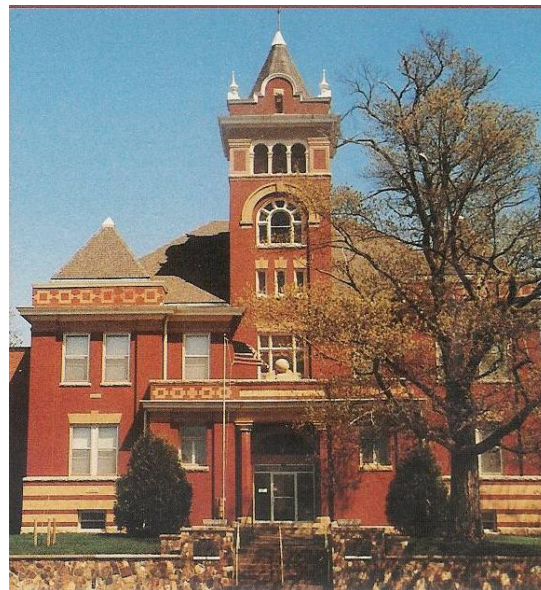
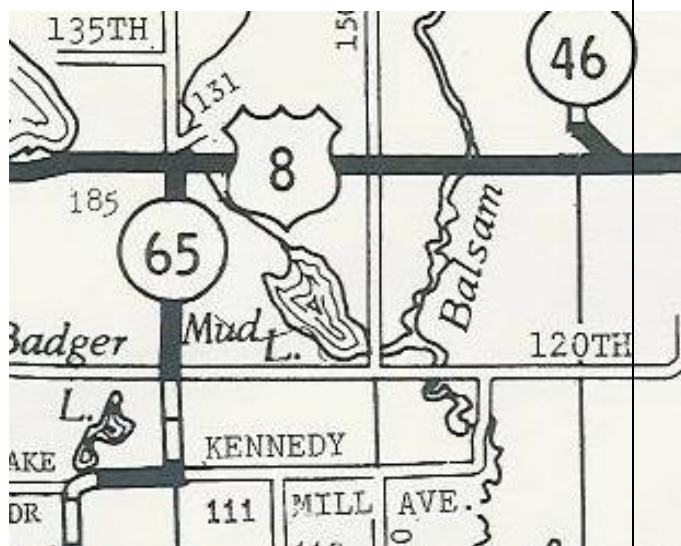


THE COUNTY CHRONICLER

Polk County Historical Society

Native American

July 2007



TUESDAY 6 p. m. JULY 24
POT-LUCK PICNIC
KENNEDY PARK

Bring your own utensils
Coffee & lemonade available

Speaker
Native American Friend
of History
Chief Dan Mosay

Chief Mosay is third generation Chief of the St. Croix Band of Ojibwa following his brother, Wayne, his father, Archie Mosay, and grandfather, Mike Mosay.

POLK COUNTY MUSEUM
HOURS
Memorial Day through Labor Day
12 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tours available by appointment
(715) 485-9269

LOOKING AHEAD
August 18
Big Band Dance

August 28
Rocks with Gladys Wickert

September 25
Early Canoes with Phyllis Knutson

October 23
Christmas in October

OSCEOLA STUDENTS WRITE & DRAW



I really enjoyed your presentation.
The drum is awesome!

Thank you for telling us about your
tribe and the Wolf Clan.

I liked the story about the peace pipe.
I never knew that there were so many
cultures. I enjoyed learning about
your culture.

I really like the head dress and the
drum. I liked the feathers and the
colors.

I think the pipe is very neat and cool!

MADELINE ISLAND OPPORTUNITIES

[Connecting Cultures: Exploring the Lake Superior Fur Trade at the Madeline Island Museum](#)

Jul 21 - Jul 22 Educators, living
history re-enactors and fur trade
experts demonstrate the lifeways of
the 18th-century fur trade.

[Traditions and Transformation: Celebrating Ojibwe Art and Lifeways](#)

Aug 4 - Aug 5 Ojibwe educators will
demonstrate the traditions and
customs of northern Wisconsin's
indigenous people. Carl Gawboy and
other contemporary Indian artists will
show their works connecting the
present to the past.

[The Food That Grows on Water: Gathering the Wild Rice](#)

Aug 18 - Aug 19 Demonstrations will
reveal how wild rice is gathered and
prepared. There will be samples of
wild rice and a film presentation on
the annual harvest.

[Anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty of 1854](#)

Sep 29 - Sep 30 This open house for
Ojibwe tribal members honors the
Treaty of 1854 with an exhibit from
the Great Lakes Indian Fish and
Wildlife Commission.

**OJIBWA FAMILIES
BALSAM LAKE**



**OJIBWA INDIAN CAMP
BALSAM LAKE**



If anyone knows anything about these pictures, please let us know.

THANK YOU

We give our thanks to Ralph Weber, our June speaker, for the relaxing evening of viewing with old stereo viewers. Ralph has a book repair business in Clear Lake.

**Celestine Rare Book Conservation
Service
385 1st Avenue
westdale@centurytel.net
Clear Lake, WI 54005
715-263-2146**

MUSEUM NEEDS:

- AA & AAA batteries
- Four-foot Fluorescent light bulbs
- Bounty paper towels
- Ink cartridges used and new
- Air purifiers

For the 50's display:

- Blond Formica step-down end table
- Working jukebox
- Jewelry
- School year books

Are you able to sit at the desk and welcome visitors at the museum?

The best way to appreciate the museum is to hear the wonderful the visitor's wonderful comments.

POLK COUNTY FAIR July 26-29 St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin

Visit the Little Red School House and see:

- Luck – Logging & Tools
- Lakeland Communications – Communications through the last 100 years
- St Croix – 100 Years of NSP
- Indianhead Gem & Mineral – Local Rocks
- Children's Activities
- Old photo display

Long-time friend of the museum, **Pearl (Carlson) Chinander Jensen** passed away June 10, 2007. Pearl was born September 15, 1915 in Osceola Township to Henning and Ruth Carlson. Willis Erickson often came to the museum after stopping at Pearl's home with items that she gave him for the museum.

The museum's Victorian garden has a new, improved look. It is larger and better than ever with a gently-curving brick walkway leading you through. Rosalie Kittleson and Marilyn Reiten deserve the credit for the love and care put into this project. They are looking for more perennials so let them know if you could donate some. The East Lincoln School bell which Carter and Joyce Dedolph donated will soon be in place.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Now in it's 70th year)

The Polk County Historical Society was organized and incorporated at Balsam Lake in 1937. The organizers were Harry D. Baker (1874-1970), St. Croix Falls, Edward E. Husband (1877-1974), Balsam Lake, Dr. Leon O. Simenstad (1900-1976), Osceola, and Wm. W. Winchester (1865-1947), Amery. The purpose being to preserve the history and artifacts of Polk County.

The first museum was at the Center Building, Balsam Lake, in 1960, then moved to the old courthouse in 1976. Besides operating the museum, the society looks after the rural school museum in Balsam Lake and the red schoolhouse at the fairgrounds during the Polk County Fair.

We have special exhibits and demonstrations at the courthouse museum during the summer from time to time, including quilt, art exhibits. We have printed booklets and maps for sale to raise funds.

The society also carries on the historical markers program by continuing to mark sites and maintain old site markers.

Several libraries in the county have display cabinets filled with museum

artifacts. The society rotates these displays

The society meets monthly the 4th Tuesday at 7:15, usually at the Justice Center in Balsam Lake. We have an annual picnic in July held at various parks.

The society has collected thousands of papers documenting the history of the county. We have a digital camera, scanner, and computer that we can use to digitalize the large collection for future use. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. The Wisconsin Historical Society will be offering training and be available for technical help.

Wisconsin Council for Local History Regional Meeting will be held September 15 and hosted by Douglas County Historical Society. This is an opportunity to learn about and meet other Northwest Wisconsin Historical Society members.

We need your help to carry on the various programs and to operate the museum. We invite you to join our society, or if you have been a member, update your dues for 2007.

Memberships are \$100 for lifetime or \$10 annually per person. A newsletter is sent to members ten times a year.

POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2007

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Judy L. Wester

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Hannah Ditlefson

SUMMER WORK

Mitch Vezina

CURATORS

Linnea and Larry Phillipson

All Board members were present at the meeting. We will have a complete updated financial report available for the next meeting. Currently we have three committees which meet outside the regular board meetings: Financial, Property and Membership. They will make recommendations to the board, with the board having the final say on any proposal.

The auction took place on June 30 and it is reported there were not as many bidders as at the previous auctions – therefore, less income. Mary Martin will be given a life membership for her help with auction coupons.

The Dinner Dance plans are moving along. Posters are ready and now the tickets are in hand. Cost will be \$25. per person. There will be a silent auction. Happy Hour 5-6:00, Dinner 6:00-7:00 and the Dance 7:30 – 10:30. You don't have to dance – come and watch! If you come for the Dance only the cost will be \$15.

We have contact with the PC Job Service and a man will work temporarily at the museum.

We had a discussion about museum director/society president relationships; the issue is not addressed in the by-laws. No one seemed to take issue with that or with the museum director being a member of the board. We will discuss that again at the August meeting. (If you have comments, please let me know so I can pass them along.)

Eau Claire will be the site of the Historical Society Convention in October, so mark your calendars and we'll get the exact date for the next newsletter.

Five board members need to be elected in October. LeRoy Schwan retired earlier this year and a motion was made to make his a Director Emeritus. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to him. The terms that expire are those of: Carl Johnson, Darrell Kittleson, Ralph LaDuke, and Muriel Pfeifer.

Remember, any member of the society may come to any of the Board meetings. The board voted not to print the minutes in the newsletter, but have a president's report instead.

Our elevator addition is moving along nicely – it looks like we may be starting in Aug-Sep. and at least get the shell up for the winter – perhaps more. Projections are that it will be done by opening day in 2008!!!! We are still accepting donations to this fund – as we still need from \$50,000 - \$100,000 to pay the entire amount.

Director's Notes

As I sit here at the greeter's desk, I view the west entrance of the courthouse museum. I sigh softly as I watch the walkway with Ole' Glories waving on each side in a row, and the beautiful display of cardinal-red germaniums on the great-rock wall. It brings to my mind that the gift of freedom is priceless.

Most importantly I want to thank everyone who helped with the auction; special thanks to chairman Dave Knutson and auctioneer George Motz for their donations of work and talent. The auction, flea-market sale, and food stand profited the elevator fund \$2,700. We had wonderful weather, and the PCHS members again came through with plenty of cookies and bars. The lunch crew's fun spirit added to the good social atmosphere.

The museum roof will be repaired and shingled this month. The 108-year old original slate roofing will be the last layer to be removed. We are hoping to save as much slate as we can for souvenirs and see if there is a market to sell it to artists.

The three-stop elevator was purchased from the Arrow Lift Company for \$51,000. We will know July 9 the total cost of the 1,879 feet addition. We will continue to raise funds for construction, and our plans are to go forward like The Little Engine that Could. "I think I can, I think I can." We can if we think we can.

The interior of the museum just keeps getting better thanks to the new displays completed by Martha, Marilyn, and David. The 1950's display is a must-see on the second floor. We are still looking for a juke box, class ring, and letter sweater. Thanks to Charles Walsh for a mint-green, long-sleeve nylon shirt of the 50's and Dan Mosay for a large framed Beatles picture and Elvis Presley guitar clock and his wife for the perfectly wonderful poodle skirt she made. We still need a Tiny Tears doll.

We have new additional workers at the museum; intern Hannah Ditlefson is a senior at Unity High School and handyman Mitchell Vezina from St. Croix Falls is helping with some heavier work. We are delighted to have them helping with projects at the museum.

We need to start thinking and talking up the August 18 Dinner / Dance, "Swinging Live at the Tac". Twenty-five dollar tickets are on sale now; mail your money to: PCHS, Box 41, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Rosalie

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the Polk County Historical Society:

Lifetime.....\$100
Yearly\$10
Student\$2

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State & Zip _____
E-mail _____

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