

Danube Historical Society

Newsletter

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2007 EXHIBITS BRING VISITORS

Our "Land of the Free, Because of the Brave" Military Exhibit filled the Depot in May & June. The stories and pictures we have gathered will remain available in our collection, so just ask if you would like to see them. Quite a few were from WWII, and we'll collect more, but we also want to add more from you who served during Korea, Suez Canal, and Vietnam, etc. Some who served in Iraq shared their experiences and we know it isn't easy, but they were personal and reminders we needed to see. Thank You, Adam and Andy and the Veterans Services Office-Olivia..

This was followed by the Danube School Daze Display in July until we close in October. Danube Fun Days, Class Reunions, and Memorial Day brought many visitors.

Class reunions are still being held, into September and we look forward to sharing memories at the Depot with the Classes of 1957 and 1967.

Erna Yock Rohs and Barb Vogt Emerson just happened to be here at the same time and when they met it was like two teenagers meeting – screaming, yelling, giggling and then hugging! They hadn't seen each other for many years, but they met again at the "Depot" in DANUBE. It was fun to see and hear.

Mary Lee took a small group of children through the Depot and when they got to the Upper Level and saw the bedroom display one turned to her and asked, "Is this really where you live?" You may be surprised who you might see when you visit the "DEPOT IN DANUBE". We try to be open Tues & Thurs afternoons, but if you're coming through at other times please call and a host/hostess will welcome you. We would also welcome VOLUNTEERS to receive visitors and enjoy the conversations & sharing.

MUELLER PARK

Thank you to Howard and Ron Mueller for donating the Mueller Grove to the City of Danube. We will be able to clean up the area and make a nice place to have a picnic. We look forward to other events there such as our Fall Festival.

We were saddened when Ron passed away on the 12th of July 2007 and extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 227

The Danube American Legion Post 227 donated a beautiful monument (given by Fred Nyquist) and a flag and flag pole, in honor of those from the Danube Area who have served our country in the military. The black granite monument is very impressive. The Legion also did the work and placed it in a prominent area near the entrance to the Mueller Grove. Some landscaping will follow soon.

The American Legion will dedicate this Memorial during
FALL FESTIVAL @ 1:30 pm.

You will see the Memorial area as you come East up the driveway. Come and visit and thank the American Legion. The DHS was glad to facilitate the placement of this project as it does affect and reflect the history of our town. We add our THANK YOU to the American Legion and the servicemen and women from Danube who have served our country in the military.

Also thanks to Orv Molenaar for the initial clean up & removal of pipes, wood, etc. (junk) that had accumulated. Then the Rural Electric Co-op earned our gratitude for trimming the trees and cutting down other trees to prepare this spot for the monument. Also thanks to the Danube Fire Department for cleaning up the debris. When this kind of help appears, what an encouragement it is.

"BREAKING NEWS"

Dateline: 9/12/2007 8:45 PM

As I sat here "tetching" this newsletter a bit tonight, Rod came home excitedly and asked: "Do you have room left to print a Thank You? Give the Danube Fall O' Pep 4-H Club a great big thanks for the wonderful job done in cleaning out Mueller Grove. It looks great!"

They had volunteered to help us if we needed it and do we ever need it! Youth, enthusiasm, strength and willingness! So they came tonight and some of their parents, a few of our members and a skidloader and got a lot of work done. It looks nice and ready for Oct. 6th. Thanks again! Our 4-H is still going strong!

DANUBE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND OUR LOAN!

We, DHS, as a group are very happy about what we have been able to do at the "DEPOT". It wouldn't have been done without your support. THANK YOU!

Many out there have been very generous and we, DHS, are very appreciative. A lot of money has been carefully spent on the Depot and about \$38,000, in cash has been donated through YOU! So we can begin to dream of having the necessary and expensive projects finished sometime. The loan has been reduced to about \$7000.00. THANK YOU.

To our volunteers who cheerfully take on all of the varied tasks that have been necessary to get as far as we are, a big THANK YOU!

DANUBE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP!

Membership dues at \$10.00 per year – per person. You can join any time and it helps if renewals are done in January. CHANGE: Meetings are 9:30 AM the 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Our plan is to send a newsletter 4 times a year to members and current donors.

HAVE SOMETHING TO DONATE? Some are giving us items dated 1901, the year Danube began. We need **original photos & documents** about Danube life prior to 1950. We want stories, written or recorded: about the Depot, Senior Trips, School & Faculty, Family Histories, Military Service, growing up in Danube, how did you or do you fill your time in Danube, shopping, etc. **Artifacts:** Railroad, military, farming, tools, etc. Any and all donations, that we can house, are greatly appreciated.

OCT 6th: THE DHS FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER!

We have planned our Fall Festival and Fundraiser for Saturday, October 6th. Our "School Daze" exhibit is still featured and we've added more artifacts to the other cases. We really had a great time, a wonderful turnout last year. Help us make this year's Fall Festival even bigger and better. We will be serving Brats, Hot dogs, Beans, Sauerkraut, and Bars, Coffee, Juice and good times. Please join us. Dedication of the Veterans Memorial @ 1:30 PM. The Raffle Prizes will be drawn @ 4:00 PM!

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE!

The Danube Historical Society has some GREAT PRIZES for our raffle!

- 1st Prize - 8x12 utility shed.
 - 2nd and 3rd prize - ½ hog, processed.
 - 4th and 5th prize - \$100.00 of gas.
- \$5.00 per ticket.

If you can't be here and want to buy some tickets - just send the DHS a check for the number of tickets you want to buy. DHS Box 463 Danube, MN 56230
If we sell all of the 1500 tickets we will be very near DEBT FREE to this point!

The DHS thanks: Danube Lumber for making the shed possible, Doug's Danube Lockers for processing, and Elويد Penke for the hog. When some give their labor and time and others give support through donations and discounts a lot can happen!

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Donor Recognition Board is in preparation and should be completed this Fall. Donations received by Dec. 31 will be added to your other donations and determine if Bronze, Silver, Gold.
- Danube "became", because the railroad came and made it possible to run business: selling crops, groceries, hardware, feed, etc. Our early business display will be updated and "business history of the future" will be added. Now items that will be "history someday" will be collected— so 2008, we will be featuring Danube businesses from the 70's to the Present, including an invitation to come back and reunite owners, families, workers and customers! The plan is a whole year of activities pursuing the importance of our local businesses. Got ideas? Want to help? Just let us know, you're welcome.
- A display featuring former Faculty who taught in Dist. # 648. Send us your memories _ from tributes to classroom/activity stories. Faculty: we'd love to hear from you and then have you come for this display, during Fun Days. We'd like to have a "Where Are They Now?" segment in this Faculty display. That's a common question as visitors come through, so, send us any information you have and we'll keep it on record. This will be part of our permanent School display.
- Fun Days in 2008 will be July 9-12.
- Projects waiting for financing:

1. Heat, at least in the Lower Level to help preserve the integrity of artifacts that have been and will be donated. For their preservation heat & humidity control are extremely important. The building could be used more than May to mid-October, making it possible for us to have more time to work on preparation for exhibits & do data processing on site.
2. Need filters on the fluorescent lights to prevent fading of fabrics and yellowing of paper.
3. Finish off Lower Level (basement) walls to discourage moisture, a little more insulation, and make walls available for displays. That level will house School Memorabilia, composite pictures, trophies and items still to be donated, and a small storage area. Open shelves have been installed for the trophies, but eventually it would be preferable to have them behind glass.
4. Add a brick platform on the north side, as it was in its original location, since our goal is to keep the Depot as authentic as possible. Railroad history is featured in the room the Station Agent used and that holds the Waiting Bench, but we need lots more railroad artifacts. Does anyone have photographs inside the Depot _ in its day?
5. Minimal landscaping around the building.
6. Landscaping in the Veterans Memorial Area.

REUNIONS

If YOUR graduation class year ends with "3" or "8", then 2008 is your year. So Class of 1958, it is your 50th!!! Fun Days is a great time for a Reunion, _ like our old Homecomings! Could we help you make arrangements?

DID YOU KNOW? The Danube City Council has purchased the school and reserved the Gym as Common Area for the Community! The North End has been leased to Tri-Valley Head Start and was used again this summer _ as a school! They have moved their head offices here and have been very pleased with such a fine facility. So now the school gym is also available for rent as a meeting place and our Main Street Café can cater, plus the Lions' Club Supper is great at the Community Center.

VISITOR FROM THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We were delighted to welcome David Grabitzke to our August 20 DHS meeting. He shared his observations of watching the outside work be completed and many inspiring ideas for now and the future and followed up with a letter with more information we can use, both practical and visionary. It was a delightful time and we are grateful!

Suzie Lueck and Mary Lee Black are attending a workshop at the MHS in St Paul, Sept 14 to learn about software for cataloguing everything for museums. Also, an interesting workshop coming up October 18th on planning and preparing exhibits. DHS is encouraging several to attend. Can you go?

DHS Members - we need your help for the Fall Festival, October 6th. We need help that day and we need pans of bars. Next meeting is Sept. 27th, 9:30 AM @ the Depot.