

Danube Historical Society

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DANUBE "RE-LANDSCAPED" BY JULY 1st STORM

About 5:30 that Friday evening a very dark aura descended and foreshadowed a very severe storm of hail, strong winds and finally a tornado 1 mile north of town. The Winzenburg and Anderson families lost their homes & other buildings and historic Winfield Township Hall was damaged to the extent it can't be used. Rod & I left for Willmar at 5:15 and received the message later from our Grandson's that "Danube won't look the same when you get home". No dwellings were lost, but every street in town was blocked with trees or branches. It was about 8:00 and what we saw & heard was shocking and yet, heartwarming. The buzz of saws as people were already sawing wood, clearing the debris, pickups busy hauling it away, helping their friends & relatives and the next day it all continued until by Saturday night Danube looked barer, but back in order. Now you hear the sounds of shingles and siding being replaced all over town, but we look GOOD! Crops looked like there would be no harvest, but now when you drive around it looks like we've been blessed. Harvest isn't expected to be as bountiful as last year, but we'll see when its over! **BUT_**

FUN DAYS WAS STILL FUN!

A big thank you to the Danube Area Action Club for all that they put into the planning and fundraising all year so we can all enjoy that special weekend!

It was great to have so many visitors in town and amazing to observe the variety of activities for all ages. Thank You to all who supported the DHS Dad's Belgian Waffles for breakfast; we're thankful for the "funds" and also the fellowship.

The most fun for your Editor is being at the Depot and welcoming all of the visitors and enjoying those home for Reunions, who are so excited to see one another again!

Listening to all the memories of growing up in Danube is such a treat. This year I heard a lot of stories about the movies uptown, outside and inside, and also the Bandstand & Tuesday night Summer Concerts with the stores all open and people mingling on the streets and in the stores.

RECENT DEATHS

Rick Kiecker
Stanley Schendel
Gale Damhof

PARK PROJECT PROGRESSES BEAUTIFULLY

The dead trees are down, stumps removed, loads of fill brought in, ground scraped and leveled and last week **THE GRASS WAS**

PLANTED in the whole area! It has been a lot of work for a few people and we want to acknowledge those responsible. It has been amazing to see the capabilities of those who have pitched in from the **American Legion**, (who wish to not be mentioned by name) and we appreciate you so much. **Curt Swenson** had the equipment to remove all of those stumps and donated his machinery & time. **Myron Hoffman** has the right equipment for planting the grass properly and did so. And our members have been actively sharing ideas as each step comes along. **Jan Westby** and **Dorothy Kleinhuizen** have started a "nursery" along the fence for the Iris that **Nancy Standfuss** donated. Now if the squirrels stop digging up the plants (which no longer lie by color as planned) we will have a start for next Spring (and in Danube Hawk colors)! **Maurice Schroeder** came up with a good "squirrel screen" & we hope for its success! **The Next Steps**

After the grass is established: trees & shrubs Two trees have been offered, they will be used along the North Side of the park and we will need more there as a screen. Some blooming shrubs would be welcome for the East end or scattered throughout. We are not planting this as a grove, but more of a "natural" area with some shade, lots of sunny space, scattered park benches, maybe bird baths, a horseshoe pit, a couple of picnic tables. We don't plan to have playground equipment in this park.

DHS is opening this project to all, if you would like to donate & designate a tree, bench, table, birdbath, etc. In Honor or In Memory of someone. A plaque would be available locally from Creative Details to mark the item.

Then our next dream a replica of our former bandstand. PLEASE, WE NEED A PICTURE OF IT ! As planned now it would be built in the Southwest corner of the Park, thus near the grass at the East end of the Depot, an available stage for entertainment as we've been having for our Fall Festival (Oct. 1 this year) and visitors could bring their lawn chairs and sit on the walkway and grass. Maybe we'd even find other times to have music and mingling!

ABOUT THAT OTHER PROJECT, the Fuller house South of The Depot, where we could display our household collection and use the garage for storage and guarantee ourselves expansion room for the future. Some of us are still dreaming! We could use the space in The Depot then for Farm & Ag displays and also all the materials donated to us of past & present organizations _ Jr. Miss, Civic Club, Lions, Jaycees, Fire Dept, etc. There are so many possibilities. We also need more space for the military display.

THANK YOU!

- To **Chuck & Annette Sportel** for answering my plea for Volunteer Greeters at the Depot

- To DHS members who helped also
- For items donated to our collections
- To Russ Folkerts for adding a vintage wall phone w/ turncrank for Ringing to our telephone collection
- For Memberships & Donations

DONORS

Marlys (Reetz) Melius
 Ron Schroer
 Ray Visser
 Audre (Kleinhuizen) Kiecker
 Al Strunc
 Ardell & Kathy (Zuidema)Tepfer
 Al & Cindy Grosklags
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 Cal & Suzie Lueck
 Class of 1961
 Dale & Rachel Schneiderman
 Ellsworth Kaiser
 Marlene (Fischer) Jones
 David & Gretchen Schrupp
 Robert & Sharyn (Schroeder) Taylor

IN MEMORY OF:

Alfred & Lilah Schroeder
 Donna (Schroeder)Treichler
 Roger Schroeder
 Delton & Judy (Schroeder) Roelofs

IN HONOR OF:

Ardell & Kathy Tepfer's 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Dana & Beth Tepfer

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Roger Schoelkoph
 Jerome Zetah
 Eldon Krueger
 Rick & Kristy Marks
 Marlys (Reetz) Melius
 Elaine Marks
 Ron Schroer
 Steve & Chris Hettig
 Ray Visser
 Audre Kiecker
 Al Strunc
 Ardell & Kathy Tepfer
 Al & Darlene Houdek
 Mary Ann Lippert
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 Rhonda (Doerr) Schjenken
 Larry & Gloria Gunderson
 Lyle & Carol Jahnke
 Darlene Clark
 Dale & Rachel Schneiderman
 Ellsworth Kaiser

Marlene (Fischer) Jones
 Robert & Sharyn (Schroeder) Taylor
 Gary Hotovec

FACULTY NOTES

Myron & Joyce Sustacek recently had a 50th Anniversary celebration, planned by Mary Kaye, Steve, Dan & Jim and families and held at their farm site between Ghent & Marshall.

They usually attend Fun Days & visit the Depot. Steve can recall so much about his early years in Danube and says that's because Joyce was a stay-at-home Mom, who didn't drive. So they did all their errands in town and he got a daily wagon or sled ride to the post office with other stops along the way to visit. Jim has an extensive collection of Danube wear and was wearing a Custom Motors shirt that Saturday! Myron is still affiliated with SMSU and this year is visiting students in high schools that offer credits from SMSU. He looks healthy and energetic after his bout with cancer and treatments. Still gardening, too.

FALL FESTIVAL IS 11-4 pm SAT. OCT 1

Food: Hometown Brats, Sauerkraut, Bars

Lawn Chairs Welcome. Eat, Visit, Tour, Listen

Music: Local Talent & Returning for 2011

"FOUR WHEEL DRIVE" 1 Man Band

Country and Country Rock by *Verlyn Kling*

50's 60's 70's 80's & Its Danceable!

(Community Center if it rains)

CASH RAFFLE – Drawing at 3:00 PM

Tickets available from DHS members. Call a friend to buy them for you @ 3 for \$10!

Prizes from \$500 - \$50

(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:
 \$ _____

Membership(s):
 \$ _____

_____ **I would like more information about items for the new Mueller Park.**

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

In June we indicated we would print the changes of Donors in the Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum categories on the Donor Board at The Depot, but there were several changes and we're out of room for this issue. We'll print it in the Next Newsletter: End of Year.

DHS will be meeting & folding 440 newsletters Sept. 8th, thinking of you and hoping you may join us for our Fall Festival Fundraiser & Raffle Oct. 1