## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Mapleton Town and Country Days Inc. is to provide a framework exclusively for charitable, and educational purposes through which local people can participate documenting, preserving and teaching the oral and physical history along with memorabilia retention for the purpose of an area museum, planning and implementing of social, community, and physical development to improve the quality of life for all area residents now and in the future.

## **BACKGROUND**

This process has already been under way for several years. The corporation has applied for and been approved for 501c3 status by the Internal Revenue Service. A community celebration is held each June, to provide a framework to educate all interested parties in the history of, and people that settled this area along with their way of life. Through these efforts, certain events are held as fundraising and some are strictly educational and free of charge. Each year our historical displays and tours are expanding with the intent of building and maintaining a museum in the Mapleton area that will preserve our historical artifacts as well as the history of the nine township area that were settled by those that immigrated here from the original Minnesota Settlement Association. These townships are Lyra, Beauford, Medo, Sterling, Mapleton, and Danville in Blue Earth County. Three townships lie in Faribault County, and are Delavan, Lura and Minnesota Lake. Artifacts are now being collected/ accepted by Mapleton Town and Country Days Inc. D.B.A. Maple River Area Heritage Society. Our celebration is held on the second full weekend of June each year and based around Flag Day, as our history is as American as Mom and apple pie. We are looking for individuals who are interested in participating in any or all aspects of the celebration or the Heritage Society. If you are interested in helping or have some artifact or history that you would like preserved, please give us a call or email our history chairperson, Coleen Lindemann at 507-524-4469 or kcgfarms@yahoo.com.

## CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

We are looking for a photo of the band shell that sat in the Library Park from about 1945 to 1980.

Do you know anything about a service club called the "Royal Neighbors"?