

# Danube Historical Society Newsletter

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Sharing the Past, Present and Future with You

## **DANUBE TODAY**

Its Spring, almost Summer, and our Small Town is displaying its best side. Neat & clean, well-groomed yards, tree-lined streets, many spots of flowers, people out and about (after a winter of voluntarily staying inside!), school's out and the joyful sounds of children outside playing. By the way, Danube has the highest percentage of young families in Renville County and we're pleased to be called "the young people's town". It takes all ages and we have them! Our Mueller Park at The Depot is really attractive and the flower garden is spectacular this week (it features our maroon & gold iris in full bloom. The Veterans Memorial is a perfect introduction to the Park and this year the spirea blossoms were a lovely highlight. At the Bandstand Dana & Beth Tepfer donated a geranium in memory of Gloria Tepfer and other flowers have been added there. MLB

**NOTICE: Our Very Special Event On May27 from** Univ. of Wis. Stevens Point was cancelled for this year due to low enrollment. The class was: *"Words are Roads: Communicating about Development and Nature Along the Yellowstone Trail"*. They are strongly planning to attempt it next year. DHS will be looking forward to it!

**But** the Danube Historical Society is pleased to announce that **Lance Sorenson**, area Yellowstone Trail authority from near Hector, will present a talk and video about the early days of the Yellowstone Trail, which spans Renville County as a part of its coast-to-coast route. Everyone is welcome to hear what he has to share **Monday, June 15 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the Danube Community Center**. Come & learn and ask questions about this Historic Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound, right thru Danube!

## **Danube-Opoly**

In honor of our Tenth Anniversary as a museum, the DHS decided to put together a custom Monopoly game, highlighting businesses in Danube, and other events and residents of past and present Danube. The committee consisting of Dorothy Kleinhuizen, Kathy Tepfer and Suzie Lueck contacted the businesses in Danube and received an enthusiastic response from nearly all business owners. We decided to contact farm owners for the "railroad" spots, and the first 4 we contacted said they would sponsor a space. We also have 29 patrons of the game, who paid extra to have their names listed on the box bottom, and reserved a game for themselves. We made up the cards for the center of the board and divided them into "Historic Danube" and "Modern-Day Danube". There are a few twists to the game that should bring a chuckle to those playing. We contracted with a company out of Cincinnati, OH to produce the games for us, called Late for the Sky. They have a 31 year history of working with communities and businesses to produce these games, and make a quality board game. As of June 5, the final proofs are back in the hands of the company and they will start assembling the games, and we will receive the shipment of 250 games before the end of June, so we will have them before Fun Days. They will be for sale during Fun Days at the Depot when it is open, and at the waffle brunch on Saturday morning, July 11 at the Community Center. Pricing for the games will be \$35 for DHS members in good standing, or \$40 for non-members. ***If you want a game shipped, let us know and we can arrange to send one to you.*** This was a worthwhile project, and will

preserve some of the history of Danube in a fun way, while raising funds for our Historical Society.

Suzie

## **NEW & RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS**

***Welcome &***

***Thanks for Your Support!***

Malcolm Maxwell  
Marilyn Hein  
Janice Westby  
Ron & Ramona Van Buren  
Jerome & Mabel Jahnke  
Judy Manthei Dahl  
Gary & Holly Hotovec  
Deb Holwerda  
Howard & Mary Mueller  
Allan & Andy Smedstad  
Damion Smith  
Elaine Marks  
Rick & Kristy Marks  
Donald & Deloris Haubrick  
William Dudek  
Sandy & Gene Frank  
Ordell Jakel  
*Yellow Medicine County  
Historical Society*  
Grace Lueck  
Orval & Gayle Kohls  
Lowell & Darla Jakel  
David Reck  
Deloris Lohr  
Janice Kleinhuizen Fousek  
Galen McDowell  
Russell Folkerts  
Chad & Tanya Hanson  
Emil & LaVonne Voelz  
Robert & Sharon Taylor

## **RECENT DONORS**

Lowell & Darla Jakel  
David Reck  
Deloris Lohr  
Janice Kleinhuizen Fousek  
Galen McDowell  
Russell Folkerts  
Chad & Tanya Hanson  
Emil & LaVonne Voelz  
Robert & Sharon Taylor  
Doris Mattson  
David & Lois Smedstad  
William & Mona Lee Benson

## **RECENT DEATHS**

**Elizabeth Kohls**

(Lorna, Orval & Eldon)

**Ruth Woltjer**

(Gary, Barb, LaVonne, Kent, Sue, Carol, Sherri & Mike)

**Beatrice Manthei**

(Howard, Judy & Donna)

**Lorraine Schafer Kurtz**

Class of 1945

**Gary Schafer**

Class of 1963

**Daryl Tesch**  
Class of 1943  
**Joseph Kozubik**  
(Ceal [Lynn] Caldwell & Jerome)  
**Bert Enestvedt**  
(Jean [Bill] Voelz)

Danube Historical Society Presents  
Summer Concerts 2015 All concerts are at 7:00 p.m. at  
Mueller Park, Danube (under the water tower)  
Bring a lawn chair or blanket, limited benches  
available. Rain location is the Danube School's  
Bob Bruggers Auditorium

**Tuesday, June 9**—*Dam Jammers*—*Dam Jammers* is a 6 piece bluegrass  
multi-genre cover band from Renville County, MN. "All the songs you love,  
and some you'd never thought you'd hear like this."

**Tuesday, June 23**—*Sleepy Eye Area Concertina Club band*—featuring  
10-12 concertinas.

**Thursday, July 9** -- *Mikko Cowdery* – back by popular demand Mikko  
comes to us from Osakis, MN, and sets hearts laughing and toes tapping to  
the good old tunes of yesteryear.

**Tuesday, July 21** – *Kordal Kombat* –Kordal Kombat is a young  
barbershop quartet based out of central Minnesota.

**Tuesday, August 11** – *The Kingery Family* – a popular musical family  
returns to Danube with great songs and instrumental music -- "Music with  
a Vision"

**Tuesday, August 25** – *Chad Elliott* – Iowa singer/songwriter  
"In the wide scope of Americana music live stories timeless as the land...,  
Chad Elliott tells them one song at a time," - Sam Burrish, Sioux City  
Journal

For even more concert information check the  
**Danube Website**      **Suzie**

**Members: FYI If your address is highlighted on this  
mailing it means your 2015 dues have not yet been received**

*To submit money or your email, please use the form below.*

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**Membership Dues** - \$10.00 per individual. January 1<sup>st</sup> begins new year.

**Yes, I would like to support the Danube Historical Society**

Dues Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues For: Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address change: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Corrections or Omissions to the editor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2015 DATES TO SAVE**  
**Planning Meetings**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays @ 9:30

**2015 Fun Days-July 8-12**

**2015 Fall Festival-Sept.  
26**

**Virginia Bratsch Faiman**  
(Todd Faiman)  
**Muriel Nere Phiel**  
Class of 1947  
**Bonnie (Mrs. Al) Strunc**  
(Jeff, Brian & Monica)

**MEMORIALS**

**Monetary Donations in  
Memory of:**

**Martin Nere**  
by: Diane & Gale Swart  
**Jim Falconer**  
by: David Reck  
**Elizabeth Kohls**  
by: Orval & Gayle Kohls  
**Elaine Nemitz Hallquist**  
by: Lois & Bob Wigen  
**Carl & Margaret Yock**  
Henrietta Helgeson  
**Clarence Swedzinski**  
**Wendell Wicks**  
Roger & Dianne Beihoffer  
**Virginia Faiman**  
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**Muriel Piehl**  
by: LeRoy Nere  
**Beatrice Manthei**  
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Dorothy Kleinhuizen  
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by: Marilyn Hein  
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Carnes  
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by: John & Alice Goelz  
**Betty Tepfer**  
by: Betty & Gordon Tepfer  
Family  
**Gloria Tepfer**  
by: Dana & Beth Tepfer  
**Lorraine Folkerts**  
by: Eileen Schraan

**MUSEUM HOURS**

**May to October**

**Tuesdays & Fridays**

**1:30 – 4:30 PM**

**And By Request**

**Other times by calling:**

Rod & MaryLee 320-826-

2274

Dorothy K. 320-826-2589

Lowell J. 320-826-2740

Cal & Suzie 320-826-2236

**COFFEE ON FRIDAYS**

Planning a Country School  
exhibit of photos & stories.

Come in during Museum  
Hours on Fridays in June &  
July and share what you

have over coffee/tea. We can't do it without your help!

Come in on Tuesdays & help with Obituary & other family research  
books!