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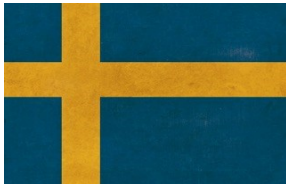
Our Swedish School was held June 12-16 and attended by 23 students. They were as follows: Bennet Bates, Emmett Case, Kemper Doty, Selena Hanson, Brody Hart, Peyton Hart, Hadley Hoyt, Pippa King, Rhys King, Maeve McDonald, Quinn McDonald, Ellie Norris, Tucker Norris, Allie Peterson, Madison Ramsey, Justice Russell, Lily Russell, Cooper Stephens, Charlotte Thompson, Mackenzie Ward, Natalie Ward, Ellie Whigham, Greyson Whigham. More student photos on p. 3. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this a great experience!

Midsummer Festivities - Photos on p. 3 & 4.

Swedish Holiday Meal, Saturday, Nov. 18, 5-7 pm, Stanton Community Room (Fire Station), Cost is \$20. Children 10 and under \$5.

Santa Lucia Program, Dec 9, 7 pm, Stanton High School gymnasium. **Sköna Maj** singers will meet at 6:30 pm, music room. Leland Lantz will conduct!





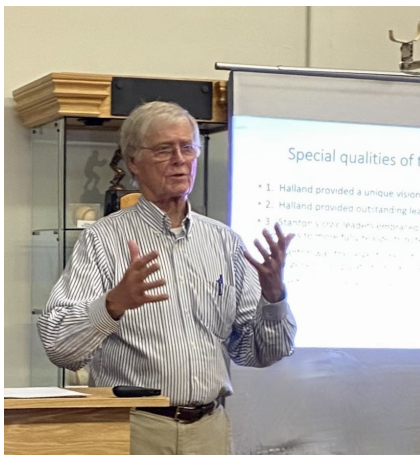
Why Stanton is Special

David Mollenhoff presented a lecture at the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center on Saturday, Sept. 30, about his new book, *The Mollenhoff Family Odyssey: From Swedish Subjects to American Citizens*.

David grew up visiting his grandparents, Ernest and Sadie Freed Mollenhoff, in Stanton. He grew fond of the little city and all it had to offer, and the town always held a special place in his memories.

"Writing a book is always a voyage of discovery," Mollenhoff said. "You learn things that force you to change certain concepts that you thought were true. Therefore, I must begin my talk by explaining how my research forced me to change my fundamental concept of my book in two important ways. First, when I began to research this book, I thought I was doing a family biography. And I was. But as the manuscript evolved, I realized that I was writing about something much bigger—the age old human quest to create a society where all people can realize their full potential—and that my Swedish ancestors and Stanton were active participants in this epic story.

"Second, I came to understand that Stanton, when viewed against a backdrop of Swedish immigration, was far more important than I had realized."



Mollenhoff shared history of Stanton's beginning and the powerful vision Bengt Magnus Johannsson Halland had when he began the colony. He shared how the community grew to become a town where all the people shared character-related values and offered a variety of opportunities for all the members of the town. And he shared memories of the second generation Americans, Ernest and Sadie Mollenhoff, his grandparents, from their time in Stanton.

The town of Stanton is the focus of chapter six in his book and is filled with photos from the late 1800s to the mid 1950s.

David's grandparents were a great asset to the town of Stanton, and chapter six shares many facets of the Mollenhoff lives, as well as the children, Vincent and Dorothy. David is the son of Vincent.

"I asked my father what it was like to grow up in Stanton and he replied with one word: 'idyllic.'"

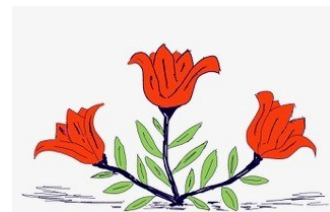
The SHCC held a social hour prior to the lecture, and a meal following. About 50 people were in attendance.

David donated copies of the book and they can be purchased at the SHCC for \$20.

"I donated the books so all proceeds will go to the historical society," David said. "I want the historical society to enjoy the revenue."

David lives in Madison, Wisconsin where he enjoyed a variety of careers. This is the second book he has authored and he has co-authored a book as well.

(Charm)



* Charm Carpenter and Mike Lundgren will co-edit SHCC newsletters at this time. Charm's background is in English and Journalism. She teaches English in the Stanton Schools, grades 6-12. Mike is retired from hospice and hospital chaplaincy and does genealogy research on family and old spirits of Stanton.



SHCC Open Hours:
Wed—Sat.—1-4 pm.
April—October



Gathering wild flowers for May Pole at Mid Sommers



Dancing around the May Pole!

Congratulations to SHCC for it's first 30 years in Old Main! The Stanton Historical Society was organized 49 years ago on Oct. 12, 1974. A Board of Directors was chosen and officers elected at that first meeting. The Board consisted of Donald A. Peterson, President; Eleanor Hallquist, Vice-President; Janet Nimrod, Secretery; Dale Lindner, Treasurer; Julius Peterson; Lee Strickland; Bob Johnson; Lawrence Cavnar. It started through the foresight of many people who wished to preserve and pass on the Swedish traditions and culture. The 1993 board is pictured below: (front row, left) Don Peterson, Bob Johnson, Dale Lindner, Roger Ossian, (back row, left) Dwight Vennerberg, Dorothy Watson, Ruby Lewis, Robert "Ross" Rossander. Mr Rossander served on the Board and as an advisor until recently. SHCC President Carroll Peterson is pictured presenting Ross with a thank-you plaque at Midsummer Day. It was windy that day!



We are all Volunteers! Many hours and monetary gifts are given to keep SHCC "alive and kicking". Thank-you for your memberships, donations and time! SHCC depends on all of us no matter if we live close-by or far away.

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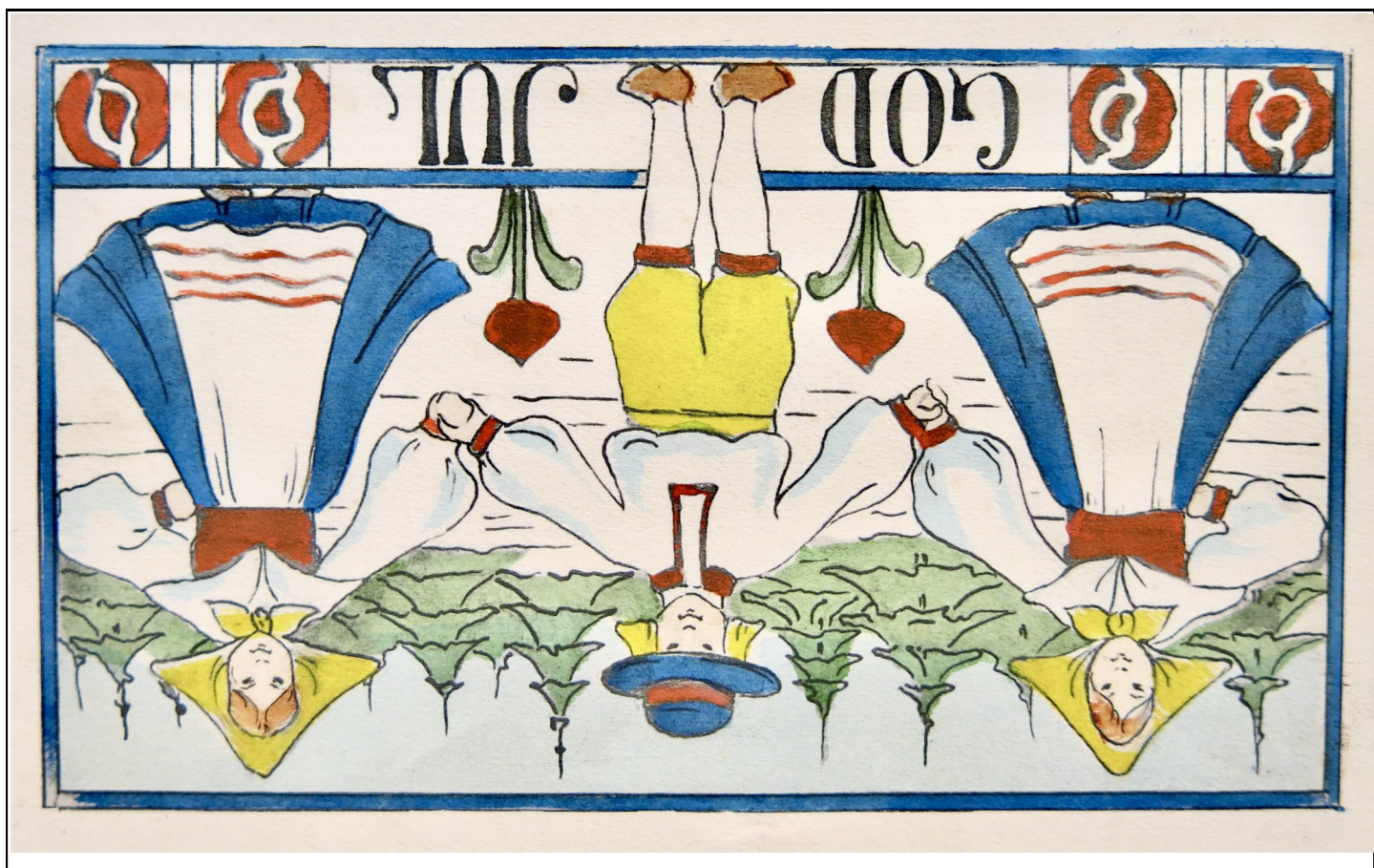
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