

# MCHS

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## Newsletter

### Our President is Woman of the Year!



The Murray County Historical Society's president, Frances Johansen, was honored with being chosen as the Slayton Women of Today's *Woman of the Year* for 2004. Board members were told this in January and had to keep it quiet until the historical board meeting in February. Family, friends and board members gathered at the museum that night to surprise Frances with her award. She was very surprised and couldn't believe we could keep it a secret for that long! A nice lunch was served.

### Successful Parade of Trees

The 2003 Parade of Trees/Open House was again a successful event. It was held on Sunday, November 30 from 1 to 5. We had over thirty trees decorated this year and would like to thank those who helped out or decorated a tree. We had several groups who made appointments to view the trees at special times, keep this in mind for next year if you belong to a club or group that needs an activity to do.

## Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

A two meat buffet was held at the Royal Loon Supper Club on Tuesday, March 16 at noon for all the wonderful volunteers we have help out at the museum. Over forty guests were served a delicious meal and we thank every one of them for their help.

## Thanks for donations and items

The museum has acquired several new items in the past months. Thanks to Lillian Lokker for uniform and medals of Kenneth's; Lorane Onken for a souvenir pillow and two cotton throws belonging to H.J. Onken; Dr. Donaldson for a book of operative dentistry and Kodak items; Earl Halverson for numerous sports memorabilia; Terry Larson for a baby buggy; Larry Sloan for advertising memorabilia and Earl Erickson for a John Deere disk and wagon hoist. Thanks to the families of Derald Nepp and Roger Carlson for donations in their memory. Also thanks for donations made from Shalom Hill Farm, Maxine Pierson, Hadley Lions Club and the Clothing Center in Lake Wilson. We appreciate every gift we receive and put it to good use in your museum.



## Hobby Show in April

The museum's annual Hobby Show and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, April 25 from 1 to 5. We have about 14 people lined up to show their hobbies/collections. There will be a bake sale that day also so we ask that members please try and bring something for that. Hope to see everyone at the museum on April 25 and don't forget the bake sale. Set up for the displays will be on Friday 10 to 5 and Saturday by appointment. We would like to have a motorcycle display outside that day; if you have one or know of someone who has one gives us a call at 836-6533 and we'll add them to our list.

## Eating Out in Murray County

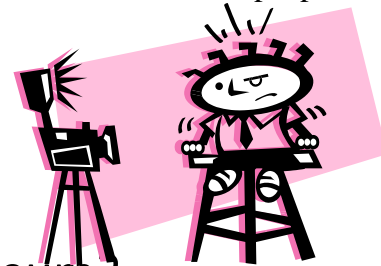
Caryl and Diane are in the process of gathering information and items for a number of different displays involving eating out in Murray County over the years. We are looking for any items associated with cafes, eateries, etc. The museum strictly has newspaper ads and we would like to have actual signs, menus, advertising memorabilia, etc. Earl Halverson donated our only menu from the Silver Star, thanks Earl. Look through your attics and closets, maybe you have a menu from one of the many cafes that were operated throughout the county. If you find anything give us a call at 836-6533.

We plan to have these displays up by the summer months.



## Unidentified Photograph

Do you know these people?  
This photograph was found in the attic of Miron Carney's bookstore. If you can identify these people please call the museum at 836-6533 and let us know. We like to have names with our pictures and would like to know who these people are.



## What's New at the Museum?

The museum acquired several pieces of furniture from the courthouse. A smaller utility desk on wheels, two big wooden shelves/cupboards and a big wooden table which is now in the office. The table that was in the office is now out in the museum for a research area. The office now has three new bookcases which are already full. Two smaller bookcases were also purchased for the research area in the museum. We have also updated our newspaper microfilm files; we now have several from Edgerton, Tracy, Pipestone and more in our Currie issues.

Remember.....

The Hobby Show with bake sale on April 25 ~ *we need bake sale items, please label and price the items.*

The museum is your museum, come and look at what we have. Our family files are full of interesting things about your families. We have done research for numerous people via e-mail and they are so surprised and happy with the material we find for them. This winter we have done over fifteen different researches for people. We also have naturalization papers and census records on microfilm, along with the old newspapers.



**WANTED:** The museum has a number of high school yearbooks but would like some from Avoca, Chandler, Currie, Iona, Lake Wilson and Fulda. If you have any you would like to part with stop in or give us a call ~ 836-6533.

## Township History Project

We are still working on getting information together to complete the individual township history files. Donations have been received from Leeds and Mason Townships this year towards this project, thanks to them. Also thanks to Leeds and Slayton Townships for loaning us their old records to use. Some of the township files have lots of information in them and some have very little so we are working on getting them all complete and up to date, which will take time. If you have any photographs of township halls we would certainly like to scan them for our files.

## Museum Hours

Closed in January  
February & March  
10 to 5, T/W/Th

April through December

10 to 5, M-F

(we may be open on Saturday afternoons  
between Memorial Day and Labor Day)