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Your View - History Fest event is wonderful for families

Recently, our daughter and the rest of her fourth-grade class from Maple River West Elementary in Good Thunder had the opportunity to attend History Fest at the Jack McGowan residence.

When she came home that day, all she did was talk about all the wonderful things she learned, all the activities she participated in and all the fun people she met.

After listening to all the exciting things she did, I decided this event would also be a good learning experience for our younger daughter, so the three of us decided attend the following Saturday.

Never did I think I would crawl through an underground drain tile, swing through the air on a pulley cord, attempt to walk on stilts and learn how to belly dance all in the same day.

We learned how to make our own fire the old-fashioned way and saw wood with a manual, two-person saw. We learned how to sled-dog race, make our own candles and shoot off a cannon.

We interacted with all the wonderful staff that helped out on this event. A big thanks goes to Jack McGowan, his family and all the people who worked at the event and made it such a wonderful learning experience for our children.

We can only hope that the McGowan family will continue to host the event in the future. They and their staff did a wonderful job and we appreciate it.

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