

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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We're Anticipating Your Arrival at The Depot for Fun Days

July 6 (Ice Cream Social), 7, 8, 9 & 10
are coming fast!

*So far we know of two Reunions: 1956 & 1961. Would you like to be in the Parade?

*Friday: DHS opens The Depot

1:30 - 5:30 and 6:30 - 8:00 PM or ?.

*Saturday: DHS serves the Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast from 8:30-12:30. and you are welcome to gather there.

The Depot will open about 10:00 -1:30, then we can be at the Parade by 2:00.

(Its difficult to get around town then as several streets are blocked off.)

After the Parade we'll try to be open as long as you want to visit. Its such a great time to recall good times and check out The Hawks Room.

Volunteers needed, especially Saturday.

We serve the Waffle Feed, and several of us also work at the Lions' Club Supper and we wish to have The Depot open as much as possible.

As our bodies can only be one place at a time, we need Greeters Saturday at The Depot to welcome our visitors.

Could you?

It would be greatly appreciated!

Its an easy duty & the visiting is great!

The original telephone switchboard will be here, On Loan! Were you an operator? Could you bring a story of your experiences? Please explain to us how it was used and we would like to shoot your photo "at the switchboard".

AMERICAN LEGION VOTES TO REJUVENATE MUELLER GROVE!

The Danube Clarence Lueck American Legion Post already made a striking addition to The Depot area when they erected the Veterans' Memorial, centered in front of Mueller Grove. An impressive ceremony was held at the Dedication, recognizing local WWII Veterans with medals. They still send a local boy & girl to Boys' & Girls' State. Every Memorial Day they present a meaningful program at the school auditorium, including the reading of their deceased members names and a 21 Gun Salute. A well-attended and talkative Coffee Time follows at the Community Center.

Now they've taken on a **large** and much needed project. When Ron Mueller arranged for the transfer of that area to the City for use by the DHS, he indicated that it should remain a natural area for people to enjoy. The Grove was showing its age, every storm brought down more limbs & branches and it was no longer a place to take a walk or explore and not a pleasing background for the Veterans' Memorial.

To DHS it appeared to be too big a job for us & too expensive to hire done. What a surprise when the Legion notified us of their vote! The members and their heavy duty farm equipment rode into town and cut down the dead & dying trees, hauled away the wood and burned the remaining debris.

As the Grove was lower than the Depot area we were fortunate that the paving of the street past the football & softball field made FILL available and many loads were delivered. When the rain stops, long enough for the FILL to dry, the leveling process will begin. There still remains a stand of trees around the perimeter and a nice sunny area in the middle.

Thank you to the American Legion for being an answer to this project and with such able & willing spirits. Once again you've shown what an asset you are to our Community.

DHS has some money in the bank to begin this project, Thanks to your loyal support and our Fundraisers (Fun Days Waffle Breakfast & Fall Festival & our Gift Shop). Planning with the Legion we envision planting grass, a few pine trees on the North, a few ornamental trees, maybe a couple of picnic tables and scattered benches and a splash of flowers (wildflowers, iris & lilies?). And a Gazebo or Bandstand replica right in the middle! It just seems like a natural feature.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR OPINIONS.

Raffle Tickets for the Fall Festival Cash Drawing are available now from DHS members at 3 for \$10 instead of \$5 each.

FYI (CONT'D) RE: Land & House, Garage & 2 small bldgs. south of The Depot. It is likely to be for sale this summer. We need additional land for a storage bldg. for outdoor items in winter. Not sure they will sell just a portion of land. If we buy all of it we would have the garage for storage and a 40's house to use for realistic displays of the household items from The Depot, i.e. the bedroom, kitchen, crib, spinning wheel, quilts, dishes, etc. which would give us space at The Depot for Farm & Organization Displays. The house could be used for small groups to meet & a great area for working on collections of articles during winter. **The Downside:** A local contractor went through the house with us & said it is basically a good sound bldg., even the windows, but a renter abandoned it last August, left water on, no heat, food in the fridge & broken windows, carpet, & ceiling damage & some blue mold in the basement. So the 'cosmetics' are sad. But as a 40's house we don't want the carpet, painted walls, fake ceilings, or wooden cabinets anyway. All the personal items left need to be carried out & mold removed. If his insurance cleans it out it could work, maybe.

It is our only chance in the neighborhood to expand our area & so we need to pursue the possibilities. Plus we're looking into the possibility of Grants. **Talk to us about it.**

New Danube Depot T-shirts are here & available in vivid colors of blue, pink, tan & teal in S-M-L-XL & 2XL. Generous sizing. \$15.00 eqch.

DHS WELCOMES THESE NEW & RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

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 Roger & Helen Manthei
 Gary Kubly
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 Delores L. Lohr
 Elton Braun
 Jim Kopel
 Ramona Warner
 Harris Bredeesen
 Orval & Gayle Kohls
 Marilyn Hein
 Vivian Dehaan
 Homer & Darlene Haug
 Erna B. Rohs
 Russ Folkerts
 Dave & Kim Wertish
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 David Smedstad
 Howard & Judy Grafenstein
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 John Bratsch
 Shirley (Zaske) Sweeney
 Betty Hemstad
 Betty Kurtz

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Thank You!

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 Dorothy Kleinhuizen
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 Bess (Yock) Gort
 by Erna B. Rohs
 Cornie Yock,
 "Hank" Helgeson
 Annabelle & Don DeBlauw
 Orville Tepfer
 by Emil & LaVonne Voelz

RECENT DEATHS

Maurice Zimmer
 Floyd Rand
 Herschel Damhof
 Delbourne Kurtz
 Stanley Schendel

Did You Know ? We send this Newsletter to 430 contacts. We basically acquire the names from Visitors who sign our guest book + businesses who have helped us + other Museums with whom we meet.

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Dues.)

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payments as follows:

Contribution:
 \$ _____
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 \$ _____

Your Comments/Advice about Gazebo or land and/or house purchase or other BELOW:

Corrections? Errors? Omissions? Address Changes? Please inform us below.

Update of our Donor Board is in progress. Your contributions are cumulative in our computer program, so when you qualify for a higher category your name is actually moved on the Board. Categories are:

- o **Bronze** - \$100 & up
- o **Silver** - \$300 & up
- o **Gold** - \$1000 & up
- o **Platinum** - \$10,000 & up

Category Changes will be printed in the Fall Newsletter .

Next Newsletter in early September