Registered Voters 9.27.24

920	NAME	P.P.	OCCUPATION	COLOR
3	Atwater, A.A.	D	Hotel	W
5	Andrews, C.L.	D	Merchant	W
	Andrews, Katie	D	Married	W
8	Andrews, John	R	Carpenter	W
13	Austin, Chas. A.	D	Merchant	W
15	Atwater, Emily D.	D	Married	W
7	Anglin, H.W.	D	Married Farmer	W
24	Audet, H.A.	R		W
25	Adams, Lillie B.	D	Teacher	W
27	Ashton, B.S.	D	Contractor	W
13	Austin, Mrs. Chas.	D	Housewife	W
15	Abell, Eve M.	D	Housewife	W
15	Abell, Eve M.	D	Housewife	W
19	Anderson, John A.	D	Laborer	W
	Albert E. Knapp			
26	Allen, John James	R	Laborer	W
	Auston, Will	R		W
22	Adams, Ella	D	Housewife	W
20	Ashley, John Washington	R	Farmer	W
27	Adams, Lee N.	R	Carpenter	W
	Adams, S.P.	D	Contractor	W
22	Atkins, F.E.	D	Carpenter	W
27	Anderson, Frank L.	D	Mechanic	W
27	Anderson, Mary	D	Housewife	W
27	Anderson, Harold	D	Filling Station	W
27	Anderson, John	R	Laborer	W

WHO VOTED IN BOYNTON IN THE 1920s?

The two pages above are from old voter registration records from 1921 to 1926. The page on the left reveals that the Town Clerk (and Boynton without "Beach" was a "town" then) had removed voters who were deceased or had moved since the last registration. The law required that the list of names of the persons to be purged be posted on the door of the Town Hall. Below this notice is the "Oath Subscribed to on Registration." The page on the right represents the people whose names began with A. The first column contains the date followed by the name, party affiliation, occupation, and color (no reference to race) of the registrant. Another page (not shown here) recorded the age, signature, number of the order in which the registrant had come—listed continuously through the years with the early years having the lower numbers, a memorandum column (moved, deceased, and other information), and the last column indicating the poll tax receipt number. At this time, while white voters tended to be either Democratic or Republican, nearly all black voters registered Republican. Florida had a White Democratic Primary, which, of course, excluded black voters. The poll tax and unevenly enforced literacy tests in effect until the mid-1960s eliminated other potential voters. The White Democratic Primary did not end until 1944 after the U.S. Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional. For some of you who may want to know the names that do appear on these rosters, here are contents of this and other pages:

1920 Names with "A"

Atwater, A.A.	D	Hotel	W
Andrews, C.L.	D	Merchant	W
Andrews, Katie	D	Married	W
Andrews, John	R	Carpenter	B
Austin, Chas. A.	D	Merchant	W
Atwater, Emily D.	D	Married	W
1922 Names with "A"			
Austin, F.W.	D	Married Farmer	W
Audet, H.A.	R		W
Adams, Lillie B.	D	Teacher	W
Ashton, B.S.	D	Contractor	R [sic]
Austin, Mrs. Chas.	D	Housewife	D [sic]
Abell, W. B.	D	Electrician	W

Abell, Eve M.	D	Housewife	[blank]
Anderson, John A.	D	Laborer	W
1926 Names with "A"			
Allen, James	R	Laborer	B
Auston, Will	R	Laborer	B
Adams, Ella	D	Housewife	W
Ashley, John			
Washington	R	Farmer	B
Adams, Lee N.	R	Carpenter	W
Adams, S.P.	D	Contractor	W
Atkins, F.E.	D	Carpenter	W
Anderson, Frank L.	D	Mechanic	W
Anderson, Mary	D	Housewife	W
Anderson, Harold	D	Filling Station	W

Andrews, John	R	Laborer	B
1920 Names with "B"			
Benson, Harry	D	Farmer	W
Bowen, J.P.	D	Lumber dealer	W
Brown, F.N.	D	Farmer	W
Brown, Mabel L.	D	Married	W
Benson, Fred G.	D	Farmer	W
Benson, Beatrice	D	Married	W
Baud, E.	D	Farmer	W
1921 Names with "B"			
Balwin, Luther	R	Farmer	B
Bovey, J.G.	R	Farmer	W
Brown, John G.	D	Mechanic	W

1922 Names with "B"

Burden, Geo H.	D	Married Agr State Plant Bd	W
Burden, Agness	D	Married	W
Bailey, E.F.	R	Retired	W
Bailey, Clara M.	R	Married	W

1924 Names with "B"

Bolden, Robert	R	Laborer	B
Benson, Laura	D	Housewife	W
Boldin, Magnalia	R	Married	B
Baldwin, Cora	R	Housewife	B

1925 Names with "B"

Brown, Christopher F.	R	RealEstate Dealer	W
Bell, Grover D.	R	Carpenter	W
Bradwee, James	R	Laborer	B

1926 Names with "B"

Bonner, William	--	Carpenter	W
Baker, James A.	D	RealEstate Broker	W
Brisby, James	D	Laborer	B
Brown, Carrie	D	Housekeeper	B
Bechtel, A.H.	I	Real Estate	W
Butler, James	R	Merchant	B
Benhower, Theresa	D	Clerk	W
Billings, Nellie M.	R	Housewife	W
Benhower, R.	D	Carpenter	W
Bolden, Robert	R	Nurseryman	B
Bind, F.D.	D	Painting	W
Barnes, Virginia	D	Housekeeper	B
Benson, Gust	D	Retired	W
Beaty, Holland	R	Bookkeeper	W
Brown, Eddie	D	Laborer	B
Brant, Mrs. Agnes	D	Housewife	W
Brant, F.R.	D	Laborer	W
Bolden, Tom	D	Laborer	W

1927 Names with "B"

Burt, Clare	R	Engineer	W
Buiford, Shelby	D	Lawyer	W
Berry, R.	R	Farmer	B
Burt, Chas. V.	R	Salesman	W
Buiford, Ruth	D	Housewife	W
Burt, Estella	D	Housewife	W
Byrne, Donald F.	W	Lawyer	W
Byrne, Emma A	W	Wife	W
Bass, Mrs. C. O.	W	Wife	W
Birchfield, W.C.	R	Mechanic	W
Barnes, J.R.	D	Contractor	W
Baldwin, Robert	R	Laborer	B
Beard, Helena	D	Nurse	W
Blythe, Frank P. Jr.	Salesman	W	W
Blythe, Louise C.	Wife	W	W
Brown, J.G.	Sec. Foreman	W	W

1928 Names with "B"

Benhower, Ralph	D	Carpenter	W
Beanbien, Dena E.	R	Housekeeper(Hotel)	W
Barron, Mrs. Emma	D	Domestic	W
Bourm, Rev. J.L.	D	Minister	W
Buchanan, Henry	R	Laborer	B
Bourm, Sadie W.	D	Housewife	W
Bowers, Calvin	I	Merchant	W
Bell, Will	R	Laborer	B
Barr, E.H.	D	Ice Deliver	W
Burr, Geo L. Jr.	D	Printer	W
Burr, Josephine G.	D	Teacher	W

1929 Names with "B"

Bonner, William	D	Carpenter	W
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1920 Names with "C"

Carothers, Howard L.	I	Contractor	W
Culver, A. L.	D	Farmer	W
Coon, Geo. E.	D	Merchant	W

1921 Names with "C"

Cade, S.B.	R	Farmer	B
Crowningshield, W.H.	D	Carpenter	W
Coon, Abby G.	R	Married	W

1922 Names with "C"

Cushing, N.D.	D		W
Carlisle, H.T.	D	Machinist	W
Culven, G.E.	D	[illegible]	W
Cockron, M.H.	D	Laborer	W
Cline, Bailum J.	D	Carpenter	W
Coon, Abby G.	R	Married	W
Carroll, C. L.	D	Garageman	W
Carroll, Mabel	D	Housewife	W

1925 Names with "C"

Common, Estella B.	D	Housewife	W
Common, I. Wright	D	Printer	W
Cook, Arthur W.	R	Realtor	W
Calhoun, Luther R.	D	Carpenter	W
Collins, Percy B.	R	Restaurant Prop.	W

1926 Names with "C"

Cauley, James	D	Drag-line Operator	W
Cooper, Richard	D	Com Laborer	B
Clark, R.C.	D	Janitor	B
Collins, Mrs. P.B.	R	Housewife	W
Carter, Mary	D	Housewife	W
Carter, Cloy	D		W
Coleman, S.B.	D	Engineering	W
Collbook, James	D	Barber	B
Calhoun, Mrs. Esther	D	Housewife	W

1927 Names with "C"

Crothers, Carlton S.	R	Architect	W
Cameron, Chas. B.	R	Lumber Merchant	W
Chambers, M.H.	D	Retired	W
Collins, P.B.	R	Farmer	W
Coon, Marjorie	D	School Teacher	W
Collins, Frances	R	Housewife	W
Cox, S.C.	I	Lineman	W
Collington, Jessie	B	Housewife	B
Cawley, James			W
Crumbis, E.		Dairyman	W
Cline, J.W.		Farmer	W

1928 Names with "C"

Cameron, Mary B.	D	Housewife	W
Cook, Arthur R.	D	Supt. Water Works Dept.	W

Colbrook, James	R	Barber	B
Collington, Jesse	D	Laborer	B
Coleman, Mary Jepson	D	Housewife	W
Crouch, Mrs. L.M.	D	Housewife	W
Crouch, L.M.	D	Engineer	W
Cochran, Ruth	D	School Teacher	W

1929 Names with "C"

Cram, Ida	R	Housekeeper	W
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1921 Names with "D"

Daugharty, J.	D	Farmer	W
Daugharty, Ida J.	D	Married	W
Davies, C.A.	R	Mechanic	W

1922 Names with "D"

Davies, Lillie T.	R	Married	W
Davies, E.J.	D	Drives Car	W

1924 Names with "D"

Deicks, R.H.	R	Labor	B
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1925 Names with "D"

Dunber, Edward C.	R	Retired	W
Durrance, J.W.	D	Carpenter	W
Durrance, E.E.	D	Laborer	W
Durrance, Lottie	D	Housewife	W
Decker, Chas.	D	Restaurant	W
Decker, Edith	D	Restaurant	W
Dyal, A.A.	D	Hotel Keeper	W
Deon, Felix	R	Laborer	B
Durden, H.L.	D	Mechanic	W

1926 Names with "D"

Duerson, William	D	Realtor	W
Durrance, S.G.	D	Truck Driver	W
Duncan, Mattie	D		W
Drew, Walter	R	Painter	W
Doss, E.O.	D	Crane Operator	W
Dawkins, John	R	Laborer	C
Dessauer, Agnes	R	Housewife	W
Duckworth, Walter O.	D	Bridgeman	W

1927 Names with "D"

Dame, Ray B.	D	Photographer	W
Dame, Jessie G.	D	Housewife	W
Derrickson, Elmer R.	D	Filling Station	W
Donaldson, Mrs. Geo.	R	Housewife	W
Derrickson, Rosalie	D	Housewife	W
Donaldson, George	R	Banker	W
Dempsster, E.H.	D	Farmer	W
Dunbaugh, A.R.	I	Carpenter	W
Ducker, R.H.	R	Laborer	B
Donaldson, R.D.	D	Laborer	B

1928 Names with "D"

Donaldson, John D.	D	Bookkeeper	W
Davis, E.J.	R	Maintenance Man at Hotel	W

1922 Names with "E"

Evans, B.F.	D	Printer	W
Ellis, J.V.	D	Watchman	W

1924 Names with "E"

Easton, J.W.	D	Laborer	W
Easton, R.W.J.	D	Laborer	W
Evans, F.W.	D	Laborer	W
Easton, Jessie	S	Housewife	W

1925 Names with "E"

Effenger, Irma B.	D	Housewife	W
Ellilin, J.W.	D	Plasterer	W

Eldridge, B.	D	Minister	W
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1928 Names with "E"

Easton, Margaret Mrs.	D	Domestic	W
Eades, Charles	NP	Decorator	W
Eades, Lavinia	NP	Housewife	W

1920 Names with "F"

Frisen, F.N.	I	Carpenter	W
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1921 Names with "F"

Forrey, W. L.	D	Bridge Tender	W
Forrey, Jessie	D	Married	W

1922 Names with "F"

Futrell, Seth	D	Married Repairman	W
Futrell, K.L.	D	Single Mechanic	W
Emmitt, Flora			W
Futrell, Leland G.	D	Mechanic	W
Forrester, Mary A.	D	Married	W
Futrell, Maud Ruth	D	Married	W

1924 Names with "F"

Foy, Estella	D	Housewife	W
Foy, C.H.	D	Drag	W

1925 Names with "F"

Funk, I.R.	Ind	Retired	W
Ford, Joseph	R	Laborer	B
Ford, Edward	R	Laborer	B

1926 Names with "F"

Freeman, Lenley	R	Laborer	B
Footman, Charles	R	Laborer	B
Frierson, T.E.	D	Carpenter	W
Fritch, Osea H.	I	Housewife	W
Frierson, Mrs. T.E.	D	Housewife	W
Fite, Andrew	D	Deko Light Co	W
Fletcher, L.O.	D	Construction Foreman	W
Funk, Alice R.		Housewife	W
Funk, Viola	I	Housekeeper	W
Funk, Alta M.(Moore)	D	Housewife	W

1927 Names with "F"

Famham, Herbert R.	D	Painter	W
Famham, Herbert V.	D	Mail Carrier	W
Franke, Henry F.	R	Carpenter	W

1928 Names with "F"

Futell, Seth	D	Repairman	W
Futrell, K.L.	D	Machinist	W
Futrell, Maud Ruth	D	Housewife	W
Frye, Lucille	D	No	W
Famham, Mary	D	Housewife	W
Forrey, Elmer	D	[illegible]	W

1922 Names with "G"

Goodwin, James E.	D	Engineer	W
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1924 Names with "G"

Gleason, E. E.	R	Barber	W
Godwin, Cora H.	D	Housewife	W

1925 Names with "G"

Gleason, Mrs. Earl	D	Housewife	W
Gaither, John	R	Laborer	B
Godwin, W.J.	D	Farmer	W

1926 Names with "G"

Gould, Jay H.	R	RealEstate Broker	W
Galbraith, A	R	Carpenter	W
Green, Charlie	R	Laborer	B
Garnett, Mrs. Amos	D	Housewife	W
Garnett, Mr. Amos	D	Plasterer Mold-maker	W
Gibson, Murray V.	D	Stone Caster	W
Givens, Walter	R	Laborer	B

1927 Names with "G"

Gells, J.L.	I	Civil Engineer	W
Guiler, James Jr.	R	Real Estate	W
Gerrin, John Francis	R	Caretaker	W
Garvey, Lawrence J.	D	Ice Company	W
Garrett, Seaborn	D	Dairyman	W
Gregory, John H.	D	Laborer	W
Girtz, A.L.	D	Farmer	W
Godden, S.V.	R	Farmer	W
Godden, Alice S.	R	Wife	W
German, Anna Bell	I	Wife	W
Guy, J.T.		Minister	W
Guy, Anna R.		Wife	W

1928 Names with "G"

Gleason, H.H.	D	Cleaner and Presser	W
Goodwin, Jesse F.	D	Carpenter	W
Goodwin, Bertie W.	D	Teacher	W
Gleason, Mrs. Mattie	D	Housewife	W
Granger, Elizabeth M.	D	School Teacher	W

[To be continued in March issue] Some names are difficult to read to copy. Some people listed no occupation or political preference. We can infer something of the life and social patterns of the time as well as confirm the names of some of the people who were here then.

LITTLE LEAGUE BRICKS:

DEDICATION SCHEDULED

Soon after the East Boynton Little League won the national title, the Board of Directors of the Boynton Beach Historical Society voted to commemorate the players and their coaches with brick pavers to be installed at the 1913 School House Children's Museum. These pavers are now in place in the courtyard on the front east side of the building between the clock and the bell.

You are invited to attend a brief presentation of certificates to the players and coaches and dedication of the brick pavers on Monday, February 2, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse. Please try to attend, but please be on time, since this dedication is part of a larger program honoring both the Little League team and the Florida Marlins. The Boynton Beach Historical Society's portion of the program is scheduled for 4:40. This is also your opportunity to meet the Little League Players and some of the Marlins, see their World Series Trophy, and engage in a Question and Answer Session. The City has ordered also brick pavers in honor of the Marlins.

LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY

The *Palm Beach Post OUR CENTURY* is still available for those who request it for a \$15 or more donation to the Society. (If mailed, \$6 S&H charge). Also available: *Boynton Beach: The First 100 Years* @ \$10 plus \$1.75 S&H; and 9 inch Centennial Commemorative Plate @ \$10 plus \$2.00 S&H. Call 734-5653 or send a request to the Boynton Beach Historical Society's P.O. Box 12, 33425-0012.

LOFTHUS SHIPWRECK UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVE

The Friends of Lofthus cordially invite you to the unveiling and dedication of the State of Florida's eighth (and Palm Beach County's first) Underwater Archeological Preserve commemorating the 1898 wreck of the Lofthus off of our community's coast.

This new Preserve is important to celebrating our area's history as well as promoting our current marine and diving industries.

Built in 1868, this ironclad vessel was wrecked off our coast in 1898. The dedication ceremony marks the 106th anniversary of the wreck.

Please make plans to attend.

Saturday February 7

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Boynton Beach Intracoastal Park

(located on Federal Highway just south of Gateway Blvd.)

Please RSVP to Lou Frasier 561-274-3211

Thank you for your support

FRIENDS OF LOFTHUS

UPDATE ON LOFTUS SHIPWRECK

The invitation above states it well. As a member or friend of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, you are invited; but call Lou Frasier as the invitation directs so that the Friends of the Loftus will have some idea of the number planning to attend.

DUES FOR 2004 ARE DUE NOW!

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you have not already mailed in your dues, now is the time to do so. Learn more about the past of Boynton Beach and the area surrounding it, and help preserve the traditions and history of a rapidly changing part of Florida. **JOIN TODAY!**

Member's Name _____ 2nd Member's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Yes ___ I would like to serve on the following committee(s) Archives/Preservation ___ Program Planning ___ Mailings ___

Telephone ___ Hospitality ___ Membership ___ Public Relations ___ Seeking Sponsors ___ Minority History ___

Fundraising ___ Other (Specify) _____

To become a member please make you check payable to Boynton Beach Historical Society for the calendar year 2004, and mail it to Post Office Box 12, Boynton Beach, Florida 33425-0012. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions, call Voncile Smith, President, at 561-734-5653, or Claire Weems, Membership Chair, at 561-735-3900.

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