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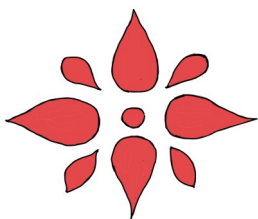
Swedish School—June 13-17, 18

Svenska Skolan (Swedish School) is being offered at the Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center, June 13-17, 9 am—12 am (noon). The class is open to children who have completed 1st through 6th grade. A \$10 fee will be charged to cover the cost of materials. Call Yvonne Johnson at (712) 586-4504 to register. The curriculum will include beginning language, culture, songs, dances, games plus arts and crafts. The children will participate in the Midsummer activities on June 18th (as described below).

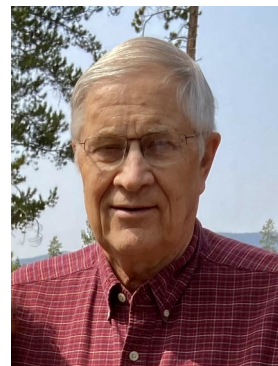


Midsummer's Day—June 18

Midsummer Festivities - Saturday, June 18, 5 pm.
Pancakes, sausage and drink will be served outdoors, \$3 & \$5. Swedish School students will dance and May Pole activities will happen. Please bring your lawn chairs and your dancing shoes!



Our thanks to Paul Olson for his many years of involvement with the Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center where he has served as the vice president. His guidance and sense of humor will be missed!



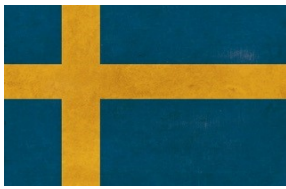
2022 Annual Meeting Results:

Our thanks to Jenna Ramsey and Mickey Anderson for updating us of the on-going projects in the city of Stanton; store facades, the Stanton Child Resource Center and the walking trail. Congratulations and welcome to Millie Newman as a new board member. And, thanks to Sheila Mainquist for accepting the responsibilities of being Vice President. This meeting was April 23.

SHCC Open Hours:

Wed—Sat.—1-4 pm.

April—October.



Unknown or Forgotten History...

Below are excerpts from the obituary of Andrew M. Swanson, Sept. 21, 1835 - August 19, 1911.

"Andrew M. Swanson died at his home in Stanton at 1 am last Saturday morning, August 18, 1911. He had been in a comatose condition for 36 hours before that and passed away without regaining consciousness. At his bedside when the summons came were his wife, his brother C. W. Swanson, his sister-in-law Mrs. Alfred Swanson, and Benjamin Wallin. There was no perceptible pain; the deceased simply glided out of this world and into the next.

"His death was not unexpected. Some three—or-four years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and that was the beginning of the end. It was only partial paralysis, so that he was able to get around with some difficulty, but the once so robust and powerful man was broken. There were periods of improvement, but they were always followed by gradual relapse. He was able to be up, and with some assistance from his wife, walked up to a couple of days before his death. His voice failed first. He tried to express himself but failed. Shortly after that he sank into unconsciousness and into the last long sleep.

"Like so many other Montgomery pioneers, Mr. Swanson was born in Sweden (Hult, Adelf Parish, Småland, Sept. 21, 1835). When 17 years of age he emigrated to America, locating at New Boston, Illinois where he worked on a farm by the month. Two years later he moved to Swedona, IL, where he bought 360 acres of land. It was there that he was married to Miss Anna L. Magnuson, in 1858. In 1870, he sold out for \$10,000 and moved to Iowa, Page County, near Bethesda where he bought considerable land. After a hail storm destroyed his crop in 1873, he tired of farming, moved to Stanton where he became a merchant dealing in grain, stock, lumber and all kinds of merchandise. The following year his brother C.W. entered into partnership with him.

"Mr. Swanson was one of the few Swedes who came here with considerable money, but a great deal of capital was required to do business at that time for they were obliged to extend credit over a long stretch of time.

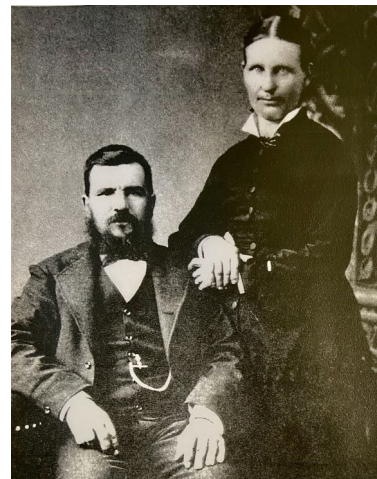
"The first Mrs. Swanson died Feb. 26, 1904. She bore her

husband eight children, but three of them died after reaching maturity, Luther, David, Lydia. The living are: Olivia (Mrs. A.C. Swanson), Souix City; Anna (Mrs. August Rosen), Wausa, Neb.; Simon J. Swanson, Bennington, Kansas; Connie C Swanson, Bolivar, Missouri; Nathan O. Swanson, Delphos, Kansas. In 1905, Mr. Swanson married Mrs. Maria Swanson who has tenderly cared for her husband during his long illness and now survives him. She has two children, Arvid Swanson, Stanton, and Mrs. Everett Mastic, Clarinda.

"He was liberal, and the town profited by his liberality. Thus, for instance, he owned the lots that now comprise the public school grounds. These he held purposely until the school board was ready to erect the, for that time, imposing looking school house, and then he sold at the figure for which he bought it. He acted in the same way with the ground that is now the Lutheran cemetery. He donated lots to be turned into streets for the better laying out of the town. He was a large-minded and a large-hearted man, and for that reason his memory will live.

"The funeral included short services at the home and then in the Lutheran Church lead by Rev. Peter Peterson. He spoke briefly in English. A quartet composed of Misses Helga and Ethel Ossian, Messrs. Rudolph and Ivan Wallin sang two suitable songs. The attendance was very large, partly due to the fact that all business houses in town were closed during the services. The floral offering was also very large. One large floral piece was given by the business men of Stanton. Interment was in Mamrelund Cemetery. John and Benjamin Wallin, J. S. Anderson, Jacob Olson, Jonas Ossian and A. Adolphson were the pallbearers. All the children were here for the funeral."

**Much of this obituary (The Stanton Call, Aug. 24, 1911, p. 1 & 8) was not printed here because of it's length.. There are several 3-ring binders of Swanson history in the SHCC office.*



The Newsletter Cover Photo and the illustration at the bottom of this page are from the "Smorgasbord" cookbook compiled by Florence Falk, Nov. 1953, and illustrated by Rena Hanson (color was added).

Metal Dala Horse, \$55 at SHCC gift shop.



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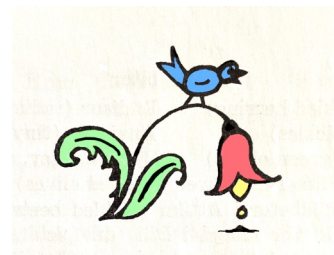
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***Thank you** to everyone who continues to support the Stanton Historical Society with your memberships, donations and memorials. We thank our amazing volunteers for their many hours spent at the history center greeting visitors, taking care of the gift shop, filing, labeling newsletters and cleaning. It takes a lot to keep up the buildings and grounds. We are so grateful that you continue to see the importance of the historical value of Stanton's Swedish heritage. Your support makes it possible for the Stanton Historical Society to continue its mission of giving you the history of the Stanton area and its ancestors.*

Garnet Requist, Treasurer



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