

LOCAL NEWS

Whitesbog scene of something scary at sunset

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PEMBERTON TWP.- Whitesbog Village offered sunset hayrides this past weekend. Two wagons were filled with bales of hay and towed by tractors driven by Jan B. Conover and Casey Marble of the Museum of Antique Engines. Two wagons filled with excited, chilly participants took off for the sunset hayride through the cranberry bogs. Dave Orleans and Nora Hayes were the tour guides for this wonderful adventure.

The air was crisp, the fall foliage was amazing, and the smells were of clean air, water from the bogs, and freshly turned dirt. The smell of nature surrounded those who were part of the sunset hay ride.

Not only were the participants entertained by

their sense of smell and sight, but also of hearing, as the tour guides entertained their audiences with great stories about the history of Whitesbog Village, the Darlington family, information on the natural environment surrounding the cranberry bogs, Indian medicine, as well as natural herbal medicine.

All of the information was given in an easy conversational style, rather than in a canned tour guide narration. And not once did a cell phone ring.

Sunset occurred at approximately 6:08 p.m. and was greeted with delight. The sunset over the cranberry bogs was breathtaking.

The goal of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust is not only to promote Whitesbog Village, but also to let people know that it is here and how important

it is to our history. Whitesbog is one of the few authentic company owned villages left. Although Batsto Village in Wharton State Forest, Washington Twp., is more complete, it is not as authentic. "Whitesbog Village is pristine looking, like it was in the early 1900's," said Nora Hayes

Whitesbog Village is always looking for new members, as well as volunteers.

For more information on either membership or volunteering at this Village, visit their website at [http:// www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org) or call them at 893-4646.



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~~A witch gives a haunted greeting at the Whitesbog Village hayride this past weekend.~~

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