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THIRD ANNUAL SUCCESSFUL FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008!

Beautiful October weather, lots of good food served outdoors, a group of cheerful workers and a crowd of visitors. There was the sharing of memories, artifacts, the "In Business, In Danube" Exhibit, improvements in progress and new "old" stories! Also we are glad to have Lowell Jakel's model train collection on the dispatcher's desk and it is, of course, Milwaukee Road! He maintains the display and is also collecting Milwaukee Road Lanterns. Its an additional exhibit to enjoy when you come to visit. If you like Auctions, look for Lowell, he's probably there! Retirement is good!

Last Fall the Veterans Memorial was dedicated and we had many more in attendance, but it was still a great day this year. The DHS has discussed having musical entertainment next year. Any ideas??

Fall Festival is an annual fundraiser and funds were raised! Every dollar helps us meet the \$8000 in matching funds we needed for our Museum Environment Grant.

With your contributions plus the gift from Ruth Heineman's Estate **WE HAVE MADE IT!**

But we still owe \$4100 on our loan.

- We served the **great hometown-made brats** from Doug's Locker, grilled by Jerry Jahnke, Gene Alex and Lee Nere and **sauerkraut, chips, and homemade bars.** That is by Freewill Donations.
- Planning, preparing & serving the food were Dorothy Kleinhuizen, Jeanette Schneiderman, Jan Westby, Donna Treichler, Kathy Tepfer, Sandy Frank and Mary Lee Black.
- Then we had a **Granny's Attic Sale** outside, close to Co Rd #1, (and even some travelers stopped) organized by Harriet Schroeder and Dorothy Kleinhuizen.
- The **Cash Raffle** was planned by Maurice Schroeder and was a good idea **_CASH** was a welcome prize this year! **Thanks to all who sold those tickets & those who ordered by mail.**
- Grace Lueck & Eunice Kramin were inside the Depot selling from our **Depot Store.** There are Perpetual Calendars for sale and each page has a photo of early Danube, retro Danube Hawk tee shirts, 2 pictorial throws from Centennial, some homecoming buttons and old annuals and Danube Historical Society tee shirts.

The Cash Raffle was for \$500, \$200, \$200, \$100, \$50 and \$50. Happy winners were Denny Honzay, Ross Sportel, Diane Wallert, Gene Alex, Margy (Zaske) Dodge and Marvin Mulder.

Thank you to all who sold and/or bought tickets; you contributed to the preservation of the Danube Depot and our history.

Thank You to all who attended Fall Festival, gave donations, worked, brought bars & encouraged us! In addition, your names in our Guest Book help us prove we are a "working" Museum. So come often and by all means if you come by when we aren't formally open give us a call, we don't want to exclude anyone.

PARADE MARSHALL, EMIL VOELZ
Emil was Parade Marshall for Fun Days, 2008, and we had a great display about him at the Depot, but not many got to see it, therefore it has been decided to do it again. It was a great choice to honor a distinguished DHS graduate and athlete.

BRICK PAVER WALKWAY

It was show-off time for our brand new 12' wide brick walkway surrounding the four sides of the Depot (installed and finished just in time by Wittman Landscaping, Olivia) and a fine new ramp at the entrance (designed and constructed by Lee Nere and Jerry Jahnke). Next Spring we can **finally** plant a grass lawn! Come for **Fun Days** and check it out.

UPDATE: INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT GRANT
If you recall, this project was to add heat, AC, insulation and Lower Level finish work to protect the documents and artifacts in our building. **The furnace has been installed!** We can turn it up for workdays and use it some during October to April! (We have much data to enter on our new computer system from our first grant_ it will be great to be able to use it on heated workdays.) The stairway was adjusted to allow room for the stud walls and insulation. Studs are installed in the lower level but not the drywall or insulation. Air conditioning will be available, but not yet. Some electrical and plumbing work has been done to prepare for the furnace installation. We will be applying for another grant to finish improving the interior environment and air quality. DHS is so fortunate to have an excellent grant writer like our Suzie Lueck.

The Renville County Historical Society & Musuem's Traveling Display: *Minnesota River: Gateway to Renville County* was on display in the school lobby from September 16th to October 5th at the Bob Bruggers Auditorium. There were 40+ third graders here to visit this display and learn about the importance the Minnesota River had to Renville County. They also toured the Depot. We always enjoy visits from our RCW students and now with heat in the building we can entertain them all year!

Group Tour

It was our privilege to open in October (with heat!) as the Renville County Human Services Dept. held a one day Retreat in Danube and requested a tour of the Depot. Some Danube Alumni had fun finding pictures of their school days and their co-workers enjoyed laughing at their hair styles and clothes! We welcome laughter, history can be fun! And we like to accommodate you!

RECENT DEATHS OF LONG TIME RESIDENTS

Marlin Kline

Barb Miller Slagter (Mrs. Gary) DHS "64"

DHS is taking a chance in printing thank you & donor acknowledgements and if your name should be here and is missing, please, just call it to our attention so we can make corrections. Our apologies if you were omitted because at the time you were acknowledged at our DHS meetings. Each meeting our Treasurer reads the contributor's names.

DHS has found that when you begin an organization one of the very important factors is "organization". That has always been a prime goal, but it was difficult to foresee how many categories there would be to organize!!! Just entering data on the Past Perfect software has clarified so much for us. The day is approaching when everything you do and everything DHS does will be available and then Thank Yous and Donor recognition, etc. will be at our fingertips!

THANK YOU

- To the above RCHS group who sent a generous donation following their visit.
- To the Ruth Heineman Estate for a very thoughtful donation of \$6000! Our 1st Estate contribution. We can only express our thanks by telling you of her kind deed.
- To the American Legion for having us sell lunch at their Annual Turkey Bingo Party. They did well and so did we, taking in a profit of \$345.

RECENT DONORS \$50 or More

Audrey Kiecker
David Reck
Jim & Carol Lippert
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Rod & Mary Lee Black
Jeff & Robin Slagter

Your support of our Danube Depot Museum Project is appreciated by many in our area. We as DHS members often receive very favorable comments on all that has been done with the Depot. Area people seem very pleased to see it back in Danube and in "good shape". Yes, the volunteers here work long & hard, but without the contributions from all of you, we'd have no funds to make these improvements to the Depot Site; so we'll keep working _____

MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

Information Coming Soon... We're in the process of "catching up" on data. DHS is receiving items and are to the point of knowing we don't have room for large (like furniture) objects, but welcome your family histories, memorabilia, photos, class lists and

addresses, documents, artifacts, business items, original photos of Danube, etc.

Larry Mueller recently donated an original photo of the original FA Schroeder home (the block house in northeast Danube that you may remember as the house that Howard & Ron Mueller grew up in). We have had it framed at The Ink Spot in Clarkfield and it is now on display. Turns out Alvin Muellers lived for a time on the 2nd floor so Larry & Sandy also consider it one of their homes. It is priceless to get that view of very early Danube. Thank You.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 22nd 2009 at 10:00 AM

At our HEATED Depot!

Everyone is Welcome, non-members and members. Members will vote in the very short election process. Refreshments will be served and fellowship enjoyed. A great time to tour the building and ask questions. Please accept our invitation. In case of bad weather we'll try the 23rd.

Danube Historical Society & Museum

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NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIP

See the February Newsletter, which follows our Annual Meeting and we will publish a membership list. Thanks to the many of you who responded with dues after our September Newsletter. Those dollars are helping us pay for office supplies, mailings, preservation materials and utilities.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

(Due January of each year)

Individual: \$10

Checks payable to: Danube Historical Society.
Mail to: DHS PO Box 463 Danube, MN 56230

Here in Danube we still say:

Merry Christmas

This issue of the Newsletter is ready for printing and we're thinking how fortunate we are. Right now the feeling is what a good year it has been and how fulfilling it has been to be part of this whole adventure and seeing how a group of dedicated, good people can take on a big project and then be supported by another group of dedicated, good people, who are joined together by memories of a small town named Danube, that is a big part of our years. Thank you for the opportunity.

Rod Black, President and Mary Lee Black, Editor