

Letter from the editor...

I would just like to say that it has been an honour to work in the office this season at Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village. This year we have been hard at work to revive some of our lost traditions, such as the Pioneer Gazette Newsletter, Pioneer Days, and much more.

After completely rebranding the organization from the bottom up, we were thrilled with the patience of our staff, volunteers, visitors, and partners as we worked on getting everything organized and settled.

We're off to a great start. Now that this season is finished we can look back and see what worked well and what we can improve upon for future years.

A huge thank you to everyone who came by to visit us this year and see what is new around the village.

If you missed us, then hopefully we'll see you next year as we continue to build ourselves up.

I cannot thank our sponsors who graciously donated money to the museum this season enough. With your continued support we can make even greater things happen next season as we look forward to new displays, revival of old ones, and improvements on current ones.

Thank you for reading the final issue of the Pioneer Gazette for this season, and hope to see you again next year.

- Kendyl Clifford "Miss Margaret Greening"
Training & Development Coordinator / Summer Staff Supervisor

In case you missed us this season...

Our historic interpreters are going back to school, but Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village will be open for self-guided tours September 6—24. Come on down to the Train Station, get your "ticket" and map and Come Touch History!

Off Season Hours:

10:00 am—5:00 pm

Tuesday—Saturday

CLOSED Sunday and Monday

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FOUNDERS' MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE

AROUND THE VILLAGE

- Farewell Jane Swan
- Good luck to this summer's villagers in their future endeavors
- Pioneer Day Camp a great success
- No suspect for Swan's murder
- Mason Jars now available in the General Store, \$0.15 per jar. Perfect for all your preserving needs!

ANOTHER VILLAGE MURDER?!

Jane Swan was found dead, presumably strangled by rope in her home on the morning of Monday, August 29. It is unfortunate to see that our beloved librarian, and heart throb of the village has left us.

Sources say that Jane had been planning on leaving town Sunday night on the evening train, but never made it to the train station.

Originally the scene was presumed to be a break and enter due to the amount of damage done around the Swan home, but once Detective Mullins arrived from Fort William, he determined that this murder was personal.

"No items from the home were missing. Everything thought to

be missing was later found in Swan's suitcase at the Train Station, packed and ready for departure," Says Detective Mullins.



Joyce Smith and Jane Swan having a discussion outside the train station. Smith was one of the first to receive one of Swan's hateful farewell letters.

At this point in time the killer has not been determined, but Jane managed to leave letters to everyone she thought it was

worth saying good bye too. "Swan's letters make it difficult to pin-point a suspect, as each letter seems to have negative feelings towards the person she was writing to," commented the Detective.

"Residents of Slate River should not fear for their safety, as everything about this killing was entirely personal. The police and I have been working very hard to find Swan's killer and we will not rest until we do."

A funeral service for Jane Swan will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 2:00 pm in the Village Church.

Special thank you to Ken and Geri Little of Ambiance Catering for their continued support and business with Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village.



Catering for Pioneer Day Camp provided by Ambiance Catering.

Petting Zoo animals provided by Ken and Geri Little. Thank you for all your help!

PIONEER DAY CAMP: SMILES ALL AROUND

Thank you to all of our Little Pioneers who came out for our first annual Pioneer Day Camp!

The event was a great success, with 15 children in attendance who spent the day as members of the Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village cast.

Through their adventures, they got a chance to race in a 3-legged race, visit our new

village blacksmith, play with farm animals in our petting zoo, and enjoy a hot-dog lunch thanks to our friends at Ambiance Catering.

There was smiles all around as our magician Paul, from Martin Wonderland's Magic, performed magic right before our eyes, and even proved to our little pioneers that they can use magic too!

Our little pioneers also got a

chance to enjoy an obstacle course designed by Dr. Ivan Puller and earned "Founders Bucks" which let them purchase Pioneer Candy.

Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village would like to thank our staff, volunteers, friends and of course all our Little Pioneers who made this day possible. Look forward to bigger and better Pioneer Day Camps next season!



One of our Little Pioneers (face painted of course) learns how to use a cash register with Mayor E.J. Graham

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FAREWELL PIONEERS...

Our interpretive tour season is coming to an end, and as we are preparing for our off season we can't forget to give a big thank you to our historic interpreters who keep the museum running all summer long.

The end of the season means returning to school for our guides, and we'd like to wish them luck in all their future

endeavors.

This year "Jane", "Joyce", "Marie", "Ivan" and "Lilith" were the first guides to go through our brand-new training program designed to immerse our visitors in the world of Pioneer Life and keep with a "Living History" feel of the museum.

Not only did our guides keep

our village alive, but helped our administration team to build the organization up to bigger and better things by helping in event planning, tour development, and story through their work in character building, display arranging and of course planning our 3 Murder Mystery Weeks.

Good luck in your studies, and hope to see you next year!

Magic for Pioneer Day Camp provided by Martin Wonderlands' Magic.



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Contact Paul Ruebsam

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If this looks like a lot of fun, it's because it is.

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This year Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village sent out sponsorship packages to local businesses, hotels and business partners.

Our administration team would like to make a special thank you to the following businesses for their contributions:

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We appreciate your support this year and look forward to future business with you.

Your sponsorship this year helped to keep our non-profit, registered charity running to see another year of bigger and better things!

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