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Pictured above are volunteers Priscilla Balmer, Cindy Bighley and Linda Andrews who staffed our booth at the Senior Expo that was held on Saturday, April 27th. They were very pleased with the response to our exhibit and were able to provide information and gain a few more volunteers to help with many duties at our Historic Log Village! Another opportunity in conjunction with the Senior Expo was held at the Crosslake Lutheran Church on April 26 where Priscilla and Dodo Fraser gave a short informational program to attendees there.

The Summer Season at the Historic Log Village begins on Memorial Weekend, May 25-26. The buildings will be open and ready to welcome visitors. The Village is open through the summer months every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM till 4:00 PM. You can make use of the SELF-GUIDED TOUR available on our website. Just open it up by using a QR code displayed at the village. We do not charge admission to visit the Historic Log Village, but your donation helps us with maintaining this wonderful site.

A Note from Our President

Bears are out of their winter dens, prowling and visiting, birds are returning and building nests, trees are budding! Spring is here bringing new life and energy! We at the Log Village are also springing to life and preparing for an interesting and eventful summer season.

Our board members and committees have prepared interesting Saturday demonstrations with hands-on activities for kids. Thursday evening events will include speakers of historical interest, music concerts, and educational programs. Self-guided tours, old time costumes for photo opps around the Village, story telling in our native teepee and vintage schoolhouse plus our famous scavenger hunt will be back this year. Our gift store inventory will include great books and goods, clothing and more!

The Historic Log Village will be open and accessible even through the construction days of the roundabout on our corner. We have been told by the County that an entrance will be available to the Village. Check roadside signage and our website for current information.

We extend special thanks to Mick Seeker of Timber Ridge Electric who took time out of his busy schedule to help solve the problem with the electric service at the Livery!

We look forward to seeing you at the Village this summer!

Mary Kate Williams

St Patrick's Day

Crosslake's St Patrick's Day has become a big deal in our little town. Thousands of people gather to watch our parade and take part in the many festivities offered by businesses and organizations. You'll find lots of food, restaurant specials and businesses going all out to welcome our out-of-town guests. Our Historical Society didn't want to be left out!! Three years ago, board member, Tom White, suggested we provide parking at our Historic Log Village and what a great idea it was! This year was our third year of selling parking spaces for parade goers. We charged \$20.00 per car, and we filled our Village! This year's profit was bigger than ever because there was NO snow! People were thankful that they could park so close to the entertainment and were more than willing to donate to our organization!



We also entered a float in the parade. It was titled **"PICTURE YOURSELF AT THE LOG VILLAGE."** An old-fashioned tripod camera was constructed and placed on the float along with the photographer and a family at a sitting. Our own Deb Peterson donned a costume to portray the photographer. We didn't even recognize her! Our float received Honorable mention in the non-profit category!

***Visit the Historic Log Village for special events
on Saturdays. All demonstrations run from
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.***

June 8 - Early gardening

Join Nancy Koch from North Wedge Nursery as she plants with kids and answers gardening questions from adults.

June 15 - Soap Making

Making soap the old-fashioned way will be demonstrated by Mary Dischinger. Face painting for young people will be available also.

June 22 - Agate Display

A double treat! An agate collection will be displayed by Curtis from Elite Superior Agates. Kids of all ages will be invited to paint rocks with Diana Brown.

June 29 - Cornhusk dolls

A favorite repeat from last summer. All ages 6 and up will learn how to make real cornhusk dolls! Face painting will be on hand for kids!

July 6 - Vintage Games

Learn the games from bygone days for kids old and young to try. Jacks, marbles, top spinning, yo yos, hoop running, and more. Kids can build a kazoo!

July 13 - Dream Catchers

Make real Native American Dream Catchers of leather and feathers for kids aged 6 and up. A \$5.00 fee will cover the cost of supplies. Come and visit the Native American Teepee!

July 20 - Kids Painting Class

A Kids Painting class will be taught by an artist from Kicks the Art Place. Youngsters will paint and create something memorable. Paints, brushes and all art supplies will be provided for a \$10.00 charge per artist.

July 27 - Blacksmithing & Pottery

Come and watch the blacksmith create in our blacksmith shop. He will be joined by an artist from Cottage Place Studio who will demonstrate pottery. Their creations will be available for sale.

August 3 Quilting with Paper

Quilting with paper will be displayed by Marsha. View some local quilts. Kids can color quilts on paper!

August 10 Nature Sticks

Make nature sticks from Native American cultures for kids ages 6 and up. Volunteers will lead and help collect items of Nature from the woods and grounds around the Village. Face painting will be available for the little ones.

August 17 Bees and Spiders

Learn about bees, honey and hives with local beekeeper, Kate. Spider crafts will be provided in the School House for young people.

August 24 Rug Hooking

Original rug hooking will be demonstrated and displayed. Come, take a peek and ask questions.

Thursday Back Porch Series Programs

All programs begin at 7:00 PM

Bob Ruff and Priscilla Balmer, The Back Porch Series committee, spent their winter months gathering information, making contacts and carving out a calendar of events that are sure to please! Everyone will find something of interest in our roster of speakers this summer. Remember, the programs will be held on Thursdays this year with two scheduled each month. Come to one or come to them all! Donations will be accepted at each scheduled event. Always check the website for updates and more information pertaining to any of these programs.

June 6

Unexplored Territory: Nearby vacations you never thought you could take.

Speaker Alden Hardwick will tell us about close-to-home, inexpensive getaways and fun educational adventures! Alden has also contributed to the updated audio-visual system we have installed in the Livery, and he'll be the first to use it!



June 13

Rock'n'roll Music

The **Morsch Brothers** return with an evening of rousing live music! Be prepared to have a great time rocking to original songs! Last summer they were joined by their sister on a couple selections. Maybe she'll join them again this year!



July 18

Sister Lumberjack

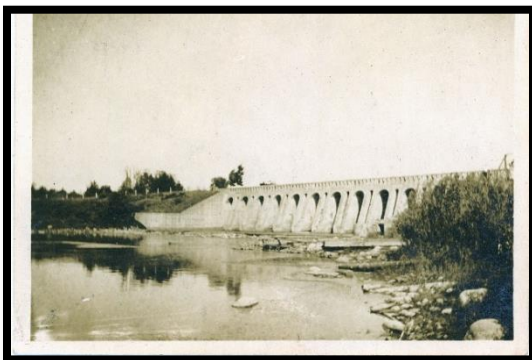
Author Candace Simar leads a book discussion about her most recent book, "Sister Lumberjack." Three lives intersect at Starkweather Timber, a haywire logging camp, where everything goes wrong. Their unique friendship turns their lives in unexpected directions. Candace weaves her stories and characters from historical fact!



July 25

The History of the Pine River Dam

Presenter **Ellie Tobako**, Park Ranger at the Army Corps of Engineers will tell why the Pine River Dam was built, how it operated and what its main purpose is today. Ellie has a degree in biology and ecology and has been at the Crosslake Pine River Dam for just over 3 years.



Thursday Back Porch Series Programs Continued...



August 8

Food as Medicine

Lisa VanGetson, RN, is a healing arts practitioner. She is foundress of Hermitage Farm Center for Healing. Lisa will describe how to add balance and holistically increase health through the foods we eat. She holds the dream and vision of healing the mind-body-spirit in complementary alternative ways of healing. Her vision is to teach and provide a healing environment where individuals can experience the beauty of healing.

August 29

Beyond our Backyard

Presenter Julie Jo Larson is the author of *"100 Things To Do in Minnesota Before You Die."* Use the book as a bucket list, guidebook or cure for cabin fever, Julie Jo has got you covered! In this land of 10,000 lakes, untouched wilderness, awesome music, exceptional restaurants and the Mall of America, Minnesota truly has something for everyone to enjoy!



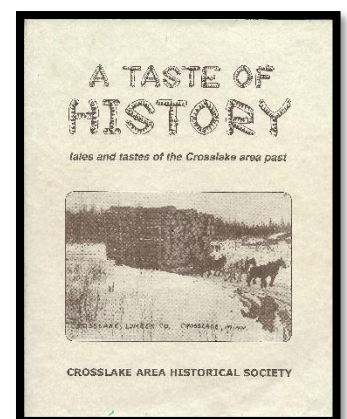
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Now available for purchase!!



The second printing of our book, *A Taste of History*, was delivered on Tuesday, May 14th. The book was first printed in 2004. Editor Deanna Engen spent about five years on this project and Bunny Gieger at least two years typing and laying out the pages. This was a monumental project, and its completion was significant! It contained stories and contributions from some elderly at the time and some who have passed on. The book is a 576-page volume that chronicles a century of our area's past, including the Native American, Fur Trading, Logging and Resort eras. Sources include a host of interviews recorded by Roosevelt's depression era WPA workers and includes 610 photos. This second printing includes page numbers and an index. 100

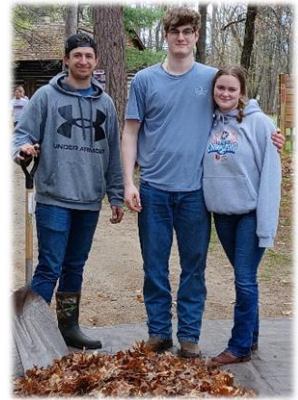
hard cover editions will also be available at a higher price. Order your book on the website crosslakelogvillage.com or stop in at the Visitor's Center some weekend!



Spring Clean-up



It *ain't* easy to maintain the Village Grounds. There was a nice crew of workers at the Historic Log Village on Wednesday, May 8. The date was set in conjunction with the “Day of Caring” - a day set aside at Pequot Lakes High School every spring to assist in the community where help is needed. Students signed up for our site and contributed their time and talents to complete the job at hand.



They were joined by several of our own adult volunteers on the grounds committee. Hours were spent with rakes and blowers to make the Museum grounds beautiful for visitors this summer.



Some volunteers worked on a problem with power at the Livery - Guess gophers chewed the wire!

Thank you, Bob Ruff, for coordinating this effort and gathering the crew for this important day! If you'd like to join this group of workers, please contact Bob! There are lots of projects in our acreage, whether it's building repair or just cleaning up!



More volunteers will meet at the Village to open and prepare the interiors of the buildings by unpacking the artifacts and rebuilding displays for exhibition during the summer season. Buildings need to be swept clean of cobwebs and organized suitably to reflect the period we aim to portray.

Board members have each “adopted” a building that they take charge of – to make sure everything in the adopted building is clean, appropriate and ready for visitors. They also check for repairs and report them to the maintenance crew. If you'd like to be a part of this program, please contact us. Adopt a building!



Volunteers are especially important to the upkeep and day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Crosslake Historic Log Village. There are many ways you can help. Join our fun group of weekend volunteers who act as greeters, store clerks and tour guides. We offer training for new volunteers, or you can work with an experienced volunteer who will show you around and train you. For more information, contact Linda Andrews at 513-807-0392 or laurel.andrews@gmail.com. You can connect through our website under the volunteer tab at the top of the

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Would you like to help as volunteer coordinator? Duties would be to schedule weekend volunteers during open hours at the Village. Contact Linda for details.



Another Fun Day at the Village

Many workers showed up at the Historic Log Village on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 to complete a multitude of tasks so that the site will be up and in operation by the opening of the season on Memorial Day weekend. First, power needed to be restored to the Livery building. With help from Charlie Flatz and his nephew, Mick Seeker, chewed wires were discovered. The problem was resolved Wednesday morning – just in time for the next assignment.

Tremolo employees were scheduled by Kent to install and set up our new audio-visual system for our upcoming calendar of Back Porch programs and couldn't start without electric power. A new sound system plus a giant flat screen television were set up so our programs will be much more exciting. Our presenters need only bring their laptop computers with their videos and PowerPoint programs to connect to the new system. Their presentations will be shown above! A new PA system accompanied the arrangement which will help the presentations to be heard by everyone in attendance! The cost of this new system was made possible with a grant from Alden Hardwick.



Members of the Fraser family arrived to work in the Loggers Camp where old straw in the bunk beds was replaced with new, fresh stuff. We can't let the loggers bed down in old, smelly

straw! There even might have been some mouse nests in there. We've heard that loggers prefer straw bedding because it could be replaced when a logger might have an accident. Light bulbs were replaced in both the Loggers Camp and the Tourist Cabin.



up correctly before the rain. Mary Kate was present to supervise the undertaking. This is a complicated project, and all the poles and exterior must be placed just right for the tipi to stand erect and stable.

Then volunteers arrived to set up the tipi (teepee.) Pictured is the crew of Glen, Bob, Dennis and John who dutifully followed instructions to get it set





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