

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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*We Wish You All
A Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year*

FALL FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 1

It was great! Sweatshirt weather, sunny and calm, lots of good people gathered to eat and chat, music to enjoy and many stories and ideas shared for the good of the Depot. And, oh yes, money raised for our projects! Thank You so much. Former Telephone Operators demonstrated how the switchboard was run and shared stories. If you were an Operator, please let us know when you are here. We're collecting information and would like your picture at the Switchboard. More later.

THANK YOU

- To all who spent the day at the Depot for Fall Fest & those who bought raffle tickets
- To the Danube City Council for encouraging DHS progress on the Park and alerting us to Depot availability of artifacts in the Danube School Vault. Among other items, The Danube Enterprise 1953-1960. The only ones we have!
- To all who helped with Fall Festival – shopped for food, grilled, donated bars, served food, cleaned up, loaded picnic tables. Great Volunteers.
- For items donated to our collections
- For Memberships & Donations
- Lowell Jakel for watering our new trees & shrubs in October/November

THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER

Ever since the Depot Museum was made possible by the DHS, our projects seem to have centered on (1) keeping history ALIVE and (2) getting people together. Fun Days was conceived by the DAAC with the same goal.

As your editor listens to conversations at the Depot that type of activity is at the heart of their memories. Tuesday night Band Concerts, movies shown on a building, Santa Claus Saturdays, Martin Kemnitz' Sleigh Rides, Ball Games, Homecoming, Church, Youth groups, 4H, Scouts, Bingo, Memorial Day, ETC.! And now Dodgeball, Softball, B.Ball, Firemen, Lions, American Legion and DHS still enjoy "getting together". And in small town cafes.

Today's **living** is tomorrow's **history**. History is what we are doing NOW, seen by those who come after us. Lets show them our lives were fun and purposeful. **DHS has discussed several ideas to socialize at The Depot.**

***Would you go there to play cards in the Winter?**

***If the coffee pot was on?**

***To play horseshoes in Spring/Summer?**

***To wrap & pad hangers for apparel items (uniforms) to prolong the fabrics?**

***To prepare Exhibit materials?**

***Would you come there to work on our "scrap-books"?** *We collect articles about current happenings, our students in the news, business, happenings, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, etc. Then they are divided up by the year and pages produced, not FANCY, just PROTECTED and available for research.*

**We'd like to be open for Fun & Work at least once a month, AM or PM.
Would you like to "Get Together"? RSVP**

PARK PROJECT PROGRESSES

BEAUTIFULLY

THE GRASS HAS BEEN PLANTED in the whole area! **Myron Hoffman** got it done, properly and when we finally got rain on that very dry ground_it grew! The new Mueller Park turned green_and even now this month it appears green, _sparse, but green!

The Next Steps

"Furnishing" our park is a project open to all. About 10 trees remained after the dead & dying trees were removed. Redwood Falls Nursery, Inc. Was hired to do our first plantings. So seven evergreens (2 varieties) have been planted on the North edge of the Park. Then we added 6 shrubs to outline the back & sides of the Veterans' Memorial (3 varieties + 1 that was previously planted). At the East (back) edge, centered behind the Memorial, is a red maple.

A new bench has already been provided by the Maurice Schroeders, built by Maurice with wood available from the deck project at their cabin. Its comfortable & sturdy, so stop by next Spring & Summer and sit a spell!

As the park is being planted as a "natural" area with some shade & lots of sunny space, we hope for scattered park benches, bird baths, maybe a horseshoe pit, and a couple of picnic tables (that can't be too easily moved). **{If we have a tall, strong tree left, we may have to consider an old-fashioned rope swing.}**

The above items could be donated **In Honor or In Memory** of someone. A plaque would be available locally from Creative Details to mark the item. Also plant materials, such as Hostas, Lilies, Astilbe, Heuchera perennials, bulbs, annuals, and a few larger plants such as, hybrid lilacs, burning bush, etc. are welcome. **Seasonal color and interest is what we are trying to accomplish.**

If you enjoy tending flowers, etc. you are welcome to become a "plant volunteer".

BANDSTAND REPLICA?

In the planning stages, but being seriously considered. Carol (Yock) Jahnke responded the day after the Sept. Newsletter and gave us our only picture of the old bandstand! Shows the trailer, steel wheels and front door of the 8-sided structure *and Carol's puppy!* A gazebo type structure on wheels. (But it would be stationary. PLEASE, WE NEED MORE PICTURES! **If**, it would be built in the Southwest corner of the Park, near the lawn at the East end of the Depot, an available stage for entertainment. 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! Tea parties?

2012 FUN DAYS DATES - - - JULY 11-15
Please contact DHS also, if you are planning Reunions. We'll try to be helpful.ABOUT

THAT OTHER PROJECT, the Fuller house

South of The Depot, tabled for now.

Telephone Switchboard Update

(from the October Minutes of the Renville Co. Historical Society) It was moved that we will "store" the Danube switchboard with the Danube Depot Museum where it is on display until we need it for an exhibit. It gives us extra space and helps them, but it is understood the switchboard is property of the RCHS. Thank You, RCHS

AREA MUSEUM DIRECTORS MEETING HOSTED BY DHS ON OCTOBER 10th.

An interesting sharing time was carried out by representatives of several area Museums about use of technology and themes for the next year. We were appreciative of the presentation by David Grabitzke from the (Minnesota State Historical Society) on basic criteria to guide us in our acceptance of Accessions, current thinking on goals for local museums and current grant information. A Soup Luncheon and treats were served by DHS.

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RECENT DEATHS

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Milo Rosseler, husband of Connie Scharer ('59)
Nettie Bruggers
Joan Penke Santjer ('68)
Lisa Bratsch, daughter of Jeff
Sharon Kuester Standfuss ('62)
Virginia Maurice Greene ('62)
George Alderks
Tom Schurer
Butch Wiehr, husband of Fern (Kaven) Wiehr

Check the Danube website between Dec. 26-Jan 1

IN MEMORY OF:

JoAnn McDowell by Galen "Bud" McDowell
"K.B." & Minnie Knutson
by Rollo & Marlene Knutson Black

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by DHS Class of 1962

by Anita Werish McNulty

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Roger & JoAnn Brandt

Annabelle DeBlauw

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Kenneth Houdek

Bea Brown

FACULTY NOTES

Chuck & Jean Erickson spent time in Danube on their way to Nettie Bruggers' Memorial Service. He is doing so much better than the last two years. As they aren't going to Arizona this year you can contact them in Alexandria 56308-5316@603 Victor St.

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Dues.)

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DHS ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL 2012