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Eighteenth century voyageur, Jean Pierre Ledoux (Randy Baustert of Elgin, IL), displaying goods brought in by Europeans to trade with local natives for their valuable furs; explaining why the natives wanted European manufactured items and why the Europeans wanted American furs. This is Wisconsin history.

The Past Passed Here

JIM SCHUH, JANEL SEAHOLM & JIM SWANSON

For the 15th year, Allen Park was transformed into French fur trade camps and lumbering sites with re-enactors demonstrating a multitude of activities. This event incorporates period correct clothing, tents, tools and activities into an interactive presentation that seeks to give participants a sense of stepping back in time. The Allen Park site was the actual location of Native American and French fur trade era camps. Later, it was the site of the largest sawmill in the world under one roof.



Jake and Betty Jacobson manning the food booth.

The Past Past Here CONTINUED FORM COVER

Our educational special event was extremely successful and set new records. To date more than 9,000 area fourth grade students have experienced a full-day field trip at The Past Passed Here! We enjoyed great weather, wonderful media coverage and set a public attendance record on Saturday.

To make the five-day educational event successful, dozens of additional volunteers helped with logistical tasks such as working the admission gate and food booth along with event set-up and pack-up tasks. For several years, Marge Hebbring performed numerous co-chair activities! The CCHS food booth, expertly coordinated for the third year by Betty Jacobson, experienced record sales. Cooks included Joe Bowe, Patrick Kurtenbach, Jake Jacobson and Roger Kees. As in past years, Anne Keller recruited volunteers to manage the gate. New this year was a fort-like entrance that was designed and created by Jake Jacobson with help from his wife, Betty. The Lake Wissota Lions Club provided a large tent for the entrance. This additional curb appeal may be one of the reasons a record attendance by

the public was set on Saturday. We are so thankful for the PPH committee that worked on this event throughout the year along with the camp staff, sponsors, re-enactors, and every volunteer who contributed to the on-going success of this event. We could not have done it without you!

FROM JANEL SEAHOLM, Community Resource Coordinator, Chippewa Falls Area School District

The 2018 Past Passed Here was an excellent event to bring knowledge, curiosity, and excitement to over 600 4th graders from the following school districts: Chippewa Falls, Holy Ghost, Cadott, Crestview Academy, Fall Creek, and Stanley Boyd. The Past Passed Here is the perfect event to “bring to life” what the students have learned throughout their Wisconsin History unit. The students loved being able to participate in different activities like throwing the tomahawks and atlatl, playing cat and mouse, sawing logs, and so much more. Students also learned about many aspects of the fur trade including voyageur life, cooking, immigration, family living and different jobs like blacksmiths, lumber workers, farmers, and more.

There were many comments from both teachers and students that the re-enactors were very authentic, which created a high quality experience. The presentations were full of information that added to the material the students have been learning in their classrooms. The re-enactors also spoke very highly of the students and many were impressed with not only the prior knowledge the students had, but also the depth of questions they were asking. So, thank you to the teachers for your incredible efforts every day in the classroom teaching and connecting with your students.

The Past Passed Here 2018 Sponsors:

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On behalf of all of the schools, I would like to say thank you to the Past Passed Here Committee on its commitment to make this event such a huge success for our students. I heard once again this year from many teachers and students that this is their favorite event of the year! The opportunity for students to get this hands-on learning experience that truly engages them, is something appreciated by everyone involved.

FROM JIM SWANSON, *The Past Passed Here Boosway*

“Busy” was the word that defined the 2018 Past Passed Here. We had many new re-enactors attend along with lots of our regular demonstrators. By Tuesday night, Allen Park was full of white canvas and rendezvous implements. Helping everyone find a spot to pitch their lodge and keep the driving access lanes open was a good challenge to have to deal with prior to the school days starting.

Working with the 4th grade students is always fun. TPPH has such a great blend of hands-on activities and learning activities that the kids stay totally focused during the long day. I'd like to send a big thanks to our Camp Cook Laura and her assistant Tammy. The school days schedule is intense so the prepared lunch and break is greatly appreciated by all the re-enactors. On Saturday, the weather was perfect and the crowd was big. It was a great event! I'd like to thank all the re-enactors, volunteers and sponsors who make this such a great event. ♦



JIM SWANSON (Boosway & archery) ❧ **SEAN SULLIVAN** AKA The Mammoth Hunter (atlatl) ❧ ***JIM LINDBERG** (cat and mouse) ❧ **DANNY MEYER** AKA Frozen Toes (hawks) ❧ ***ROD GONT** (paddle race) ❧ ***CHUCK CARD & BILL KROLL** (sawing competition) ❧ **KIM CRAIG** (flint & steel fire starting) ❧ **JUDY RICHARDSON, TERI STAHR & JULIE SOKUP** (souvenir medallions) ❧ ***JIM SCHUH, SKIP AUGUST, DAVE CORDON, JAKE JACOBSON** (lumberjack life) ❧ **WAYNE KREFTING** (Northwest Company Clerk/Trader) ❧ **RANDY BAUSTERT** AKA Jean Pierre Ledoux (Trading between Europeans and Native Americans) ❧ **PHILLIP PALZKILL** (French Fur Trader) ❧ **LYLE MARQUIS** AKA Frenchy (French Fur Trader) ❧ **BARB MARQUIS** AKA Bluebird (domestic camp living) ❧ **MAUREEN & MARK WILBER** (cast iron cooking) ❧ **CAROL CHWALLA** The Pie Lady ❧ **ROSE SUTTON** Nothing Wasted (beading & clothing) ❧ **BRENDA FREES** (clothing & fashion show) ❧ ***DAN WINRICH** Dutchman Forge (blacksmith) ❧ **ROGER HELLESVIG** (Swedish Immigrant with items in a trunk) ❧ **STEVE WARSHINE** (wild foods & trapping) ❧ **KEN LARSON** (spoons & wood carving) ❧ **HANNIBAL HASSE** (trading post souvenirs & toys) ❧ **JERRY LOSS** Nobody's Buziness (candy shop) ❧ **DOTY & TOM NEUENFRLDT** (candle making and sales) ❧ ***TERI STAHR** (tee-pee living) ❧ **ISAAC WALTERS** (bagpipes & fur trade) ❧ **SAUL JAPUNTICH** (saw sharpening) ❧ **STEVE BOGIE** AKA Crow Feather (rope making) ❧ **RAY KNEZ** (muzzle loader rifles & atlatl) ❧ **ANNE KELLER** (French Ancestors) ❧ **PAUL & JOANNE OMAN, SKIP AUGUST** (popcorn wagon) ❧ **LAURA LINK** (camp cook) ❧ **TIM METZGER** Nine Claws (guitar) ❧ **PETER LEA** (banjo, guitar & vocals) ❧ **BRUCE SORENSON & FRIENDS** (fiddle) ❧ **ISAAC WALTERS** (bagpipes) ❧ **JERRY WAY** (guitar & vocals) ❧ **JIM SCHUH** (percussion)

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History Center open every Tuesday | 9 am-4 pm

June 19

9:30 am | CCHS Board Meeting
 Noon | Area History Center
 Birthday Lunch

June 26

9:00 am | Capital Campaign
 Executive Committee
 10:30 am | Historic Marker
 Committee
 1:30 pm | *The Past Passed Here*
 Meeting

July 17

9:30 am | CCHS Board Meeting
 Noon | Area History Center
 Birthday Lunch

July 24

9:00 am | Capital Campaign
 Executive Committee

Aug. 21

9:30 am | CCHS Board Meeting
 Noon | Area History Center
 Birthday Lunch

Aug. 28

9:00 am | Capital Campaign
 Executive Committee

David Raihle, Jr. and Gary Swartz of the Chippewa Area History Center's Capital Campaign, move the monetary tracking saw from \$800,000 to the \$1.3 million mark.



A Message From Your President

This time of year is when I feel The Chippewa County Historical Society meets its mission head on. The Society's mission is to Collect, Preserve, Interpret and Share the rich history of Chippewa County.

The Past Passed Here has just "Shared a rich period of Chippewa County history" with 600 fourth graders. Jim Schuh and Marge Hebring and their committee have just put on one of the best and largest TPPH's in its fifteen year history. This issue of *The Eagle Speaks* covers what went on in Allen Park for five days. I treasure my three days talking with the kids about lumbering in the Chippewa Valley. Thank you to everyone involved.

February 12th we held our bi-annual membership meeting. David Tank, an award-winning author and photographer, talked about his book, "Postcards from the Past: Then and Now Pictures of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin." He has found historical postcards and then taken a current picture from the same location as the historical postcard. They are fascinating. Also at the meeting, Jim and Mary Erickson and Anne Keller were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Mobile Lumberjack Museum was on display during Springfest at the fair grounds for three days in April. It was a chance to talk with visitors about the lumbering days in the Chippewa Valley.

Lots of work is going on to enable the Chippewa Area History Center project to build a new museum and history center. The property on the east side of our new museum site went up for sale. We were able to purchase that property for our use. The Tree sign at the new building site indicating the progress we have made in raising funds for the proposed museum shows the two-man saw moving up the measure to the newly achieved level of \$1,300,000. Design of the building continues by the architect from CBS². The Building and Exhibit Committees continue their work on the project.

The Society continues to take an ever increasing role in Chippewa Falls and Chippewa County. Stop by and say Hi! *Dave* 🐾



In February at our bi-annual membership meeting, Anne Keller and Jim and Mary Erickson were inducted into the CCHS Hall of Fame. Awards were presented by Dave Gordon.

Chippewa Area HISTORY CENTER



Total Campaign Goal: \$3,500,000
Construction begins at: \$2,450,000

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As explained in the "Donor Recognition Plan", we are printing only the names of those gifting \$100 or more to the Capital Campaign.

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NEWS FROM THE PAST

\$250 Diamond Found In Chicken Gizzards

AUGUST 28TH, 1926 – ARCHIVES OF THE CHIPPEWA HERALD

Alvin L. Krause, proprietor of the Krause Cafe, 307 Bridge St., believes chicken gizzards are diamond mines and none will be permitted to pass him hereafter without close scrutiny. Yesterday he found a diamond set worth \$250 in the gizzard of a chicken he was cleaning at the cafe.

Mr. Krause has found many things such as stick pins, dimes and other articles that a chicken is known to devour to aid in food digestion that he paid little attention to the finding of a diamond set until the work of cleaning chickens had been completed. Then he picked up the unusual looking object and wiped it off with a clean rag. It sparkled. More rubbing, more sparkling. Then for a jeweler.

Calling Keith Lucas, jeweler at P.A. Brunstad's over the phone to the café for lunch, Mr. Krause presented him with the odd product of the gizzard for inspection, and with the eye of an expert, Mr. Lucas saw an unusual value in it and took it to the store, directly opposite the café. Mr. Lucas treated the object to further cleaning and examination and then hurried back to the café—but not to eat the lunch. "Gad man, do you know what you found?" he asked. In the excitement he forgot all about the lunch set out for him. Then the sparking beauty appealed itself to Mr. Krause.

He could hardly believe the news and the two men took the diamond to Mr. Brunstad, expert on diamonds and valuable stones, where it remains today. Mr. Brunstad made a thorough examination and pronounced the one in hand a perfect diamond of the blue and white variety, and placed a value of \$250 upon it.

How the diamond had gotten into the chicken is thus far the matter of conjecture and various suggestions have been offered. It was taken from the gizzard of a common farm chicken purchased from the Star Meat Market at Grand Ave. and Duncan St., conducted by G.A. Marquardt. The theory that the diamond might have dropped from a ring or pin belonging to the farmer who sold the chicken to Mr. Marquardt was dispelled when it was considered that farmers are not accustomed to wearing such expensive diamonds as this one. Then arose the possibility that a stockman might have possessed the valuable stone and lost it at a place where the chicken could have found it. Stockmen have been known to wear heavy diamonds.

Mr. Brunstad had a more feasible idea and suggested that the diamond might have been lost by a miller in a mill where chicken feed had been ground. Mr. Brunstad furthered the possibility by explaining that a real diamond could be run through the grinders of a feed mill without being damaged, and with the theory that a miller had lost the diamond, the matter was permitted to rest and no further suggestions have been offered.

Asked today what he expected to do with the diamond, Mr. Krause said he had not decided. "Perhaps the man who lost it may appear and claim it, and in the event he does not, I may decide to sell it or have it made into a pin. It all depends." ❦

Note: A diamond valued at \$250 in 1926, would be worth approximately \$3,443 today.

Time Capsule: The Chippewa Herald

Beginning last September the Area History Center, comprised of the Chippewa County Historical Society and the Chippewa County Genealogical Society, began partnering with the Chippewa Herald newspaper to highlight our wonderful historic photo archive. As of the writing of this newsletter thirty-four photos with articles have been published. Our February newsletter listed the first 19 and below are the next 15.

These can be seen online at:

- <http://chippewa.com>
- www.facebook.com/ChippewaAreaHistoryCenter
- www.facebook.com/ChippewaCountyHistoryCenter

These are the topics of the first Time Capsules features:

- Jean Brunet
- Chippewa YMCA – First location in Chippewa Falls
- Post Saloon - Bloomer
- Chippewa Bait-O-Mat
- Senator Wiley Meets JFK & LBJ
- Stillson School
- Chippewa Woolen Mill
- 1941 Chi-Hi Boys Basketball Team
- First Piano in Chippewa Falls
- Holcombe Indian
- Duncan Creek Flood April 1934
- Joseph & Mary Hebert Farm – 162 years
- Chippewa Falls Public High School Boy's Tennis Team 1941
- 1905 Duncan Creek Flood – River St. Bridge
- Remembering the "Ice House" on Glen Loch
- May Day in Eagleton – Liehe Store – Charles Liehe family ❦



COUNTY NEWS

Stanley Area Historical Society

DAVID JANKOSKI, PRESIDENT

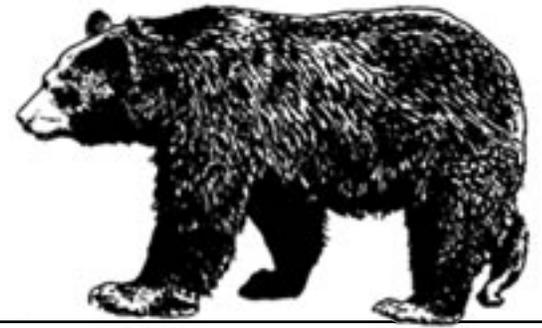
We are ready for a June 2 opening as our volunteer workers have gotten rid of the dust, dirt and bugs that have accumulated over the winter months. The group digitizing our collections have recently been photographing our men's clothing and continue work on our extensive picture collection.

Our annual meeting held on Saturday, January 20, included a recap of having had another good year in 2017. It was noted that with the assistance of over 50 volunteers, we are able to be open on all Saturday's and Sunday's 1-4 p.m. during June, July, August and September.

Due to a successful fundraising effort, we are in the process of having our local newspaper, The Stanley Republican, from 1896-2004 digitized. This is being done through the Wisconsin Historical Society. When the project is completed, the newspapers will be searchable and available on the Internet via Badgerlink. Rivers Edge Metal Roofing of Withee put a new metal roof on our Logging and Farming Building in April, at a cost of \$9,700. One other major project beginning is converting the museum's lighting to LED.

Our North Gallery will be taking on a new look in 2018, as the exhibit area changes to featuring the west side of our downtown 1st to 4th Avenue, as it was in the 1950's and 1960's. Our South Gallery also will feature a major new exhibit of the Northwestern Lumber Company and its various enterprises. A grand opening of this exhibit will be held the weekend of June 23-24.

We invite all of you to visit us during June, July, August and September on Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m. And we look forward to hosting the Clark County Historical Society semi-annual meeting on November 3. ♣



New Book Coming: Irvine Park — The Bear Facts

ANNE KELLER

The building project for the new Historical Society and Genealogical Society "home" is underway. The "Dam Story" book about the (now Xcel) dam and the reservoir it created, Lake Wissota, has been very well received. All of the profit from the sale of the book is going to the new building fund. So, when people asked "what's next" from the authors Jim Schuh, Donna Bourget, and Anne Keller, a blank stare soon became ... "Irvine Park." A compilation of the various aspects of this magnificent park, a gift to the city by William Irvine and The Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, is underway. Publication is expected by mid-summer, and all of the profit will again be directed toward accomplishing the new building. It will be titled "Irvine Park — The Bear Facts," and will include all the neighborhood parks. ♣

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**GENEALOGY
CORNER**

GARY SWARTZ, PRESIDENT

For the 15 years I have been part of genealogy, we have been looking for someone to take over the county's old country school records. Being a fan of these old buildings, I decided to look into them last year. At the courthouse I picked up a county road map and started pouring over old plat maps for the school locations. As I found them, I added a numbered dot to the road map with the name of the school and district number. A data base was then made for each township that included old Town Halls, abandoned towns, Post Offices, churches, cemeteries and any other items of interest. Not knowing what was left at some of those old sites, I visited them and took photos if a building was still standing.

I digitized the school records so they would be backed up in a format easy to handle and I could work on them at home. So far, I have found 224 locations with 50 still standing as homes or empty buildings and another 17 that could be old schools. Many of the later buildings had several classrooms—not just the one room.

In the mid 60's, old country schools were being consolidated and many of them became Town Halls, churches, farm buildings, or just abandoned. Quite a few were moved to new locations.

In April, I started a Facebook page called Rural Schools of Chippewa County Wisconsin. It features a "School of the Week" with photos, locations and a short description of the old school. Please feel free to add any memories, photos to the page and additions/corrections to the Township maps as there are still many unnamed schools out there. And thanks to those who have already sent in photos and stories. We will scan any documents if you wish to keep the originals.

Together, we can help resurrect and preserve the precious memories of those old places of early learning that meant so much to many of us. ♡

(if we have missed anyone please let us know)



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CCHS—Remembering Pat Ahneman



Just as our last newsletter was going to the printer we lost another dedicated, long time volunteer. Pat Ahneman had a wide variety of interests and volunteered in many capacities however it was her sense of curiosity, her love of learning and her even greater love of sharing what she learned that led to her performing as one of our main docents. Pat enjoyed her tour giving duties for 20 plus years, until due to health reasons it became too hard for her to climb our 4 flights of stairs. Pat was always on the look out for new information and new artifacts. Luckily at one point we taped Pat giving a tour and had the tape transcribed so

future docents can continue to benefit from Pat's knowledge. We miss Pat's enthusiasm for learning and for teaching but mostly we miss her friendship. ♡

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