

MCHS Newsletter

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Prom

Extravaganza

The Murray County Historical Society will be hosting an exhibit at the Dinehart/Holt House during the summer of 2012. "Prom Fashions Through the Years" will debut during the Days of 87" on July 6, 7 & 8 continuing through August during the Murray County Fair & September during the Autumn Boutique. Admission for this exhibit will be \$5 and punch will be served. We are asking for the loan of prom dresses from all eras as we don't have enough to fill our big house! Please dig out your prom dress and let's make this an extravaganza to remember. Give us a call at 836-6533 or drop them off at the museum. Bring a photo of you in it too!!



Happenings at the museum

The museum has been quiet after our Parade of Trees in December. In January the museum is closed except we are in the office occasionally to check mail, phone messages and do some projects that don't get done during open hours. We are still working on our new front and looking into lighting by the front doors. Of course we are searching for just the right look to match the old time village theme.

We will also be adding new items to the front as the construction is now done in front of our building & you can actually see the museum again. Shalom Hill Farm seminary students visited the museum in January. Vince Crowley and Larry Sloan led the group of twelve around the Sierk Building and talked about early agriculture in our area. They warmed up with coffee, cider and doughnuts while touring the museum. Thanks to

Vince and Larry for helping us out!

The museum has acquired some new items in the past months. A sewing rocker from Mary Borgstahl of Slayton. Baby clothes, old patterns, sewing cards, 70's prom dress and old Halloween masks from the Rik and Elsie Vande Voort family of Chandler. Diane and Jolene were invited to the home

that belonged to Waldo & Evelyn Winter, Dovray by their daughter, Sue Wolff of New Ulm. She wanted to donate many items & we looked over the vast collection. Now added to our artifacts: Hoosier cabinet, kitchen sink area, folding baby bathtub, vintage table lamps, Dovray advertising items, metal canister sets, old boat motors, asst. irons, numerous old toys, old bridesmaid dresses w/ matching shoes, 40's/50's clothing. Thanks to all who donated to us!!

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Haunted Museum a huge success

Our annual Haunted Museum was again a hit with youngsters and adults who dared to venture in. Every booth in the main area of the museum was transformed into ghoulish splendor except the two church booths—they are off limits for our decorators. For those who were a little braver we had our Haunted Hallway, which

proved to be a big hit with (almost) everyone that went through it. Between the Pumpkin Festival and Halloween we had 500 visitors come through. Popcorn was served to trick or treaters. Thanks to our volunteers who help us decorate and to those that dress up in our Haunted Hallway!!

Volunteer Dinner at Dinehart/Holt House



The Murray County Historical Society will host a noon luncheon to thank our many volunteers for helping us out last year. This event will take place on Tuesday, March 27 at noon at the historic Dine-

hart/Holt House, 2812 Linden Ave., Slayton. The menu will consist of lasagna, lettuce salad, breadstick and dessert. Letters will be sent out to last years volunteers with the details. We hope to see

you all there and thanks for helping us out, either at the house, museum, agriculture building or the log cabin! Please RSVP if you get a letter, by calling or e-mailing the museum.

Remember ~ if your address label is highlighted in yellow your membership is due! Yearly memberships run from January through December for \$10 a person, not per couple. Lifetime memberships are only \$125!

Dinehart/Holt House Happenings

Bookings for the month of December at the house included a Christmas party, private tour, benefit open house and two showers. The month of January was left open to get our bathroom floors installed.

Slayton Plumbing removed all the fixtures from the downstairs and upstairs bathrooms. Tile was purchased from Randy's Floor Covering and Tom Somers did the installation. The floors look excellent and the fix-

tures are all back in. Now we work on the lighting and getting walls back to normal. Hopefully our bathrooms will be done soon! Remember the prom dress exhibit, dig out your dresses to be included!!

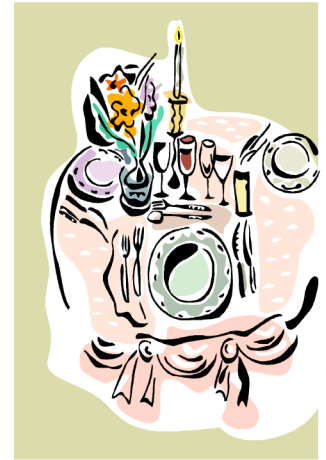
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Fourth Annual Spring Fling Table Tour

Plans are in the making for the historical society's annual Spring Fling Table Tour. This will be our fourth year and we would like to make it our biggest and best! The event will take place on Friday, April 13 at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. Letters have been sent to prospective hostesses and those that have shown

interest last year for this year's event. If you haven't been contacted and would like to do a table please call the museum at 836-6533 and we will get you the information and tickets. We will also be holding a silent auction and are looking for good quality items for that. If you would like to donate in any way (\$ or items)

for our auction please contact or bring to the museum, we would be grateful for the help! Letters have also been sent to area restaurants and caterers and we await their responses for our meal. Think about setting a table, it's a fun time!



Memorabilia from Lake Wilson Public School

With the sale of the school building in Lake Wilson, many items have been removed and Dennis Miller, Fulda, has come up with a plan for some of those items. Miller has generously donated his time to build the museum a tro-

phy case made out of a portion of the bleachers and gym floor boards, including the score table. This case will be a nice addition to house our Lake Wilson school items. He has also brought to us the metal plaque from the entry

wall of the school from 1958, when the new addition was built. T & R Construction of Chandler removed it for him and we thank them for their work and thank Dennis for thinking of us with this project.

Donald Erickson, Lake Wilson, has been working on all the senior photo boards that hung in the entryway of the school. Many were damaged by water and age and he is re-doing all of them for proper storage at the museum. Thank you Don for your work!



Days of 87/All School Reunion this summer

The city of Slayton is celebrating their 125th Anniversary this summer with events planned during the Days of '87 Celebration, July 6, 7, & 8. An All School Reunion is in the works so many alumni will be visiting. With this in mind

the Murray County Museum will have a Slayton themed exhibit on display: Photographs, yearbooks, trophies, the "goat", wildcat, advertising items, signs and much more will be on display for everyone to "remember when"!

The museum will be open Friday from 10 to 5 and Saturday from 10 to 4. The Dinehart/Holt House will have the prom exhibit each day from 10 to 4.

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Murray County Historical Society Membership Dues Notice

The mission of the Murray County Historical Society is to collect, preserve and promote the history of Murray County. Be a part of this exciting historical experience by becoming a member of the MCHS or renewing your current membership. Membership entitles you to:

*FREE museum admission

*FREE in-house assisted research

*DISCOUNT on photocopies

*FREE seasonal newsletter

Individual membership dues are a bargain at \$10.00 per year and run from January to December. Lifetime memberships are \$125.00. Please mail a check payable to the Murray County Historical Society and send to P.O. Box 61, Slayton, MN 56172.

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