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Chippewa County Historical Society cordial invites you to attend ...



53rd Annual

Lac qui Parle Mission Sunday

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:30 a.m. Worship

Worship led by Reverend Enright Big Horn
Special music by the Dakota Choir
Featured hymn "Lac qui Parle"

12:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch

Please bring a dish to pass, serving & eating utensils, napkins, & plates. Coffee & juice provided.

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Program

Featured Speakers:

Rev. Lisa Corum Fox - *"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing: The Story of the Connection of the Dakota Mission to the Abolitionist Movement in Ohio"*

Elwin Rogers - *"On the Trail to Fort Pierre, 1840: A Recently Discovered Journal"*

Alan Woolworth - *"The Chain of Lakes Trail from Southwestern Minnesota to Two Woods Lake"*



From Montevideo - 6 miles N. on US Hwy. 59 and 2.2 miles W. on Chippewa Co. Hwy. 13. For more information on Mission Sunday or the Lac qui Parle Mission, please contact the Chippewa County Historical Society at 320-269-7636 or e-mail us at ChippewaHistory@qwestoffice.net.

www.chippewacohistory.org

Newsletter Via Email

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, which has been **updated with new Heritage Week pictures**, 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. With the rising cost of postage, paper, and fuel, we sincerely thank you for helping us save a nickel here, and a nickel there!

Weekend Hosts

Weekend hosts are still needed for the summer tourism season. At this time we need hosts for Saturday, July 3; Saturday, July 10, and all weekends from Saturday, July 17 through Sunday, August 22.

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 and are looking at a specific date, please contact the office. If you are called and are asked to volunteer, please consider saying yes!

Thank You Weekend Hosts

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

2 days

Bev Lambert

1 day

Vernon Lund

Beth Russell

Wendell & Jeanette Youngren

Ardis & Elroy Dragsten

Phyllis Youngren

Carol Siverhus

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

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.

"Money is a terrible master, but an excellent servant."

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:

Doris Folkestad

Given By:

Paul and Bette Lundgren
Church Window Fund

In Memory Of:

Nancy Setzer

Given By:

Phyllis Youngren
Church Window Fund

Church Penny Fund

1,913 pennies Collected This Month!

Thank you to Glen and Jackie Herfurth of Montevideo for donating 413 pennies (literally). Additionally, memorials In Memory Of Nancy Setzer and Doris Folkestad were received.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,818,843 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 May 31, 2010, we have a negative balance of (\$589.86) which we still need to raise.

Shingle Our Structures

Heritage Week Thank You

No Donations Received

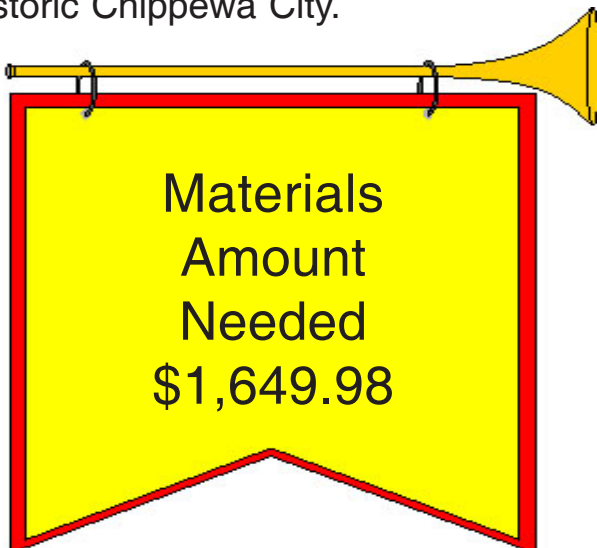
The materials are on hand for the Chippewa Bank Building and if things go as planned, we hope to begin shingling the building the week of June 14. With this last rain we have noticed that the building is now leaking so putting on a new roof on has become urgent!

Our remaining buildings, Fire Hall, School House, and Garage will be completed as needed over the next three years. 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.



Thank you to the following individuals for volunteering during Heritage Week. We had another fantastic event! This program would not be possible without each of you! Thank you again for sharing your time with the school youth!

Teach in the One Room School House

Edna Paulsrud Lowell Hanson
Ruth VanBinsbergen Judy Nielsen

All Four Days

Wally Sletten LaVonne Sletten
Phyllis Youngren John Handeen
Shirley Zurn Vernon Lund
Flying Geese Quilters Carol Westberg

Three Days

Curtis Nordaune Bev Lambert
Donna Kemen Norm Brakken
Ardis Dragsten
KleinBank - Barb Pederson & Jodi Grussiing
Montevideo Fire Department - Dave Saue & Chad Hipler

Two Days

Dr. Tom Birkey Garry Norman
Jerry Tilden Lowell Hanson
Richard Oleson

One Day

Mary Keller Jean Moe
DeLoris Johnson Wendell Youngren
Jeanette Youngren Donna Anderson
Mary Gillespie Patrick Moore
Dixie Tilden Glen Herfurth
Billy Thompson Delores Thompson
Don Maland John Givan
Marlin Schoep Dick Ryman

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Endowment Fund Update

Please Remember To Help Us Fill The Big Jar!



The Endowment Fund is excited to offer a beautiful hand-stitched quilt as a raffle prize. The full size quilt is done in the primrose pattern. Tickets are only \$3.00 each and will go on sale shortly. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Society's Annual Banquet to be held in Maynard. A sincere thank

you to Cheryl Schmieg of Jordan, MN for generously donating the quilt to the Society! Cheryl is the daughter of Marion Foley of Montevideo.



Membership Renewals

Thank you to the following individuals for renewing their membership in the Society as of June 14, 2010.

Individual Membership

Mary Ann Nordaune - Watson
Curt Wilson - Spokane, WA

Heritage Week Volunteers, Cont. from page 4

One Day - continued

Julius Ost	Anita Ost
Marlene Ridens	Lorraine Knight
Vicki Poier	Carol Siverhus
Dennes Borman	Marlyn Slettum
Audrey Erickson	Maurice Erickson
Jim Roe	Sharon Lutz
Edith Brakken	Jackie Herfurth
Fran Bruns	
Nelson, Oyen Torvik Law Office - Doug Kluver	

Provided food items for the lunchline

Phyllis Youngren	Byron Zurn
Nancy Schuller	Harriet Payne
Delores Thompson	Lois Dyshaw
Jackie Herfurth	John Walstrom
Wilma Bosch	Ada Hunstad
Marlene Ridens	LaVonne Sletten
Kathy Knoshal	Carol Siverhus
Nancy Johnsrud	Marilyn Handeen
Maxine Slettum	Rachel Garbe
Kerry Jaspersen	Ardie Dragsten
Shirley Zurn	Jeanette Youngren

Donations Received

Thank you to the following individuals for their generosity to the Chippewa County Historical Society.

Endowment Fund Donations

\$100.00 and under ~ Bill and Barb Homan
- Montevideo

Heritage Week Donation

\$15.00 ~ Christine Andreas - Montevideo

General Donation

\$20.00 ~ Ed Rademacher - Montevideo

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

Thank you to ...

Cheryl Schmieg for donating a hand-made quilt to the Endowment Fund for a raffle;

Dennes Borman for custom cutting ornamental pieces for the Millinery Shop screen door, and to **Shirley Zurn** for priming and painting them;

Shirley Zurn and **Phyllis Youngren** for helping to clean the Village each day after Heritage Week;

Bill Homan for opening the Church and Village Hall for Hope Reformed to use for worship service and a pot luck;

Phyllis Youngren for staffing the office for the Fiesta kick-off event;

Dennes Borman for custom making letters for signs, and **Ardie Dragsten** for priming and painting them;

Shirley Zurn for helping to repair the window screens for the Swensson house;

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

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;

Phyllis Youngren for helping with the Mission Sunday mailing;

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

Wednesday, June 16
Our Savior's Lutheran
Worship & Ice Cream Social
7:00 p.m., Historic Chippewa City

Sunday, June 20
Father's Day

Monday, June 21
Convention & Visitors Bureau
5:00 p.m., Montevideo Chamber

Summer Begins

June 30 - July 8
Director Out Of The Office

Monday, July 5
Independence Day Commemorated
Office Closed
Historic Chippewa City Open 1-5 p.m.

Thursday, July 8
Montevideo Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m., Minnwest Bank

Sunday, July 11
Mission Sunday
Lac qui Parle Mission
10:30 a.m. worship
12:00 p.m. potluck picnic
1:00 p.m. afternoon program

Monday, July 12
Horse Power Event Meeting
3:00 p.m. - CURE Office

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

Tuesday, July 13
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen

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

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 our Heritage Week volunteers. Each year a dedicated group of individuals readily volunteer their time and talents to bring 'history to life' for area school youth! The impact you make on the youth will touch them forever! Whether you volunteered for four days or one day, or provided a salad or bars for our noon lunch, please know how much we appreciate your volunteerism. For your dedication to teaching our youth history, this month's volunteer spotlight recognizes our Heritage Week volunteers. **Congratulations, Heritage Week Volunteers, and THANK YOU!**

Saron Church In 70th Anniversary Was Organized November 4, 1870

The year of 1940 marks the seventieth anniversary of the organization of Saron congregation, in Chippewa county, first named the Wegdahl Norwegian-Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. E.O. Urness is the present pastor.

The organization meeting of the Saron church was held in the home of Bordinus

Anderson on November 4, 1870. The house at that time was one of the largest in the community (12x14). The Rev. N.E. Wikre was selected as chairman and Ole Wefsenmoe as secretary.

Among the charter members were Henning A. Wegdahl, Lars Anderson, Lars E. Vinje, Ola Thomason, Jacob Jensen, Gunder Halvorson, Halvor Peterson, Ringsby, ...

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Heritage Week Photo Recap



*Don Maland
in the Law Office*



*Donna Kemen
in the Post Office*



*Billy Thompson
in the General Store*



*Ruth VanBinsbergen
in the School House*



*Dr. Tom Birkey
in Dr. Burns' Office*



*Donna Anderson
in the Anderson Cabin*



*DeLoris Johnson
in the Ness House*



*Quilters
in the Ness House*



*Curtis Nordaune
in the General Store*



*Iver Lien
Planting
potatoes at
the
Swensson
Farm
Museum.*



Challenge 2010

The rain has delayed all of our outside maintenance projects at this time. We have, however, began repairing the screens for the Swensson Farm house. It has been frustrating, but the moisture is needed. We will now need to 'step it up a bit' after losing a week!

With so much rain the Chippewa Bank building's roof is leaking! We are hopeful that work on this roof will begin this week. We hope to begin on the Ice House as well, and complete it before the end of the month. We will also add signs to a number of our buildings at the Village.

Once that work is complete we will begin on the Ag Building. We then need to 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 we will glaze and paint the basement house windows, and repair one of the lower back windows of the barn. Thank you to Lee Hagemeyer for volunteering to work on the Barn window. We will also wallpaper upstairs and preserve the tombstones in the family burial plot.

Last, but certainly not least, 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** - This building must be repaired, scraped, primed, and painted. 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** - Asphalt Shingles

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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!