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Quilt Tickets are now available in the Gift Shop!

Busy Summer

As our summer quickly comes to an end, it truly feels as if we have not accomplished a great deal. However, in retrospect, we did accomplish many tasks. Most perhaps look unnoticeable (which is the way they should look) but others are quite noticeable.



We started the summer with repairs to the Ice House. Each corner we

turned (literally) required some innovative repairs. However, the building is now repaired and painted. **All that remains to be done is to hang the freshly painted sign!**

The landscaping in front of the Village Hall was



cleaned and new landscaping timbers and fabric were installed, as well as new wood chips. It is a remarkable transformation! We

also put landscaping fabric and wood chips between a couple of our boardwalk buildings to help with weeds, and in front of the office.

The Chippewa Bank Building now sports a new roof. A new skylight



panel was installed in the Ag Building, and the upstairs in the Buggy Shop was cleaned out. New signs were also placed on several buildings.



Work on the Ag Building is also progressing. It took a great deal of 'man/woman power' to move all of the lumber and other materials

which had been stored on the north side of the building. The repairs have been completed, including the installation of a couple

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new windows and many new batten strips, and the repair of the lower 3' of the north side wall and the front doors. **We are just now beginning to stain the building!**



At Lac qui Parle Mission the floors have been refinished and the pump organ has been repaired.

Several projects have also been undertaken at the Swensson Farm. The tombstones have all been cleaned and repaired, the new wallpaper has been installed on the second floor, the basement windows have been glazed, primed, and painted, the front and back screen doors have been repaired, and the upstairs window screens have been repaired, painted, and installed.



In the office, two additional filing cabinets have been purchased and installed for the photograph collection. As we have been integrating the photographs into our collection, we quickly have realized that the initial four units would not have enough space. **We are continuing to move the photographs into the filing cabinets.** Work on the negative collection continues as well. We are hopeful that there will be enough room in the freezers to accommodate all of the negatives.

And finally, we have done a great deal of mechanical work on the pickup and the Swensson Farm tractor, including a new windshield for the pickup!

In between all of these projects we have organized and implemented the Annual Banquet, Heritage Week, Mission Sunday, and the Horse Power Event, and cleaned up all of the sites. We have also hosted several churches and other groups, and have provided several private tours to organizations and groups.

What has felt like a 'nothing is getting done' summer, has indeed been a very productive one! I have possibly left out a few projects which we have undertaken as well!

Please welcome the following new members ...

Individual Membership

Sandra Smith Dinanni - Minneapolis

Nora Page - Minneapolis

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:

Deanna Olson

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."*

Church Penny Fund

2,047 pennies Collected This Month!

Thank you to John Schulz of St. Paul, MN for donating 1,653 pennies, and Paul Adams of Dawson, MN for donating 394 pennies.

Since the penny drive was resurrected in September, 1998, and the membership updated monthly, the Society has received 1,835,565 pennies. As of August 31, 2010, we have a negative balance of (\$368.98) 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.

Potato Digging

Because the ground was so wet during the Horse Power Event, we will finish digging the potatoes on Sunday, October 3, 2010, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Swensson Farm Museum. We will have both red and white potatoes available. The cost for fresh potatoes is \$2.00 for 5 pounds. Please bring your own bags.

Shingle Our Structures

Office Help Volunteers

No Donations Received

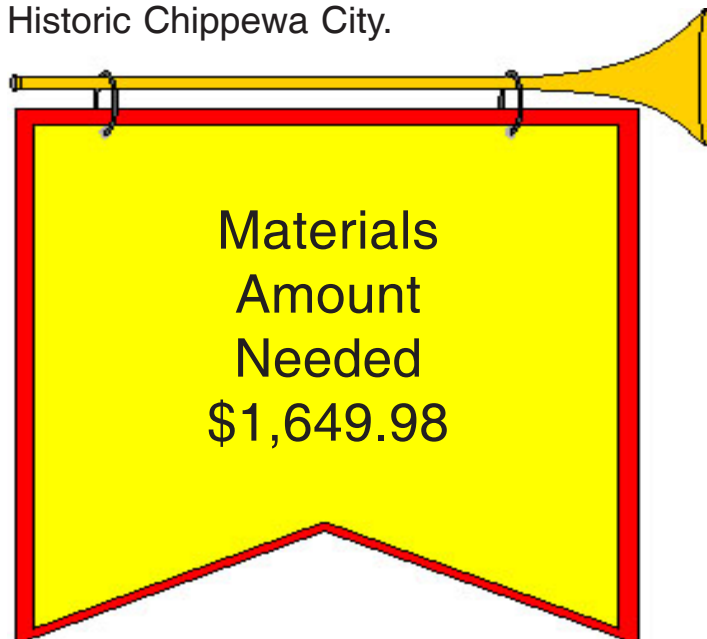
The Chippewa Bank Building is now completely shingled. Some unforeseen circumstances prevented us from shingling the garage roof.

We are, however, experiencing some problems with the metal roofs on the Ag Building and the Buggy Shop. At this time I am unsure of how to proceed, but will keep you updated.

In 2011 we will shingle the Fire Hall, and in 2012 the School House. 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 \$28.00.

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



A tremendous thank you to the following individuals who watched the office while I was either on the grounds, at the Farm, or on vacation.

Mary Keller (2 days)
Ardis Dragsten (2 days)
Lorraine Knight
Marlene Ridens
Deanna Olson
Nancy Johnsrud
Jackie Herfurth

We could not have accomplished all that we did without your assistance!

Thank You Weekend Hosts

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

2 days

Jerry & Dixie Tilden

1 day

Carol Siverhus
Phyllis Youngren
Bev Lambert
Deanna Olson
Larry Larson
John & Marilyn Handeen

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

**Newsletter Via Email?
We Can Do That!**

Horse Power Event

The sixth annual Horse Power Event was held on Saturday, September 11 at the Swensson Farm Museum. Although it rained for two days prior to the Event, on Saturday we were delighted to have bright sunshine!

It is truly amazing to see the Farm 'come to life' for one day each year. A wonderful variety of artisans were located in the home, the barn featured rope-making, children's crafts, displays, and a farmer's market, and in the Moehring Building, blacksmithing was demonstrated. Throughout the grounds horses were working grinding feed, making sorghum, plowing, digging potatoes, mowing, and much much more.

It truly takes an 'army' of people to make this event so successful. Our sincere gratitude to the following individuals for all that they have done, and continue to do, for this amazing event!

Horses - Wally & LaVonne Sletten, Kurt Arner & June Meyerhoff, Dave Finnes, Louis Hinrichs, Tony Laughlin, Iver & Darla Lien, David, Heidie, & Heather Lipps, Ernie & Linda Streich, Jerome & Darlene Timm, Arnold Zempel, Justin Knutson, Philip Sletten, John Carmade, Jeff Timm

House Volunteers - Merideth Brown, Sandy Folkestad, Mary Gillespie, Victoria Hanna, Lowell Hanson, Mary Keller, Lorraine Knight, Bev & Corky Lauritsen, Flying Geese Quilters, Nikki Lowry, Susan Marcinkowski, Roger & Eileen Munsen, DeVona Odegard, Carolyn Olson, Deanna Olson, Kylene Olson, Marlene Ridens, Nancy Ryman, LaVonne Sletten, Agnes Sorlien, Lois

Swenson, Jerry & Dixie Tilden, Carol Westberg, Phyllis Youngren, Jeanette Youngren

Barn & Moehring Building volunteers - Norm & Edith Brakken, Tessa Maus, Richard Oleson, Cory Olson, Mary Jo Prekker, Leslie Rud, Pauline Stranlund, Paul Radunz, Norm Carson, Chippewa County 4-H, Josh Keller,

Front Gate, Potatoes, Photography, Music, Displays - Lee Hagemeyer, Bev Lambert, Larry Larson, Jeffrey Lopez, Curtis Nordaune, Dennes Borman, Jim Thein, Howard Torke, Caroline Zempel, Wendell Youngren, Joe Keller, Shirley Zurn, Juliet Youngren

Set-Up, Cleaning, Mowing, Trimming - Byron & Shirley Zurn, Wendell & Jeanette Youngren, Richard Oleson, Jerry & Dixie Tilden, Elroy Dragsten

Horse Equipment - Draft Horse Club

Picnic Tables & Signs - Richard Oleson, Dave Olson, Ron Schultz, Earl Schultz, Buffy Buseman,

Horse Committee - Draft Horse Club

House & Barn Committee - Dixie Tilden, Mary Keller, Wally & LaVonne Sletten, Phyllis Youngren, Deanna Olson, Richard Oleson

A special thank you to Dixie Tilden for opening and closing the site, and for being in charge of the house and barn the day of the event!

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

Thank you to ...

Byron Zurn and **Elroy Dragsten** for mowing at the Swensson House;

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

Wendell Youngren for helping to do the trim work at the Swensson Farm Museum;

Jeanette Youngren, **Shirley Zurn**, and **Richard Oleson** for helping to clean at the Swensson Farm;

Richard Oleson for helping to set up the Barn and for helping to install the screens at the Swensson Farm Museum;

Shirley Zurn for helping to glaze, scrape, prime, and paint the basement windows of the Swensson house, and for helping to repair both screen doors on the house;

Draft Horse Club members for organizing the horses and equipment for the Horse Power Event;

Phyllis Youngren, **Mary Keller**, **Deanna Olson**, **Wally & LaVonne Sletten**, **Richard Oleson**, and **Dixie Tilden** for all of their hard work to prepare the house and barn for the Horse Power Event;

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

September Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closing for the season September 30

Swensson Farm Museum

Closed for the season

Lac qui Parle Mission

Closed for the season

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

Thursday, September 30
*Historic Chippewa City
Closes For The Season*

Friday, October 1
Membership Drive Begins

Sunday, October 3
Potato Digging
Swensson Farm Museum
1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 7
*Montevideo Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting*
12:00 p.m.

Monday, October 11
Columbus Day Office Closed

Tuesday, October 12
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen

Wednesday, October 13
Prairie Waters Tourism Coalition
1:30 p.m. - Appleton Civic Center

Monday, October 31
Halloween

Saturday, December 4
Christmas In The Village

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 Weekend Hosts. Weekend Hosts staff the Village on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, which allows the site to be open seven days a week during the summer. This would be impossible if not for our hosts! For your spirit of dedication, this month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes our Weekend Hosts. **Congratulations, Weekend Hosts, and THANK YOU!**

Old Dunn Hotel Will Be Razed

Ward's to Combine Main Store and Furniture Annex

Thus Ward's main store and furniture store will be combined, one of the major reasons why W.B. Kost, present manager, and other company officials have desired to change the present location on the corner south of the postoffice. Their present building, also owned by the Hunt family, proved too small for the large volume of business.

The present Ward's furniture store will remain standing, and undoubtedly will include the hotel lobby, banquet room and dining room. Plans for the hotel are as yet incomplete, however. The second and third stories over the entire property will contain approximately 60 hotel rooms, it is stated.

It is expected that Mrs. Winifred Baker will continue to operate the hotel

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Horse Power Event Photo Highlights



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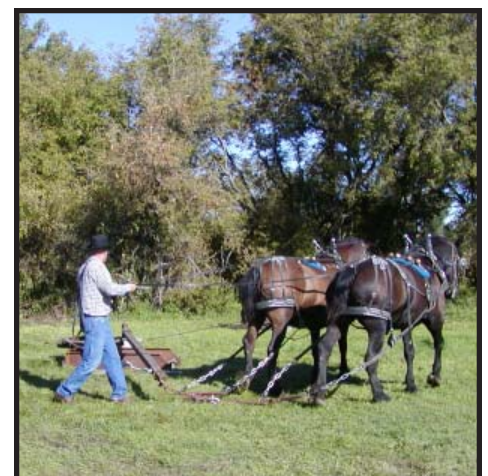
Victoria Hanna



Nancy Ryman



Dining Room



Challenge 2010

With the Ice House complete (except for installing the sign), work began on the Ag Building. The lower 3' of the building was cut off and tongue and groove treated lumber was used to replace it. We used the same method as we had on the Buggy Shop. We needed to replace a couple of the upper windows, as well as repair the front double doors. We reused as many of the old batten strips as possible before custom making the rest to finish the project.

At this time, I am not holding out any hope that we will finish the Millinery Shop and Gazebo this year.

Several projects were completed at the Swensson Farm, including the glazing, scraping, priming, and painting of the house's basement windows. The new wallpaper has been installed upstairs, the screens have been repaired, painted, and installed on the home, (we also managed to find the time to repair the screens on the front and back doors) and some of the primed repairs on the Barn were painted; however, we will need specialized equipment to complete additional painting.

We are still 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 complete. We still need to 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.

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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 - 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!