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Quilt Tickets

Quilt tickets are now available in the Gift Shop! If you would like to sell tickets please let us know!

6th Annual Horse Power Event September 11, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Swensson Farm Museum

On the National Register of Historic Places

**ACTIVITIES ALL DAY,
THROUGHOUT THE SITE!**

Food
On
The
Grounds



FUN
FOR
ALL
AGES

Admission
Required

FREE
PARKING

Directions from Montevideo
6 E on Hwy. 7, 5 S on Co. Rd. 6, 1/4 E on Co. Rd. 15
Information contact the Chippewa County Historical Society
ChippewaHistory@qwestoffice.net or 320-269-7636
www.chippewacohistory.org

Horse Power Event

The sixth annual Horse Power Event will be held on Saturday, September 11, at the Swensson Farm Museum. The gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

A variety of activities will be featured throughout the day and throughout the site! Horse powered events include potato digging, plowing, discing, mowing, hay loading, manure spreader, and much more! Potatoes, both red and white, will be available for sale as well!

Numerous artisans and demonstrators will also be located inside the historic family home. Visitors will be able to enjoy a taste of homemade bread and butter, lefse, and ice cream. Additionally, you will be able to watch individuals spinning, knitting, embroidering, doing hardanger and cross-stitch, making rugs on Olof Swensson's handmade loom, handmade card making and sculpture, wheat weaving, and quilting. Many of these artisans will also have items available for sale! Tickets for the primrose patterned quilt will be available inside the family home.

Inside the Barn visitors will enjoy several displays and exhibits. Adults and youth alike will be able to help the rope maker, and a farmers market will be held. Dried floral arrangements will be demonstrated and sold, and children's crafts will be available.

At the front of the barn small animals will be on display, and harnessing demonstrations will be held throughout the day. In the Moehring building blacksmithing will be demonstrated. Of course horse

drawn rides, music, and food will be available throughout the day!

If you would like more information on volunteering or exhibiting at the event, please call the society.

The Horse Power Event is sure to have something for everyone! Admission is only \$5.00 for adults 18 and over, and free to all youth 17 and under. Please join us for another exciting day at the Farm!

A FINAL PLANNING MEETING PICNIC will be held at the Swensson Farm Museum on Sunday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping or demonstrating, please join us to receive additional information! The Chippewa County Historical Society will provide hot dogs, plates, forks, napkins and beverages, and the Draft Horse Club members will grill. We ask that you bring either a salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP to the Society at 320-269-7636 or via email at ChippewaHistory@qwestoffice.net if you are planning to attend so we can purchase the correct amount of food to serve!

If you are able to join us for the day, please remember to walk down to the family burial site to see the newly preserved tombstones. We are also hopeful that the wallpaper will be installed in the room behind the chapel before the event! A large number of additional improvements have also been made to the site and we look forward to receiving your feed back on these! Please join us for our annual Horse Power Event on Saturday, September 11!

Briefly ...

If we have inadvertently forgotten to mention your contribution to the Society, please accept our apologies.

Although we have limited space available, we do want to recognize everyone who offers their time and talents to the Society.

"Wisdom thoroughly learned will never be forgotten."

Memorials

The following have given a gift to the Society in memory or in honor of friends and relatives. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

In Memory Of:

Reverend L.W. Anderson

Given By:

John and Marilyn Handeen
Church Window Fund

In Memory Of:

James Berven

Given By:

Reverend P. Michael and Marilyn Carlson
Church Window Fund

In Memory Of:

Herbert E. Miller

Given By:

Phyllis Youngren
Church Window Fund

In Memory Of:

Corrine Hein Nelson

Given By:

Janet Rothanburg
Swensson Farm

Church Penny Fund

13,000 pennies Collected This Month!

Memorials In Memory Of Reverend L.W. Anderson, James Berven, and Herbert Miller were received.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,833,518 pennies. As of July 31, 2010, we have a negative balance of (\$453.98) which we still need to raise.

Shingle Our Structures

No Donations Received

The shingling of the Chippewa Bank Building is now complete. Because we have an extra set of hands for the next few weeks we may shingle the garage, or as I affectionately call it "Vernon's Office", if time allows.

In 2011 we will shingle the Fire Hall, and in 2012 the School House. Each of these structures will use asphalt shingles. The cost for shingles has gone up significantly since we last used asphalt shingles on our roofs.

If you would like to make a donation to the SOS fund, please send it to the Society's office with SOS written on the memo. Each bundle of asphalt shingles costs approximately \$28.00.

Please help us **Save Our Structures** at Historic Chippewa City.



Office Help Needed

We once again need office help while Phyllis Youngren takes a few days of vacation. Hours that the office needs to be staffed are 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and duties include answering the telephone, taking admissions and staffing the Gift Shop and Travel Center. You DO NOT have to open or close the Village. Volunteers are needed on the following days:

Wednesday, September 1
Thursday, September 2
Friday, September 3
Tuesday, September 7
Wednesday, September 8
Thursday, September 9
Friday, September 10
Monday, September 13
Tuesday, September 14
Wednesday, September 15

If you are available for one of these days, please contact the office!

Thank You Weekend Hosts

Thank you to the following individuals for being a Weekend Host at Historic Chippewa City:

4 days

Richard & Barb Oleson

1 day

Beth Russell

Jerry & Dixie Tilden

Carol Siverhus

Phyllis Youngren

Julius & Anita Ost

Bev Lambert

Lois & Gordon Baker

Thank you also to Phyllis Youngren for calling for our Weekend Hosts.

Challenge 2010

Although it feels as if the work on our buildings is progressing slowly, it is progressing none the less!

The Ice House is officially done. However, we still need to repaint and hang the sign. Repairs on the Ag Building are about 50% complete. All of the old lumber was removed from the north side of the building which then needed to have almost 3' of the lower section removed and replaced with treated tongue and groove lumber. The large front doors will need work, but the south, east and west sides only need repairs to the batten strips. We are still hopeful that we will finish the Millinery Shop and Gazebo this year.

We were rained out on our first scheduled day at the Swensson Farm, but hope to get there in the next week to complete projects on the house and barn. We plan to glaze, scrape, prime, and paint the house's basement windows and repair the lower back window of the barn. Thank you to Lee Hagemeyer for volunteering to work on this window. We will also wallpaper upstairs, and hope to paint all of the primed repairs on the Barn from last year.

Finally, we are hoping to make a couple more buildings at the Village handicap accessible. Thank you to Dennes Borman for agreeing to work on these projects for us.

The following buildings must be repaired and painted in 2010 ...

1. ↗ **Gazebo** - Finish staining the upper half of the structure. Volunteers and stain are needed for this project.

2. ↗ **Ice House** - **DONE** - Thank you to Shirley Zurn, Emmet Lorenzo, and Circle Sentencing for helping to repair, scrape, prime, and paint this building.

3. ↗ **Ag Building** - Repairs on this building are about 50% complete. We still need to scrape and stain the structure. Volunteers and supplies are needed. Thank you to Circle Sentencing for helping to move the lumber and to Dennes Borman, Shirley Zurn and Mike Bowler for helping with the repairs.

4. ↗ **Millinery Shop** - We need to repaint the upper front of this building.

The following building must be shingled in 2010 ...

5. ↗ **Chippewa Bank Building** - **DONE** - Thank you to Sentencing To Service for completing this job.

ADA RAMPS WISH LIST 2010

6. ↗ Village Church

7. ↗ Burn's Fur Trading Post

8. ↗ Dr. Burn's Office

9. ↗ Blacksmith shop

Future shingling projects ...

10. ↗ **School house** - Asphalt Shingles

11. ↗ **Fire Hall** - Asphalt Shingles

12. ↗ **Garage** - Asphalt Shingles

Add signs to buildings - DONE

Thank you to Dennes Borman for cutting out the letters for these signs, to Ardie Dragsten for priming and painting them, and to Shirley Zurn for helping with their installation!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to ...

Shirley Zurn and **Emmet Lorenzo** for helping to repair, prime, and paint the screens for the Swensson House;

Phyllis Youngren and **Shirley Zurn** for helping with the July newsletter;

Shirley Zurn and **Circle Sentencing** for painting the Ice House;

Phyllis Youngren and **Shirley Zurn** for helping to prepare for and set up the Fair exhibit, and to **Scott Lynne** for helping to take it down;

Marlin Schoep, **Jerry Tilden**, and **Dennes Borman** for staffing the Fair booth;

Circle Sentencing for helping to move the lumber behind the Ag Building;

Dennes Borman, **Mike Bowler** and **Shirley Zurn** for helping with repairs to the Ag Building;

Shirley Zurn for helping to install signs for various Village buildings;

Phyllis Youngren for all of her hard work for the Horse Power Event;

Shirley Zurn for inventorying photographs, and for reorganizing them AGAIN into two new file cabinets;

Phyllis Youngren for helping to complete the organization of the photo negatives;

Carol Siverhus for keeping the obituary files up to date;

and **YOU** for being a member of the Chippewa County Historical Society!

Chippewa County Historical Society

Office Open

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed on all legal holidays.

Historic Chippewa City

Open for the season

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Weekends & Holidays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Swensson Farm Museum

Closing for the season September 5
Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Lac qui Parle Mission

Closing for the season September 5
Open daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Membership Information

Individual/Family Memberships

Annual Individual	\$15.00
Annual Family	\$20.00
Annual Sustaining	\$30.00
Annual Contributing	\$50.00
Annual Benefactor	\$100.00

Business Memberships

Annual Bronze	\$50.00
Annual Silver	\$75.00
Annual Gold	\$100.00
Annual Platinum	\$200.00

Membership Benefits

Monthly Newsletter,

Adopt-a-Building Participation,
Unlimited Visits to Historic Chippewa City
and Swensson Farm Museum for two adults,
10% Gift Shop Discount
Photocopy Discounts
Free admission to Christmas in the Village

Sunday, August 29
Horse Power Event Planning Picnic
Swensson Farm Museum
5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 2
Montevideo Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m., Minnwest Bank

Saturday, September 4
Diekmann/Abrahamson Wedding
Lac qui Parle Mission
4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 6
Labor Day Office Closed
Historic Chippewa City Open
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8
Prairie Waters Tourism Coalition
1:30 p.m. - Appleton Civic Center

Saturday, September 11
Horse Power Event
Swensson Farm Museum
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

September 10 - 15
Director Out Of The Office

Saturday, September 18
Hokins/Hilt Wedding
Historic Chippewa city
4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen
(note date change)

Thursday, September 30
Historic Chippewa City
Closes For The Season

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Carol Westberg - Gift Shop Manager

Delores Veden - Experience Works

Shannon Lien - Swensson Farm Sunday Hostess

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer spotlight recognizes Mike Martin and the Sentencing To Service crew. This group not only shingled the Chippewa Bank Building, they also completed some additional repairs to the building, installed the skylight in the Ag Building and took down the Ice House sign. **Congratulations, Mike Martin and the Sentencing To Service Crew, and THANK YOU!**

Old Dunn Hotel Will Be Razed

Ward's to Combine Main Store and Furniture Annex

Montevideo next spring will have a new Montgomery Ward and Company store building, including a hotel, on the property now occupied by the Dunn hotel and the Montgomery Ward furniture store on North First Street.

The project culminated last week following several years' discussion, as the lease was

signed in Chicago by Montgomery Ward and Company officials and the Hunt family, represented by Douglas P. Hunt of Montevideo, owners of the property.

According to present plans which are not completed, Montgomery Wards will occupy the first floor of the property now occupied by the Dunn hotel building, and will have a basement and sub-basement. The new building will extend to the alley in the rear.

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