

THE COUNTY CHRONICLER

Polk County Historical Society

September 2007

Tuesday, September 25

7:15 p.m.

Justice Center

Phyllis Knutson will explain
the process of making a
birch-bark canoe.



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Photo courtesy of Polk County Ledger

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

MUSEUM GROUNDBREAKING

POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

PHYLLIS KNUTSON

Phyllis Knutson lives with her husband, Gayle, in rural Amery. She has been weaving with rattan reed for 16 years and teaching for 13 years. Eight years ago Phyllis was introduced to birch bark and found a new excitement working with this beautiful, leather-like bark. She has knowledge of Scandinavian basket weaving among other weaving styles and has taught at the annual Heikinpaiva Mid-Winter Festival at Hancock, Michigan; John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown, NC; North House Folk School at Grand Marais, MN; plus numerous basket weaving guilds; and community education classes. Phyllis's baskets are sold at many art shows and galleries in this area.



From the desk of the President

Judy has put together a pictorial of the construction of our elevator addition in this issue of the newsletter. IT'S A REALITY!!! Everyone has worked hard to make this come to be, and we have about \$100,000 to still raise in order to pay for the entire addition. Can you help? The Board will be meeting at 5:45 on September 25 and there will be a nominating committee for the October election of new board members. Would you be willing to become a member of the board? Contact any board member to let them know. All it takes is a dedication to Polk County History and a willingness to share opinions and ideas. A board member is expected to help with fundraising and participation in the society's events— just a few hours a month.

Membership in our society runs from January 1 to December 31. Yearly membership is \$10 and a LIFE membership is \$100. The membership committee is going to send out postcards to those whose membership has lapsed with reminders to renew. Please do so promptly so you don't miss out on any event or newsletter.

Muriel Pfeifer

Board members in cover picture left to right are: Lois Hoff, Ralph LaDuke, Muriel Pfeifer, Carl Johnson, Rosalie Kittleson, Dorene Hendrickson, Dianne Dueholm, Patty and Art Young.



Sept. 4 Day 1 Morning Council





Sept. 5 Day 2 Morning Council





Sept. 7 Day 3 Forming the Footings

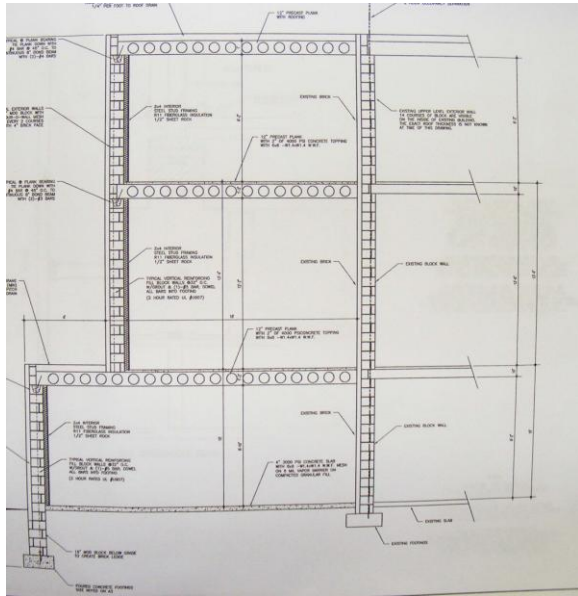




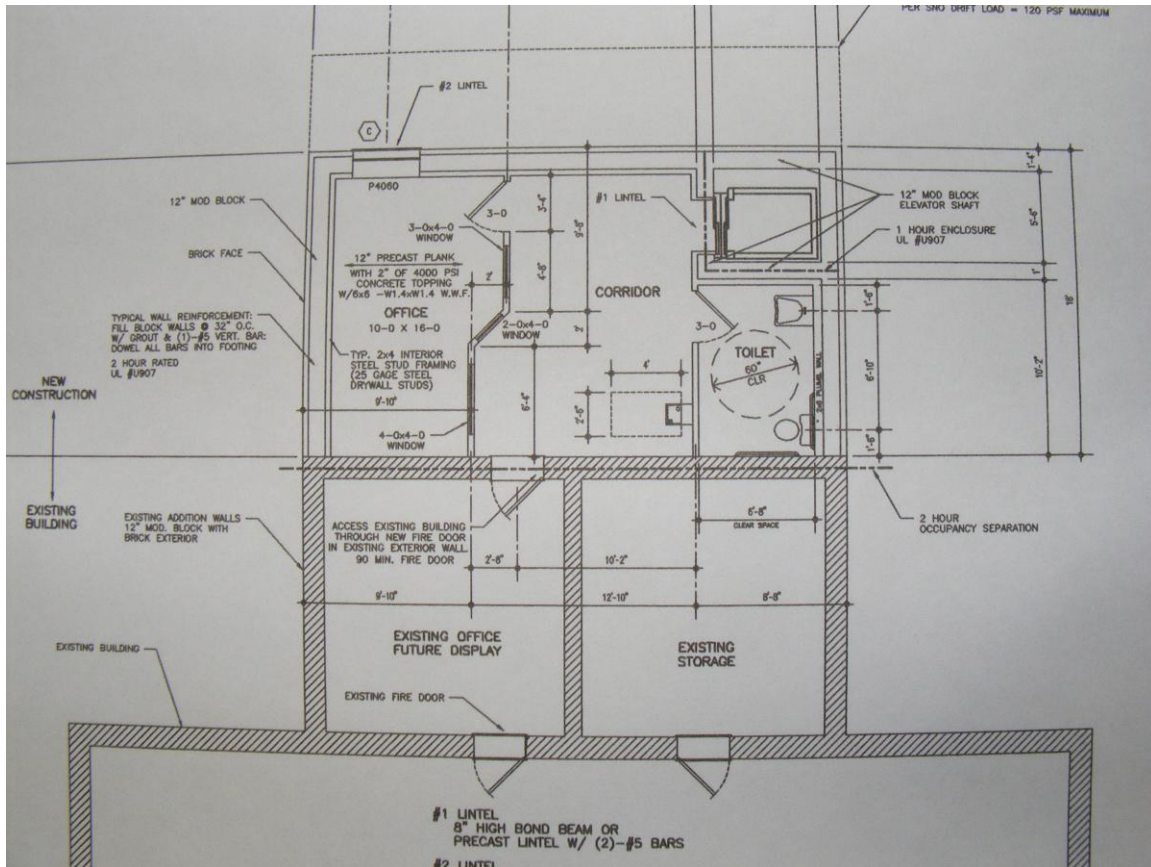
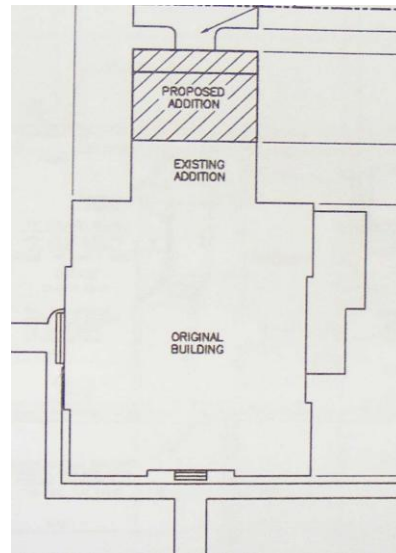
Sept. 10 Day 5 Laying Cement



ELEVATOR ADDITION BLUEPRINTS



Side View



Main Floor

Director's Notes,

Another season has past. We locked our doors; put away the open signs for another year and are working on the jobs that need to be done before the building becomes too cold to work in. Volunteers are welcome to help through October. There is always coffee and something sweet to eat; good conversation and laughter and never a lack of varieties of jobs. Our season was busy with about 700 visitors including over 500 students from the following schools: St. Croix Falls Osceola, Frederic, Clayton, and Valley Christian. This would not be possible without the help of David Knutson, Marge Hallquist, Ralph Laduke, and Marilyn Reiten. We need to encourage Amery, Clear Lake, Unity and Luck Schools participate in the LASH (LAND, AIR, SOIL & HISTORY) program that is offered by the society and the Friends of the D.D. Kennedy Park.

The August 18th Dinner/Dance was so much fun with wonderful music of the 40's and 50's; many enjoyed the swing dancing and to top the evening was a great dinner. It was a very profitable fundraiser and we hope to do it again.

Everyone enjoyed learning about flint-knapping from our August speaker, Tom Lind. It is reported to have been our best program ever. Thank you, Tom.

The building addition is moving along smoothly and quickly to beat the coming cold weather. The workers are enjoying the photography of their labor and we have a daily record of the project.

We have two fall tours coming up yet this September. I want to thank all volunteers for their help this season and thank you goes to Donavan Rasmussen and the Polk County Home, Community, and Education (Homemakers) for their generous gifts toward the elevator addition.

Remember Christmas in October, Tuesday, October 25! Bring an ornament to donate to the museum ornament collection.

Rosalie Kittleson
Director



I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT

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the Polk County Historical Society:

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Students..... \$2

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