

News



Dr. Nan Hackett, a second great-granddaughter of Peder and Gjertrude Brugjeld (daughter of Ruth Hackett), holds a history book with information about the family.



Dave Rowley and Marcia Klingbeil entertained with classic American songs.



Rasmus Sunde presented a book of farms near Balestrand to Stacie Berg Nelson in thanks for the historic site board's hospitality and to add to the history collection at the farm.



Norwegian tourists posed with some of their hosts during their visit to the Brugjeld-Peterson Point Historic Farmstead this past Saturday. The farm is located on High Lake in Emmet County.

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Ketil Natvig of Asker, a town about 15 minutes outside Norway's capital, Oslo. Marit is an information technology manager, and Ketil is, among other things, a photographer. Marit said she had connected with members of her family in the Madison, Wisconsin area. Inge Sanden, another member of the group, is a former skipper who lives in the fjord country of Norway and was curious about High Lake and the wildflowers across from the historic site.

Yngve said Fotefar agency is located just across from the Brugjeld farm, near Balestrand.

"Our company has been doing tours for 20 years to the Midwest, but never to this area. So thank you a lot, Stacie [Berg Nelson, president of the historic site board] and everybody for inviting us to this new area of the Midwest, for the welcome and the

surprising horse ride. It was great!" Yngve said.

Rasmus Sunde gave Stacie Berg Nelson a gift for the historic site - a history book detailing all of the farms in the Balestrand area and the people who lived there.

Berg Nelson said, "I know that our ancestors would be so pleased and so proud that we've stepped up and have taken ownership of this place, and I think that we surprised everybody that there was so much love for this place."

Berg Nelson thanked the board members and volunteers, and county supervisor Jeff Quastad, who has served as liaison between the board and the county as ownership and responsibility for the site were negotiated. Egil Robert Sommerro is a former ship electrician who said the trip had exceeded his expectations and who particularly enjoyed the farm's buildings.

Ingrid Helene Peterson Finskud enjoyed Rowley's and Henricksen's music and tore up the outdoor dance floor.

Berg Nelson said the next steps for the site include creating space to house more historical items, perhaps in a visitor center with a small museum. Additionally, indoor bathrooms would be helpful, Berg Nelson said.

Yngve said Monday that the 30 tourists were still talking about their enjoyment of the night and hoped to arrange a longer stay in or around Emmet County next time. The historic site board also gave the Norwegian visitors a gift to remember the farm: wooden ornaments with a picture of the farm house engraved on them, from Brey's on 7th.

Fremmede blir familie: friends become family.

Rural Emmet County: tourist destination.



Marit Grov Natvig, left, and Ketil Natvig, right, enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride from Tom and Lisa Hansen.



Thursday August 3rd

- Downtown Market 4:30-6:30pm
- Bean Bag Tournament 5pm
- Author Event 5-6pm
- Burning of the Cobs 5:35pm
- Free S'mores 5:45-6:30pm
- Corny Kids Fishing Competition 6:30pm

Friday August 4th

- Golf Tournament 1pm
- RWC Kids Triathlon
- Food Vendors 5 - 9:30pm
- Sweet Cars Cruise 5:30-8pm
- Little Miss and Mister Sweet Corn Pageant 5:30pm
- Touch a Truck 6-8pm

Saturday August 5th

- Merchant Market 10am - 4pm
- Food Vendors 10am - 4pm
- Sweet Corn Days Parade 10:30am
- Free Sweet Corn - After the Parade
- Sweet Cars Show 12 - 4pm
- Inflatable Fun 12 - 4pm
- Rock Wall 12-4pm
- Mr. Twister 12:30-3pm

- Kids Peddle Tractor Pull 6pm
- Kids Games 6:30pm
- Minute to Win It 7:45pm
- Hula Hoop Contest 8:45pm
- Fireworks - After Dark
- Outdoor Family Movie in the Park 10pm
- Face Painting 12-4pm
- Rock'n the Square 12-3:30pm
- Emmet County IKES 5 Stand Sporting Clays 12 - 4pm
- Firefighter Water Competition 1pm
- Sidewalk Chalk Contest 2pm
- Golf Ball Race 3pm
- Mud Volleyball 4pm
- Street Dance with Live Band Poprocks 9pm - 1am

AUGUST 3-6

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