

history, community

Colvin said. "That's where we had the Fourth of July celebration, church parties, school parties. We had the big dances down there — the park was just always available for a noteworthy event."

Ellenbrook said on nice weekends — except Sunday morning, as Woesner was a religious man — the park would be bursting with the energy of Oklahomans hard at play.

"There'd be 20, 30, 40, people out there horseback riding through the area, and they'd have this roller-skating rink going," Ellenbrook said.

"Family would come out, and their friends would come out, and they could have a picnic. It was, I think, a very popular place on our part of the river."

Ellenbrook said she has a clear memory of the park. "Herbert was a very clean person," she said. "He had a very clean reputation."

Skinner said he was a member of the force in 1986. He was in 1994.

the years ruined some of the buildings, but until his dying day Woesner continued to give tours and tell his stories at the West Cache Trading Post.

"Herbert just loved history," Ellenbrook said. "If it wasn't for Herbert we wouldn't have any of those buildings. He's got a lot of them out there, and he can tell you the history of every single one of them."

Funeral, community dinner

Funeral for Herbert W. Woesner Jr. will be at 11 a.m. this morning at the West Cache Trading Post. Burial follows at 1 p.m. in Lawton.

A community dinner to celebrate Woesner's life will be scheduled for 5 p.m. at the West Cache Trading Post building — a historic structure in the West Cache Trading Post area south on Highway 1.

Members said that celebration will last into the night, and people bring a dish to share.