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**Thank You for your continued support!**

## 2010 Projects

The Society has undertaken many ambitious maintenance projects at Historic Chippewa City and the Swensson Farm Museum over the past few years. This year we have a few projects that individuals could do in their own workshop/garage. If you are interested in assisting us either on the grounds or in your own workshop, please let us know! The Society will provide or pay for all needed materials. We need your creativity, ingenuity, skills, and time!

### Building Repairs

**Ice House & Ag Building** - These two buildings must be repaired, scraped, primed, and painted.

**Gateway Building** - Both back windows need to be removed and the framing on one must be replaced and the window reinstalled. The southeast window will be permanently removed and the opening closed in and sheetrocked on the inside and sided on the outside.

**Swenson Barn** - The back NE window needs to be repaired, reframed, and reinstalled.

**Swensson House** - All of the basement windows need to be

glazed and then primed and painted. The wallpaper will also be professionally installed upstairs. \*\*\*All of the house screens need to be repaired and are now stored in the office.

### Shingling

**Chippewa Bank Building** - This building must be shingled in 2010.

### Chinking

Chinking/daubing needs to be done on all of the log cabins.

### Ramps

Ramps need to be built to make the following buildings handicap accessible: Blacksmith Shop, Village Church, Dr. Burns' Office, Fur Trading Post.

### Sign Repairs

**Ice House** - \*\*\*This sign will need to be repainted.

### New Signs Needed

\*\*\*We would love to place signs on each building at the Village. Newly created signs are needed for the Anderson and Gippe Cabins, Ness House, Ag Building, Buggy Shop, and School House. If you have an idea for a sign (especially for the log cabins) please contact the office!

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## Membership Renewals

### **Miscellaneous Projects**

Village Hall - The landscape timbers need to be replaced, and a few batten strips need to be repaired.

Blacksmith Shop - A new or rebuilt hitching post needs to be completed.

Gazebo - The upper half needs to be painted.

Millinery Shop - The front upper half needs to be repainted.

Ness House - Shelving for extra storage needs to be built on the second floor.

### **Inventorying**

If time permits, we would like to inventory the General Store.

### **Photograph Negatives**

We need to finish our photograph negatives project by placing them in archival boxes and organizing them in the freezer.

### **Events**

Annual Banquet will be held on April 12

Heritage Week will be held from May 25 - 28

Mission Sunday will be held on July 11.

Horse Power Event will be held on September 11

Christmas in the Village will be held on December 4

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed for these events!

*\*\*\* Each of these projects can be done in your own workshop and/or garage! Please call if you are interested in helping!*

Thank you to the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for renewing their membership in the Chippewa County Historical Society as of January 19, 2010.

### Contributing Life

Larry Larson - Milan

Lloyd Olson - Montevideo

Gale & Diane Peterson - Granite Falls

### Business Platinum Membership

Minnwest Bank - Montevideo

### Business Gold Membership

T.A. Lauritsen Septic & Drain - Montevideo

Rekow Management Co. - Montevideo

### Business Silver Membership

Lauritsen Digging - Montevideo

### Business Bronze Membership

Ace Hardware - Montevideo

Allen County Public Library - Fort Wayne, IN

Augeson Electric - Montevideo

Casey's General Store - Montevideo

Citizen's State Bank - Clara City

Genealogical Society of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT

Kibble Equipment - Montevideo

Melody Lanes - Montevideo

Minnwest Insurance, Montevideo, Inc.

Montevideo Family Dentistry

Tostenson, Inc. - Montevideo

### Benefactor Membership

Dr. Kevin & Jane Myhre - Montevideo

Peter Neyhart - Juneau, AK

Harriet Plante Estate - Maynard

John R. Schulz - St. Paul

James Thein - Clara City

## 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.

*"The more steam you put into your work, the louder you can whistle when the work is done."*

### 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:**  
Frances Gilsrud

**Given By:**  
Breakfast Support Group  
*Church Fund*

### Church Penny Fund

#### 15,044 Pennies Collected This Month!

Thank you to Chester and Shirley Kalmoe of Montevideo for donating 382 pennies (literally), and to Norman and Edith Brakken of Montevideo for donating 2,562 pennies (literally). Additionally, a memorial In Memory Of Frances Gilsrud was received and a donation of \$100.00 was received from Janice Nelson and a donation of \$20.00 was received from Dr. Brad Moseng, both of Montevideo.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,807,689 pennies.

Please help us to continue the preservation of the Village Church windows by contributing general monetary donations or Memorials to the Historical Society.

All future memorials, gifts and wedding income will continue to be used to finish paying for the window preservation. As of December 31, 2009, we have a negative balance of \$773.31 which we still need to raise.

# Shingle Our Structures

## Donations Received

\$25.00

Dr. Kevin & Jane Myhre - Montevideo

\$20.00

Lowell & Georgia Hanson - Montevideo  
Bill & Barb Homan - Montevideo

\$17.00

Virgene Meyer - Montevideo

*Renewals, Cont. from page 2*

## Benefactor Membership, continued

Thomas Thein - Clara City  
Byron & Shirley Zurn - Montevideo

## Contributing Membership

Christine Andreas - Montevideo  
Kathy Bangsund - Lincoln, NE  
Mary Anne & Donald Bennett - Brainerd  
Tim & Merrie Bertrand - Montevideo  
Judy Davis - San Diego, CA  
John & Lois Dyshaw - Montevideo  
Lowell & Linda Haff - Montevideo  
Geoffrey & Janet Hathaway - Montevideo  
Glen & Jackie Herfurth - Montevideo  
Bill & Barb Homan - Montevideo  
Corky & Bev Lauritsen - Maynard  
Jim & Gaynelle Lee - Montevideo  
Dale & Carol Lietzau - Montevideo  
Paul & Bette Lundgren - Montevideo  
Wally & Sharon Lutz - Montevideo  
Ron & JoAnn Molde - Montevideo  
Sylvia Norland - Montevideo  
Julius & Anita Ost - Montevideo  
Dick & Nancy Ryman - Montevideo  
Henry & Roseann Sechler - Fairfax, VA  
Lorraine E. Widme - Minneapolis  
Wendell & Jeanette Youngren - Kerkhoven  
Dr. James K. & Sonja Zenk - Montevideo

## Sustaining Membership

Richard Handeen & Audrey Arner - Montevideo  
Dr. Tom Birkey & Doris Thompson - Montevideo  
Harry & Fran Bruns - Montevideo  
Bert & Jan Budd - Cheyenne, WY  
Rachel & Ron Garbe - Montevideo  
Lowell & Georgia Hanson - Montevideo  
Ed & Marie Jansen - Clara City  
Alan & Nancy Johnsrud - Montevideo  
Chester & Shirley Kalmoe - Montevideo  
Mary & Joe Keller - Montevideo

In 2010 we will shingle the Chippewa Bank building. If time and finances permit we will then focus on either the Fire Hall, School House, or Garage. We anticipate, however, 'stretching these out', about one per year, unless a more urgent need arises. Each of these structures will use asphalt shingles.

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 \$17.00, and each bundle of cedar shingles costs approximately \$40.00.

Please help us **S**ave **O**ur **S**tructures at Historic Chippewa City.

**SOS Countdown**  
Labor Amount Needed  
\$5,048.86  
Materials Amount Needed  
\$1,738.35

*Renewals, Cont. on page 5*

Sustaining Membership, continued

Lamore & Pauline Kittelson - Montevideo  
Steve & Karen Kling - Montevideo  
Dr. Nick & Donna Krueger - Montevideo  
Wendell & Edith Larson - Dearborn Hts.,  
MI  
Ralph & Barbara Lunde - Montevideo  
Jean Moe - Montevideo  
Betty Molde - Montevideo  
Dr. Brad Moseng - Montevideo  
Hollis Nappen - Bismarck, ND  
Richard & Barb Oleson - Montevideo  
Bill & Nancy Schuller - Montevideo  
Gerald & Helen Steele - Starbuck  
Gene & Linda VanBinsbergen - Montevideo  
Carol Westberg - Montevideo  
Phyllis Youngren - Montevideo  
Phil Zackman - Montevideo

Family Membership

Kelly & Julie Aalfs - Montevideo  
Lowell & Barb Anderson - Clara City  
Norm & Dode Aronson - Montevideo  
Kris & Barry Bahl - Sartell  
Gordon & Lois Baker - Montevideo  
Robert & Janet Barwick - Montevideo  
Paul & Barbara Benson - Montevideo  
Harvey & Karan Blackstad - Montevideo  
Norman & Wilma Bosch - Montevideo  
Evelyn Bourne - Montevideo  
Sherrie Mortensen Brown - St. Paul  
David Buchanan & Amy Rager - Montevideo  
David & Violet Ceske - Willmar  
Maurice & Audrey Erickson - Montevideo  
Jim & Jan Flaherty - Montevideo  
Carl & Helen Granrud - Montevideo  
Lee & Carin Hagemeyer - Clara City  
Kurt & Lori Hoehne - Montevideo  
Elaine & Dick Huhta - Cromwell  
Ralph & Ada Hunstad - Montevideo  
Dale & Kathy Knoshal - Montevideo  
Lance & Dee Knoshal - Montevideo  
Kenneth & Emma Koenen - Montevideo

Family Membership, continued

Ruth & Vernon Koenen - Watson  
James & Adelaine Lageson - Boynton  
Beach, FL  
Bob & Madell Lark - Eden Prairie  
Nancy Larson - Warren  
Malcolm & Phyllis Maxwell - Menahga  
Patrick & Mary Moore - Montevideo  
Terry & Judy Nielsen - Montevideo  
Ron & Trish Nygaard - Montevideo  
Dereck & Breanna Olson - Montevideo  
Robert & Sigrid Olson - Maynard  
Teresa & Bruce Ostlie - Watson  
Harriet & Tom Payne - Montevideo  
Philip & Cheryl Schmieg - Jordan  
Dave & Dorothy Schultz - Montevideo  
Vincent & Evonne Smith - Montevideo  
Al & Ann Stevens - Granite Falls  
Celeste Suter - Montevideo  
William & Delores Thompson - Milan  
E. Gil & Marilyn Tyckoson - Bloomington

Individual Membership

Paul Adams - Dawson  
Joyce A. Anderson - Granite Falls  
Jackie Ast - Maynard  
Delores Baumhofer - Montevideo  
Bennie Benson - Montevideo  
Elaine Bergo - Montevideo  
James E. Berven - Montevideo  
Vern Bjorndahl - Montevideo  
Lorna Cobb - Maynard  
Richard E. Emch - Maynard  
Mary Gillespie - Granite Falls  
Joan Haugland - Watson  
Colleen Hinrichs - Montevideo  
Lucille Holten - Montevideo  
Dean Jansen - Clara City  
Harlan C. Jorgenson - Montevideo  
Donna Kemen - Montevideo  
Lorraine Knight - Montevideo  
Lorna Kuno - Little Rock, AR  
Bev Lambert - Montevideo

# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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## Thank you to ...

**Phyllis Youngren** for helping with the December newsletter;

**Lowell Hanson** for taking down the Gazebo Christmas tree lights;

**Dustin Lynne** for helping to move office equipment and file cabinets;

**Larry Larson, Richard Oleson, and Jeffrey Lopez** for serving on the Chamber Relocation sub-committee;

**Vernon Lund** for taking down the Gazebo Christmas tree;

**Phyllis Youngren** for helping with the Membership Cards;

**Jim Thein** and **Dixie Tilden** for serving on the Nominating Committee;

**City of Montevideo** for plowing our parking lot;

**Phyllis Youngren** for shredding numerous years of paper work;

**Vernon Lund** for shoveling snow;

**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

Closed for the season

### Swensson Farm Museum

Closed for the season

### Lac qui Parle Mission

Closed for the season

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## 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

## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now owing. Statements were mailed on January 6, and are due by January 29. Membership cards will be mailed to all current members during the first two weeks in February.

**Monday, January 18**  
*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*  
*office closed*

**Wednesday, January 20**  
*Prairie Waters Tourism Coalition*  
1:30 p.m., Dawson

**Thursday, January 21**  
*Chamber Relocation Meeting*  
10:00 a.m., Society's Office

**Thursday, February 4**  
*Montevideo Community Foundation*  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
12:00 p.m., Library

**Monday, February 8**  
*Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
5:00 p.m., Montevideo Chamber

**Tuesday, February 9**  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
5:00 p.m., Country Kitchen

**Monday, February 15**  
*Presidents Day*  
*office closed*

**Wednesday, February 17**  
*Prairie Waters Tourism Coalition*  
1:30 p.m., Appleton

**Monday, April 12**  
*Annual Banquet/Annual Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Milan School

The Chippewa County Historical Society's Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the Montevideo Country Kitchen. November through March meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m., and April through October meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Jeffrey Lopez**  
*County Appointment*  
*President*

**Jim Thein**  
*Vice President*

**Linda VanBinsbergen**  
*Treasurer*

**Dixie Tilden**  
*Executive Board Appointment*  
*Acting Recording Secretary*

**Larry Larson**

**Sandy Hodge**  
*City Appointment*

**Mary Keller**

**Donna Kemen**

**Richard Oleson**

**Lee Hagemayer**

**Celeste Suter**

**STAFF**

**June Lynne - Executive Director**

**Vernon Lund - Historic Chippewa City Caretaker**

**Carol Westberg - Gift Shop Manager**

**Delores Veden - Experience Works**

**Shannon Lien - Swensson Farm Sunday Hostess**

# MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer spotlight recognizes John and Marilyn Handeen. John and Marilyn have been active in the Society for many, many years. They are weekend hosts who annually staff the Village on Labor Day, and they assist with volunteer time, etc. for almost every event the Society hosts. For your dedication and love of history, this month's volunteer spotlight recognizes John and Marilyn Handeen. **Congratulations, John and Marilyn Handeen, and THANK YOU!**

## Fight Dance Ordinance

A large number of Milan people went to Montevideo Thursday to attend a hearing in a lawsuit by the Village of Milan, complainant, vs. John Doe, defendant, before Justice Elias Jacobson.

The purport of the action is undoubtedly to determine whether a village ordinance forbidding dancing under any circumstances within the limits of the town can be enforced

or not. It is alleged that in defiance of the provisions of this ordinance the American Legion Post of Milan had on two occasions indulged in dancing.

Attorney C.A. Fosnes is counsel for the village and Attorney John Temple is looking after the interests of the Legion post in the matter. No decision in the matter has been announced.

*The Montevideo News, January 27, 1922*

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## Donations Received

### Individual Membership, continued

Shirley Larson - St. Paul  
Ruth Leppke - Canby  
Zaira Lietzau - Montevideo  
Ethel Lukken - Montevideo  
Joel A. Lund - Milan  
Virgene Meyer - Montevideo  
Wanda Michie - Mesa, AZ  
Leann Miller - Calabasas Hills, CA  
Curtis Nordaune - Montevideo  
Deanna Olson - Montevideo  
Sarina Otaibi - Granite Falls  
Edna Paulsrud - Montevideo  
Franz Albert Richter - Clarkfield  
Marlene Ridens - Montevideo  
Jan Rothanburg - Folley  
W.W. Saterbak - Tulsa, OK  
Carol J. Siverhus - Montevideo  
Robert A. Skogrand - Brooklyn Park  
Lois Smith - Montevideo  
Sue Spencer - Montevideo  
Helen Vomacka - Montevideo  
Betty Weckwerth - Montevideo  
Phyllis B. Wik - Montevideo  
Alicia Woodford - Montevideo

Thank you to the following individuals for upgrading their membership

#### Individual to Benefactor

Peter Neyhart

#### Family to Contributing

Paul & Bette Lundgren

#### Sustaining to Contributing

John & Lois Dyshaw, Dale & Carol Lietzau

#### Family to Sustaining

Lamore & Pauline Kittelson, Wendell & Edith Larson, Betty Molde

#### Individual to Family

Sherri Mortensen Brown

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for making a monetary donation to the Society.

#### General Donation

\$1,000.00 ~ Don & Betty Maland

#### Newsletter Donations

\$15.00 ~ Adela Fuls

\$10.00 ~ Deanna Hodge, Dick & Elaine Huhta, Stan & Gloria Jacobson, Norm & Edith Brakken

#### Christmas in the Village Donation

\$25.00 ~ Connie Eggers, Alta Peterson

\$20.00 ~ Gary & Donna Halverson

\$15.00 ~ Leann Miller

#### General Donation Included With Dues

\$50.00 ~ Geoffrey & Janet Hathaway

\$20.00 ~ Ed & Marie Jansen

\$15.00 ~ Stan & Gloria Jacobson

\$10.00 & under ~ Norm & Wilma Bosch, Gail & Diane Peterson, Adela Fuls, Janet Rothenburg

#### Village Building Repair Donation

\$1,000.00 ~ Anonymous

\$20.00 ~ Lance & Dee Knoshal, Jim & Gaynelle Lee

#### Swensson Farm Maintenance Donation

\$50.00 ~ Dr. Nick & Donna Krueger

\$25.00 ~ Anonymous

#### Swensson Farm Wallpaper Donation

\$100.00 ~ Steve & Karen Kling

\$20.00 ~ Jean Moe

#### Education Donation

\$25.00 ~ Mary Anne & Donald Bennett

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## Endowment Fund Update

All donations to the Endowment Fund are appreciated, as it continues to grow toward our \$100,000.00 goal. We are nearing the half way mark and it would be really nice to be able to announce at the Annual Meeting that we are over the \$50,000.00 mark. Currently, with donations and the investment return on the fund, we are at about \$47,500.00.

Help us realize that goal by the Annual Meeting by making any contribution you are able. One way is to bring your coins to the Village and put them in the "BIG JAR". We currently have about \$210.00 in the JAR, and we only need 10,000 more quarters to get to our half way mark.

Don't forget that we will be asking for your coins at the Annual Meeting so bring them to the Village before that date, or you can bring them with you to the Annual Meeting.

Thank you from the Endowment Board

### Endowment Fund Donations

#### \$1,000.00 & Above

Don & Betty Maland

Jerry & Dixie Tilden

#### \$500.00 ~ \$750.00

Anonymous

In Memory Of Ray Strand

#### \$250.00 ~ \$499.00

KleinBank

John R. Schulz

#### \$150.00 ~ \$249.00

Byron & Shirley Zum

John & Marilyn Handeen

#### \$100.00 ~ \$149.00

Chester & Shirley Kalmoe

Dick & Nancy Ryman

French Glass

Norm & Wilma Bosch

Al & Nancy Johnsrud

Scott & June Lynne

Roy & Anne Marie Austensen

Vernon & Joyce Youngren

Norm & Edith Brakken

Glen & Jackie Herfurth

Minnesota Valley REC

#### \$50.00 ~ \$99.00

Bill & Barb Homan

Audrey Arner & Richard Handeen

Mary Lou Mathiowitz

Custom Ag Service

William Wasnick

Benita Talbot

Larry Larson

Tim & Merrie Bertrand

#### \$25.00 ~ \$49.00

Roger & Arlyn Tilberg

Mind Your Business

Ellen Moore & Rick Stermer

Leeann Miller

Mary Gillespie

Wally & LaVonne Sletten

John & Laura Lundgren

W.R. & Margaret Wilson

#### \$20.00 & Below

Norma Stevens

Lowell & Barb Anderson

Phyllis Youngren

Audrey Arner & Richard Handeen

Walter Schmidt