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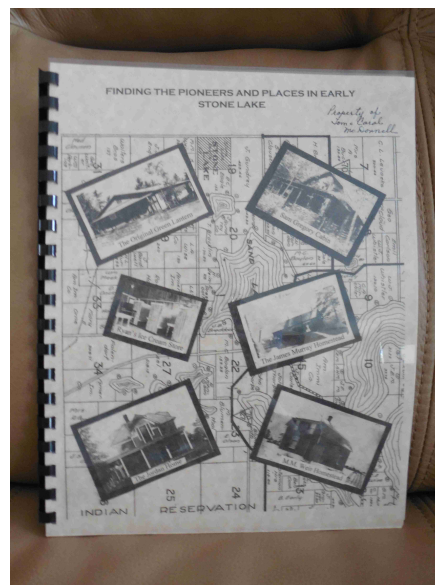


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“PIONEER PEOPLE AND PLACES IN EARLY STONE LAKE”



This year, realizing that Stone Lake is steadily losing its brave pioneers and their offspring, a special project was undertaken by the historical society. A very serious effort was made to document the location of original pioneer homesteads, and provide location maps and details on each homestead and family. In this new book, “Pioneer People and Places in Early Stone Lake” (book cover pictured above), Stone Lake’s earliest families, 67 in Washburn County and 68 in Sawyer County, have now had their first home site described by section, range, and township, and located by number on a series of 1915 and 1919 plat book pages. The details on these pages make it possible to walk, bike, or drive to the original location of 135 different pioneer homesteads, as well as the oldest schools, resorts, businesses, churches, and other Stone Lake landmarks.

The first printing of the book sold out in two weeks, and we apologize if you were not able to purchase one for your family. A second printing has now been completed and is available at \$15 per book if you are able to pick it up in Stone Lake, or \$17.50 if it must be mailed to you. And, if you are planning to give one or more of these as Christmas gifts, call Connie Schield and she will help you make arrangements for purchase. Her phone number is 715-865-4940. (See order form on Page 7 provided for your convenience.)

NOTE: For those of you who will be able to purchase your books in Stone Lake, Stone Lake Home and Hardware has them all the time, while Red Schoolhouse Wines and Betty Lou will have them until Christmas

DOCENTS PROVIDE GREAT HELP TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Docents Doug Strand and Hugh McNamara (pictured above) fulfilled two special needs for the historical society this past summer. Doug, born and raised in Stone Lake, helped us verify facts on, and locations of, many of our pioneer homesteads for the new book.

This was very valuable help, and we sincerely thank you, Doug.

Hugh, a summer resident on Big Sissabagama since 1965 and a retired Chevron executive, brought us a \$500 financial gift in a unique way. Under Chevron's matching gift program, by working 20 hours as a docent in our museum, Hugh earned a \$500 gift for the charity of his choice. Luckily, Hugh chose the Stone Lake Area Historical Society, and this is not the first time he has done this. Our very sincere thank you to both of these special people and to Chevron as well!



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FAMILY OF MARIE LANGHAM **"GIFTS" MUSEUM**

The museum will have another beautiful new display unit next spring, thanks to gifts given to the historical society in memory of Marie Langham. Marie was 98 years old at her passing on September 24, 2015. As a young lady, she spent several years as a teacher prior to her marriage to Roger Langham. She taught at the Rainbow School, the Yarnell School, and the Hauer School, where she was allowed to finish out the school year but could not continue, as married women could not serve as teachers in those days. Marie was born and raised on the family farm, the daughter of William and Alice Boylan, two of our early pioneers. Marie was a much-loved

and respected charter member of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society. We send our appreciation to the family for this special gift in Marie's memory.

**ANTIQUE RAILWAY EXPRESS
LUGGAGE CART COMES TO LIVE
AT MUSEUM**



Thanks to Jeff Dejewski, an antique Railway Express luggage cart (pictured above) has joined other railway memorabilia at the museum complex this year. It was unveiled on Docent Appreciation Night and then moved to its new location, right in front of the freight door of the depot/museum. It has been taken into storage for the winter, but will appear again when the museum opens for the season on May 27, 2016. Thank you, Jeff, - and thank you, Tom, for the nice restoration work!

**DOCENT APPRECIATION NIGHT
ENJOYED BY VALUED VOLUNTEERS**

Each year, in September, a night is set aside to honor our very important volunteers and docents. Our docents are those folks who keep the museum open for visitors on Friday,

Saturday, and Sunday of each year, while our volunteers are those who serve in many other important ways. For instance, did you know that our museum has a "mouser"? He is the fellow who faithfully sets up a trap line in the museum each winter, and checks it regularly to be sure no mice have gotten inside to damage our displays!



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**2015 CEMETERY WALK WELL-
ATTENDED ON BEAUTIFUL
SEPTEMBER SUNDAY!**



Thorleif Jon Kjelstad is shown presenting the history of the Kjelstad and Simonsen families at the 2015 Cemetery Walk

Although the 3rd Cemetery Walk was in competition with a Green Bay Packers game this year, nearly 100 people came out to enjoy the experience and the fellowship. Featured

pioneer families were Kjelstad-Simonsen, Thibedeau-Lubben, three Kubnicks, Gregory, Gundry, and Jordan. Several of the presenters of these family histories were descendents of the original pioneers. Steve Trude and Steve Kozac did a great job again providing the music, the refreshments were enjoyed by all, and the Cemetery Books were popular purchase items, as it seems they have become collector's items. There are no 2012 books remaining, but the 2015 book is being offered at \$8, and the 2013 book can be purchased for \$5, so if you would like to have a copy, please see the Cemetery Book Order Form on page 7. The featured pioneer families in the 2013 book were the Quinn, Langham, Davis, Metcalf, Walter, and Henk families. The 2016 Cemetery Walk will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery.

HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER On MAY 7, 2016

A special invitation to the community: please place this date on your 2016 calendar. This delicious spring dinner will be held on the first Saturday in May, 2016, at the Stone Lake Fire Hall, and is the historical society's spring fund-raiser. Specific details as to activities also on the menu that evening will follow in April's newsletter. Remember, Saturday, May 7, 2016, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. See you there!

CABOOSE IN PARADE A BIG HIT



Thanks to our driver, Dave Derring, who not only drives the vehicle that pulls the caboose but also stores it for the historical society all year. We were again able to join the fun and take our place in the Cranberry Festival Parade. Zooey Ozee is shown waving and cheering folks as the float travels down Main Street. Other passengers in the caboose were Molly Geraths, Sam Geraths, and Natalie Chance.

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CRANBERRY WINE BY THE GLASS

Three years ago, the Cranberry Fest committee offered the Stone Lake Area Historical Society the opportunity to operate the cranberry wine booth on cranberry corner during the festival. We were up to the challenge!

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Over these past three years, a great group of volunteers has earned a total of approximately \$4,200 for the historical society by annually popping the corks on 15 cases of cranberry wine! This year we opened the booth around 8:30 AM and were out of wine by 2:30 PM. We offered our customers cold wine and warmed mulled cranberry wine. Even with the spectacular weather this year, most of our customers wanted the hot mulled wine!

Our volunteers work in teams of two hour shifts and make this fund-raiser possible! Volunteers this year were Jeff Dejewski, Geri Jacoby, Fran Gretz, Will and Sandy Ferris, Patty and David Van Landschoot, Waldo and Irene Asp, Bob Gillette, Craig Baldridge, Shirley Fischer, Janine Zeuschel, Barb Derring, Steve Welk, Michael and Christine Maestri, and Cathy Sommer Holz. Great job, crew! A big THANK YOU to all of you who support this effort by buying a glass of cranberry wine!

DEPOT/MUSEUM GETS FACE LIFT



This summer, Tom McDonnell could be seen scraping, priming, and painting the front of the museum. Thanks for a job well done, Tom!

ENTIRE MUSEUM COMPLEX GETS NEW LIGHTING



Jake Meyers putting 86 new LED bulbs into the light fixtures

Thanks to a new program through Xcel Energy called “Focus on Energy”, our museum has now been completely switched over to LED lighting! These lights are very low cost to operate, give off little heat, have an estimated 20 year life span, and produce no ultra violet light. This new lighting will give added protection to our valuable displays as well as cut the cost of bulb replacement and electrical bills.

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STONE LAKE GARDEN CLUB FLOWERS AT MUSEUM ENTRANCE

Those of you who visited the museum this season were treated to a beautiful display of flowers that seemed to change every time you saw them. The garden is never the same from May to October. Dedicated members of the Stone Lake Garden Club water and remove weeds, deadhead and re-plant so that this garden is always full of wonderful surprises. A big THANK YOU to everyone who cares for this special garden!

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

Saturday, May 7, 2016: Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner to be held at the Stone Lake Fire Hall from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Friday, May 27, 2016: Stone Lake Museum Complex opens at noon for the season. Hours are noon to 4:00 PM each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through October 1, 2016, when the museum complex closes for the season.

Sunday, July 10, 2016: Pie & Ice Cream Social at the Stone Lake Lion's Park from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Live music and a good time for all ages!

Saturday, August 6, 2016: Stone Lake Museum Complex OPEN HOUSE from noon to 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, September 8, 2016: Docent and Volunteer Appreciation Evening. Time and location to be determined and will be included in April, 2016 newsletter.

Saturday, September 10, 2016: The fourth Cemetery Walk at Stone Lake Evergreen Cemetery from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Music, refreshments, and activities for all ages.

Saturday, October 1, 2016: Visit the historical society's "Wine By The Glass" booth during the exciting Cranberry Festival in Stone Lake. The booth is located at the top of the hill on Main Street, near the Lion's Hall. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and lots of help is always needed and appreciated! Later that same day, at 5:00 PM, the museum complex closes for the season.



NEW AND INTERESTING DISPLAYS TO BE FEATURED IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

Did you know that Del Stoll recently brought us a rare silk "Escape and Evasion Map" which is now framed and on display? Also, John Montgomery brought us the Clawson family bible. In the center of this bible is a wonderful history of this pioneer family's special occasions for all to enjoy! Watch for more information on museum treasures in the April newsletter.

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(Membership is from April 1 to April 1 each year)

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Please call Connie Schield, 715-865-4940 to arrange for home delivery or special mailing.

I would like to purchase an Evergreen Cemetery Walk Book :

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☐ for the year 2013 at a cost of \$5.00

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