

## Lydia Monument Dedication

Fun for the whole family, it's the official dedication celebration in Lydia. The Lydia Area Historical Society is hosting a flag-raising to celebrate the new Lydia historical monument at the Lydia School.

On Sunday, June 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. the Prior Lake Lions Club and the Jordan Lions Club will be serving pork patties and all the trimmings. This is an opportunity to meet friends and relatives from Lydia's by-gone days.

For more information, contact Don Beuch.

## SCHS Receives Public Assessment IMLS Grant

The Scott County Historical Society was recently awarded a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant is part of the four stage Museum Assessment Program (MAP) designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plan for the future.

SCHS completed a MAP: Institutional Assessment in 2000. This year the museum will begin a Public Dimension Assessment to evaluate the way in which the museum serves the community and our audience through exhibits, programs, and other services. It will also assess how the Scott County Historical Society communicates with our audience through public relations, planning, and evaluation.

As in every MAP assessment, members of the museum staff and board of directors will complete a self-study.



The museum will also receive a site visit by qualified museum professionals who tour the museum and meet with the staff, board members, and volunteers. The surveyors will work with the museum to produce a report on our operations, making recommendations, and suggesting resources.

It is the hope of the Scott County Historical Society to identify community expectations and perceptions of the organization and to develop programs to address those needs. More information on the program can be found at the IMLS website at [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

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## The Research Library with Genealogist Betty Dols



Are you a descendant of the one out of five immigrants of German birth living in Minnesota in 1870? Scott County's immigrant population at that time was largely German and Irish.

The Scott County Historical Society is very fortunate to have one of the few

sets of *Germans to America* outside the Twin Cities area. *Germans to America* is comprised of 73 volumes of German immigrant data extracted from ship passenger lists. Valuable information includes: the ship name, port of departure, port and date of arrival, and names, ages, and occupations of family members.

If you are researching German immigrants who came to America between 1840 and 1897, this is a valuable resource. This and many other resources are provided by the Society to facilitate genealogy and family research.

## Volunteer Spotlight Corner



You've seen her at the quilting club, at the county fair, and at exhibit openings. She's one of the many people who support the Scott County Historical Society. She's Sandi Andersen.

Sandi has lived in Prior Lake for about 30 years. She first began sharing her talents at the museum with the creation of the Crazy Quilters Club. An accomplished quilter and artist, Sandi designs her own patterns. Most recently, she presented a commissioned quilt to the Prior Lake Library where it hangs in the children's section. The library is also one of the many places she exhibits, teaches, and coordinates events.

For the past three years, Sandi has been instrumental in the planning of the Women's History Month exhibits. The popular 2003 apron exhibit was Sandi's idea again this year. SCHS appreciates the time and talent Sandi shares with all of us at the museum.

## Former SCHS Curator In Baghdad

From 1998 to 2000, Cori Wegener was the curator at SCHS. She left Shakopee to work as the assistant curator of decorative arts at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts where she had previously been an intern.

Also a major in the U.S. Army Reserves, Cori left May 5 for Fort Bragg, North Carolina for deployment to Iraq. She is now on assignment with the 352nd Civil Affairs Command in Baghdad. With a background in political science, art history, and museums, Cori will help Iraqis as they work to recover many of the country's treasures stolen and looted in the past few months.

Originally Cori and her husband, Paul, also a U.S. Army major, were to be deployed to Afghanistan together. Now Cori may be separated from Paul for at least a year. Although it will be difficult to be away from friends and family, Cori believes this is something she must do. With her unique background, she views this as an opportunity to help restore valuable historical items so that they may once again be preserved and shared with the world.

We wish Cori the best of luck during her time in Iraq.

## Recent Gifts to the SCHS Collections: Thank You Generous Donors

- **Jay and Melissa Whiting:** Rock Spring postcard 1917, Millpond Trout Club Menu 1930s, *La Tribuna Illustrata* newspaper of Shakopee bank robbery from 1929.
- **Rice County Historical Society:** Large format negatives of New Prague, Elko, and New Market.
- **George Mikiska:** Baby bonnet and white woman's dress gloves from New Prague.
- **Lydia Area Historical Society:** Commemorative mug and button.
- **Leo Albrecht:** Autograph book of Francis Albrecht, Scott County Treasurer's Office receipts, seven photographs of the Model Clothing Store parade wagon, Belle Plaine brickyard, Frank Albrecht, Shakopee Bridge, Bailey Store interior, and Belle Plaine play casts.
- **Mary Carol Majerus:** American Canning Plant commemorative glass bottle, Christmas tinsel and angel hair.
- **Ione Theis:** Coat with fur collar, red gingham apron, mass head veils, iron on transfers, Northwestern Distilleries stock certificate, multi-color hat in box, seven dress handkerchiefs, photograph of donor and Rosella Drensen Ries in front of beauty shop in Shakopee.



## New Exhibit, *You Are Here*, Highlights Scott County History with Video

You've been hearing about it for months now, the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Video. Your first chance to see it will be at the Scott County Fair in July. After that, the video will be incorporated into the new exhibit at the museum.

Some parts of Scott County's history are difficult to tell in an exhibit because photographs, letters, and objects no longer exist. The video makes it possible for us to share the history with visitors to the museum in a new way. The American Indians, the fur trade, and the early settlers are all featured in the video.

Besides the video, what will be in the new exhibit? The new exhibit shares just a glimpse at the history of each community in the county. *You Are Here* highlights the stories through maps, objects, and photographs in the Scott County Historical Society collection. Those items and the history they share will periodically change, to eventually give a more complete picture of the area's history.

Do you know the story and town behind each of these?

- The International Stock Food Farm
- Ocean-going shipyard
- Settlement in the Big Woods
- Seal of Minnesota butter
- Fish Point
- Progress Valley
- Beer caves
- Water from a giraffe
- Frank Nicolin
- Home grown cereal

Look for your invitation to the special exhibit opening.



## Here's What's Been Happening at the Historical Society



Greg and Irene Powers at the apron exhibit opening.



Pearson Elementary 2nd graders at the museum.



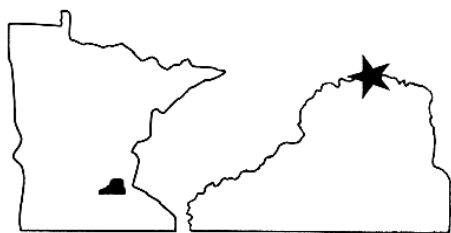
Springtime in the garden.



George Mikiska at his regular spot checking out the Czechs.

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## History Fun in the Summer Time at Scott County Historical Society

**June 22 Lydia Dedication Celebration**  
Beginning at 10:00 a.m. the Lydia Area Historical Society is hosting a flag-raising at the new history monument at the Lydia School. Food provided by the Jordan Lions Club and Prior Lake Lions Club.

**June 26 Crazy Quilters Club**  
Our crazy quilt club is still going strong! The fourth Thursday of every month is quilt night at 6:30 p.m. at the museum. No experience or registration required. Free.

**July 23-27 Scott County Fair**  
It's that time of year again. Join SCHS at the Scott County Fair in Jordan every day from 1:00—8:00 p.m. Check out the new 150th Anniversary Video at our booth next to Scott County.

### Celebrate 150 Years of Scott County

June 21-22	Dan Patch Days, Savage
July 19-20	BBQ Days, Belle Plaine
Aug. 2-3	Lakefront Days, Prior Lake
Aug. 2-3	Derby Days, Shakopee
Sept. 5-6	Heimatfest, Jordan
Sept. 20	Dozinky, New Prague

**The Lunchbox Lecture Series and the Dessert and Coffee evening events are taking the summer off.**

Join us again in the fall starting in September. Remember to check your local paper for dates.