



2019 FALL HISTORIC CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER

2019 SEASON

We closed the doors on the 2019 season on Labor Day. It was a good year at Chesterfield. We had 9,500 visitors from 8 countries and 30 states. We had youth conferences, many service projects, family reunions, a concert and a talent show. The visitors who came were truly amazed at what our little town site has to offer.

Memorial Day 2019

Memorial Day was wet and rainy but we still had many people who braved the weather and came and spent the day. The bake sale in the Amusement Hall was well attended because everyone came in out of the rain and bought up everything. The opening ceremonies were held in the Amusement Hall also and it was nice and dry. There were 70 people who participated in the 5-K Fun Run. Thanks Sheri Wight for doing such a good job with this. The rain did stop for a while so Brantly Hatch and Coleen Benson took the tractor and the people mover wagon and gave rides and told stories for many people. They loved it. Lamar Larson brought his antique sewing machines again and the children enjoyed making things on the sewing machines. Ellen Carney brought her wonderful historic books and sold many. It stopped raining long enough for lots of people to enjoy the hamburgers, corn dogs and scones. The auction was held inside the Amusement Hall and was a silent auction. Many fun and interesting items were donated and sold. The Holbrook Store was busy and this year we were able to use credit cards as Emily Crandall helped us learn how to use Square Reader so customers could use their cards. This was very helpful. Considering the weather, the day went very good. Make plans to come back next year and pray for sunshine.



SITE DIRECTORS REPORT - JIM DOUGLASS

After a full summer as the site director, my eyes have been opened. There are lots of things that we are responsible for, I had big ideas and found that without more help we were not able to get some things done. However, we did accomplish many of the projects we wanted to do. The site looks great because of the help from Candy Hatch and Angie Daniels. The entire site has a new look. The camp ground is mowed, weeds have been sprayed and dug thanks to Kathy Beans' persistence and Brett has started his project reopening some of the ground that has lain fallow for years. We are excited to see new crops planted and growing returning the site to the farmstead look. Paths have been defined, parking area defined with barriers, gravel placed in the parking area, painting projects completed, windows made and replaced, and the Muir/ Butterfield house project has begun. We were excited to be able to use my old tractor "Minnie Moe" to pull the people carrier. The guests really enjoyed the ride. The Holbrook store has a new look. The back room has been cleaned out and valuable space returned. More products were tried. A drink cooler was added and an ice cream freezer. We are still open to new ideas. We were able to set up and use the "square reader" thanks to Emily Crandall's help and that enabled us to take debit cards and credit cards with ease. We have made lots and lots of contacts with people who may be willing to help out next year. We have given personal tours including the aids to our Senators and Congressmen. The State Historical Society contacted us and received a tour as well. There have been many contacts made with the possibility of more volunteers.

However, we need help from the board members. We need participation on the site. Perhaps we need to take more of a personal involvement, and become more acquainted with the homes and the property. With your help we can continue to move forward in the next year. There are lots of problems that need to be addressed. With your help we can do it. We just need to be able to identify problems, seek solutions and create projects.

I would like to give thanks to everyone for the help we received. Brian Stanger did a great job cooking the appreciation dinner. We are looking forward to next season and hope to have everyone involved.

LOWER CAMPING AREA

Due to the vision and hard work of Candy Hatch, the lower camping area was made ready to use. A large circle was mowed in the lower area and a fire pit placed for those who wanted to pitch tents. The upper part near the new restrooms was also mowed and a fire pit placed there also. The Young Women from Bancroft built a trail from the lower part to the upper part and covered it with bark chips. The gravel was spread out between the restroom and pavilion and everything looks very nice. Thanks to Candy and Jim for their hard work here.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

On Memorial Day weekend, Cooper Morris, his family and other volunteers completed a fantastic Eagle Scout project. Cooper planned and orchestrated the project. He was able to receive \$540 from Go Fund Me, \$239 from donations to complete the project. He bought supplies in Pocatello, rented a U-Haul truck to bring everything to Chesterfield and then proceeded to take out trees, move lots of rocks, get a tractor to smooth out the trail, clear weeds and then lay down weed barrier cloth. And then, after all that - cover the trail with a beautiful, dark mulch. There was a mountain of mulch that had to be placed on the trail to cover it completely but he and the volunteers did it all. The cost of the project was \$679. The balance of the funds was donated to the foundation. Eleven people donated money and 15 people volunteered. It took 121 man hours to complete the project. Cooper's family was big supporters along with local help. The improvement of the trail has invited many more visitors to view the Oregon Trail marker and look out over the beautiful valley to the west. THANKS Cooper. All of Chesterfield appreciates your efforts. Here is a web address to see all of the project.

<https://youtu.be/u82fB56o-WM>



A NEW SPRINKLING SYSTEM

The new sprinkling system was installed. We especially want to express our thanks to the Idaho Community Foundation for the \$10,000 grant that made this possible. The site for the system was changed to the Meeting House, the Amusement Hall and the field between those two buildings as that is where lots of our activities take place.

J & J Construction donated the labor to install the system. They came and worked three days with six men. Thanks to J & J Construction. The lawns are now green and healthy without pulling hoses and changing sprinklers.



NEW CHESTERFIELD BOARD OFFICERS

On September 16th the Chesterfield Foundation held their annual member meeting. Brantly Hatch became the new foundation president with DeVaughn Shipley serving as Vice President, Randy Ruger was retained as treasurer and Emily Crandall was voted in as secretary. This should be a hard working dedicated presidency. If anyone of you would like to attend that member meeting, it is always the third Monday in September at the Amusement Hall in Chesterfield.

TOMB OF THE "UNKNOWN" WOMAN

Thanks to the service group that cleaned around the old gravesite that has been on the Chesterfield site for many years. Gus Green built a new grave marker and made this a very interesting point of interest that people can enjoy on their own.



A FINE NEW COVER FOR THE LOVELAND-SIMONS WELL

There has always been a well on the Loveland Simons property but it was covered by a barrel. This year that was replaced with a cute wooden well cover. Gus Green designed and built it and Jolene Douglass painted it to match the "Little Yellow House". It is delightful and adds a ray of sunshine to the sometimes drabness of sagebrush and dried grass.



PEARL MICKELSEN - DUP REPORT

The Squaw Creed DUP had another successful summer at the Chesterfield town site. Many hands helped: Sherry Stanger, Candy Hatch, Dorothy Ackerman, Joyce Collins, Karen Anderson, Jolene Hatch, Hill Schenk, Charlene McCulloch, and Pearl Mickelsen served shirts almost every week. LaRae Hatch, Tammy Jensen, Carole Hegstrom, Polly McCammon, Diane Richardsn, Nuelene Wistisen, and others helped substitute when needed

ROBERTSON CABIN

The Robertson Log Cabin really took shape this summer. Gary Hatch worked hard getting in the footings and foundation and a few logs placed and then a miracle happened. A fellow came by asking for directions and Gary asked him if he would like to help build a log cabin. Surprisingly he said he would! His name was Sam Hill and he was from St. George. Sam and Gary worked ten-hour days for two weeks and were able to get all the walls up to square and ready for the roof. It was truly a blessing from Heaven.

There is still work to do though, so if you would like to help the work along, you can go to our website - historicchesterfield.org - and donate to the Robertson Cabin through Pay Pal or send it to: Chesterfield Foundation, P.O. Box 2, Bancroft, Idaho 83217. Make sure you designate that it goes to the Robertson Cabin.

Thank you so much for your support.



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GOLF CARTS BURNS!

As the sun shown down on the site in July a pillar of smoke could be seen near the implement yard - Everyone came running to see the newest golf cart - just purchased this spring - in flames. No one knows how it just caught fire and was melted into the ground. It was a miracle that the big gas tank did not catch fire as the golf cart was only a few feet away from it. We can forever count our blessings.



SERVICE PROJECTS

We were pleased to have many service projects this season.

Lots of debris and trash were cleaned up around the Higginson-Holbrook house and Implement Yard by the Plain City, Utah youth. The most exciting thing of the day was the two skunks that didn't like their home being disturbed.

The Young Missionaries came and painted the restrooms floors and helped put logs up on the Robertson cabin.

The Bancroft Young Women built a walking trail by placing rocks and adding decorative bark in the lower camping area.

The Muir Butterfield house was cleared of the burned cabinets and wood work in the kitchen and dining room area. Thanks DeVaughn for helping with this.

Other painting and cleaning projects went on during the summer. Thanks to all who helped.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE CONCERTS AND TALENT SHOW

The piano concert with Adrian Ruger was just amazing! And thanks Shirley Christensen for playing the bones. Adrian played for nearly two hours from Chopin to Ragtime as everyone sat spellbound.

The Talent Show was also very entertaining with a variety of talent from the area. If you would like to be a part of the show next year, please contact someone on the board and we will be very happy to help you out.

MAKE PLANS TO COME NEXT SUMMER

With another year come to a close, we on the Chesterfield Board encourage you to make plans to come and visit next summer. Tell your friends about the town site and share your experiences from here. This is a special place with a touching spirit. Make it a part of your heritage and that of your children.

MUIR - BUTTERFIELD PROJECT

The Muir-Butterfield home restoration is in full swing. A banner was made "Save Our Gracious Lady" and put up outside the home. The cabinets and burned wood work were cleaned out. A contractor has looked at the sheetrock and other wall restoration that needs to be done and will be giving us a bid soon. We have received some substantial donations for the restoration and for this we are grateful.

This home is the first thing people see as they enter the town site and what a great thing it would be to have it restored for tours and possibly a DUP Museum. We appreciate any and all contributions. If you make donations, please designate for the Muir Butterfield home restoration.



"These places have been sanctified by God's blessing upon His people and by faithful Latter-Day Saints who have dedicated their lives to building up God's kingdom. They bear witness to the Restoration and remind us of God's blessings and the faith, commitment, and sacrifice of His people." Jenny Lund

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