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Murray County Mascots: Good Luck Charms

By: Janet Timmerman

With all of the discussion over the appropriate names for sports teams and school mascots, I thought it would be interesting to see exactly what the history is on mascots and if I could learn the backgrounds for some of Murray County's school team names and mascots. Originally there were high schools in Lake Wilson, Chandler, Currie, Iona, Fulda, and Slayton. I tried to track down as many names and their origins as I could.

According to several different websites and the ever-popular Wikipedia, the word mascot is derived from the French word *mascotte*, meaning talisman or good luck charm. I found a great website with the enticing name "Today I Found Out: Feed Your Brain" that tries to honestly answer any and all reader queries. One article described the first known mascot belonged to a baseball team. Given baseball's affinity for superstition this doesn't surprise me. Their mascot was a little boy named "Chic" who ran errands for the team. He was deemed good luck and kept around as a lucky charm for games. One of the first animals to be used as a mascot was a goat in the 1880s. One wandered across a baseball field and hung around with the team, so it was accepted as the team mascot.



Fulda Convent Team; 1925.

I particularly like the story of Yale's Handsome Dan, a rather homely bulldog taken on as the football team mascot in 1892. This has been a long-lived tradition. Yale just chose its 16th Handsome Dan bulldog puppy. A story about one of the many Dans was that he was taught to play dead, so whenever a team member asked him if he would rather play for Harvard or die, he tipped over. There is a bulldog featured in the team photo of the Fulda Convent

Baseball team of 1925. Just as handsome as Yale's Dan. A 1905 photo of either the Currie or the Chandler basketball team also includes a rather large homely mascot.

College teams seem to have taken on the idea of a mascot before high schools did. Used to build support and team spirit within the college community (continued)



Currie or Chandler Basketball Team; 1905.

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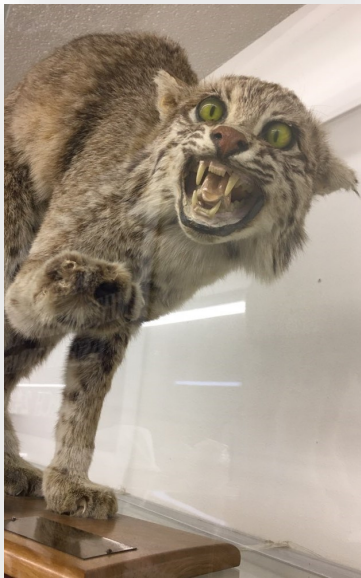
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Slaytonian; 1948.

It wasn't until the 1960s and early 1970s that a sports team name became the brand for a school. The first mention in the newspapers of a high school team name was the Slayton Wildcats in 1936 in a sports article about the winner of the Goat Game. Slayton and Fulda had an on-going rivalry whose winner was decided each year with two basketball games. Whoever won both of the games that season got a questionably honorable prize of a moth-eaten goat. The Goat Games had been in play since the 1920s.

Slayton's original colors had been black and orange in the nineteen teens which leads one to believe they might have been the Tigers. By 1936, however,



Wildcat; 1961.

taken on the names unofficially in previous years. Nicknames may have taken on more meaning as community and team spirit builders after the School Reorganization Act of 1947 when country schools were starting to close and rural students began coming to town for school starting in 1st grade. Cohesiveness was built around rooting for their teams.

the mascot was honored by pennants, insignias on clothing, and flags. The designs for those early college teams often became the prototypes for later high school mascot designs. It seems high schools created sports team names before they decided on a logo design. Teams wanted to sound tough and unbeatable so names like Raiders, Warriors, Trojans, or Knights became popular. Other teams chose names from the animal kingdom, usually top-of-the-food chain animals like Tigers, Lions, Bears, and Eagles.

It is hard to discern when local high schools adopted the names for their sports teams. Most likely it was during the 1920s and 1930s. Originally, the name referred to only the football, basketball, or baseball teams and had little connotation to the rest of school life. There were no Eagle

Declamation Teams or Raider Math Teams. It



Wildcat Homecoming Button; 1955.

they were Wildcats of purple and white. On the cover of the 1948 Slaytonian Annual, a Wildcat appears for the first time. The early images still look like a tiger as in the 1955 Homecoming button. It does show a sign of school inclusiveness stating that everyone who went to school there was a "Wildcat." In 1961 three alumni donated a real "Wildcat" to the school. Del Pryor, Jack Markwardt, and John Short found a taxidermy Bobcat to donate to the school. (If you know anything about that donation, we'd love to hear the story!)

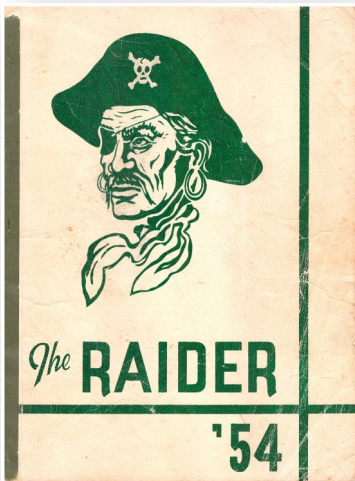
Fulda's basketball team was mentioned as the Red Raiders in a Goat Game article the next year in 1937. Their mascot was a swashbuckling Pirate with a background of a red cutlass, very similar to the current mascot. More than likely both teams had



Red Raider; 1937.

When Lake Wilson's high school was built in 1908 it had a gymnasium in the basement of the building. There the LW Raiders played basketball. Both men and women lettered in intra-mural basketball into the 1930s before women's sports were dropped. I have not found the first year that the name Raiders was adopted, but by the 1950s The Raider was the name of the school annual. Their mascot was a pirate in a tri-corn hat.

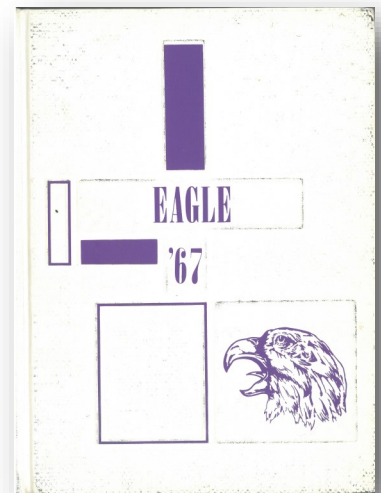
Chandler built a new high school in 1920. Their team took on the name Eagles. Their main rival was the neighboring town of Lake Wilson, no goats involved though. In 1955 an eagle was featured on the front cover of the *Channual*. It was an official looking beast resembling a national crest. By 1967 when the Eagle again graced the front cover of the annual, it was more realistic and much more threatening.



LW Raider; 1954.



Chandler Yearbook; 1955.



Chandler Yearbook; 1967.

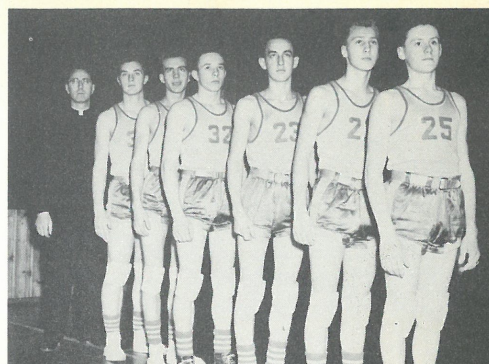
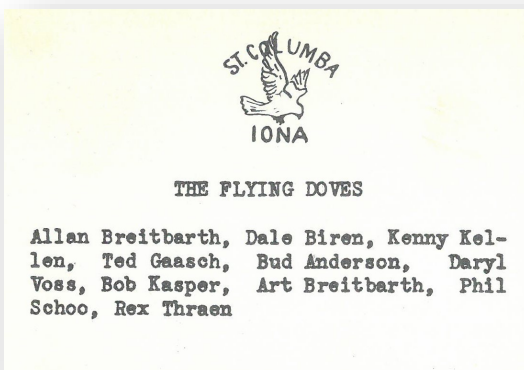


Chandler Eagles
Homecoming Button.

Two towns had Catholic parochial high schools. Their teams played other parochial teams in the region. According to local historian Romane Dold, the team from Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Currie was called the Sheteks, after the nearby lake. St Columba High School in Iona chose a more faith-based name for their team with the Flying Doves. That rather mild name didn't stop them from reaching the district championships in basketball.

As populations in the county dropped over the years some high schools chose to consolidate. In 1971 the Chandler and Lake Wilson School boards voted to consolidate their schools, leaving the elementary there and bussing all high school students to Chandler. I remember one junior boy hanging a sign out of the second story window of the Lake Wilson

school the last day of classes. It said "Moving to Chandler Brick by Brick!" The consolidation forced the students to consider a new team name for their new school. I sat on that high school committee as a Lake Wilson freshman. We narrowed it down to two or three names and I lobbied for Mustangs.



St. Columba Flying Doves Basketball Team and Logo

TRI-COUNTY CONFERENCE CHAMPS

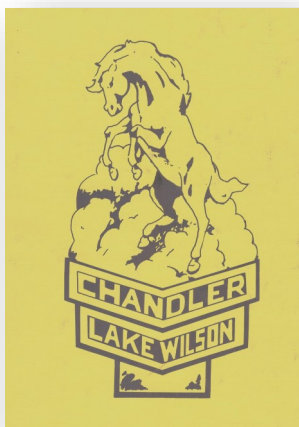


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STANDING: Bill Grogan, Dan Staab, Brad Johnson, Roger Erstad, Mark Timmerman, and Rick Vos. KNEELING: Gene Stoel, Dave Staab and Brad Dysthe.

Chandler Lake Wilson Football Team



Chandler Lake Wilson Logo

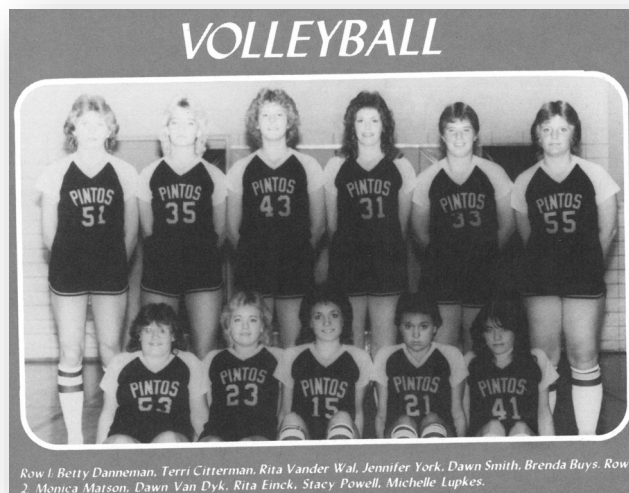
population. It was hard for schools to afford to outfit, bus, and coach teams. In 1991 CLW paired sports with Edgerton foregoing both names, Mustangs and Flying Dutchmen. They called themselves the Ridge Runners, the schools being on opposite sides of Buffalo Ridge. It was a successful fall for the Chandler-Edgerton-Lake Wilson Ridge Runners. The combined football team was the 1991 Southern Division champs. All of this came to a screeching halt after the 1992 tornado destroyed the Chandler high school building.

Forced to make another decision on consolidation, the school board voted to combine with Slayton rather than simply dissolve the district. It was a divisive decision for both schools. Slayton residents did not want to give up their long

In the end that is the mascot we chose. Forcing two rival schools together might have been more difficult, but we soon found out that two schools with strong football teams makes one outstanding team. Together, the Mustang team took the district football championship two years running and the first year went into Regionals. There had been plenty to root for.

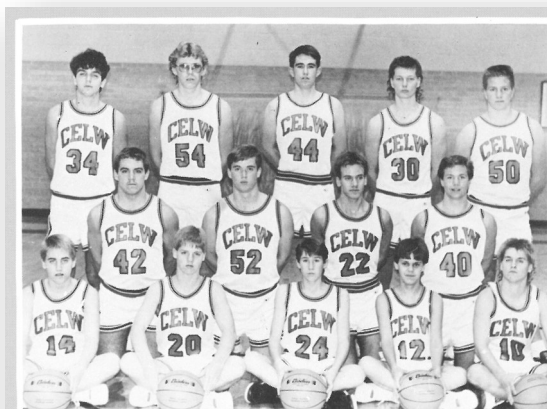
Women's intramural sports began in 1972 after the Title IX ruling. Most girls' teams kept the original nicknames, but the girls of CLW decided to call themselves the Pintos rather than Mustangs. Slayton girls' teams were unofficially called the Lady Cats.

In time both parochial schools closed moving students into surrounding districts until there were only three high schools in the county. Class sizes in the schools were dropping along with the county



Row 1: Betty Danneman, Terri Citterman, Rita Vander Wal, Jennifer York, Dawn Smith, Brenda Buys. Row 2: Monica Marson, Dawn Van Dyk, Rita Einck, Stacy Powell, Michelle Lupkes.

Pintos; 1984.



Back L to R: Carlos Paiva, Chad VanderBeek, Tim Schoolmeester, Matthew Hurd, Bryan Van't Hof. Middle: Jamie Rieck, Dave Vander Beek, Mathias Bruhning, Danny Ruiter. Front: Ross DeBoer, Craig Vander Beek, Alan Starzl, Eric Johnson, Brian Edmundson.

Ridgerunners Basketball Team; 1991.

held Wildcat nickname. The Wildcat was part and parcel of being from Slayton. In the end the student committee chose a name based in the college world.

The University of Nevada at Las Vegas was having a winning year and that swayed the vote. The final decision was the Murray County Central Rebels. Their mascot, taken directly from UNLV, resembles a squatty confederate general in buckskin coat and feathered hat with a very long rifle. Eventually the rifle was dropped from the image and today he is often depicted with his hands on his hips or holding a flag.



MCC Rebel

Currently the two high schools of the county, Raiders and Rebels, are holding their own in population and seem likely to remain the dominant educational systems of the county. Lost are the Flying Doves and the Eagles, the Sheteks and the Raiders. Lost are the Mustangs and the Ridge Runners. For the alumni of those schools, they still relate their past to the identity of their school mascots. Long Live the Mustangs!

Murray County in the 1920s: A Decade of Change Exhibit Opening Events September 10 - 12

Members Invitation Only Preview Event

Thursday, September 10 4 - 8 PM

**Pre-register your group via
phone or e-mail**

Door Prizes and Party Favors

Photo Booth

Wear Your Costumes!

Talk to the Designers

Sidewalk Serving of

Free Root Beer Floats and Snacks



This exhibit is funded by a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Legacy amendment voted on by the people of Minnesota in 2008.

Exhibit Opening (General Public)

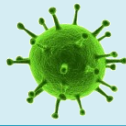
Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12

Noon to 4 PM

Party Favors —Photo Booth

Root Beer Floats for Sale Outside





Covid-19 Self Interview



We are living in a unique era of American history. Future historians, and our own descendants, will want to know how this pandemic affected the lives of rural people. In an effort to collect as many viewpoints, stories, and experiences as possible about how COVID-19 has affected county residents, we are calling on everyone, young and old, to complete this COVID-19 Self Interview. There are no right or wrong responses. Feel free to skip any question you prefer not to answer. Answers can be handwritten, typed, or even recorded. Please sign the release agreement and return it with your answers. Answers can be dropped off at the museum, mailed to PO Box 61; Slayton, MN 56172, or emailed to museum@co.murray.mn.us.

1. Whose experience is being recorded? Please give us your name, age, the place you live, and the place you work/attend school.
2. Who is doing the recording? If someone is helping you, give us their name.
3. Date and location when/where the interview was recorded.
4. When did you first learn about the COVID-19 outbreak?
5. What were your thoughts at that time?
6. What are your thoughts about the COVID-19 pandemic today?
7. How have you adapted to the pandemic so far? Has your daily routine changed? How so?
8. What has changed the most in your life?
9. What scares or worries you about the current situation?
10. What frustrates you or makes you angry about the current situation?
11. What makes you sad? Who or what are you missing?
12. How are you handling the situation? Are you working on certain projects? How are you passing the time?
13. Are you helping others? If so, how?
14. How do you feel about the official response on the local, state, or federal level?
15. Does this pandemic remind you of anything else or another crisis you may have lived through? If so, what?
16. What are you grateful for during this time?
17. What are your plans for moving forward in the future?

I do hereby irrevocably release, assign, give, and convey to the Murray County Historical Society, any and all right, title, and interest including any copyright or intellectual property interest, in the COVID-19 Self Interview attached. I understand that the interviews will be deposited in the Murray County Historical Society archives for use by future scholars and may be used for any lawful purpose in all forms known or unknown in perpetuity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under the age of 18:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

A Word.doc copy of this interview can be downloaded from our website (<https://murraycountyhistoricalsociety.org/>).

Main Museum Building Open by Appointment



After closing our doors on March 18, we are once again open to the public! As we all know, the threat of COVID-19 has not gone away. Below are the new guidelines that must be followed by museum visitors. The goal of these guidelines is to keep our visitors and staff members safe.

- Visitors to the museum will be by appointment only. You must call ahead to schedule an appointment.
- All visitors must fill out a contact information sheet, in the event of a staff member contracting Covid-19, visitors will be informed of the possible exposure.
- If you feel sick, we ask that you please leave the museum.
- Use of a facemask is required.
- A maximum of 10 visitors will be allowed in the museum at a time.
- Visitor traffic will be one way only through the museum. Visitors must maintain 6 ft social distance between others not in your family group. Floor decals denote the flow of traffic and social distance measurements.
- The research area is closed to the public. All research requests will be completed by staff members.
- Do not touch any museum artifacts.
- Do not enter the topical vignettes. Vignettes have been roped off.
- Visitors may use the restroom; however, we ask that you inform a staff member so that surface areas can be wiped down after use.

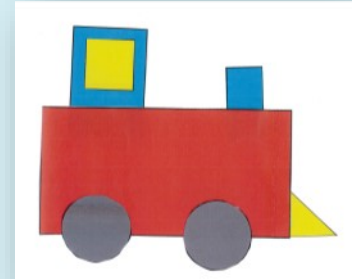
Postponed: Front Porch Music Series

Due to Covid-19 the 2020 Front Porch Music Series has been postponed to 2021. Funding for this year's series was awarded to the MCHS through a Southwest Minnesota Arts Council grant. SMAC has allowed the grant money to roll over to next year for this event. We are looking forward to next year's concerts!

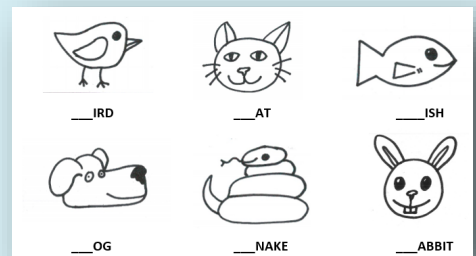


TAKE HOME HISTORY LEARNING PACKETS AVAILABLE

School is over for the year but there is still plenty of time to learn over the summer! The Murray County Museum has created two educational history packets for young children connected to Murray County history!



There is a packet for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade and one for children in 3rd to 4th grade. These packets are available in both English and Spanish and include the Minnesota State Education Standards for each lesson. The packets include five short history lessons with a journal or draw section, and a couple fun activities including games, crafts, and snack ideas!



Download the packets today at under the "Recent Posts" tab on: <https://murraycountyhistorical.society.org/>

Happenings at the Murray County Museum

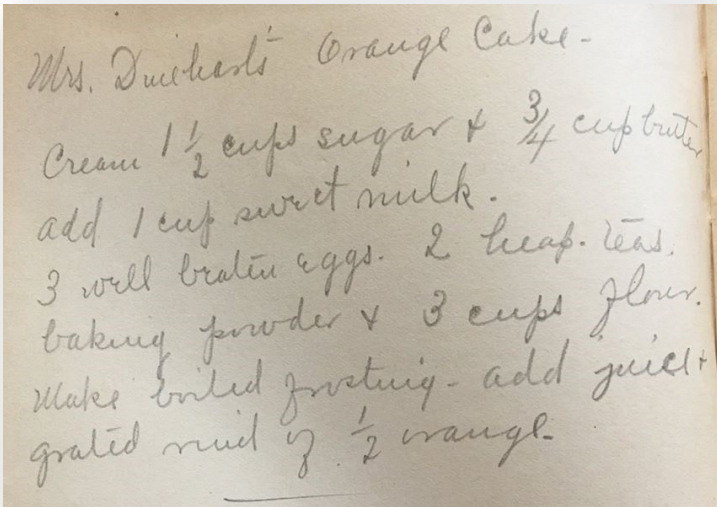
By: Rose Schmit Site Coordinator/Collections Manger



The museum opened back up by appointment on June 16 and I can't tell you how excited I have been to see other people when I come to work!

Working alone in the building has allowed me to make a lot of head way on different projects but being able to interreact with visitors again is such a treat!

Over the last few months I have continued pushing forward on the book project. The last report I gave was 370 books finished on April 29—today there are 742 books completely inventoried as of August 5!



One neat inscription discovered during the book project was in a copy of *Dr. Chase's Receipt Book and Household Physician or Practical Knowledge for the People* that belonged to Alice Weck. Alice Weck was the wife of Frank D. Weck. The Wecks and Dineharts moved to Slayton from Chicago together to start the State Bank of Slayton. In the book was an inscription titled: "Mrs. Dinehart's Orange Cake." I'm excited to try this recipe out, here's a copy so you can try it too!

On July 17, Janet took me on a tour of the western part of the county. She showed me the

original site of the Wornson Cabin and the Current Lake Store, the dried bed of Bear Lake and the Great Oasis, the District 23 school house, the top of Buffalo Ridge, the Chanarambie Valley, Lost Timber, the Big Slough, and much more! The trip was so fun and I learned a lot! Two major take aways form the trip: 1. I have fallen in love with Murray County: its landscape, people, and history. 2. I am excited to start work on a new exhibit focused on Native Americans in Murray County!

Other projects include inventorying the 35mm slide collection, inventorying the Muesing Drug Store collection, creating "Take Home History" packets for school age children, designing posters to accompany displays in the South Wing, and generally keeping up with the 101 different projects that pop up around the museum throughout the week!



Murray County Cemetery Scavenger Hunt

During the time of Covid-19, our ability to host programs has become limited. In an effort to combat the lack of programming we have designed a "Cemetery Scavenger Hunt" that you and your family can complete! The scavenger hunt challenges you to visit cemeteries in the county and find certain symbols, inscriptions, and more! Cemeteries hold a lot of history! While you are working on your scavenger hunt, if you come across the name of an individual you would like to learn more about, let us know! We will try to find you an obituary or any other information on the person. You can pick up a copy of the scavenger hunt at the museum or download it from our website!



Updates from End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum By Jakob Etrheim, Site Coordinator

As I write this, I still find it hard to believe it's July. During the quarantine lockdown in the spring, the days seemed to go slow. Now that we are open at End-O-Line again, the days and weeks are going much faster.

If you have not seen, End-O-Line Park opened to the public starting June 16 under different hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 A.M to 5 P.M. This time period is when all opened park buildings and public restrooms will be available. As we are a county park, visitors are welcome to visit the grounds during all day light hours, seven days a week. Due to staff shortages and to prevent community spread, there will be no guided park tours; only self-guided tours. One-time use guide books are available by free-will donation at the visitors' center. Certain park buildings will be closed as they have smaller spaces that do not allow for proper social distancing. We encourage visitors to wear a mask when you visit. Contact the park for any questions about our new protocols.

When you visit End-O-Line this summer, you will notice the Currie Depot has a new coat of paint. Thanks to a grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation, we were able to hire Miesen's Color Center from Springfield to paint the 120-year old building. The painting should be done by the end of July.

Janet has been working on a grant project we received to do research on the history of End-O-Line Park. She has been conducting interviews of people who have been involved with the park over the last 48 year. Our goal is to complete the research by September where we'll submit another grant to write the text of book on the history of the park based on the research.

I hope to see you all stop by the park sometime this summer!



Before



After

A Fresh Coat of Paint



During the last week of May, the Murray County Museum building got a fresh coat of paint/stain! Site Coordinator Rose Schmit tackled the project with volunteer Jon Schmit. Take a look at these before and after photos!



All that is left to do is repaint the metal doors (when it is less humid out!) and hang the new sign that is being designed by Western Printing in Marshall. The new sign will feature the Museum logo!

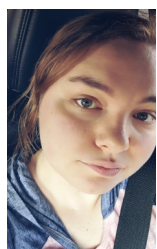


How Did You Get Into History?

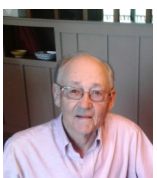
We asked the MCHS Board of Directors and Murray County Museums staff to tell us how they became interested in history! Do any of these anecdotes remind you of your experience? How did you get interested in history?



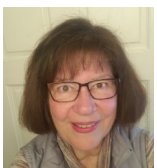
Brad Bergerson, Treasurer: We grew up in a very old farmhouse. There were many old artifacts in the attic. A couple things that I remember gazing at were a Japanese rifle with bayonet that my dad brought back from the pacific after WWII and a pile of old catalogs from Sears. There were also some old buildings on the farm that were constructed with square nails. This kindled my desire to know more about history.



Rachel Dreesen, Secretary: I was at my grandparents house for a day when I was 11/12 years old. My grandpa didn't know what to do with me, so he dug out an old box of letters/random papers he had saved from a dumpster after his Uncle had died. He hadn't ever looked in it, and he and grandma were working on cleaning out the basement. To his (and my) surprise the box was full of amazing finds! A civil war journal, and his grandparents' marriage certificate among other things. Without that box I wouldn't have ever known my connection to Murray County. That ignited the flame and I've never looked back!



Romane Dold: My interest in history really started in my later life and mostly about our families. Presently our family tree consists of over 6000 people & 3100 photos, going back as far as 1529, all related to either my wife or myself. More recently, I published a book NOW & THEN in 2010 that was a compilation of the history of the Currie area and the Catholic church in Currie going back to the late 1800s. My interest continues in the preservation of all local history for future generations to enjoy.



Judy Horn: My husband loved history and that hooked me. Many of our vacations were to national parks and historic sites so I couldn't help but learn about the things I'd missed in my high school history classes.

Another influence is that one of my cousins wrote an exhaustive 599 page family history book about my father's side of my family. It's full of personal stories that captivate me. (And the research was all done prior to the advent of computer technology!)

So, national history and family history...what about Murray County history? I've lived near the Dinehart Holt House since 1976 so I've admired that lovely home for over 40 years....and that's opened the door for me to all the other history of this area.



Ruth Hoyme: I thank my family for my interest in history. My Dad and my Grandpa were both born on the farm where we 5 kids grew up--my Dad called it his little corner of the world. We were always aware that history was important to our parents. There were two special family members that died before I was born: my Grandmother Anna, who came from Norway as a young woman, and my Uncle Luverne, who died in WWII on the USS Houston. I have gotten more interested in family history, and also in other people's history as I grow older. I think it enriches our lives and makes us better people as we enjoy, learn from and try to preserve that history.



Janet Timmerman: When I was a kid, my Dad always had a book he was reading about some historical event or person. When we went on vacation we went to places he had read about like Buffalo Gap, South Dakota or the last "house of ill repute" in Miles City, Montana. It was always some obscure place with a great history. We wandered cemeteries and ghost towns. Historians are just really curious people and my Dad instilled that curiosity in me.



Jakob Etrheim: I started getting interested in history by growing up around my grandfather. He was born, raised, and has currently lived in my hometown of Garretson, SD his entire 93-year life. I love asking him questions about Garretson of old. My love of history really flourished when I was a senior in high school. As a member of the local FFA chapter in Garretson, SD, we were asked to help the local Garretson Area Historical Society put together a new agricultural exhibit at there museum. I loved the museum so much that I started attending the historical society board meetings and I became a board member. That was ten years ago and to this day, I still remain involved with the Garretson Historical Society.



Rose Schmit: Growing up, my family would often watch historical documentaries and my mom was always reading a history book which she would discuss at the breakfast table. Later, my fifth grade history teacher (Mr. Schwanebeck) had our class perform a play about historical figures. I was cast as Eleanor Dare, a member of the Roanoke Colony. That moment made history come alive for me. Ever since then I have loved studying our collective past and helping others find a way to make history meaningful to them.

Food for Thought

If you are reading this newsletter, you are a member of the MCHS — so how did you become interested in history? Most of these responses talk about a person who inspired their love of history. Think about the people in your life. Who can you share your passion for history with?

New Artifact Donations

Spring and Summer are normally our busiest times for new donation to the museum. With Covid-19 keeping many people inside and looking through the nooks and crannies of their homes, this season has seen an uptick in the amount of donations we have received! Take a look at a this selection!



Drum — Belonged to James Lowe who played in the Slayton Community Band for 50 years. Circa 1940.



Citizens State Bank of Fulda Letter Opener — Belonged to Sam Toner. 1983.



Lake Wilson Raiders Buttons — Belonged to Robert and Dorothy Bloemendaal. Circa 1950s.



Child Size Sailor Suit — Worn by Joseph LeTendre in 1942 (age 4). Former on-air personality for Christensen Broadcasting's Slayton station, now called KJOE Radio after LeTendre.



Many Thanks for Donations and Memorial Gifts

Memorials:

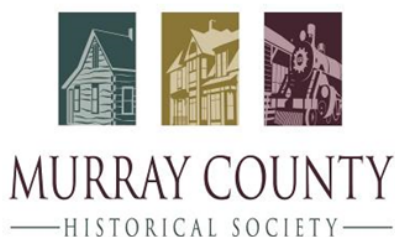
In memory of Sylvia Knutson Lyons — Rosemary Carraway

Dinehart Bear Fund Donations:

Elaine Gaul Elizabeth Leach Raymond and Lavonne Priebe Vin and Cheryl Weber

If we missed your name as a donor, please contact Janet to make sure we have your donation on our list. We are deeply grateful for every donation and memorial. The Murray County Historical Society, is a non-profit, 501(c)(3). Donors may deduct their contributions as directed in the US Income Tax Code.

Fill out the form below to renew your membership for 2020. Already renewed?
Consider sharing this form with a family member or friend! Memberships make great gifts!



After completing this form, please deliver or mail to with payment to:

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2848 29th Street
PO Box 61
Slayton, MN 56172

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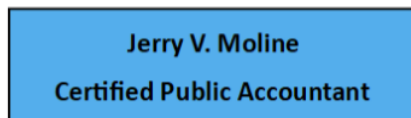
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We Thank Our 2020 MCHS Business Members!

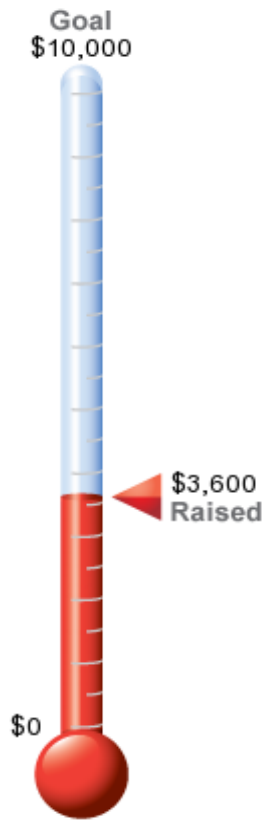


Chandler Co-Op



Business	Members Since
Almich's Market	2020
Chandler Co-Op	2020
Hoffmann Construction	2020
Jerry V. Moline CPA	2020
Rooster's On/Off Sale Liquor	2020
Slayton Area Chamber of Commerce	2011
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.	2019
Spartz Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	2020
State Bank of Chandler	2003
Summer Cottage	2020
VIP Floral and Garden Center	2020

The MCHS Board of Directors have added a new "Business Members" category to the types of memberships available. If you or someone you know would like more information about business memberships, contact the museum by phone or email.



Help us Return the Bears!

We are still working on raising funds to return the iconic hand-carved Black Forest bears to the Dinehart Holt House. As of now, we have raised \$3,600 out of the total \$10,000 needed. If you are interested in donating towards this cause, please contact Janet at (507) 836-6533 or jtimmerman@co.murray.mn.us or send donations to: PO Box 61, Slayton, MN 56172. The Murray County Historical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)(3). Donors may deduct their contributions as directed in the US Income Tax Code.

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Visit the Museum & Dinehart House!

Tues-Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

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