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Orphanage Museum*

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## *A Great Success!*

With nearly 1,000 in attendance, West Hills week is declared a success! This issue of the Newsletter is a scrapbook of some of the days' events. THANK YOU to everyone that attended or volunteered their time.

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Interested in purchasing The Children Remember or a board on the Memorial Boardwalk? Please fill in the form below. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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- Yes, I'd like to order a copy of The Children Remember documentary video at \$29.95 plus \$5.00 for shipping/handling.
- Yes, I'd like to order a copy of The Children Remember documentary DVD at \$34.95 plus \$5.00 for shipping/handling.
- Yes, I'd like to purchase \_\_\_ board(s) at \$35.00 each!  Yes, I'd like to make a tax-deductible donation of \_\_\_\_\_.

If you wish to purchase a board, please print clearly the words you wish to have inscribed.

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Mail your check, along with this form to: MN State School Orphanage Museum, 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN 55060. Checks should be written out to: MN State School Orphanage Museum.

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Bob Charnell, former State Schooler, raised \$2,500 for West Hills Week through community fundraising projects. Thank you, Bob!

Melissa Schlobohm driving her horses and buggy around West Hills (similar to the kind Mr. Merrill used to drive)

...grams tours and more

CELEBRATING IN *Style*

# There were many; I was but one

By HARVEY RONGLIEN  
Special to the People's Press  
OWATONNA — During my 11 years at the State School, those hills were alive with energetic children and rambling teenagers. Almost every day children

### ABOUT HARVEY RONGLIEN

Harvey Ronglien came to the State School in 1932 at age 5. He remained there for 11 years, until 1943.

It's parallel to getting an animal as a son. They are fed, bedded down and appear strong and healthy. But then, after a few years of captivity, (at their back in their natural habitat, and 90 percent won't make it. They never learned the skills to survive outside the zoo.) That's exactly what happened to a lot of State School kids.



Steele County Pork Producers grilling burgers



Members of the Golden Tones



Phil Velzke, West Hills Commission, drives volunteers around.



Owatonna Park & Recreation Employees and West Hills Board Members Tim Truelson, Sharon Klein and Matt Kottke working in the Concessions Stand



Orphanage Museum Board Member Nancy Sletten working in the Merchandise Tent.



Kris Oppgaard, Youth Scholarship Member, selling popcorn.



Former State Schoolers Peter Razor and Eva Carlson Jensen signed books during the celebrations.



The incredible talent behind the Rock Garden: Greg Thomas, Lynn Wolters, Jesse Wilker, Jeff Sorenson and John Blaha



"Matrons" and "State School Kids" in the Sesquicentennial Parade



## Rongliens Named as "Book of Golden Deeds" Recipients

The Owatonna Exchange Club has announced Maxine and Harvey Ronglien as the 2004 recipients of the "Book of Golden Deeds" award for outstanding lifetime contributions to the community. If you have a story/comment regarding Maxine and/or Harvey that we could use for the Honor Banquet, please send to Corky Kolander at 1765 Cedar Valley Drive NW, Owatonna, MN 55060; e-mail to corkyk@ci.owatonna.mn.us; or call Corky at (507) 451-4287. The event is November 7. We will need to receive tributes by Monday, October 25 in order to submit. Anyone interested in attending the event should contact Corky directly for more details.

**Congratulation Harvey and Maxine on this well-deserved honor!**