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Ellsworth/Clear Lake pioneer cemetery

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- The Oakland stone was taken apart; cleaned, base leveled and headstone reassembled (thanks to the muscle of Ron and Doug!)
- Five flat headstones were lifted and leveled (that leveling jack really came in handy!)
- Reset 3 footstones, two that were just lying against larger stones
- Started cleaning the stone to be fixed at the cemetery walk. It is as loose as the Oakland stone (and as big), however it has not started to slip off the base, yet). The middle part has a crack on one side, and the large top stone is loose/wobbles. We do not know if there is a rebar in the middle of it or not.
- Filled one good size rodent hole
- Ron and Jean walked the entire north and east perimeter looking for 2-3 graves and/or gravestones reported to be on the outside of the north fence. Did not find them.
- Mark Lund, Ellsworth Twp trustee, called me this morning and said he had gone out to the cemetery on Sunday. (He was out of town on Saturday). Said he could see where we had been working and thought it looked great.



Group cleaning, straightening, and leveling stones



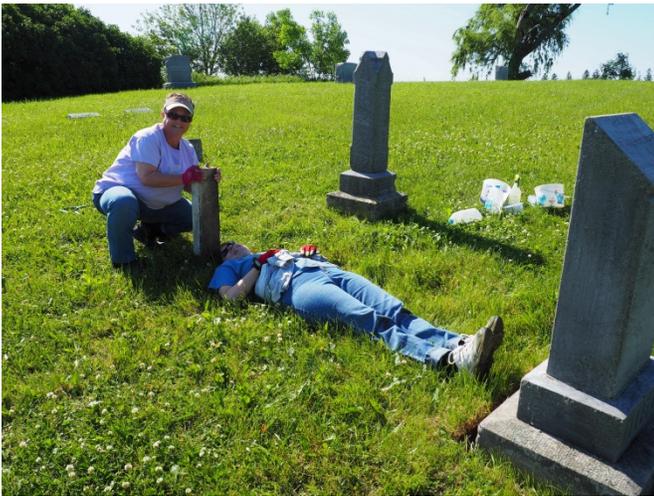
using the tombstone jack to raise headstone



Linda and Bella cleaning Oakland stone



Doug using level "app" from his smart phone



Finding length of grave to set footstone.

Chad has been busy at Homer Cemetery this summer. Note stumps in photo 1 from Fall 2015, both foreground and back along tree line and lack of stumps in photo 2, June 2016.





Rough weather at Homer Cemetery just missing our repaired stones by a few breaths. Side B, front (I think). July 2016. Good thing Chad likes running his chain saw. Another stump to remove?

September 2016

Chad poured three bases for the B side of Homer. Linda epoxied in the stones. One damaged footstone from the A side was repaired.

Cemetery Walk at Ellsworth Clear Lake cemetery was set for Thursday August 15. Jackie had a really good presentation. They had 20 minutes and then the wind came up, the rain came down, and it went dark. We had enough cars to get everyone back to the road safely. There was a bumble bee nest in the cemetery that we marked and asked participants to



avoid. Pictures: lane to cemetery with dark clouds. Weather limited numbers in attendance.



Completed 3 more bases at Home in September (below) and re-set headstones.



November 2017

Cleaned shrubs out of part of the ditch on the north end of Homer Cemetery. Break time in the ditch. Homer.



Tried a new biocide to kill lichen and growths on stone. The biocide does kill the lichen and algae but still need to brush and use wood dowels to remove dead crusty stuff. Staining may improve over time. Testing in both Homer Cemetery and Old Randall Cemetery.



Old Randall Cemetery. Before. The longer after application of biocide you wait the easier it is to remove the debris. Going to allow some more weathering and removal of debris before taking after photos in 2017.