

Danube Historical Society

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FALL FESTIVAL - Oct. 2

O, sun and skies and clouds of June
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather. *

It was truly one of those perfectly sunny, crispy, colorful October days. But it was more than that; it was laughter, greetings, happy faces, music, mingling, sharing and the fragrance of good food. It was also work, but on a day like that it was fun work!

Verlin Kling and his One Man Band added several eras of music throughout the day. His Band was actually a well-done "mix" of background instrumentals and his vocals showcased a very smooth and pleasing tone. He has been booked again for next year — join us to enjoy this feature. I kept wishing someone would dance to the great rhythms and finally two did. Thanks, Donna T. & Doris P.! Verlyn lent his sound system to Asha Hillenbrand and Kim Kluver as they performed Country solos and we were proud of our Hometown talent; so we invited them to return also! You're invited, too!

It was also a successful day for fundraising. Souvenirs of the Depot were sold, including former Danube Hawk Annuals, homecoming buttons and athletic uniforms plus our newly produced items with photos of the old (B&W) and the restored Depot (in color) on mugs, etc.

Very striking are the Mail Boxes made by Maurice Schroeder. They boast the actual doors from mail boxes that were replaced in the Danube Post Office, set on handsome wood containers, made by Maurice. Their original combinations are included, so they can actually be locked, — and unlocked!

PO Box #61,121,172, 396 are still available, @ \$45 and #248 (2 doors) @ \$60.

A big thank you for a "place to sit" that day to the Homecoming Committee for delivering picnic tables to the Depot and to our Fire Department Volunteers for returning them to the City Park. We needed your strength!

A special thanks to all the members who helped us get the Depot ready for the Fall Fest and especially to Jim Lippert for cleaning up in Mueller's Grove, it looked great for the Festival.

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

\$500 Marie Roberts — Danube
\$200 Margy Zaske Dodge — Edina
\$200 Mary Abbas — Renville
\$100 Elsie Lundquist — Bird Island
\$50 Travis Schneider — Danube
\$50 Sister Mary Schwahn — Renville

Thank You Ticket Buyers &
Congratulations to the Winners

DHS ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

(We report what we know, so keep us informed!)

Danube Alumni Inducted Into MBCA Hall of Fame

October 31st, Roger (Shorty) Schroeder ('53) received this honor in recognition of his outstanding coaching career in both boys' and girls' basketball. The presentation was made by the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association at a Banquet in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Mpls. His coaching career began in Appleton, MN, then Litchfield and in Willmar his last 25 years. Roger retired from coaching with a combined, boys & girls, career mark of 370-201.

Roger & his wife, Paula, have six children: Michelle, Kris, Matt, Steph, Ted & Kristy & eight grandchildren. His sisters Donna, Judy (& Delton), Bonnie (& Rod), cousin Rod (& Mary Lee) Black attended the presentation along with many other friends, former players and assistant coaches.

Congratulations!

Coach Dan Westby ('78) and His Marshall Tigers Girls' Volleyball Team have earned a spot in the State High School Girls' Volleyball Tournament for the 10th Consecutive Year!

Congratulations and Good Luck!

ACCESSIONS

- Ron Sammons brought us a freight cart (hand operated) from the Beaver Falls Depot where his father was stationmaster. Estimated at about 100 years old.
- We were glad to receive a Microfilm Reader, shared with us by the RCHS Museum in Morton, as it has been replaced there with a new Reader. Also glad that Blake Schroeder pulled up the driveway, just as Karl Colwell (RCHS Director) was unloading this very heavy machine and Blake helped get it into the Depot. Its not new but it will allow us access to the former Danube papers, back to about 1912!!!
- Lowell Jakel attended a huge Railroad Memorabilia Auction at Dassel and acquired some very interesting items which are on loan — check them on your next visit!
- This summer Gloraine Wallert donated several Hawks Reports from the '40s. Their A1 condition was impressive. Gloraine was a Charter and current Member of DHS and we will miss her gracious and helpful presence at our gatherings. Earlier she gave us a Wallert Family notebook she had done and it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all contributors.

*Excerpt from "October's Bright Blue Weather" by Helen Hunt Jackson

RECENT DEATHS

Mary Lou (Kopel) Dobmeier ('50)
Jim Filzen ('53)
David Fish-Husband of Cara Smedstad ('52) Fish
Joyce Keehl
Jerry Pastoors ('52)
Harold Voelz ('40)
Dennis Voelz – Son of Karl ('38) & Jeanette (Schroeder) Voelz
Gloraine (Beckendorf) Wallert ('45)

DONORS (Since Fun Days)

Marlene Jones
Dan & Pam Johnson
Nancy (Noel) Fischer
Mike Kurtz
Perry & LaVaun Schaeffer
Darlene Clark
Patrick & Julie Triplett
Elroy Kuglin
Anna Belle (Yock) DeBlauw
Gerry & Judy Seehusen
Harold & Jean Voelz
David Maurice
Jeff Sindelir
Bruce Maurice

In Memory of:

Patty (Zaske) DeBlauw by Margaret (Zaske) Dodge
Lois Mueller by Larry Mueller
Harold Voelz by Jean E.A. Voelz
Gloraine Wallert by Sharon Schendel

DHS Welcomes these New & Renewed Memberships (Since Fun Days)

Rhonda Schjenken
Marlene Jones
Mike Kurtz
Patrick & Julie Triplett
Elroy Kuglin
Nancy Mueller
Grace Lueck
Eunice Kramin
Mary Ann Harriman
Les Schneider, Sr.
Bea Brown
Janice Fousek
Al Houdek
Margaret Dodge
Anna Belle DeBlauw
Gerry & Judy Seehusen
Larry Mueller

**Danube American Legion Post 227
hosts Annual Poultry Party _ BINGO!
Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the
Danube Community Center
Supper starts at 6:00 pm, sponsored by DHS
A freewill donation for supper
Menu: Hot beef buns, chips, pickles, bars, beverage
Everyone is welcome!**

We goofed! But we had a more than usual reader's response when several people received an empty envelope from our August Newsletter mailing Assembly Line. Please notify us and we will send you one! We have some copies leftover!!!

In past issues DHS has requested family histories and here are a few guidelines. Since then we have been informed that identity theft has changed a few things. You need not include dates of birth, marriage and deaths as you would on a genealogical chart. Both the Renville County Genealogical Society and the Renville County Historical Society have extensive records which can be researched. Our goal is to have a record of Danube residents, former & present, when did they live here, who were their parents, siblings, where have they lived, and what they did. Photos & articles welcome. Keep It Simple.

FIVE YEARS _____ ALREADY!

It's been 5 years since The Depot came back to Danube (2005)! When we see The Depot we are happy, we are proud and we are thankful, because of all that has been accomplished in restoring The Depot. And in that time we also created a Museum!

It takes local people to keep it open for visitors, attend DHS Meetings and make decisions, keep it clean for others to see and writing, printing and mailing the newsletter. DHS has been blessed with workers with these skills and willing to use those skills for the present and future of The Depot.

But, it has also taken you who live near or far away, who have made the donations, come to visit on Danube Fun Days or during Fall Festival or dropped in when visiting the area. When you have a Class Reunion please consider having it during Fun Days; in 2010 there were 5 Class Reunions during the weekend activities which allowed grads to visit with many familiar people because Danube was "out & about". You add a lot to our fun too! It's a Great Time to get together! Again, a sincere Thank You to all who support The Danube Historical Society & The Depot. Also, we keep asking for stories of your families. They are great!
Rod Black, President

PS: In 2011 Fun Days will be July 6-10 and we hope to see alumni from '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81 and '86! Class of '80, we missed you last year, maybe 2011!]

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Membership.)

Dues are \$10 per individual. Please list all.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payments as follows:

Contribution:

\$ _____

Membership(s):

\$ _____

Corrections? Errors? Omissions? Address Changes?

