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ORPHANAGE MUSEUM

Annual Fall Celebration Is September 21



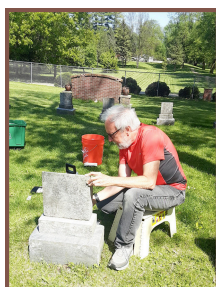
Join us on Saturday, September 21, from noon till 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate the children and history of the Minnesota State Public School. This family-friendly event has activities for all ages. Plus, you'll learn what life was like at the State School. The popular horse-drawn wagon rides around the campus will stop at various history stations where a "real" State School character will share information and answer questions. Other activities include:

- An outdoor scavenger hunt
- Root cellar tour
- Genealogy help
- 1930 narrated film
- State school games

We look forward to seeing you on September 21.

Children's Cemetery Update

More progress is being made cleaning of the 52 stone markers. Visit the Children's Cemetery during our Fall Celebration. Tim Shea plans to be there to share some of the individual facts uncovered through State School records. All 198 children buried in the cemetery deserve to have their stories told.



*Tim Shea
hard at work.*

Adoption Saved Her Life

In 1908, a baby named Esther Olson arrived at the State School. She was just two months old and listed as "deserted." Tina Ahorn, who worked in the State School nursery, told her friends, Rosie & Elias Eliason, about a baby in need of a home. When Eliasons got Esther, she was 8 months old...and weighed 8 pounds. Esther said adoption saved her life!



*Tina Ahorn, Baby
Esther, and
Rosie Eliason.*

Esther graduated from Owatonna High School in 1927. In 1933, after the death of her first husband, Esther returned to Owatonna to raise her young daughter Elaine. In 1950, she married a widower named Daniel Grunz. Both Daniel and Esther lived to be 91 years.

While adoption was often kept secret at that time, it appears Esther always knew her origin story and made a wonderful daughter for the Eliasons. Thank goodness for Tina!



This is a postcard of the superintendent's house that stood facing State Street by the north entrance. The Superintendent's "Cottage" was built in 1891. After the school closed in 1970, It was eventually moved to Medford. How many of you remember it on State?



LEGACY FUNDS AND DONATIONS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sue Calcamuggio
Mike & Rhonda Guthier
Glenes Hamersma

Kaylin Hanson
Michelle Hanson
Rick Lowery

Lyle & Margaret Schultz
Allen & Dede Trandem
Roberta Zak

LEGACY FUNDS

Funds as of May 31, 2024

SCHS

\$1,302,500.42

Children Remembered

\$162,832.89

DONATIONS

SCHS Legacy Fund

Silvan Durban

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Thomas Anderson - *in memory of Dan Lewis*

Orphanage Museum General Donations

Kathy Bell
Margo Dinneen - *in memory of her grandmother, Alvide Margaret Hansen*
Julie Johnson - *in memory of the State School children*
Lisa Loduha - *in memory of her grandmother, Ethel Loretta Dingman*

Service Bay Addition Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the 75th Anniversary Dinner and those who contributed to the Service Bay Addition. That evening SCHS raised \$6,050 from admissions, silent auction, donations, and commemorative motor oil cans.

Bob Seykora of Rocon, Inc. is working with the Service Bay Committee and helping adjust his original construction quote to address inflation and the organization's changing needs for the structure. Thank you everyone for your patience as we work to produce the most comprehensive plan for the future Service Bay Addition. With your help SCHS will continue to build towards a bright future.

— Jennifer Thiele, Executive Director



Rendering of Service Bay Addition next to Gus' Station.

Service Bay Investment Account

as of May 31, 2024

\$111,830.94

