

MURRAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



MURRAY COUNTY
— HISTORICAL SOCIETY —

Summer2018

*"There is nothing **new** in the world except the history you do not know."*

Harry S. Truman

Usually this time of year, toward the end of summer, things are tying up. Everyone getting in the last of something; swimming, vacation, malts at the Fair, warm weather. Here at the museum we are looking at this time of year as a renewal. We have a **new** staff member, two **new** exhibits, a list of **new** and **renew**-ing members. We have **new** donors to thank and **new** programs to talk about. It seems like a contradiction in terms to talk about "**new** history" but we are.

We do, however, have someone we are saying goodbye to. Our **newest** board member Kelly Muldoon is leaving the board. She, and her husband Joe, are moving from the area for a **new** and exciting opportunity near the Twin Cities. We wish them both well and thank Kelly for all her support and advocacy while she was a member of the board.

With fall around the corner, I wanted to include some items from the collection that remind us of the harvest. You will find our Pick Six later in the newsletter. This idea is based upon the Minnesota Historical Society Pick Six idea. When I saw the idea in their recent newsletter, I thought, 'we have better picks than that!' You be the judge.

As fall approaches, you know what that means-Another season of Dinehart Lunchbox Lectures! We have one spot still open but you'll find the rest of the line up here. If there is a subject you are interested in, let us know. We Try to find diverse topics and speakers and try to keep the subject as local as we can.

We have two new exhibits open in the Museum. "Recreation around the Lakes" is fast becoming a favorite. Kids can fish from the dock or canoe. See the real anchor from the 1901 Etta May steamship! Peak into the 1957 Slayton boat.

Our other new exhibit is "There's an App for That." It features many of the everyday items that have been sidelined by the smart phone, but be careful, there are things in the exhibit that might fool you. Take our test to see if you can match the App to the item.



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Members Make it Happen!

We thank our 2018 Members for their support!

Watch for our Membership drive in November

Anthony and Felixa	Amato	Dave	Hansen*	Sylvia	Onken
Joe and Catherine	Amato	Brian	Harmsen*	Lyle and Kay	Onken*
Doug and Janet	Anderson	Aurora	Heard	Arlene	Oolman
Merlyn	Anderson*	Todd	Hieronimus	Luann	Parker*
Lorna	Bader*	Phillip and Janet	Hintermeister	Howard	Paul
Hilary and Marilyn	Barry	Merry	Hollis	Dean	Pearson*
Carmen	Barry	Richard	Holmberg*	Fran	Pedersen
Betheen	Bean	Judy	Horn	Jean	Pelikan
Linda	Beerman	Steve	Horn	Mary	Perry
Kathy	Behrends*	Jon and Ruth	Hoyme	Phillip and Joan	Peterson
Brad and Diane	Bergerson	Wesley	Hromatko	Beulah	Powell*
Fran and Federic	Berreau	Garry	Immerman	Ray and LaVonne	Priebe
JoAnn	Biren	James	Jens	Gaeland	Priebe
Fredric and Phyllis	Bloemendaal	Gary	Johansen*	Loretta	Pryor*
Dorothy	Bloemendaal	Lynn	Johnson	Gail	Radke
Sandy	Bolin	Dave and Linda	Johnson	Kathryn	Reisdorfer
Mary	Borgstahl	John and Elaine	Johnson	Shirla	Rensink*
Dennis and Jan	Brech	Darwin and Pam	Johnson	Christy	Riley*
Richard	Brown	Jerry and Louise	Johnson	Joyce	Risacher
Donna	Bruns*	Brent and Dianne	Johnson	John and Mary	Risacher
Bill and Jan	Bryan	Laurel	Johnson	Clint and Donna	Rohrer
Donald	Buldhaupt*	Larry	Joosten	Daniel	Rouenhorst
John and Caryl	Busman*	Gary and ?	Kass	Amy	Rucker*
Larry and Gail	Byers	Justin and Krista	Keller	Hub	Sandmann
Brian	Byers	Tom and Julie	Keller	Barry and Kerry	Sauer
Janice	Cahill	Terrance	Keller	JoAnn	Schultz*
Doris	Carda	Glenn and Margaret	Kluis*	Mark	Schwanebeck
Margorie	Carlson	Jim	Kluis*	Joan	Shrader
Barbara	Carlson	Bob and Ruth	Koehler	Barb	Sigurdson*
Almie	Carlson*	Joycelyn	Koenig	Maxine	Silvernale*
Rosemary	Carraway*	Martin and Mary	Krogman	Slayton Area	Chamber*
Roy and Laura	Carter	Arnold	Krusemark	Larry	Sloan*
Jim and Gaylene	Chapman	Jan	Kunselman	Cindy	Smith
Marge	Christensen	Steve and Nancy	Laible	Nancy	Snedeker
Lonnie and Vicki	Clarke	Sharyl	Larson	Laurine	Somers
Robert and Eleanor	Clausen	Marjorie	Larson	Peggy	Southwick*
Merle	Cole	Skip and Evey	Larson	Anne Furan	Spartz*
Joyce	Cuperus	Char	Larson*	Denny and Pat	Spartz*
Charlotte	Curry	Rita	Lear	State Bank of	Chandler*
Sarah	Dahlgren		Left Bank	Wendy	Steffen
Wanda	Daniels*	Randall	Lucht	Linda	Stevens
Jenna and Bradley	Davis	Larry	Lucht*	Jim and Barb	Surprenant
				Charles	Swan
Larry and Kathy	DeBoer	Marlin	Lundholm	Phil	Swenson
Rosella	DeGrote	Henry and Marlene	Magnus	Paul and Maria	Thompson
Diane	Devereaux	Nona	Magnussen	Janet	Timmerman
Romane and Patty	Dold	Mike and Sheryl	March	Karyn	Tomblin
Brandon and Rachel	Dreesen	Corrine	Marz*	Karen	Tommeraaen
Daniel	Edgar*	Brian and Paula	Matson	Sam	Toner*
				Clayton and	
Curtis and Lois	Erickson	Mary	Mattson	Karen	Torbert

Donald Erickson*	Jackie Meier	Corrine Totzke*
Darina Ethridge	Mary Mesner	Steve Tutt*
Jakob Etrheim	Cleo Metty	Betty Tyrrell
Neal Everson	Joe and Heather Meyer	Rich and Nancy Vander Ziel
Karen Frisk	Merle and Colleen Miller	Case Vos
Mary Galles	Dennis and Kathy Miller*	Kyle Vos
Delven and Elaine Gaul*	Jerry Moline	Edna Voss
Colleen Gengler	Bob Moritz*	Leo and Judy Voss
Jane Giese*	Marian Overson Mulder	Marilyn Wahl
Myron and Rena Gnadtt*	Kelly Muldoon	Rosanne Wancenried
Jim and Carla Goedttke*	Harold Nelson	Troy Weking
Diane Green	Patricia Nelson	Shirley Wendlend
Ruth Green	Jeaneen Nelson	Jodi White
Rudy and Lori Gunnink	Clariss Nord	Keith and Betty Wilcoxon
Trace and Diann Hafner	Nordic Nova LLC	Linda Wing*
		Ted and Marjorie Winter
Barb Haken	Eleanor Norton	Robert and Mary Zishka
Lorraine Halbur*	Marv and Theresa Nysetvold	

Please help us get our data in order. If your name is spelled incorrectly, let us know. The names listed in red are members who we have recently lost. If you recently became a new member during the fair, your name may not have been added to our list yet. If you are a member and your name is not on the list, please let us know!

In November, we will begin our Membership drive. Memberships run from January 1 through December 31st. We would like to increase our membership again this year, so consider giving a gift membership to family or friends. Benefits of membership include free admission to any paid event such as the Dinehart Lecture Series, free tours for you and your family of the Dinehart House, subscription for the newsletter, voting rights at the annual meeting. Memberships are important in many ways, some of them intangible. Dues are used to provide general funds for programming, exhibits, and collections care. Memberships have helped us bring new annual exhibits to fruition, right down to allowing us to create more accessible interpretations by simply laminating artifact descriptions for the Sierk building!

Beyond the financial, members often become volunteers, advocates in the community for the museum, and committee and board members. We welcome anyone who understands, or seeks to do so, the importance of history to the cohesiveness of our community. **Join us and help actively preserve Murray County's history.**



Dinehart Lunchbox Lecture Series-2018-2019

We're still working out some details so watch for our advertising. Lectures are free for members. Bring your lunch. Coffee and tea or cocoa is provided.

Thursdays

Nov. 15, 2018— The Irish American Colony, Jessie James

Dec. 13, 2018—TBD

Jan. 10, 2019—The History of Golf in the Murray County Region, J. Timmerman

Feb. 14, 2019—M memoir of Working in the US Capitol— Christy Riley

March 14, 2019—German POW camps in SW Minnesota, Colleen Gengler

April 11, 2019—Korea: The Forgotten Warriors, Gary Kass

A note of introduction from our new Museum Site Manager, Rose Schmit

Hello! My name is Rose Schmit. I come to Murray County from Marshall, Minnesota where I was born and raised. I am a recent graduate from SMSU where I studied in the History Department with a special interest in women's history, the Progressive Era, and all things T.E. Lawrence (or Lawrence of Arabia). During my time at SMSU I was also the vice-president of the History Club which was dedicated to spreading knowledge of both our historical past and current political and cultural events.

Outside of school, I was a volunteer at the Lyon County Historical Society Museum where I learned that being a part of a county museum was what I wanted to do with my life. I am so happy to become a part of the Murray County community as the new Museum Site Coordinator/Collections Manager and to help preserve this area's rich past for generations to come!



Many Thanks for Donations and Memorial Gifts

Donations:

Phil Peterson	Linda Wing
Amy and Mike Rucker	Larry Sloan
Sam Toner	Glenn and Margaret Kluis
Dennis and Kathy Miller	Donald Buldhaupt
Almie Carlson	Jane Giese
Lori and Tom Pryor	Christy Riley

Memorials:

**Gayle, Linda, and, David Sigurdson donated \$500.00 in memory of their parents
Barbara and Dennis Sigurdson**

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.

Our Pick Six

As late summer harvest time rolls around, here are just five artifacts, plus one historic building, from our extensive collection that represent the season.



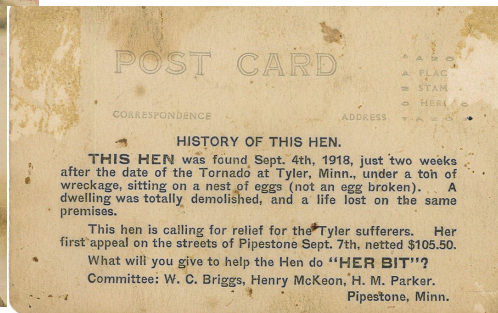
Serving tray from Murray County Elevator Association in Avoca. That set of buildings was torn down this year.



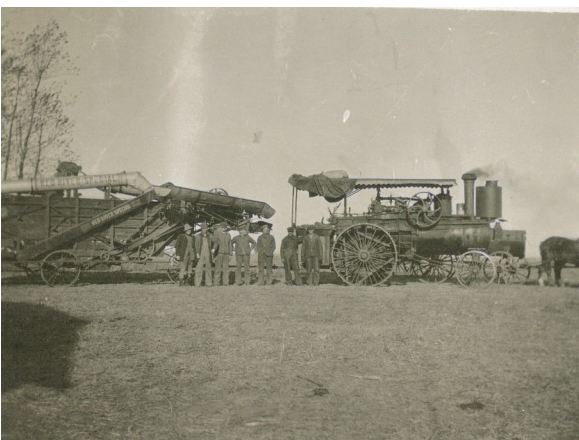
Have you ever looked up at the system of rafters in the round barn? The barn exterior was newly painted this summer, thanks to a grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation and the labor of the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps.



Here's an odd one. A postcard of the hen that survived the late August 1918 Tyler Tornado.



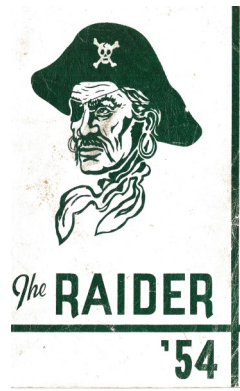
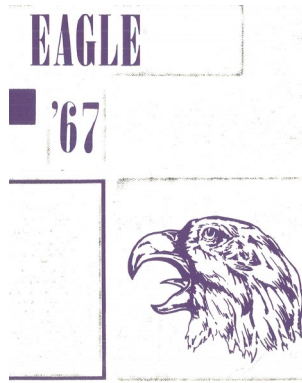
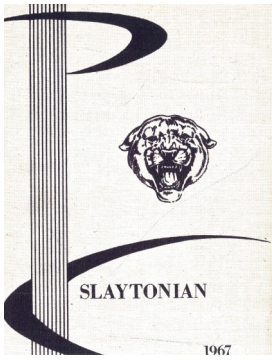
Anyone familiar with picking corn by hand will know what these are. This is just a few of the corn husking pegs located in the Sierk building.



Unidentified threshing crew standing in front of their Red River Special thresher and Steam engine.



This 1930's pressure canner has seven wing nuts holding the lid in place and a gauge to show the pressure level. Do you remember having your gauge tested at the Extension office?



COLT '73

Our summer museum assistant, Bryanne Bose, went through our collection of school annuals that date back to 1915. She identified missing years in the collection from Slayton, Chandler, Chandler-Lake Wilson, and Murray County Central. We are missing some years, and are hoping folks will be able to help us fill in the gaps. These annuals are tremendous research tools. If anyone has annuals from these years and schools we would welcome them as a donation. These are the years we need:

Slaytonian

1920, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928-1936, 1941-1944? , 1946, 1947, 1966, 1989, 1992

Chandler Eagle

1940-1947, 1949, 1951-1954, 1957

Lake Wilson Raider

Anything prior to 1954, 1955, 1957, 1963, 1964, 1966

Murray County Central 2001-present

Fulda-All years

Summer Fun Raffle

This year's raffle was a big hit with Baseball fans, no pun intended. Many thanks to the donors who provided the prizes and those who supported the museum by purchasing tickets!

Brian Harmsen for the five piece cedar deck set– won by Jean Sagmoe

Hadley Steel, Inc. for the 4 Twins Tickets-won by Ruth Ann Dibble

Hadley Buttermakers for the season tickets for 2– won by Logan Kluis

Brian Harmsen for the Handmade Beanbag set

and lawn games-won by Margie Anderson



A Victorian Christmas at the Dinehart Holt House

We will again be decorating the Dinehart Holt House for Christmas with the help of organizations, businesses, and individuals. This year the theme is "A Victorian Christmas!" We encourage all decorators to use their imaginations, (or Pinterest password!) to come up with something fun and elegant with a Victorian theme.

The trees will be put up by the Murray County Museum's hearty volunteers and staff. Decorators are responsible for lights, extension cords, tree skirts, and all the decorations for their tree. Trees will be set up and ready to decorate by October 30 and must be completely decorated by November 8.

The Victorian Christmas Open House is Sunday, November 11th from 1-4 PM.

There will be Christmas treats of all kinds plus lots of coffee and cocoa.

Christy Riley and her family will again be providing Sleigh Rides as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. If you missed this last year, don't let another Holiday go by. Join the fun!

If you or your group would like to decorate a tree this year fill out the sheet below and **mail it to: MC Museum, PO Box 61, Slayton, MN 56172.** Trees are assigned on a first come basis but we can accommodate almost all requests.



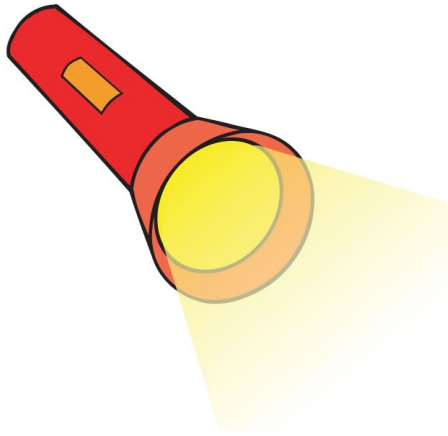
Name of
Group _____

Name of Contact _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

We will decorate our tree on (date) _____ at (time) _____

We look forward to seeing what you come up with for this year's A Victorian Christmas!



Shine a light on History
at the Flashlight Tour of
the Dinehart House

Thursday October 11th.

Half-hour tours will be at
7 PM, 7:45, 8:30 PM

If you think you've seen the house, think again.
This lights-out tour offers a whole new perspective.

We'll provide the flashlights.

Cost is \$5.00 adults and \$3 students

Call ahead to reserve for a group, or show up 10 minutes
before the start time.

For more info contact Janet at 507-836-6533
jtimmerman@co.murray.mn.us

Hours:

T-F 10-5 and S 10-2PM

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