

Danube Historical Society

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DHS aims to not only preserve our Danube history, but to be part of its history and record its history as it happens.

There's Still Excitement at Danube Depot

Perhaps the most excitement comes from the support of Danubites, past and present, near and far and also area businesses and organizations. Read on.

Depot: Interior Environment Update

We did not get our grant in April to finish the work we had begun to improve the interior environment of our Depot. The work remaining was primarily the Lower Level (basement!). But we did get donor support since the first of 2009 and have enough donations to now let us proceed with the project and complete a major part of it.

The furnace was installed, the studs are now in place for finishing the walls, but we need to foam insulate, improve electricity accessibility, sheet rock the walls, then tape and drywall, hook up to air conditioning, improve air quality and install shades on the Main Floor to protect from UV damage to artifacts on display.

Jeff Sindelir, our contractor for the walls downstairs, was selected for and is serving on the Grand Jury in the Twin Cities this summer! Thanks for being a good citizen, Jeff. Now we are reorganizing to see how we can help him, so we can still get the school display area presentable by Fun Days. We were looking forward to sharing that improved area with the Classes holding Reunions during Fun Days and with other Summer visitors.

So, we now have **heat, air conditioning, improved air quality with the EZ Breathe System, light switch at the front door, more electrical (power) outlets, and shades for the Main Floor to be installed soon.**

THANKS to Community Electric of Renville for improving our electrical situation, and to Dirks Furniture of Olivia for generously helping us acquire the EZ Breathe System. **That's Exciting! Thanks** to Jerry Jahnke & Maurice Schroeder for arranging for these improvements!

We're Going to Have Grass!

Many of you haven't gotten to see our new brick walkway yet, but that was a major project and important one, not only for appearance, but also for use of the outside area for gathering people. A little rain and the whole lawn became very "slimy". Since the walkway is complete we now can plant grass.

"BUT", we said at our May 14 DHS Meeting, "we need loads of black dirt, the lawn then needs leveled and tilled and before a seeder can come in we need to drag it and pick up rocks." It surely sounded like a long project.

Before sundown that day Haney Construction of Olivia had supplied loads of black dirt, Russ Nere had leveled it and soon Jim Kleinhuizen had tilled. **That's Exciting! Thanks to all of you!**

PS. We could sure use some "short, flexible people" to lean over & pick up rocks! Call 826-2274.

RECENT DONORS

* paid a new or renewed membership

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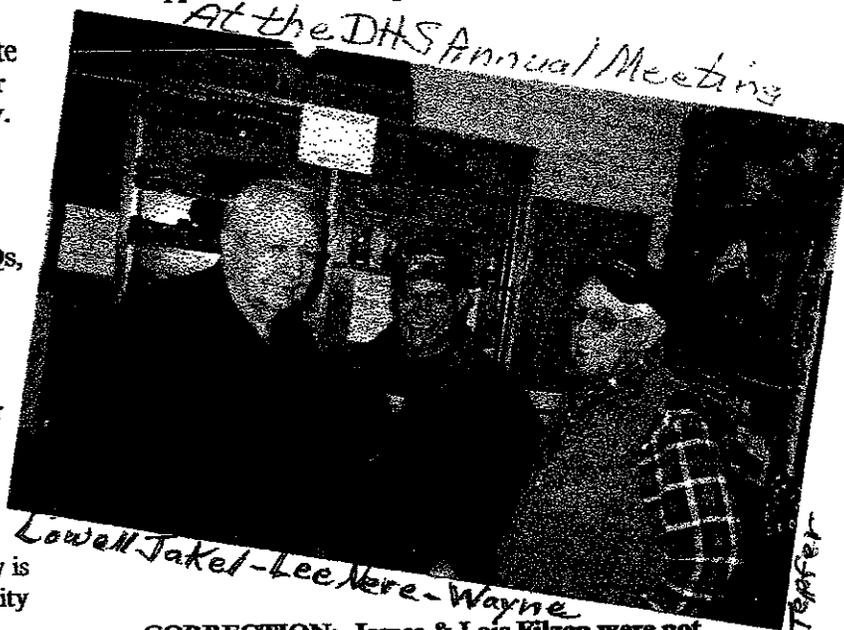
Valley Electric of Olivia

*Jerry J. says "Jerry Nere should be thanked in every issue for all he does!"
And every issue is copied @ the Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Assoc.
We thank you - it would take months on our little copies!*

Fall Festival will be October 3, 2009

Our community has been saddened by the passing of Henry "Hank" Schneiderman on May 4th following an extended illness. He and Jeanette are DHS Charter Members and influential in many projects and Jeanette is presently a DHS Board Member and volunteer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeanette and her family.

in our small town with those skills and they have stepped forward to help! **Thanks!!!**



DANUBE FUN DAYS July 8-12

- Start out on **Wednesday evening** with BBQs, Hot Dogs and Homemade ice cream at the **United Methodist Ice Cream Social**
- Friday get your exercise watching the **Volleyball Tournament** at Voelz Field. Or enter a team!
- Friday near Voelz Field – **Kids Street Dance**
- **Saturday Breakfast:** Danube Historical Society is serving Dad's Belgian Waffles @ the Community Center
- Saturday the **Danube Fun Days Car Show** – Main Street from 11:00-4:00
- **Parade Saturday @ 2:00**
- **Carnival @ the Park, near Shelter**
- **Saturday Supper:** by the Danube Lions Club @ the Community Center
- Saturday night **Street Dance**
Band: Hick Town Mafia
- **DAAC Raffle** (raises the money to sponsor Fun Days!) Tickets available now from DAAC members & local businesses: 2 for \$5.00 and the drawing is in front of the Community Center at 10:00 PM.
- Sunday, early afternoon, Danube Volunteer Fire Dept sponsors the **Water Fight Competition**
- Sunday AM join us in worship at either **St. Matthews Lutheran or Zion United Methodist**
- **Open Hours for Friday and Saturday** will be posted around town for the **Danube Depot** during Fun Days. Other times by request. Should we be there Sunday afternoon also?

CORRECTION: James & Lois Filzen were not included in the list of Donors last mailing. Our apologies because we truly appreciate your contribution. Thank You and thank you for letting us know so we could correct it!

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$10 and place you in good standing until December 31, 2009.

**We have enclosed Membership Cards in this mailing to those paid since our last Newsletter for 2009, according to our records. We would appreciate your corrections if we have made errors or omissions as we want all entries on our computer to be accurate. Sometimes when donations arrive we may have misinterpreted whether or not you wanted \$10 to go toward membership. Let us know!*

(Tear Out Form for Contributions and Membership.)
Mail to: DHS PO Box 463 Danube, MN 56230

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Apply the enclosed payment as follows:

Contribution: \$ _____

Membership: \$ _____

Corrections – Errors – Omissions below

Thank You to: Suzie Lueck & Dorothy Kleinhuizen for making the labels & preparing the envelopes for this mailing. Of course, they can do it all on the computer because Suzie has entered all of the data. Tomorrow when we need to fold these Newsletters there will be willing hands there to fold. It is exciting when I think of all the skills needed on our Depot and we have people

See you at Fun Days?! ?