

Busy 2009 year at Heritage Village

The end of another busy year at Heritage Village. Jugville history is still on the move. We painted all seven of the historic buildings that were moved in from Uncle Sig's in 2008. We are busy moving things around in the buildings finding the appropriate place for everything. We put new carpet in some of these buildings, repaired roofs, and put up shelving. Thanks to all the board members and volunteers who have helped this past year. If there are any volunteers out there to help in 2010, please contact us.

Our fundraisers are still a never ending saga. We need to keep these going in order to remain open and maintain the Village and grounds. We started off the year with a silent auction, chili feed and fish fry in January. In February we had a pancake breakfast and fish fry. March was a fish fry and pancake breakfast. April we held a pancake breakfast, fish fry and a rummage sale with donated items from the community. May brought another rummage sale along with a BBQ lunch and a fish fry. June we were busy with SummerFest. We were in the parade and held a lunch at the Village after the parade. There were merry-go-round rides for the kids with Dupree Masonry, Mattson Movers, and Mike Kilmer Construction sponsoring the rides. Thank you very much to the sponsors. The kids just love to ride the merry-go-round. In July we held another rummage sale, and a pancake breakfast. Slow in August with a pancake breakfast. September was our annual noon dinner for "By Gone Days." Performing that day were Cloggers from Detroit Lakes, Minn. They put on a wonderful show on our stage with their clog dancing. We hope to have them back again. There was a tour of buildings with someone in our buildings talking about the old days. We also served sassafras in the saloon with Gordy Bracken at the guitar. A fish fry was held in October. November we had a pancake breakfast and a fish fry. December is a busy



SummerFest 2009 parade. From left to right: Carol Spale, Verna Sherek, Harold Blanchard and Gordon Bracken.

month for everyone, so we just had a pancake breakfast.

We did a lot of work on our grounds this past summer. We had a line break for our underground power to our new Morton building and west garages. It ended up to be those gophers and we had to replace the lines in pipe to prevent this problem from happening in the future. The shingles on our barn were replaced. Painted the Lanstad Church, and flag pole. These were some major expenses for us, so here we go sending out letters asking for donations to help with these expenses. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated monies to help pay for these projects. It is greatly appreciated.

Also, the house at Uncle Sig's farmyard was painted this past summer. It was in dire need of a paint job.

First United Bank in Adams continues to sell volume 3 and

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By Gone Days 2009 - Cloggers from Detroit Lakes, Minn.



By Gone Days 2009 - Gordy Bracken in the saloon.

Historic Elmwood 2009

Elmwood's historical significance is complemented by the beauty of the natural area on which it is located. Built in 1895 by C.A.M. Spencer, a prominent local attorney who went on to become North Dakota's second attorney general, it was for the next 60 years a home to a number of families including W.C. Treuman, a local abstractor of deeds, who purchased the home in 1901 for \$6,000, and Edith Maxwell and her family who occupied the house from 1927 to 1945.

The next significant date in the history of the house is 1945 when Luther and Mary Nancy Williamson purchased the property. During the next 44 years this large and active family delighted in life in the historic home. In 1985 they had it placed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 1986 they gifted the house and the 20 acres on which it stands to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. At this time the Elmwood Board was formed and with the funds and cooperation from North Dakota Parks the next 24 years resulted in the restoration of this beautiful house.

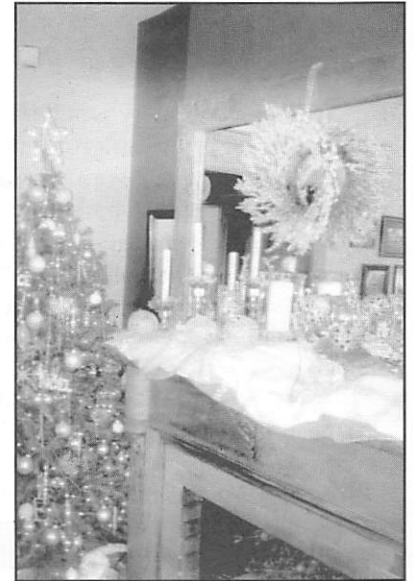
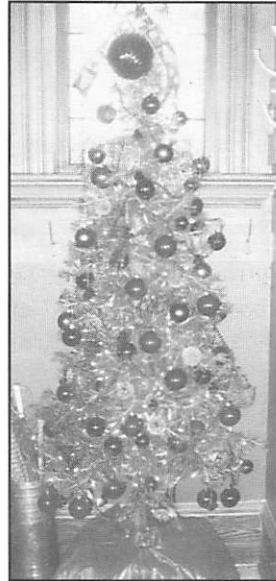
On November 1, 2007, officials from the Grafton Park District, Historic Elmwood Board and the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation met at Elmwood and transferred the deed of the historic home from State Parks to the Grafton Park District. This transfer is "in title only" and enables the Elmwood Board to continue the preservation of this property, the history and memories of its occupants and provides the community with a gathering space to socially enjoy the home and grounds.

The Williamson era came to an end when Mary Nancy died on July 14, 2009. A final reception with her family, Ann, Laurie, Erik, Aaron, David, Susie, and Karl, their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was held at Elmwood on August 29, 2009.

Four events were held in 2009 to raise funds for the ongoing repair, maintenance and operation of Elmwood. On May 16 "Table Extravaganza," a luncheon featuring theme decorated tables was held at Grafton Lutheran Church. Our "Rhubarb Festival" open house held in June during SummerFest, again featured rhubarb desserts. Began in 1991, and always on Election Day is "Spencer's Spaghetti Supper" our most successful fundraiser, and for the second year we sponsored a "Tour of Homes" in December. This popular event is again being planned for this year.

The house has a fully equipped kitchen and is available to rent for parties, meetings, showers, etc. Information is available from the governing board or Grafton Parks and Recreation.

Elmwood Board Members: Judy Evens, Eleanor Iverson, Loretta Moe, Bonnie Mohagen, Mary Jo Olson, Ina Raumin, Beth Rose, Gloria Thompson, Michael Walski, Jeannie Monson.



Elmwood decorated for Christmas.



Display at Elmwood.



Christmas at Elmwood.



Decorated piano at Elmwood.

Walsh County Historical Museum

The Walsh County Historical Museum located in Minto, ND had business as usual in 2009. The gates were opened for school tours in mid May. Students numbering 300+ from around the area enjoyed the main street atmosphere of the past. The children especially enjoy looking at the animals, the old cars, and taking part in the scavenger hunt as they tour each room.

A concrete slab was poured at the north entrance of the quonset. This makes for better accessibility for large display items.

The annual chili cook-off was a huge success again this past fall. There were 18 entries with bowl after bowl of tasty chili. We also had a pie throwing contest and many prizes were given throughout the night.

The museum will come alive once again this summer. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 27, 2010 as we relive the past. The gates and concession stand will open at noon. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. You may tour the museum and the grounds from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be something for everyone, so bring the entire family and enjoy a bit of the past.

The museum will be open each Sunday for the summer months beginning with Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend. Tours may also be set up by appointment.

Officers and board members are as follows:

Curator/Manager

Henry Czapiewski

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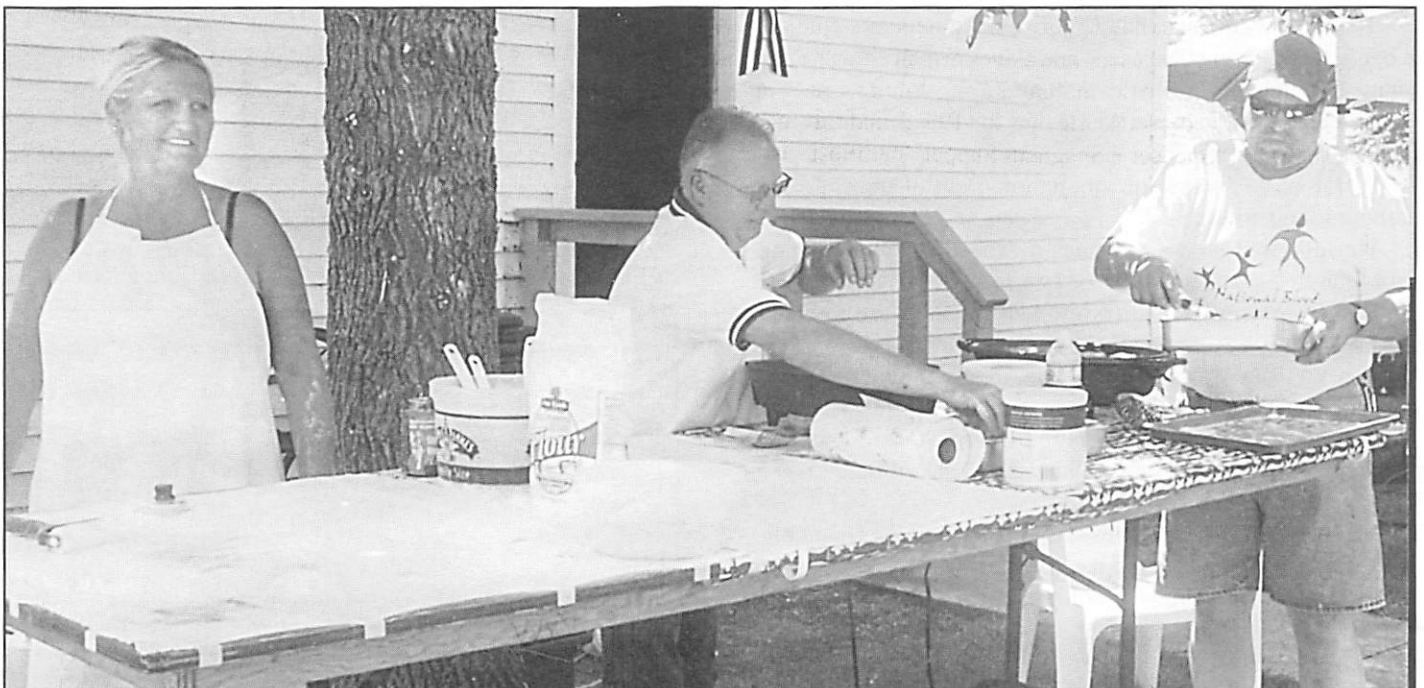
Cindy Jamieson
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Gary Slominski in the saloon.



Art Selseth in the pharmacy.



Left to right: Sheri Wysocki, Ted Anderson and Brian Wysocki making donuts at Museum Alive.

A Wall That Talks

By Eugene Kachena



Mural painting on the Pisek Legion Post 208 building.

A mural that depicts the 10 major wars in United States history can be found on the side and back of the Pisek Legion Post 208 building. Following the completion of a memorial monument on the legion post's property, legion members felt a suitable background was in order. Wanda Lee of Mayville was contacted and after much work and research she formulated the ideas for each of the 11 murals.

The legion members put a new outside wall with cement board attached to the side of the building with two by six boards giving an air space between the wall and the cement board. They also made a false wall a couple of feet behind the back wall so there would be a flat surface.

The murals have a bright yellow background to show off the faceless silhouettes painted in black, yellow, red and blue as needed.

Starting on the side of the building, near Main Street, the scenes depict:

First the Revolutionary War showing citizen soldiers.

Then the War of 1812 shows the ship "Old Ironsides."

The Civil War scene has Union and Confederate soldiers in battle representing the people and slaves displaced while our country's neighbors battled each other.

The Spanish-American War shows the Roughriders at San Juan Hill.

World War I shows soldiers jumping out of trenches and running into battle.

World War II shows airplanes overhead as soldiers jump out of landing crafts to storm the beaches.

Korean War, with soldiers in overcoats because the cold weather was what veterans mostly remembered.

The Vietnam War scene depicts a medivac helicopter and rice paddies along with the soldiers.

For the first Iraq War "Operation Desert Storm" smoke in the background representing the burning of the oil fields as the Iraqis were retreating from Kuwait.

The present Iraq War shows Americans helping Iraqi children, with a helicopter in the background.

The last image shows a soldier at the grave of a fallen friend.

Drivers will get a good view of the mural driving through Pisek on Walsh County Road 15, and coming from the north on County Road 12A.

Sign Posted To Commemorate Mandt

Harvey Tallackson longtime resident of Mandt recently erected a sign noting the location of Mandt, a once thriving farming community located in central Walsh County.

Tallackson's sign is located south of Mandt along Highway 17. The town of Mandt was located, one-half mile north of the Mennonite Church west of Grafton on Highway 17. The main thoroughfare of Mandt is now referenced as 141st Avenue Northeast.

The town of Mandt, according to Tallackson, was named for Peter Mandt, who came to Dakota Territory in 1880 and established the first store in town.

"He was instrumental in having a post office opened at Mandt in July of 1893 and that remained open until June of 1904," he said.

A plaque marks the spot where the Mandt store and auto repair shop once stood. According to Tallackson, the store was built by Ed Herwick in 1902.

"It was operated by several people into the late 1940s. Local people met at the store to visit, buy supplies and play cards," he said. "The garage was moved across the (Park) river by Gust Mastre after it was detached from Mandt Hall, leaving an 18x30 hall."

According to Tallackson, a post office and store was operated in the community. After the post office closed the Ted Daley family operated the store until a fire burned it down in 1931. The present owners of the property are Larry and Ann Pohanka, he said.

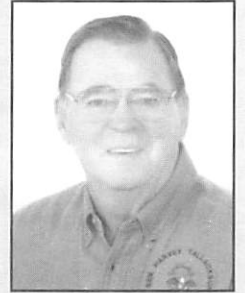
School District 62 was located across the bridge to the north and on the west side of the road, according to Tallackson. The plaque marking the original townsite is currently owned by Richard Nelson and was formerly owned by Ray and Margaret Nelson, the Ole Hagen family and Ed Herwick, he said.

"Mandt Hall was located on the east side of the road until it was moved to Heritage Village in Grafton in 1982," Tallackson said.

(Reprinted from Walsh County Record)



Harvey Tallackson of rural Grafton, known formerly as Mandt, recently erected this sign commemorating the village that was established in 1880 and discontinued in June of 1904. (Photo by Walsh County Record)



Harvey Tallackson

Cest We Forget!

This article is a reprint from the December 1979 issue of the Walsh County Historical Society newsletter. The article was written by Ora Marie Stewart.

"Museum Alive" Celebration Held

By Ora Stewart

The Minto Museum Board played the role of a fairy god-mother and waved a magic wand (not without a great amount of prior planning and hard work, however) on a pleasant Sunday afternoon in July. And the museum became alive.

At the magic moment, 2:00, lines of people began to form at the gate to the museum grounds. During the afternoon over 1,000 persons either watched or took part in an enchanting reenactment of a summer afternoon "way back when."

Sounds of a 1920 jazz tune played on a Victrola, the whine of a cream separator, the snappy tune of an old time fiddler and accordion player mingled with the happy voices of friends greeting friends.

In the yard people milled around a rope-maker and blacksmith demonstrating their crafts; children were wide-eyed at a puppet show, and visitors circled alternate performing groups of young people either doing Polish folk dances or songs and dances chanted by school kids.

The smell of good midwestern cooking mixed with that of brewed coffee came from the cook car where thresher-sized hunks of cakes and other good things were dished up. A cake of the 1930's called Depression Cake was a favorite treat for those who remembered and also for those who did not.

A petty theft took place in the general store. While the clerks were busy selling merchandise a mischief maker swiped a dill pickle. The local constable, who looked a lot like a



On-duty for "Museum Alive" are Frank Schiller, Forest River, chairman of the Museum Board; Henry Lundene, Adams, and Ed Gudajtes, Minto.

Keystone Cop, threw the culprit in the hoosegaw – translation: Conway Jail.

The magic of the afternoon breathed life into every corner of the museum. The reproduced main street stood ready for business. Ice cream cones were sold for a nickel at the ice cream parlor, stick candy at the old drugstore, popcorn from an old-fashioned popcorn wagon, and penny greeting cards from the post office. The mysteries of the cream testing station, the village barber shop, and the mechanical skills used in working steam powered farm machines and those new fangled gas engines were unraveled for the eager crowd.

The dexterity of the homemakers of an earlier time was repeated by today's homemakers when they showed how to braid rugs, quilt, spin, card wool, and paint china.

At 5:00 the magic spell ended. The museum returned to a deep sleep, perhaps to be awakened on another summer's day.

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4 Heritage books. Thank you for doing this for us. Keep up the good work!

The board continues to have fundraisers and is hoping the community continues to support us with these fundraisers. We appreciate all your support and hope 2010 brings us a good year in spite of the economy.

Our current board members are: Dr. Harold Blanchard, president; Ken Hoffmann, vice president; Verna Sherek, secretary/treasurer; Vance Anderson, Gordon Bracken, Jocelyn Lerol, Todd Lerol, Norman Paulson, Vernon Russum and Carole Spale. If there is anyone out there interested in becoming a board mem-

ber, please contact us. We are looking for three to four new board members.

Our theatre building is for rent, no alcohol, by appointment for \$100 per event. Please contact Harold Blanchard at 701-520-1273, Verna Sherek at 701-520-1207 or Ken Hoffmann at 701-360-4096 for more information.

Heritage Village wants to thank everyone who participated in this year's activities and to all those who gave donations. Continued support from the community and individuals is needed to continue the perseverance of the Village.



Uncle Sig's "before paint," 2009.



Uncle Sig's "after paint."

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