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**Quilt  
Tickets  
are now  
available in  
the Gift  
Shop!**

## Annual Membership Drive

For three months each year, the Chippewa County Historical Society hosts our annual Membership Drive. This year we are encouraging all of our members to please share the enclosed membership form with someone you know, to encourage them to become a new member of CCHS! Each new member, and member who sells a membership will have their name put into the drawing for "An Enchanted Evening At The Swensson Farm."



*Back Row: Israel Maus, Marlin Schoep  
Front Row: Tessa Maus, JoAnn Schoep*

and Tessa Maus.

Our meal was catered and donated by Valentino's American Restaurant in Montevideo. Our menu was as follows:

- First Course Soup - Vegetable Medley Soup
- Second Course Salad - Wilted Baby Spinach with Garlic
- Third Course Main Entree - Pork Skewers with Garden Vegetables, Roasted Acorn Squash, and a homemade dinner roll
- Fourth Course Dessert - Honey Baked Apples



We also served wine from Hinterland Vineyards in Clara City as well as freshly brewed coffee. Celeste Suter assisted with serving the meal, and Ardis and Elroy Dragsten and Phyllis Youngren helped in the kitchen.



*Elroy & Ardis Dragsten, Celeste Suter, Phyllis Yuungren*

Please welcome the following new members ...

### **Family Membership**

Israel and Tessa Maus - 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 new members on board:

Carol Siverhus

## **Church Penny Fund**

**10,340 pennies Collected This Month!**

Memorials In Memory Of Richard Macziewski, Steve Macziewski, Donna Coubal, Gayle Waylander, and Harlan Jorgenson were received. Additionally, 3,840 pennies were received in the donation box in the Village Church.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,845,905 pennies. As of September 30, 2010, we have a negative balance of (\$348.51) which we still need to raise.

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

## **Digging Potatoes**

Potatoes were dug at the Swensson Farm on October 3. To date we have sold about 500 pounds of freshly dug potatoes! Thank you to all of the guys who came out to help!



## 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.

*"Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once."*

## 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:**

Richard MacZiewski

### **Given By:**

Scott and June Lynne  
*Church Window Fund*

### **In Memory Of:**

Steve MacZiewski

### **Given By:**

Scott and June Lynne  
*Church Window Fund*

### **In Memory Of:**

Harlan Jorgenson

### **Given By:**

Jean Moe  
Norman and Edith Brakken  
*Church Window Fund*

### **In Memory Of:**

Donna Coubal

### **Given By:**

Scott and June Lynne  
*Church Window Fund*

### **In Memory Of:**

Gayle Waylander

### **Given By:**

Scott and June Lynne  
*Church Window Fund*

# Shingle Our Structures

## Newsletter Via Email

### No Donations Received

Because both metal roofs on the Buggy Shop and Ag Building are leaking, we will need to replace them. This is most definitely an unexpected expense! I will continue to keep the membership abreast of the situation.

In 2011 we will shingle the Fire Hall, and if time and funds allow, the School House will also be shingled. Each of these structures will use asphalt shingles. Our final building to be shingled will then be the garage.

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 **S**ave **O**ur **S**tructures at Historic Chippewa City.



To date over 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 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](http://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

### Quilt Raffle - A CHALLENGE!



Each year, GiveMN.com features a "Give to the Max Day" to encourage donations to non-profits throughout Minnesota. This year's date is November 16.

GiveMN.com is both visitor friendly and secure, and allows users a chance to donate to their favorite nonprofit!

During last year's Give to the Max Day, more than 38,000 donors logged on to GiveMN.com. More than \$14 million was raised in one single day for 3,434 Minnesota non-profits! We received \$1,275.00 in 2009!

This year GiveMN.com is promoting a \$20,000 and \$10,000 grant which will be awarded to the top two non-profits in the Twin Cities and the top two non-profits in greater Minnesota that attract the largest number of individual donors on Give to the Max Day. Remember, this is the number of donors, not the final total of how much is received (the minimum donation is \$10.00)! Additionally, throughout the event, an individual donor will be randomly chosen every hour to have an additional \$1,000 given to the charity that received the donor's original donation.

How can you participate? Use these easy steps!

1. Log onto GiveMN.com on November 16, or use the direct link on our web site
2. Click on donate now
3. Search for our organization – type in Chippewa County Historical Society
4. Click Donate!

Two CCHS members, Elaine Bergo and Marion Foley, have been selling quilt raffle tickets as a way to volunteer for the Society. Elaine and Marion are now challenging other members of the Society to get involved, as they have, and to request a couple books of tickets to sell as well! The Society's Board of Director's has also thrown in an additional incentive to encourage ticket sales .... the top quilt raffle ticket seller will receive **TWO FREE TICKETS** to the Society's Annual Banquet/ Annual Meeting next April (when the drawing will be held)! A \$30.00 value!

If you would like a book or two of quilt raffle tickets to sell, please contact the office. We can either mail the tickets to you, or you can pick them up at the office!



**You have  
been  
challenged  
by  
Elaine  
and  
Marion!**

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

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Thank you to ...

**Celeste Suter, Phyllis Youngren and Elroy and Ardis Dragsten** for helping to serve the "Enchanted Evening" dinner;

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

**Iris Wentler and Shirley Zurn** for working with the slides;

**Shirley Zurn and Phyllis Youngren** for helping with the setup of the "Enchanted Evening";

**Scott Lynne** for installing the lights on the Ag Building, Village Hall, and Gazebo;

**Mike Martin** for helping to move the desks in the School House;

**Shirley Zurn** for staining the Ag Building;

**Phyllis Youngren** for watching the office while we were on the grounds;

**Dennes Borman** for designing the ADA ramps for the Burn's Fur Trading Post, Village Church, Dr. Burns' Office and Blacksmith Shop;

**Dennes Borman and Shirley Zurn** for helping to make all four of the ADA ramps;

**Shirley Zurn** for inventorying photographs, and for reorganizing them the 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

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

**Monday, October 31**  
*Halloween*

**Monday, November 1**  
*Membership Drive Continues*

**Tuesday, November 2**  
*Election Day*

**Sunday, November 7**  
*Daylight Saving Time Ends*

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

**Wednesday, November 10**  
*Prairie Waters Tourism Coalition*  
1:30 p.m. - Appleton Civic Center

**Thursday, November 11**  
*Veterans Day Office Closed*

**Thursday, November 18**  
*Montevideo Community Foundation*  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 25**  
*Thanksgiving Office Closed*

**Saturday, December 4**  
*Christmas In The Village*  
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  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Jim Thein**  
*President*

**Lee Hagemayer**  
*Vice President*

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**Sandy Hodge**  
*City Appointment*

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**Carol Westberg - Gift Shop Manager**

**Delores Veden - Experience Works**

**Shannon Lien - Swensson Farm Sunday Hostess**

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## MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month's volunteer spotlight recognizes our Horse Power Event volunteers. This year we celebrated our sixth annual event! Although the week was a wet one, the day of the event saw bright sun! Volunteers from throughout southwestern Minnesota (and sometimes South Dakota) help to put on this annual event. Workers in the house, barn, and in the field all come together to put on a show that is unsurpassed! For your true love of reenacting history, this month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes our Horse Power Event volunteers. **Congratulations, Horse Power Event Volunteers, and THANK YOU!**

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### Old Dunn Hotel Will Be Razed

Ward's to Combine Main Store and Furniture Annex

The three-story building, the full cost of which has not yet been determined, is to be constructed of brick, tile and steel, and will be of semi-fireproof construction, according to Mr. Hunt.

The hotel will be vacated when

construction begins, possibly in August, as all details of construction and financing have not been completed. It is expected that the new building will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

A landmark will pass with the tearing down of the old Dunn hotel building of which Alva Hunt of Litchfield has been owner of since 1889. *Montevideo American, June 7, 1940*

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## Challenge 2010

It has been a long physical season indeed! The first two weeks of October had us finishing the staining of the Ag Building, making wooden ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps for the Burn's Fur Trading Post and Village Church, and laying concrete ADA ramps for the Blacksmith Shop and Dr. Burns' Office! Additionally, we had to deal with all of the lumber and concrete blocks that were once located on the north side of the Ag Building, we installed the sign and replaced the decking on the ramp of the Ice House, and replaced some railing on other boardwalks! With all of that work being completed, we simply did not have time to finish the Millinery Shop and Gazebo this year.

The floor at the Lac qui Parle Mission has also been completed, and all of our projects at the Swensson Farm are complete, except for the north window in the Barn.

### 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** - **DONE** - 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 and staining 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** - Thank you to Sentencing To Service for completing this job.

### ADA RAMPS WISH LIST 2010

6. ↗ Village Church - **DONE**
7. ↗ Burn's Fur Trading Post - **DONE**
8. ↗ Dr. Burns' Office - **DONE**
9. ↗ Blacksmith shop - **DONE**

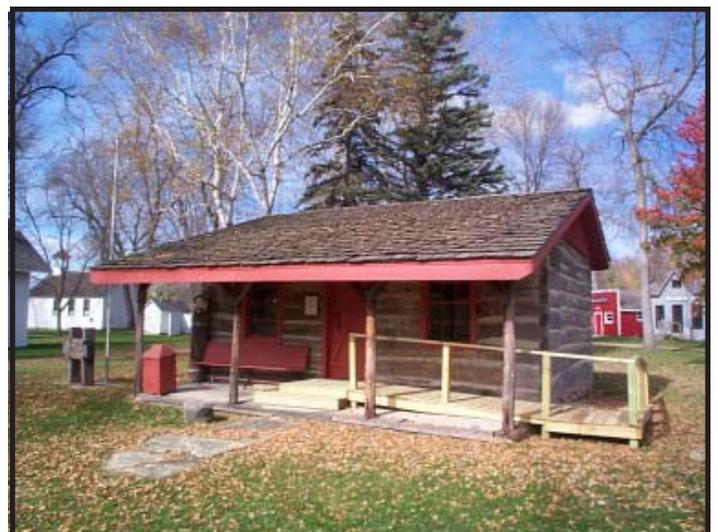
Thank you to Dennes Borman and Shirley Zurn for helping the ADA ramps.

### 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!



# CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

AN INVESTMENT IN OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

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- Photocopy Discounts
- Check out Privileges at the Interpretive Library
- Benefits Begin Immediately and Go Through December, 2011**

Memberships are automatically renewed annually.

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2011CCHS New or Renewal Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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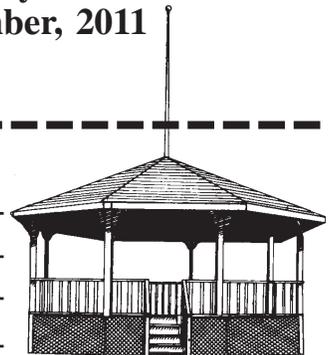
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11 New Dues

11 Renewal Dues

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your membership is evidence of your faith in the  
Chippewa County Historical Society's preservation efforts.

**Making History Together!**