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Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation Preserving Our Heritage Newsletter

Update from the President.As we end another MHLF, Inc. year, we feel we have seen much progress toward the completion of our goal to see the school restoration finished and in shape to be used by the community, inside and outside. The interior of the schoolhouse is next on our agenda and it will be restored to its original one classroom. However, it will not be just an 1889 school museum. It will not be frozen in time; it will be alive with activities, programs, kids' camps, workshops and public events. It will be there to help our community retain an authentic small town feeling and bring more life to the downtown by drawing visitors. The real exciting part of this project is yet to come.

The progress to date could not have been accomplished without all the support from you the members of Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc., local community organizations, businesses and other supporters. A heartfelt thank you for all the generosity with time and money.

With the bell tower and canopy on and the brick walk to be completed in August, it is time to celebrate!

Jackie Sale, President

Fourth Annual Membership Meeting to be an Eventful Celebration . . . and you are invited!

We'd like the community (*not only those living in this given area but all of you who have also shared in this common interest*) to come together and help celebrate the work completed on the exterior of the school building. Please join us for a family evening in the park complete with ice cream sundaes (served throughout the evening) and music from the Community Band. Spread your blankets and visit with friends, play some games and enjoy a relaxing evening in celebration of some of Mount Horeb's history being preserved.

Sundaes in the Park – on Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 PM

6:30 PM

Sundaes and Kids Activities

7 – 7:45 PM

Community Band

7:45 PM

Pie Auction

After the pie auction you are also invited to stay for a brief Fourth Annual Meeting summarizing the accomplishments of 2006/2007 and presenting the goals for 2007/2008.

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The Bell Tower

The long awaited bell tower has been constructed and is now atop the school, and once again the building looks as it did in 1889.

After much research on design, color and materials, the tower was constructed off site by restoration experts from the Lead Region Historic Trust and was hoisted by crane to the school roof on the 19th of April.

Placed inside the tower was an old school bell donated by sisters Rose Klir and Mary Curtis, who both were on hand to see the tower attached to the school. Both Rose and Mary taught in Mount Horeb Schools for many years and the MHLF appreciates their donation and interest in the school project.

An old photo of the school, with tower, was used by designers to

replicate the tower. Involved in the design process were Peter Riphahn, staff at the State Historical Society

buildings in SW Wisconsin, which means they preserve some of the oldest buildings in the state. They occasionally do contract work to raise money for their organization and to help other preservation groups, which in this case was MHLF.

Will the bell ring? Indeed it will! But, the task of locating the appropriate wheel for the pulling rope to ride on must be accomplished. Once a wheel that fits our bell is located and installed the bell will ring.



1889 School



2007 School

and Mark Hinrichs of The Design Coalition, a nonprofit in Madison specializing in historic properties.

The primary builder of the tower was Jay Berendes who collaborated with Dana Duppler and Nick Mullen, all of the Lead

Region Historic Trust. The Lead Region Historic Trust is a nonprofit historic preservation organization which focuses on pre civil war



Lead Region Historic Trust Team preparing tower for hoisting

We would like to thank Sherwin Williams of Madison for generously donating all the paint needed for the exterior of the building.

Look for Us...at the Farmer's Market!

Last year the Mount Horeb Business Network organized a Farmers Market that is held on the District #1 Schoolhouse lawn, under the water tower, as they say. Again this year, from May through October, it is held every Thursday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The highlight of the market, of course, is all the wonderfully fresh and local produce. But, it is much more than just a produce market. There are vendors where you can find good things to eat at the park, like brats, hot sandwiches, cheese curds, just popped popcorn and Culver's custard. Families are coming to enjoy a picnic on the lawn and listen to local musicians serenading market goers.

Mount Horeb Landmark Foundation has a table where you will find brats, fresh bread and cookies most weeks. Our bread is baked by one of our board members and is becoming quite famous at the market.

So, come early for best selection and stay awhile to visit with neighbors and friends. Main Street is just around the corner from the market, giving you an opportunity to also shop in historic downtown Mount Horeb.



A weekly community event!

Children enjoying the llamas that came for a visit one week.

Friends find time to visit and shop for fresh produce in an inviting atmosphere.



Brick Walkway

MHLF has been quite busy as many of you may have noticed by the looks of the District #1 School building.

Because of all the exterior construction work at the school the brick walk portion leading from the arch up to the building was put on hold. Heavy equipment used to install the bell tower and front door hood and the chemical removal of paint would have been too much for the walkway to endure.

With these tasks now completed, it is time to finish the walk. The continuation of the brick path will be finished this summer.

The engraved bricks have been a wonderful way to make a donation and to show your support for the project and have a personal place in Mount Horeb history ~ come by and see your name in place later this summer.



www.mounthoreblandmarks.com

Our brand new web site is up and running on the web. Please take a moment to visit the site loaded with info about MHLF, Inc. and the school project. There are many photos of the progress and projects we have undertaken. With this web site we hope to provide more up to date information to our members and supporters and to draw more attention to the project. Our many thanks to Merel Black, a long time Mount Horeb area resident and former business owner, for her excellent technical advice, help and time. We are also thankful for the assistance we received from Bart Leibfried (MHHS) who edited our video tape for uploading.

We would value your comments and advice about the site, so please don't hesitate to use our new e-mail to give us feedback.

Part of the funding for the web site has come from the Wisconsin Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Coming Soon

MHLF will be working on a downtown walking tour brochure later this year. This first brochure will be available to visitors and residents, to guide them on a leisurely walk around downtown Mount Horeb providing them with information about the history and architecture of the buildings highlighted. This first brochure, funded with a matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will include several downtown commercial buildings. Brian Bigler of the Mount Horeb Historical Society has shared his expertise and ideas for buildings to be noted in the brochure. Historical information will be gleaned from the downtown historic buildings survey done by Elizabeth Miller in 1996. This survey was funded by the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce and was intended to aid the village in making planning decisions that will help protect the village's historic resources.

Yearly Membership Renewal

Annual membership to the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. is from July to July each year, so now is the time to renew. Please fill out the form below and return with your annual or your lifetime membership.

Thanks to all who have helped in so many ways, from monetary support to words of encouragement. It all is appreciated.



Time to Renew Your Membership or Join Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.

It is time to join or renew your membership to the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc.

Membership dues are only \$25 per year or \$200 for lifetime membership

New membership Renewal membership Additional Contribution

Name _____ Address _____

I would like to help by

- Assisting with events
 Serving on a committee Being on the construction crew
 Being a board member Helping with grant writing
 Helping with Fund raising

Detach at dotted line and mail to: Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. ~ 138 East Main Street ~ Mount Horeb, WI 53572 or bring to our Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your support in the past and in the future. Your participation and contribution will make a difference. Each new and renewed member or donation adds strength to the organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

Gardens Galore

This year there is more than one garden at the schoolhouse lawn with the addition of a raised bed vegetable garden planned and planted by the kids at the Mount Horeb Youth Center. The new garden is on the north lot line towards the back of the lot which is near the Youth Center and is handy for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders to tend to the veggies and have an outdoor activity during the summer months.

The Mound Vue Garden Club takes care of the perennial flower garden along the front fence that they planted with funds from a grant. The garden has been dazzling this spring as it has matured and filled in over the past couple of years. Plans are underway for an expansion of the front gardens with funds from a grant recently received from Mound Vue Garden Club. Many thanks to the Mound Vue Club for their constant gardening and also for their continuing financial support.

As more work is completed on the exterior of the school, we can begin thinking of foundation landscaping, so the gardening is not done yet.

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The Landmark Legacy

Going...going...

The front building of the Karakahl Inn, a Mount Horeb landmark for more than 40 years, will come down this summer to make way for a new Walgreen's store. The Karakahl Inn will continue to operate with 40 remaining rooms in the second Karakahl building and will be accessed from Perimeter Street. The Karakahl Inn was built by Dr. C.S. Gonstead as a place to stay for his chiropractic patients and seminar students who came from all over the country to the Gonstead Chiropractic Clinic. Dr. Gonstead grew up on a farm near Mount Vernon, attended Palmer School of Chiropractic and started his first clinic in Mount Horeb about 1925. In 1939, he built a clinic building on Main Street, where the telephone company is now, and in 1964 built the present Gonstead Clinic.

You are Invited

To:
Sundaes in the Park ~ on Wednesday
(complete with the MH Community Band)
& a Pie Auction

For:
District #1 School Celebration

When:
Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 6:30PM

Where:
on the school grounds ~ 110 N Second St

(more details inside)