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## Calendar of Events

by Judy Loewe

### • HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 3, 2010

- Unless otherwise noted .....  
All meetings are held at the  
museum in Henderson.

If you have suggestions or  
comments on upcoming events  
..... Contact Judy Loewe 507-248  
-3345 **Calendar Subject to  
Change.**

## William R. Kahlow

by Mary Lou (Kahlow) Brenke

My link to Henderson is, I was born in 1934 to Ben and Agnes Kahlow on my grandfather Louis' farm on county highway 19 and it's great to see that the buildings are still standing. I had three brothers and two sisters: James and Pat live in LeSueur, Dave is deceased and is buried in LeSueur, Richard and his wife are buried in Brown Cemetery, along with my parents; sisters; Judy and Diane, live in Gaylord.

When I started school, Miss Bennett was one of my teachers, then Mrs. Foley and others. During noon hour it was a contest to see who was fastest down all those steps to get to Arvilla's for our goodies, then back up all those steps to the school. Saturdays were movie

days, outside by the community building and Sauerkraut Days were annual celebrations enjoyed by all.



W.R Kahlow

In 1952 I married Jack Brenke and moved to Albert Lea where my 7 children were born. After my husband passed away in 1992 from cancer, I took an interest in genealogy and found my great, great uncle, W.R. Kahlow very interesting.

W. R. Kahlow's parents, my great, great grandparents, came from Kries Colburg Province of Pommerania, Germany. (Changes in the surname came about in America from Carlow to Kahlow as you can see on the monuments in Brown Cemetery.)

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## The Prez Sez

by Jerome Petersen

Our new building project is now under way. We had a groundbreaking ceremony on September 29th. We were fortunate to have Charles and Donna Meyer with us that day,



as well as our board, local newspaper representatives, some benefactors and others. It was followed by a porch party. A few days later the site looked like the photo above and work was un-

derway. By December 1st the footings, foundation and walls were up. We are all holding our breath hoping the weather hold long enough to close the

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**GROUNDBREAKING SEP 29, 2009. Sharon Shimota, Millie Johnson, Dorothy Peterson, Marie Main, RuthAnn Buck, Dwight Grabitske, Ray Meyer, Donna Meyer, Charles Meyer, Sharon Haggemiller, Judy Loewe and least Rommie Petersen behind those non Foster Grants**



## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of M and St. L. Line

By Al Rostberg

As a childhood story goes, the small engine strained mightily up a long grade saying I think I can, I think I can and after reaching the summit and starting down was saying, I knew I could, I knew I could. The Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Coalition (MVRRC) is working to prove that it has the spunk to be the little engine that could. It is trying to reclaim 94 miles of rundown rail bed and become a viable and important part of the industrial development of five counties in southern Minnesota.

The coalition celebrated 125 years of railroading by sponsoring a whistle-stop tour Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1 of the 16 villages on the route of the Minnesota Prairie Line which extends from Norwood to Hanley Falls, traveling through five counties, Carver, Sibley, Renville, Redwood and Yellow Medicine, the rail route of the old Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad.



The Train Along Hwy #5, Nearing Arlington

Twenty minute stops in Sibley county were made at Green Isle, Arlington, Gaylord and Winthrop. It was estimated that 90 school children and 30 adults were in attendance in Green Isle, Arlington with a band had 120 children and 30 adults. A large turnout at Gaylord with band members was estimated slightly less than Arlington. 25 adults were listeners at Winthrop. No children were present at Winthrop as school was about to let out.

Following the MPL engine and its three cars was Gene Short of Belview, Minnesota who was impersonating the father of railroading James J. Hill, well known railroad magnate of the 1800's and founder of the Great Northern Railway. At each stop James. J. Hill (Gene Short) spoke of Hill and the accomplishments during his lifetime. Hill, and some partners took a defunct St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Co., parlayed it into the Great Northern Railroad. This railroad was the first transcontinental road that crossed the upper tier of the U.S. without use of public money. It eventually evolved into the Burlington Northern and later into the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) which today is one the largest railroads in the nation. Hill died in 1916 and was estimated to be worth \$57 million at the time of his death. His mansion still stands in St. Paul, now on a National Historical Landmark, and is visited by many tourists each year.

In addition to our 170 old James J. Hill was Ron Edwards president of the MVRRC. Edwards spoke to the crowds on the importance of the railroad to the five county area. He stressed the importance of upgrading the rail bed, that the line would reduce truck traffic on



James J. Hill as portrayed by Gene Short

major roads in the area, reduce costs to the shippers, help the environment, stimulate new businesses and industrial growth, help the growth of biofuel industry and add to the tax base in the area. MVRRC handed out pamphlets explaining the function of the different boards governing the railroad and distributed candy and other things to the crowd. Accompanying the MPL was Bob Suko, manager of operations of the Twin Cities and Western Railroad, operator of the rail line, and the engineer Dave Coleman of Fairfax. Speaking was Holli Schafer, talking about Operation Lifesaver, a program to promote railroad safety.



Students and The Band Welcomed the Train to Arlington

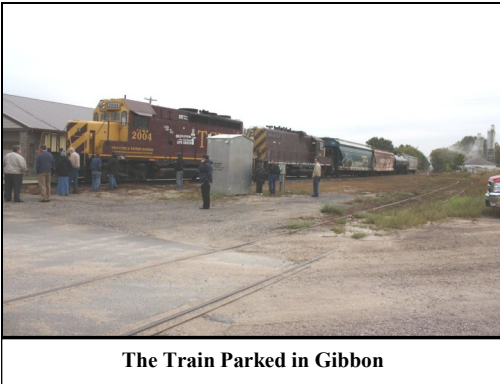
Because of extensive losses in both freight and passenger service the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway was sold to the Chicago Northwestern on November 1, 1960. The last passenger train through Winthrop was July 20, 1960 that still carried the M & St. L. banner on the engine. In 1959 local trains averaged only 2.1 persons per trip. CNW ran the line another 23 years. In 1966 the depots at Gaylord and Green Isle were closed. Both were consolidated at Arlington. In 1968 the Arlington depot building was offered to the highest bidder who would remove it. In 1975 the line south out of Winthrop was closed and the tracks were tore up. Attempts were made to close the line completely in 1981 but were delayed by citizen

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interest in keeping the line alive. During this time much of the former trackage was abandoned and then the CNW decided to abandon the line completely in Dec. of 1982. At this time the Minnesota Valley Region Authority purchased the 94 mile line for \$1,831,000. The Money came from the DOT, Regional Rail Authority, Minnesota Rail (shippers) and the Minnesota Valley Transportation Company. The Minnesota Regional Rail Authority is a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota. (MVRRA)



The Train Parked in Gibbon

The line had been neglected for years and MNVA changed hands several times before it came to a complete halt in 2000. The last operator was Minnesota Central Railroad Co. of Morton. In 2001 the MVRRA began plans to rebuild the line. In January 2002 the Minnesota Prairie Line Inc. (MPL) was established to travel from Norwood to Hanley Falls, MN. The MPL would be a subsidiary of the Twin Cities and Western Railroad and would operate out of Glencoe.

A handout given out the day of the tour, explained the governing units of the railroad. The MVRRC (Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Coalition) works with local and regional community leaders and state and federal legislators to promote economic growth opportunity and sustainability through the continued development and revitalization of the MN Valley Regional Rail line.

The "MVRRA (Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Author-

ity) is a 5-county/Shipper Governing Body. The members of the governing body consist of Bruce Pinske, MinnRail Shipper Assoc.; Gary Dahms, Redwood County; Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine County; Bob Fox, Renville County; Tom Workman, Carver County; Charlie Woehler, Sibley County; Julie Rath, Administrator and David Schauer, legal council."

The name of the railroad is the "MPL (Minnesota Prairie Line), the agent/operator of a 94 mile rail line that serves communities between Norwood Young America and Hanley Falls, MN. The MPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Twin Cities and Western Railroad (TC&W) based in Glencoe, MN." The MPL was the first to use Biodiesel fuel which is supplied by a Redwood Falls company.

The MPL does not have a large customer base. With the additional monies they hope to improve the line with heavier 115 lb. rails to the point that they can travel 25 miles per hour and pull more than the 25 cars that they are now limited to. Thousands of new rail ties have already been laid. At present 60 per cent of revenue comes from Winthrop businesses. Heartland Corn Products and UFC are the big shippers on the line. Other businesses along the line in Sibley County include Seneca Foods, Mid-County Fertilizer in Arlington, Unidoor Corp., in Gaylord, South Central Grain & Energy in Gibbon. Eighteen businesses, all told, are listed as doing business with MPL. Most of the rest are agriculture associated businesses such as farm cooperatives. The MVRRA hopes with the improved railbed, increased speed and reliability plus the ability to pull more cars the unit price will decrease enough to make it attractive to more area businesses.

Resource credits: Arlington, Gaylord, Winthrop newspapers, Arlington Gaylord, Winthrop Historical books, DOT bulletins, TC&W bulletins, Wikipedia and others.

I have plans for another extensive article detailing the importance of the railroad in the country in the last century and a quarter. If you have pictures that I could use in the article, please contact the museum. Thanks!

*Al Rostberg*



## GREETINGS

"Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasion and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all. I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2006, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great. Not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country nor the only America in the Western Hemisphere. And without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wishee.

By accepting these greetings you are accepting these terms. This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for herself or himself or others, and is void where prohibited by law and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher." *Rommie*





One of my favorite true stories. EK

## A PENNY A PIECE

How I embarrassed my mother!

We farmed in the far northwest corner of Sibley County, with Renville County a mere half mile to the west of our place. The 'Great Depression' of the early 30's dragged on and on, and dominated everything in the lives of most people. At age 4, just the thought of being able to ride along in town would trigger a level of excitement beyond my control. One day, in preparation for a shopping trip, Mom was loading a 30 dozen case of eggs into the back of our old car. I was jumping like a Jackrabbit on the seat, and nearly caused the egg case to tip over. CALM DOWN! Mom scolded, more of fear I'd break some of the precious eggs, than damage the car – or injure myself. As she drove to town, it was always my job to sit in the back seat and hold onto the egg case to keep it from tipping over. Some of the Township gravel roads weren't graded very often in those days, and ruts could get a bit deep in spots. A good jolt, and there went some of the egg money! Buffalo Lake was where my parents did much of their shopping. Mom would sell the eggs at Hanson's Produce, and as all you 'Old timers' will remember; 10 cents a dozen was the usual selling price for several years. Three dollars for 30 dozen of eggs! Now, it'll cost you nearly that much for an egg sandwich in some places! Once Mom had sold the eggs, we'd head for one of the grocery stores in town, and pick up the few items we couldn't produce for ourselves on the farm. I especially liked Miller Brothers Store – (Mike & Gus). When you entered from the street, immediately on the left side was their big candy display case. My – Oh My – Oh My! This must be what "Heaven" looks like that they taught us about in Sunday School. On top of the case sat two large square jars filled with candy. One with Peppermint Sticks, and the other with Root Beer Barrels, both with a small white sign showing the price – "1 cent each". Every time Mom would shop at Miller Brothers Store, I'd stand before the candy case gazing at those candy jars reciting the "eeny-meeny" rhyme, always hoping to end on the one holding those great big Root Beer Barrels.

On this trip to town, and much to my disappointment, Mom decided to shop at Saunders Store. She had finished her shopping, and as Mr. Saunders added up her purchases, I tugged at her dress to get her attention saying: "Mom, can I have a penny – PLEASE can I have a penny?" She pretended not to notice the fuss I was making. Bless her soul; she was good at that – until I got too rambunctious, then I'd get it! "It comes to 3 dollars and 40 cents" said Mr. Saunders, and Mom dug deep into her purse to come up with the egg money and 40 cents more. I tugged even harder as I gazed into the nearby candy case. She continued to ignore me, since probably there wasn't another penny in the bottom of that old purse. Kind old Mr. Saunders, recognizing the problem, pressed a key on the big brass cash register. Suddenly, a bell rang, a drawer slid open, and a "No Sale" sign popped up. Reaching into the drawer, he handed me a penny, and glancing at his candy case asked: "which one do you want, Eddie?". "Not those!" I said. Clutching the penny, I headed for the door and shouted: "They've got Root Beer Barrels at Miller's store!"

(A true story my Dear-Dearest Mother would never let me forget.)

*Edward P. Krause*

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Fredrick William Carlow Sr., was born in March of 1810 and died in 1882. William's mother was Mary Elizabeth Rickter. She was born in 1815 and died in 1882. Both of his parents were buried in the Brown Cemetery, later, W.R. Kahlow and Fredrick Kahlow Jr. and other relatives.

My great, great uncle, William Rufus Kahlow was born in Germany in 1837, and died in 1929. In those years he led a full life. [In the next issue more of his story from a 1920's interview by Win Working, published in the Henderson newspaper will be summarized.]

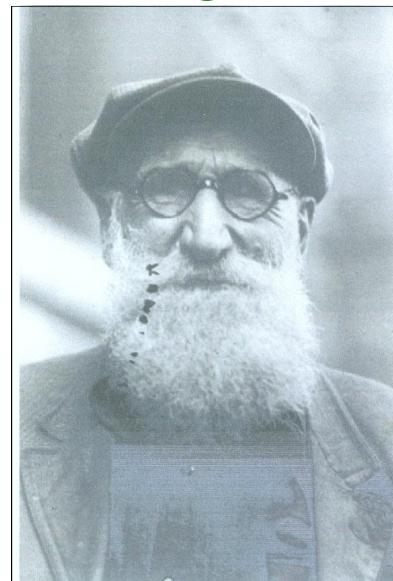
William R. Kahlow had 2 brothers, Fredrick K. Jr.; who was born in 1833, and died in 1907. His younger brother, Charles, drowned near home in the Minnesota River in 1856 at age 8. He also had three sisters, Fredricka, Bertha and Ione.

In the 1850's he worked on several Minnesota River steamboats. His strength was remarkable when unloading wagons or boats it has been said. Old timers talked about how he could carry a 180 lb.

pork barrel. He worked on a boat with his sister Fredricka's husband, James Houghton, who owned the ship Antelope with brother George. They ran from Carver to Mankato when weather permitted.

William acted as a government scout during the early part of the Civil War and at the time of the Sioux outbreak went to the aid of the defenders of Ft. Ridgely. He was a member of the scouting party that was attacked in Birch Coulee in 1862 and fought at the side of Major Joseph R. Brown, founder of

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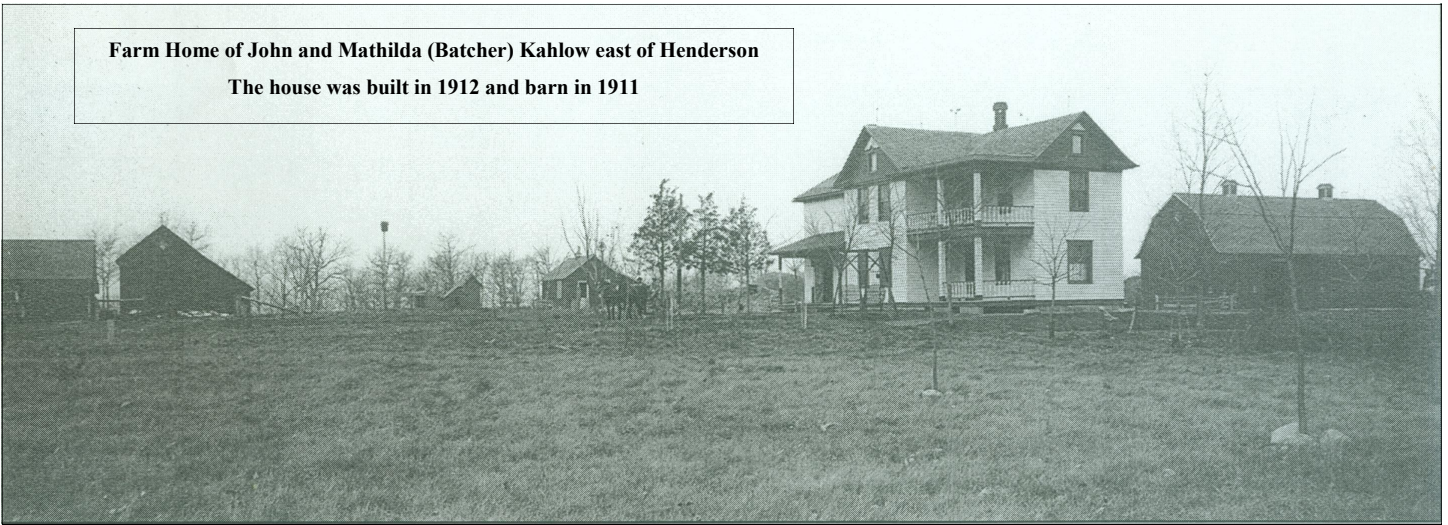


W.R. pictured here with son David





**Farm Home of John and Mathilda (Batcher) Kahlow east of Henderson**  
The house was built in 1912 and barn in 1911



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Henderson. He was wounded in the left shoulder and on recovering applied for enlistment in the army for service in the south. He went to Rochester to be examined by Dr. William Mayo, father of the Mayo Brothers, and Dr. Mayo refused to accept him, asserting that he would be of more service on the river than in the army, as steamboats figured importantly in the transportation of troops and supplies, no railroad having yet penetrated the Minnesota Valley.

W. R. Kahlow married Lois Melisa Haney in 1864 in Henderson. He worked with his brother-in-law, E.B. Haney, in a livery business in Henderson. At times he was wagon master for the Poehler Company. The couple went west where Mr. Kahlow engaged in railroad work in 1868 and was present at Ogden Utah, when the driving of the golden spike, marking the opening of that transcontinental line, took place. Mr. Kahlow located in the Okanogan Valley in the state of Washington, and there he renewed his pioneering activities.

When Okanogan County was created, Mr. Kahlow assisted in forming what is now the Okanogan School District. Five children were necessary to secure the creation of a district. The Kahlows were then raising foster children, two girls and two boys, the Carlton children. A fifth child being necessary, Georgie Grainger (Mrs. Harold Wenner) then a mere infant was listed as a prospective scholar and the district was formed.

He built a beautiful home for his wife, Lois and family. She called their home Rosedale. In the spring, she hosted her Lilac party, with the leading ladies of Okanogan as guests. W.R. Kahlow also built a hotel Okanogan, also in 1904. W.R. and his wife never became grandparents. Daughter Alma married Clair E. Hanson in 1895. Ione married Ansel Strong Grigg in 1895, but divorced. She later married Frank Mancini, musician and band director, in Italy in 1917; they are both buried in Modesto, California. Foster son, Bert was buried in Clover Cemetery in Okanogan, Washington in 1893, at about age 10. William H. Kahlow died in 1925 and is buried in Washington. William R. Kahlow had another son, David Robert Kahlow, born to Lucille Jucot in



**The Fred Kahlow Family, taken about 1890**

**Caroline (Peterson) of Wanachee, WA Alvina (Emken) of LeSueur.**  
Neither had children

**Louis of Henderson, father of Fritz, Benny, Ernie, Alma and Franklin "Pat" John of Henderson, father of Viola, Walter, Ione, Bill and Marsella Henry of Buffalo Lake, father of Harry and Esther**

1907. He died in 1973. William's wife, Lois died in Oregon in 1920. Sometime after her death, he decided to return to Minnesota. He lived with his nephew John and family in Tyrone Township, LeSueur County,

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across the river from Henderson. It was in 1926 when local historian, Win Working interviewed the old pioneer known locally as "Wild Bill" or "Buffalo Bill". When he died on March 25, 1929, he was 92 years old and was buried in Brown Cemetery with full military honors by the Henderson Legion Post.



**W.R. walking companion was a large walking stick that went with him everywhere. It was kept by his niece and then passed onto her children. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln**

Of the two former Kahlow farms east of Henderson on County Rd. 19, only one exists as a farm. The other, owned by John Kahlow, then his son William and Anna Kahlow, and presently grandson, Leslie Kahlow, is part of the Ney Environmental Learning Center. This property had been sold to the Ney family and upon the death of Ruby Ney, this farm and the adjoining Ney home farm were bequeathed to Le Sueur County for a nature preserve.

Further out on county road 19 is the Louis Kahlow farm. Later in his life two of his sons farmed it at different times and it is now owned by a businessman in Henderson, Minnesota.

## THANKS

These are recent additions to our list of building fund donors; Louis Bode, Anonymous, Dwight and Patricia Grabitske, General Mills (matching funds for Joseph Mullen), Ronald Klement, Samantha Kramer (in honor of Delger Family), Travelers Insurance (Matching funds for Steve Briggs), Eugene and Janice Isakson), Maureen Hantge, Harold, Al and Diane Rostberg, Ray and Gisela Meyer and Bonita Pettis and Robert O'Connell. The following were other donations; Henderson Charity Fund, Lynelle Brant, Holly Harjes (in Memory of George Kroehler), Ruth Ann Buck (memorial for Ray Meffert).

We are very grateful for your generous support. We try to use our funds very carefully. Thank you very much.

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building in. The interior work can be happening when the snowflakes are falling and the wind is blowing. We are hoping the addition will be finished in time for viewing at our annual meeting. If it is finished, we would have the meeting in Henderson again next year. Otherwise it will be in New Auburn. Then we will have had a meeting in each of the towns in our county.

Not many people have had a more interesting adventurous life than Wild Bill Kahlow. Thanks to Mary Lou Brenke for that article. Arlene Busse researched and found more information and pictures which we will have in a future edition.

It has been an eventful year at Sibley County Historical Society with many well attended events and our building addition is one of the most exciting. Judy Loewe has had some wonderful programs throughout the year. She keeps outdoing herself. Other ongoing work; Becky Briggs is scanning Ostrom negatives at her home. Eldrene Elbert is entering artifact information in the computer at her home. Ray takes care of the treasury department, memberships, printing labels, emailing newsletters and email extras, our secretary, Dorothy Peterson does many chores from her home like preparing the email extra, printing the thank you letters and going to Mankato to print the newsletter, Sharon Hagenmiller and Arlene Busse are on call all the time to open the museum for the builders and visitors as well as many genealogy queries and tasks, arranging miscellaneous maintenance tasks like snow removal and lawn mowing and fertilizing, Marie Main arranges the guides and when she can't find someone, she is often the guide. Millie Johnson, Mary Petersen, Sharon Shimota are filing, computing, cleaning, printing, PastPerfecting, sorting and accessioning. It is a pleasure and fun for me to work with this great group of individuals. I am amazed how so much work is accomplished without a paid employee. I am going to put this out here and now. I have been sleeping with Mary Petersen. If I continue to do that she promised to not break the windows out of my car with a golf club! Thanks to all for a great year! Merry Christmas.....Rommie Petersen





## Ostrom Project Update

By Becky Briggs

There continues to be steady progress made on the Ostrom project. Scanning of identified negatives is proceeding well. Visitors to the county fair were able to supply identifications for a number of previously unidentified photos. There are currently just under 200 unidentified wedding and family photos. We are down to only three unidentified confirmation photos!

Because of changes at the Arlington Enterprise, printing of unknown Ostrom photos in local newspapers has been temporarily suspended. Hopefully this will be back on track within the next couple of months.

Contact Dorothy at SCHS if you're looking for old family photos to display at home or insert into your genealogy. We may have some of your family members on file. Prints are reasonably priced, and the proceeds are a fundraising source for SCHS.

## NEW WRINKLE IN NEWS-LETTER PRODUCTION

The post office wants folded material to be flat, and taped, so it passes through their machinery without a hitch or a glitch or they will-oops, can't say that. Hap made us a plastic tool to run along the folded edge, but it still was not quite smooth. Maybe if we run it through a wringer ...! Last newsletter we used a wringer that has been idle for 80+ years and resurrected for a new purpose in its life. We ran each newsletter through and VOILA! ...smooth. It is labor intensive, requiring a two man crew. So if you get your newsletter and it looks like it has been through the wringer, that is a GOOD thing. Hey! We are THE PRESS!



Rommie and Ray rapidly wringing wrinkles out with real relic wringer groan



County Commissioner Lee Anderly representing THR PRESS

## HENDERSON HERITAGE DAYS

CELEBRATING THE TWENTIES



Flapper Pat Steckmann



Mr. and Mrs. John Hepp touting the cream beer (cream soda) from Henderson Bottling Works. "\$500 reward if you find a better one in the state." (Art and Barb Straub)



Mathilda Kempff was registering women to vote now that congress had passed the 19th amendment. (Jane Schuette)

Mary Wilcox was dressed in her finery on her way to catch the train in East Henderson for a shopping trip to Minneapolis (Ruth Hilgers)

I told Mathilda now that women are allowed to vote the next thing they will be smoking

Sure enough, I turned around and Mary was smoking a cigarette. You've come a long way, baby!







## SCHS SUMMER TOUR

As we have come to expect, Judy had a well planned tour. As we drove around the towns historically significant building and sites were noted. Our first stop was in Winthrop at their new historical society facilities in the old Hands building. The next stop was the Eagle City monument and plaque, then on to Gibbon noting the



Judy Loewe sharing information with Karen Klenk of Winthrop

City Hall and Uncle Remus' Relics (now permanently closed). At Fairfax we had a tour explaining their grand baseball park, and Fairfax's Depot Museum. Lucy Timm lives there, is an SCHS member and she was part of the welcoming committee. We motored (you don't hear that word much any more) to Mor-



FRONT; Sharon Haggenmiller, Judy Loewe, Lucy Timm REAR; Rommie Petersen, Marie main, RuthAnn Buck, Al Rostberg, Sharon Shimota. Depot

ton where Carl Colwell, the new Renville county Director showed us their museum. They have several buildings including a church, country school, log cabin and a metal building for tools and implements and the perfect 80 year old car pictured at left.



We were going to motor to Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, but we drove instead. Judy had arranged for our lunch to be delivered there. After eating we went to our next stop, The Redwood County Mu-



Carl Colwell telling about the RCHS log cabin. LOOK! Two windows. This guy had money.

seum which is housed in the old Poor Farm building. This building has had several lives, including a nursing home. It is a huge structure. They have this building and two more, one is quite small but historical. Pat Lubeck is the director there. She said *all* their artifacts are on display. Then on to Gilfillan Estate. The last stop was the Lower Sioux Agency for an in-depth narration of the 1962 Uprising. It was a grand tour. You shoulda been



Ruth Ann Buck, Pat Lubeck and Sharon Haggenmiller

there! Judy does a grand job planning these tours as well as our monthly programs.



Sharon Shimota checking one of Redwoods out buildings. She reported it was a non-operational 2-holer. No door moon?



This is Gilfillan Estate, built in the 1870s. Our guide had many interesting stories about this family who lived here more than 100 years





Sam H Fudenberg	Roseville MN	Lucille Timm	Fairfax MN
Darlene E Heise	Gibbon MN	Zylpha Mueller	Winthrop MN
Charlotte Doudell	San Jose CA	Sharon Haggenmiller	Henderson MN
Dwight Grabitske	Arlington MN	Sally Webster	Winthrop MN
Bruce N Reber	St Paul MN	Roseann Schauer	Isle MN
Irene Hahn	Gaylord MN	Robert Oconnell	Phoenix AZ
Gloria Pudewell	Winthrop MN	Lila Sillerud	Canby MN
Rich & Roseann Nagel	Arlington MN	Family Search	Salt Lake City UT
Sharon Shimota	Arlington MN	Arlene Moore	Gaylord MN
Wayne Jarvis	Cedar Falls IA	Lowell & Bonnie Nagel	Arlington MN
Paulette M Hultgren	Bloomington MN	Shirley Heitmar	Saskatoon SK
Gail & Steven Herschman	Gibbon MN	Paul Nelson	Owatonna MN
Karen Klenk	Winthrop MN		
Karen Preusser	Henderson MN		
Wallace & Delores Johnson	New Ulm MN		
Lois R Ahnholz	Ankeny IA		
Carol J Forst	Gibbon MN		
Thomas G Williamson	Arlington VA		
Joan Keating	Oconomowoc WI		
Lois L Bode	Gibbon MN		
Robert & Jo Ann Schwartz	Chanhausen MN		
Davis Biebl	Gibbon MN		
Art & Rosetta Blomquist	Mankato MN		
Lynelle G Brant	Cumberland MD		
Ralph Boudin	North Branch MN		
Virginia P Routzon	N Richland Hills TX		
Barbara Congdon	Wenatchee WA		
George Doheny	Prior Lake MN		

## OPEN HOUSE

### ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3 2010

...from one to five o'clock you will have another opportunity to enjoy your county museum decorated for the Holiday Season. The usual admission of \$2.00 will be charged with members free. For \$15 you and your family can visit that day and every time the museum is open throughout the year.

A special treat may be purchased to complete your visit. We will be happy to welcome you!

### Membership Form

I would like to become a member of the Sibley County Historical Society.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHS TREASURER

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ 49858 316 ST

\_\_\_\_\_ Winthrop MN 55396-2038

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Individual--\$10, Family-- \$15, Business-- \$25 Send to:



Regular meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, March thru November at the museum in Henderson. The public is invited. The museum is open to the public for tours on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June thru October and by appointment.

Send articles, announcements, photos and comments to the SCHS Newsletter, P.O. Box 407, Henderson, MN 56044 or Email: [schs1@frontiernet.net](mailto:schs1@frontiernet.net)

**Check your due date on the mailing label.** Membership dues are as stated on the form. Please use it to renew your subscription or pass it along to anyone who is interested.





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## St. John's Lutheran Church

Arlington Township

Highway 19

Nine years after the formal organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in 1847 and two years before the Minnesota Territory became a State of the Union (1858), St. John's Lutheran Church, Arlington Township, then known as Prairie Mount, became a reality.

In an upcoming newsletter we will have a more in-depth history of the church, including information on the

memorial plaque pictured here located south of the parsonage, commemorating those early settlers who were buried there.



The brick church pictured here was built beginning in 1915 and was dedicated on May 21, 1916. The total cost of the new church was \$10,633.92. The organ, which is still presently in use, was also installed and dedicated in July of that year.