

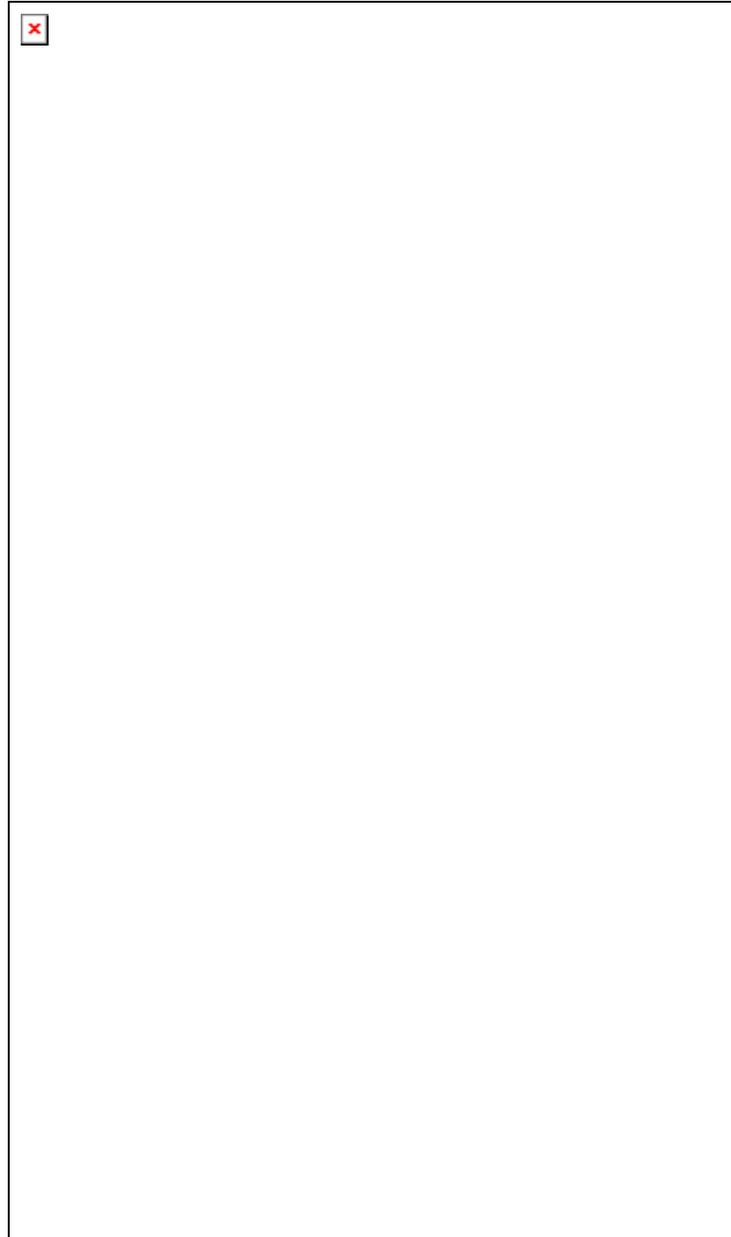


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CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SNIPPETS

Ydre, here I come!

Wendy Petersen Biorn

It is already July. Where does the time go? As a child a half an hour seemed to take forever, now the years pass way to fast. A fault we all have is putting off something until tomorrow. The problem with that, is sometimes tomorrow never comes. As we age, it becomes all to clear that if we want something done, or want to do something, we just need to do it. For me, working with my parents' estate planning that has given me the incentive to go to Sweden.

Carver County and Kommen Ydre, the area where Andrew Peterson came from, are sister counties. I was told we are one of only two Counties in the US that have Swedish sister Counties. This year Ydre is celebrating "American Days". This bi-yearly event celebrates the immigration of Swedes to the United States. I will be not only the Carver County Historical Society representative, I will be the County's representative as well. Quite an honor if I say so myself.

While there, I will be presenting a program about the restoration work we are doing on the north Peterson barn and drumming up support for the farm. I will also be present at the release party for The Andrew Peterson Musical CD on July 27th. Proceeds from the CD will benefit the restoration work on the north barn.

Back at the CCHS, we just received the edits for the reprint of Jo Mihelich's book, *Andrew Peterson and the Scandia Story*. This book, if all goes well, will be going to print no later than the end of September. The A.J. Carlson book, *Two Wars on the Frontier*, has received great support, including the Governor's Task Force on the Civil War. This book may not go to print until December. The software to research photos in County Libraries should be going live in all County Libraries, the end of July. Then, August 7th the County Fair begins. We will be featuring the history of sorghum in Carver County.

So much going on. Maybe, I should stay home. But then again, I just might ever get the chance again.



Wendy and CCHS Board member Burt Johnson, in front of the Chaska brick smokehouse on the Andrew Peterson farm.



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With the help of our Past-Perfect Software, Carver County and years of work from many people, you will soon be able to see and research our photo collection from any Carver County Library. Watch our website or Facebook for more details.

You can try out the program **NOW** at the Carver County Historical Society Library.

Music-- Sawdust Heart
Art and Wine Crawl

SAVE THE DATE
Community Picnic
Saturday, September 7
Rick Johnson Park
Watertown
11-2

Root beer floats
Fun

Co-sponsored by the Arts Consortium of Carver County and the Carver County Historical Society

News from Around the County

Chanhasen Historical Society Chaska Historical Society

Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America

Watertown Area Historical Society

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Presents

Watertown: A River Runs Through It

The Watertown Area Historical Society and the River City Theatre Company are joining forces during Watertown's Rails to Trails Festival to present free performances of "Watertown: A River Runs Through It." The Theatre Company will bring history to life through scenes depicting the life of Isaac Lewis, founder of Watertown. The

Historical Society exhibit will highlight the early years of Watertown and its residents. There will be fun activities for all ages—children and adults. Live music, free refreshments, photo opportunities with "Isaac Lewis" and a silent auction will be part of this informative and entertaining presentation. Mark your calendars now. Everything takes place in the air-conditioned Community Center.

Performances: July 19: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

July 20: 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

Exhibit Hours: July 19: 1:00 to 7:00

July 20: Noon to 4:00

New Exhibit in Chaska

Before and After 1965: Chaska Businesses

in Times a-Changin'

Visit the Chaska History Center in downtown Chaska to view their new exhibit, *Before and After 1965: Chaska Businesses in Times a-Changin'*. The exhibit opens to the public on Friday, July 26. The year 1965 marked a turning point in the history of Chaska. Discover what happened, and explore how Chaska's economic landscape evolved as local businesses met the needs of a small town and adapted to a suburban future.

Exhibit opens to the public on Friday, July 26 and will be open through the fall.

Chaska History Center
112 West Fourth Street

The Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America is taking on the task of researching the Country Schools that were "feeders" to ISD #108. It was discovered that there were eighteen (18) country schools within the current boundaries of ISD #108.

A group of dedicated volunteers have each taken two or three schools to research. They are looking for items such as: when did the school close, who was the teacher, does the school still exist, are there any pictures of the school, has it been converted into something else, and are there any artifacts in existence?

Some interesting facts that have been discovered are that some schools were moved and are now private homes, and some still exist at their original location. Some of the schools held classes for grades 1 – 6, and others held classes for 1-8. Some students left go to a Parochial school to get Confirmed, and then returned. We can't seem to find out Kindergarten was held, so if anyone can help with that question, it would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to find as many past students as possible, with the hope that they will be willing to share their memories.

If this type of research is something that really interests you, please contact the Heritage Center at 952-467-4227. We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved. All this information will be presented in the Heritage Tent on Saturday & Sunday of Stiftungsfest in Norwood Young America. Stiftungsfest this year is August 24th – 26.

Submitted by Lavonne Kroells



District 26— now a private home to if

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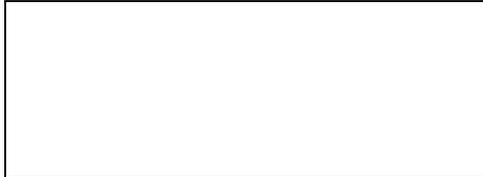
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I understand a letter will be sent to the recipient
announcing my gift.
- Please accept my donation of _____ toward your
annual fund drive.

Name: _____

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