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Swensson Farm Tombstone Preservation

The Society recently hired Grave Groomers, LLC from North Oaks, MN to preserve, repair, and clean the tombstones at the Swensson Farm Museum's family cemetery.



To the upper right are pictures of Ingeborg's tombstone before and after cleaning and preservation, and the picture below is a photograph of all of the tombstones after their work was complete. They look remarkable! Please feel free to drive out to look at the completed project!



Chippewa Bank Shingling



Please welcome the following new and reinstated members ...

Family Membership

Lorrie Kittelson - Montevideo

New and reinstated members are always welcome! Please encourage those who are interested in joining. Remember all new members, and those who bring in a new member, will have their names put in a drawing for the Swensson Farm supper!

Thank you to the following individual for bringing a new member on board:

Lorraine Knight

Thank You Weekend Hosts

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

2 days

Phyllis Youngren
Carol Siverhus
Deanna Olson

1 day

Vernon Lund
Norm & Edith Brakken
Wendell & Jeanette Youngren
Jonathon Olson
Jeff Kack
Larry Larson
Curtis Nordaune
Marlene Ridens
Lorraine Knight

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

Weekend Hosts

Weekend hosts are still needed for the summer tourism season. At this time we need hosts for Saturday, July 24; Sunday, August 8; and Saturday, September 4.

Volunteers hours to staff the site are 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Weekend Host responsibilities include opening and closing Historic Chippewa City, staffing the travel center, and collecting admissions and gift shop sales. Of course, visiting with our guests is perhaps the most important task of the day!

If you would like to volunteer, or if you are called and are asked to volunteer, please consider saying yes!

Membership Renewals

Thank you to the following individuals and business for renewing their membership in the Chippewa County Historical Society.

Bronze Business Membership
Montevideo Veterinary Clinic

Office Help

Thank you to the following individuals for staffing the office so that staff could be on the grounds working on building.

Two Days
Deanna Olson

One Day
Virgene Meyer
Lorraine Knight
Marlene Ridens
Elaine Erickson

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.

"History is a better guide than good intentions."

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:
Myrnetta Knudson

Given By:
Julius and Anita Ost
Church Window Fund

Church Penny Fund

1,675 pennies Collected This Month!

Thank you to Richard and Barb Oleson of Montevideo for donating 675 pennies (literally). Additionally, a memorial In Memory Of Myrnetta Knudson was received.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,820,518 pennies.

Please help us to continue the preservation of the Village Church windows by contributing general monetary donations or Memorials to the Historical Society. As of June 30, 2010, we have a negative balance of (\$570.73) which we still need to raise.

Shingle Our Structures

Newsletter Via Email

No Donations Received

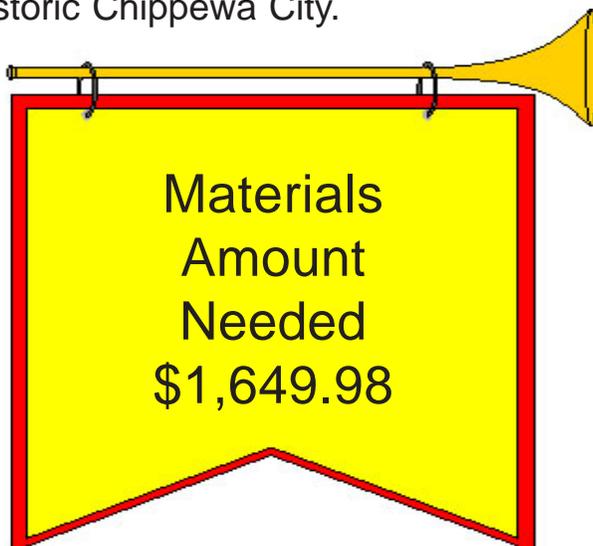
The shingling of the Chippewa Bank Building was completed as of July 12, 2010. A tremendous thank you to the Sentencing to Service crew and Mike Martin for their excellent work.

Our remaining buildings, Fire Hall, School House, and Garage will be completed as needed over the next two to three years. Each of these structures will use asphalt shingles. It is very exciting to see an end to these major projects!

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.



To date almost 20% of the Society's members receive their newsletter via email. We would still like to include even more members on our list to receive the newsletter electronically.

Newsletters received via email or the new web site, contain color pictures and will be sent or can be downloaded in a PDF file. To sign up, please send an email to ChippewaHistory@qwestoffice.net to try a copy. You will not be under any obligation to continue to receive your newsletter this way.

Another new option is to go directly to our web page, www.chippewacohistory.org, and download the newsletter from there! No email is involved! If you would like to try this, all of our 2010 newsletters are now available on-line.

If you would like to receive your newsletter either of these ways, please let us know so we can remove you from the postal or email mailing lists. The newsletter is usually printed on the 15th of each month. However, November's newsletter is usually later.

Remember, receiving your newsletter via email or through the web site will save the Society the cost of paper, copying, and postage. It's just one small way that we can be a little more environmentally friendly.

Just send us an email today and we will get you started. Because of the rising cost of postage, paper, and fuel, we sincerely thank you for helping us save a nickel here, and a nickel there!

Endowment Fund Update



Our endowment tree is growing much faster than our endowment fund. We remain near the \$50,000.00 mark, however, there has not been much activity as late.

We will be selling raffle tickets at the Chippewa County Fair for the beautiful handmade quilt that was

donated by Cheryl Schmieg of Jordan MN. Cheryl is the daughter of Marion Foley of Montevideo. We will need volunteers to man the booth during the Fair which is scheduled for August 4 - 6. The proceeds raised from this raffle will be for the Endowment Fund, and the drawing will be at the Society's Annual Banquet.

Quilt raffle tickets are always available in the Gift Shop at Historic Chippewa City. If you would like to order raffle tickets, please send payment to the Society, the tickets are \$3.00 each, and we will in turn send you the raffle ticket stubs.



A reminder to bring any coins you can to put into the Big Jar at the Village. We have not counted it lately, but it, too, is growing slowly.

Most of the future dollars for the Endowment Fund will come as gifts from people that have been involved with our Society, or who have thought enough about the history of the county to add the Historical Society in their will. We ask that as you are planning your will, you will keep the Chippewa County Historical Society in your thoughts and let your memories live on for your children and future generations.

**Please Remember
To Help Us Fill The
Big Jar!**

REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

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

Thank you to ...

Shirley Zurn for picking up the mail in my absence;

Mike Martin and the **Sentencing To Service Crew** for shingling the Chippewa Bank Building;

Jason Kurtzbein and **Scott Lynne** for bringing the Swensson Farm tractor into town for repairs;

Dixie Tilden, Larry Larson, and Phyllis Youngren for assisting with Mission Sunday;

Shirley Zurn and **Emmet Lorenzo** for helping with the repairs on the Ice House;

Phyllis Youngren for helping with the June newsletter;

Dennes Borman for helping with planning ADA ramps at the Village;

Shirley Zurn for inventorying photographs;

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

Scott Lynne for repairing the Swensson tractor and mower, and the Village trimmer;

Deanna Olson, Virgene Meyer, Lorraine Knight, Marlene Ridens, Elaine Erickson for staffing the office so I could be on the grounds;

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

Open for the season
Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Lac qui Parle Mission

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

Tuesday, July 20
4-H Fashion Review
7:30 p.m., Historic Chippewa City

Tuesday, August 3
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen
(note date change)

Wednesday, August 4 - 6
Chippewa County Fair
August 4, 5, 6

Thursday, August 5
Montevideo Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m., Minnwest Bank

Monday, August 9
Convention & Visitors Bureau
5:00 p.m., Montevideo Chamber

Wednesday, August 11
Swensson Farm Tour

Prairie Waters Annual Meeting
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Hinterland Vineyard - Clara City

Thursday, August 22
KinderKare Tour of Village

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

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
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MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer spotlight recognizes our Mission Sunday volunteers. The organization, planning, and implementation of Mission Sunday is a cooperative effort between the Society and numerous individuals, both local and from afar. For their annual support and deep appreciation of history, this month's volunteer spotlight recognizes our Mission Sunday volunteers. **Congratulations, Mission Sunday Volunteers, and THANK YOU!**

Saron Church In 70th Anniversary

Was Organized November 4, 1870

John Anderson Hage, Lars Blix Schening, Christopher Hanson Gaarder, Peter J. Peterson, Ole Wefsenmoe, Mary Anna Olson, Helen M. Olson, Ole J. Rollefson, Ingeborg Olson, Kittle Angrimson, Even Rogerson Rodeberg, and Olaf A. Hage.

The Rev. E.M. Eriksen was the first pastor and served from 1872 to 1904; M.B. Eriksen assisted his father from 1897 to 1904, and was the pastor from 1904 - 1908, with the

assistance of Rev. O.J. Eriksen.

Other pastors were as follows: the Rev. J. Mortensen, 1908 - 1915; Rev. H.L. Urness, 1916 - 1919; Rev. E.S. Eidesik, 1920 - 1930; Rev. B.L. Opdahl, 1930 - 1939, and Rev. E.O. Urness, 1939 --.

Of these pastors all are living with the exception of the first regular pastor, the Rev. E.M. Eriksen, and all expect to be at the anniversary except Rev. Opdahl, who is in charge of the Bible camp at Green Lake.

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Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday

Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday was held on July 11, 2010. A capacity crowd attended the worship service. It was exciting to see standing room only inside of the chapel, as well as additional individuals listening through the windows! Our worship service was once again led by Pastor Enright Bighorn. The Dakota Ascension Church choir also sang several selections from the "Dakota Odowan". Our featured hymn for the day was "Lac qui Parle" or the "Dakota Hymn". Several additional hymns, as well as the Pastoral Prayer were also done in the Dakota language.

A potluck picnic was held near the dam area. Again a capacity crowd attending.

Our day concluded with guests speakers in the chapel. Elwin Rogers of Moorhead, MN discussion was "On the Trail to Fort Pierre, 1840: A Recently Discovered Journal" and Alan Woolworth of St. Paul, MN presentation was entitled "The Chain of Lakes Trail from Southwestern Minnesota to Two Woods Lake (South Dakota)".



Pastor Enright Bighorn



Dakota Ascension Church Choir



Afternoon Picnic



Afternoon Speaker Elwin Rogers

Challenge 2010

THE CHIPPEWA BANK BUILDING IS NOW SHINGLED!!! It is a huge sigh of relief to have this building now shingled. I believe it was the first one at the Village that ever began leaking before we could get it shingled!

Repairs on the Ice House have also begun. Once again, it seems like this has been the worst one to date! Some 'creative carpentry' was used to shore up the corners. Both door frames, including the sills, were replaced, as well as some siding. We still need to reframe and rebuild the east window, and then finish scraping the building before we can prime and paint. It has been frustratingly slow work!

Work will begin on the Ag Building soon. We will then finish the Millinery Shop and Gazebo, and then we will head out to the Swensson Farm to complete projects on the house and barn.

At the Swensson Farm the house's basement windows need to be glazed and painted, and the lower back window of the barn needs to be repaired. Thank you to Lee Hagemeyer for volunteering to work on this window. We will also wallpaper upstairs.

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** - Repairs are 95% complete! Thank you to Shirley Zurn for helping with this building. We still need to scrape, prime, and paint this building. Volunteers and supplies are needed.

3. ↗ **Ag Building** - This building must be repaired, scraped, primed, and painted. Volunteers and supplies are needed. We also need to move all of the lumber, etc. which sits on the north side of the building.

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**

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 ...

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 agreeing to help with their installation! We have several buildings we will add a name to this year!