

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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AT THE END OF THE MUSEUMS FIRST 10 YEARS

Looking back at pictures of the past 10 years I realize I'd forgotten what it looked like when it all started. I remember watching Jerry Pauling dig the basement that day in May; then the block layers; people asking "why a basement for the Depot? Didn't have one before." The shake shingles finished the roof. Then filling the Depot with Danube City & School History—the Centennial Celebration gave us a great start. Next the gift of the Legion Memorial and later Mueller Park was created and the Bandstand and the Concerts. It has been fun! Great cooperation & many Danube memories.

Sharing the Past, Present and Future with You, Rod Black

DHS: 2005-2015!

Ten years ago, January, a large group of volunteers who had worked on the 2001 Centennial, guided by Anne Nere, met at the City Office Building Council Room to discuss forming a Danube Historical Society, seeking a site for a museum and bidding on the Depot at the March Auction at the Sheepe Shedde. It all happened. Several of those persons are gone, they left a heritage. Several others have joined us and we're leaving a heritage of hard work, commitment, planning and cooperation. All of you who have given generously, encouraged us, become DHS members and visited when possible are also leaving a heritage. This year we celebrate 10 years of sharing Danube's history with hundreds of people and we are grateful for our Depot and all that is housed within. Come see us soon!

Danube Today: There have been sites added: i.e. A new Xcel Sub-station, just north of the tracks; just north of the Depot is Jeff Sindelirs Construction Shop; Danube Lumber built a huge new building on 212 with a lot more hardware items than before; Custom Motors has a new owner & is C.J.s now; Mal Nelson opened the Elite Salon and did lots of improvements to the old Tesch Grocery; our school building is well used as you can see in the next column; Heart & Soul Design Studio is a home graphics business by Stephanie Ryan and offers invitations, all the wedding stationery items, brochures, postcards, etc. and her spouse Ben Ryan heads the new DAAC – Danube Area Athletic Club with about 6 other young men who have followed their hearts and brought back Hockey & Skating Ponds to Voelz Field; it is great to see it very busy on cold nights and being "watered" other nights.

Danube also is now home to a vast group of young families and that is encouraging!

Reunions in 2015? So far we've heard Classes of '55 & '65

The newsletter will print your plans in the June Issue, if you send it to us!

The community enjoys your visits to Danube Fun Days.

If you are part of a committee planning a Reunion, it is easy:

- No reservations or collecting money, just have it during Danube's Fun Days. Then you see your classmates & a great chance to run into other acquaintances of the past.
- Activities: 2:00 Parade; Sat. nite Street Dance & Prize Drawing; Volleyball Tournament & Food Stands @ Voelz.
- Eat at the DHS Dad's Waffle Feed 8:00 till Noon.
- And Saturday 4:00- 7:00 at Lions Club Pork Dinner.
- Both events are held at the Community Center and are Free Will Donation for the meals.
- After the meal continue visiting at the Community Center. Or at The Depot or arrange for a school tour & then dance on Main Street!

1900 Renville County Plat Book Donated

New to our acquisitions at the museum is a Renville County Plat Book from 1900. The book depicts landowners in the county, and cities in the county. It is interesting to note that Danube did not yet exist as named, but was called Miles, with the train station called Danube station. Beaver Falls was the county seat of Renville County at that time. There are many familiar family names in the county, and it is interesting that there were several schools in each township. Post offices were also scattered around the rural areas. We have placed the book, which was in fair condition, into a scrapbook with archival safe sleeves for the oversized pages. This allows page turning without further damage. The book measures 24"x16". We thank Gene and Colleen Alex for donating this book, which Gene rescued from a dumpster when cleaning out an area school. Come in and browse through this interesting record of local history.

Main Street still offers :

Co-op Country Farmers
Elevator
Community Center
Millers on Main Bar & Grill
Minnwest Bank
Elite Salon
Danube Uphostery & Shoe Repair
Mary Lee's Accents
Americana Insurance
The Post Office
Main Street Cafe & Catering
Doug's Danube Locker
Danube City Offices
Renville-Sibley Co-op. Power Ass'n
Flora Mutual Insurance
Main Street Apartments
Zion U.M. Church
School Bldg. w/ *Amy's Music Studio, Santa's Closet, TriValley Opportunity Council, Little Lambs Pre-school (by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church) etc.*

On Hwy. 212

Danube Auto Works & Sales
Danube City Maintenance
Grizzly Supply
Pennings Concrete & Construction
Cenex 212-1-Stop
TJ'S Auto Body & Glass
Creative Details
Danube Lumber
Around Town
Nancy Jolene Quilting
Heart & Soul Design Studio
Breitkreutz Trucking
Jeff Sindelir Construction

VERY SPECIAL EVENT ON MAY 27, 2015

Suzie heard about a class from the Univ. of Wis. Stevens Point studying "*Words are Roads: Communicating about Development and Nature Along the Yellowstone Trail*". They will be on a trip and are coming through Danube! She extended an invitation as they were looking for an overnight spot in this area and they will be camping in Mueller Park & spending time with us from early afternoon to the next day! We will provide their evening meal & access to the schools showers, etc. What an opportunity! A sign between Olivia & Danube used to point to The Yellowstone Trail as the best route to Yellowstone Park! We hope they can answer our ??? about exactly where it ran, so we can mark it with signs! Watch for more! Its part of our history, too!