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WALSH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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WALSH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Walsh County Heritage Village

It has been a busy year at Heritage Village this year. We started off with Life Line Screening at the village on April 18, 2017. We held a walleye fish fry on April 28, 2017. We had donations of three fryers to help keep up with frying fish, rummage sales, 50th anniversary party, Transystems Job Fair, SummerFest, Valley Cruisers Car Club, wedding at the Landstad Church along with a reception in the theatre building, Farmers Market throughout the summer, fish fry in November, Shop with Santa in December.



We were so blessed in July to have a 42x70 Morton building donated to us by Olaf and Frances Aasand in memory of Hank and Lila Monson. We will be bringing in Uncle Sig's tractors in the summer of 2018 to be housed in this building among other items. Again, thank you to the Aasands for their donation.

The village has been open this winter for remodeling. The main theatre building has been all repainted, flags washed and cleaned up, coat of arms all washed and Karen Anderson repainted about eight of those, new ceiling fans installed, all new lights in the kitchen, new fire extinguishers, exit lights repaired, floors stripped, washed and waxed by Demester Commercial Cleaning, all cupboards in the kitchen washed out and rearranged, lots of items for rummage. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this project.

Other projects at the village this summer are installing ADA (handicapped accessible doors) at the building, total cost around \$10,000. Two floors, one in the Nash Finch building and one in the General Store are caving in and need to be repaired, cost of around \$2,000 per floor; Mandt Hall (print shop) has a sinking floor to be repaired, cost of around \$2,000 and also repairs to the front deck and stairs for around \$2,000; cook car needs to be resided with steel siding (about \$2,000); store fronts on Sig's buildings need repair (\$2,500); bell tower on school needs to be rebuilt (\$1,000); depot needs windows painted, foundation repair, extend the ramp and install railing (about \$5,000); windows, doors and siding repairs to the post office; new door and siding to the jail; paint the caboose; paint the entire bottom portion of the main theatre building; repairs to the Shoults house; concrete floor in the Morton building (\$20,000). Thank you to the county for the bridge planks to repair the bridge.

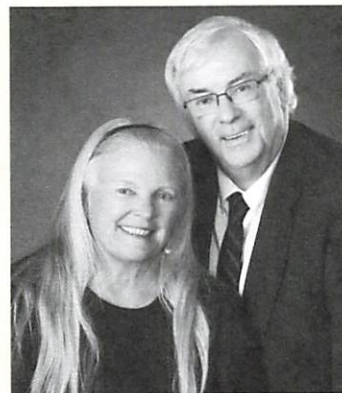
Also, plans are to have a display pad with a gravel base to display the rest of Uncle Sig's machinery that will remain outside.

Daryl Campbell is also on the Veterans Memorial Board. They are currently working on locating the Veterans Memorial on the grounds of Heritage Village to the south facing the highway. This is an extensive project and is about two years out in the making. More information on this at a later date.

We received several donations in 2017 and are very grateful for that. Thank you to everyone who donated monies or who volunteered in any way to help us this past year.

Submitted by Verna Aasand

Harkison, Haug choose Landstad Church for wedding



Diane Harkison, Don Haug

Diane D. Harkison and Don Haug, both former Grafton residents, have chosen Landstad Church located at Heritage Village in Grafton as the venue for their June wedding. Don attended the church when he was a young boy.

Diane is the daughter of the late Blanche and Bob Harkison. Currently a resident of San Bernardino, California, she graduated from Moorhead High School, Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1964 and UND in 1968, earning a degree in nursing. She is currently self-employed as a private professional fiduciary in the counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

Don is a 1964 graduate of Grafton Central High School and retired from Agassiz Enterprises in Grand Forks.

The couple plan to exchange marriage vows June 17, 2017, at Landstad Church. A reception will follow at Heritage Village. Following their marriage, they will reside in Grand Forks, Inkster and San Bernardino.

(Courtesy of the Walsh County Record, May 3, 2017)

A reminder to everyone that there is a website: walshhistory.org that you may visit to find out lots of historical information. You may read about history in volumes one through four. For any other information you may contact Mary Kovarik at 435-262-6288. Heritage Village also has several volumes of three and four for sale if anyone would like some. Please call Ken at 701-360-0088 or Verna at 701-520-1207.

Current board members are: Ken Hoffmann, president; Gordon Bracken, vice president; Linda Restemayer, secretary; Verna Aasand, treasurer and office manager. Directors: Daryl Campbell, Julie Campbell, Norman Paulson, Marlene Paulson, Jean Bodmer, Carol Spale, Robert Zidon, Scott Boura. Members at Large from Life Skills and Transition Center are Darwin Hime and Greg Amb.

Remember the theatre building is always for rent for rummage sales, showers, graduations, weddings, thanksgiving, reunions, funeral receptions, meetings or whatever your needs are. Please call Ken at 701-360-0088 or Verna at 701-520-1207 to book your event.

Heritage Village wants to thank everyone who participated in any way this past year to help out with our projects, and anyone who gave donations. Continued support from the community, historical members and individuals is needed to continue the preservation of Heritage Village and Jugville. We hope to see you all in 2018.

Submitted by Jean Bodmer and Verna Aasand

Walsh County Heritage Village



City Shoe Shop

In the summer of 2018 we will be moving in a garage from Uncle Sig's, pouring a concrete floor and some repairs to the building. This will be made into a shoe shop which will house shoe repair equipment, sewing machines, saddles, harnesses, and leather goods.

Following is a bit of history on the shoe shop. The cost of this project is around \$10,000. If there is anyone interested in funding this project or any donations towards it would be greatly appreciated. Article on the shoe shop below. Also Dennis and Nancy Ganyo bought the city shoe shop in 1982 or 1983 from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bolek. They closed it in 1990.

City Shoe Shop

Before Mr. Franklin Goodman started in the shoe repair business, he served as an apprentice to a Mr. Lindemoen who operated a shoe repair shop in a small building in the area of 600 block Hill Avenue.

Franklin bought the business from Lindemoen and operated a shop in that same spot for a short while.

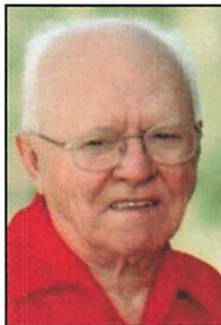
In the early 1950's, Franklin Goodman, as original owner of City Shoe Shop moved to another small building located at 38 W. 6th Street. This building was sold so another move was necessary. The shoe repair business finally located in a converted government granary with an addition attached to the north side of it for Mr. Goodman's shoe repair machinery. This building was moved in 1981 south of the residence of the Goodman family at 1207 Hill Avenue. Along with shoe repair, a canvas and tarp repair business was also instituted. The business continued here for many years until, due to ill health, the business was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bolek in January 1973. On December 30, 1979, after operating the business in this area for six years, the Boleks moved to 209 East 6th Street where they still carry on the business of shoe repair and tarp and canvas repair.

Submitted by Rose Marie Fisher

Daryl and Julie Campbell joined our board in the fall of 2017 as directors. They are our newest members of the Heritage Village Board of Directors and the first members to have second generation connections to the village.

Daryl's father, Ray Campbell, was a board member and president. Daryl remembers going to Sig Jagielski's farm with his dad and grandfather, Roch Campbell, when he was about 10 years old. They often brought items from Campbell Farms to add to Sig's collections. He remembers his dad going to meetings at Heritage Village but not really knowing what he did there. Ray was president during the time gaming was in operation with Jake Jacobson, Julie's father, being the general manager.

In 2017 Charles Stewart asked Daryl to overhaul a skip engine from Sig's. When Daryl had completed the engine and returned it to Heritage Village his interest was piqued and he thought he might be able to contribute to helping Heritage Village.



Ray Campbell

Julie's dad, C.W. "Jake" Jacobson was director and manager of Heritage Village from 1989 to 2005.

Julie spent time at Heritage Village with her and Daryl's two daughters helping grandpa out and later taking rides on the carousel which Jake had helped to secure for the village.

When the time came to clean out Julie's parent's home, there were numerous antiques in the house that the family felt would be appropriately placed at Heritage Village. It was during this process that Julie also became interested in serving on the Heritage Village board.

In the fall of 2017, both Daryl and Julie were asked to serve on the Heritage Village Board of Directors. Daryl has been actively helping with restoration projects at the village and has many more ideas for improvements.

Both Daryl and Julie are enjoying their time on the board, learning a lot of history and interacting with the other board members.

Submitted by Daryl Campbell



Jake Jacobson

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A Bit About the Officers of Heritage Village

President: Ken Hoffmann became president after six years as vice president under Dr. Harold Blanchard, who took ill and passed away in 2012. One of the many duties first and foremost is the preservation and care of the artifacts entrusted to us through donations. This is part of our heritage and must be preserved for our future generations. Other duties include, but are not limited to, funding for the village for the everyday maintenance and upkeep. Many of the buildings have been at the village since the 1970s and are in dire need of doors, windows, siding, painting and general repair. This is done through grants that are available as well as sending letters asking for donations. We also have fundraisers such as breakfasts, fish fries, SummerFest lunch, lunches during Farmers Market and whatever else comes up. These are all the ways we try to raise money to maintain the village.

Vice President: Gordon Bracken became vice president around 2005 under the direction of Dr. Harold Blanchard. Gordy worked along with Harold on the grounds, setting up tours, etc. Gordy loved to give tours to the schoolchildren and also loves to work in the saloon during SummerFest selling BBQ's and sasarilla. He has also been involved in riding in the parade for Heritage Village during SummerFest. He volunteers wherever he can help.

Secretary: Linda Restemayer became secretary of Heritage Village Board in 2016. Her duties are to record minutes of every meeting and present them at our board meetings. Linda does an excellent job in her position. Thank you for your excellent work and all the volunteering you do.

Office Manager/Treasurer: Verna Aasand joined Heritage Village in February of 1990 as a gaming employee, under the direction of Jake Jacobson. In 2005 she became gaming manager, office manager of the village, treasurer of the board, under the direction of Dr. Harold Blanchard. Heritage Village closed their gaming activities in April of

2009 due to a decline in the gaming clientele. Verna oversees a lot of the day to day activities under the direction of current board president Ken Hoffmann. Verna is responsible for maintaining the bookkeeping and making sure finances are available for the projects that come up, payroll, payroll taxes, prepares monthly financial reports, balances bank statements, compiles worker's comp, job service reports, annual Secretary of State reports, prepares grants, prepares 990 non-profit financial for lawyer to file return with IRS, sends thank you cards, prepares letters for donations, schedules events at the village, volunteers around the village making labels, painting, assists groundskeeper outside when he gets behind, sets up for rummage sales, takes care of purchasing for fundraisers for the village and with the help of the board members prepares and serves the meals, lunches for Farmers Market, and many other tasks too numerous to mention.

Verna is beginning her 28th year at Heritage Village. Hopefully if health cooperates she can continue for a few more.

Groundskeeper: With excitement and enthusiasm, Les Aasand jumped at the chance to be groundskeeper at Heritage Village in the spring of 2005 under the direction of Dr. Harold Blanchard. His knowledge of equipment and the love for outdoors sparked his interest in this position. He will be starting his 13th year in the spring of 2018. Les thrives on areas of improvement which has brought him to using more Roundup and all new up-to-date equipment.

First impressions of anyone entering the grounds of Heritage Village is how it looks. Les gets many compliments, and he is just that person taking pride in what he does and is very proud of his accomplishments. He is currently under direction of board president, Ken Hoffmann.

Heritage Village would like to thank Les for his wonderful job as groundskeeper and all the other tasks that he volunteers to help with at the village. Hopefully he will continue to be around in the years ahead.

Walsh County Historical Museum



The theme of 2017 was repairs, repairs, repairs! Some of the projects included sealing the log cabin, priming and painting the old school, replacing basement windows, and repairing the eight foot windows in front of the museum. Then to find out, we had roof leaks on the third floor and between the quonset and old shop rooms. 2018 will be yet another year of repairs.

Our goal for 2018 would be to get a chairlift to the second floor. Several nursing homes have visited the museum only to find out they couldn't go up to second floor, missing the war display, kitchen, wildlife room, the Indian artifacts room and much more. Our second goal is to replace 16 eight-foot windows in the museum and remove the plexiglass used now as a temporary window from the storm of 2016.

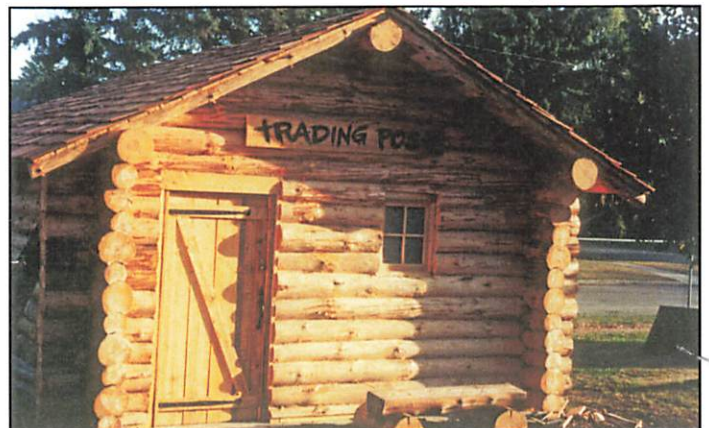
Our museum will have a few new faces on the board. Dexter Sitzer will replace Ron Ophaug, and Shannon Brazil will become co-curator.

The museum will be open Memorial Day until mid-September. Tours are encouraged.

Submitted by Chris Misialek



Years past



Log cabin on museum grounds.

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2018 Walsh County Historical Society Officers

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 Vice President Jared Peterka
 Secretary Mary E. Kovarik
 Treasurer Joe Koehmstedt

Board Members

1-Year Term

Doug Weberg Charles Thompson Chris Misialek

2-Year Term

Harlen Bjerke Wally Ebertowski Dennis Markusen

3-Year Term

John Gudajtes Larry Jamieson Keith Shutt

Committee Members

Newsletter Jean Bodmer/June Selseth
 Membership Jean Bodmer
 Genealogist/Historian Mary Kovarik

Membership Rates

For Life Membership:

74 Years and Younger \$100.00
 75 Years and Older \$50.00
 Annual Regular Dues Per Person \$10.00
 Five-Year Membership Per Person \$25.00

2017 Centurians

Clarabell Demers Age 107 Apartment
 Ethel Torgerson Age 102 Nursing Home
 Mary Osowski Age 101 Nursing Home
 Adelaide Dvorak Age 101 Nursing Home

2018 Walsh County Museum Officers

Curator/Manager Wally Ebertowski, Shannon Brazil (yearly)

Officers (1 year term)

Chairman Jared Peterka (2019)
 Vice Chairman John Gudajtes (2020)
 Secretary June Selseth (2019)
 Treasurer Mike Farder (2020)

Directors (3 year term)

Chris Misialek (2020) Cindy Jamieson (2019) Doug Ulland (2019)
 Les Jallo (2018) Keith Shutt (2019) Tim Nelson (2019)
 Larry Jamieson (2020) Dexter Sitzer (2018) Kathy Langowski (2018)

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