



CONNECTIONS

Fall 2010

Serving Scott County

- Belle Plaine
- Blakeley
- Credit River
- Elko
- Lydia
- Jordan
- Marystown
- New Market
- New Prague
- Prior Lake
- Savage
- Shakopee
- St. Benedict
- St. Patrick
- Belle Plaine Township
- Blakeley Township
- Cedar Lake Township
- Credit River Township
- Helena Township
- Jackson Township
- Louisville Township
- New Market Township
- Sand Creek Township
- Spring Lake Township
- St. Lawrence Township

NEW EXHIBIT



Special Exhibit Opening, Thursday September 23, 2010. Presentation by Dave Kenney, author of *Minnesota Goes to War*; *Twin Cities Album*; *Twin Cities Picture Show*; and the state history textbook, *Northern Lights*. Exhibit opens at 6:30pm, presentation at 7:00 p.m. Admission FREE for SCHS members, \$4 Adults, \$2 Students, children under 5 yrs old free.

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It's the SCHS *1940s Hangar Dance* Fall Fundraiser at Flying Cloud Airport. Invite your sweetie and the whole crowd for a rousing good time! Tickets are available at SCHS, or call 952-445-0378. Details inside.

It's the 1940s HANGAR DANCE!

All the hep cats are going to the 1940s Hangar Dance to help raise funds for the Scott County Historical Society!

Music by the Roseville Big Band
Wing Walker USO Troupe Dinner Show
Dinner • Cash bar (wine/beer) • Live auction

Don't miss it. It's gotta be smooth! You must be 21 or older to attend. For tickets or more information, call:

952-445-0378

Sponsors: South Metro, R. Menden, KleinBank, Living Tap

Date: Saturday, 9/25/2010
Time: 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Ticket Cost: \$45

Place: Flying Cloud Airport, Extra West Side, Gate H

From the Director's Chair

By Kathleen Klehr

In the past I've written about grim financial pictures for non profits, and of SCHS's plans to hunker down and ride out the current financial struggle. And I've also written about the need to resist panic, to remain positive and to think creatively on how we work and further our mission.

Each year we apply for a Scott County Community Grant to help cover our general operating expenses. We have been told to expect significant cuts in that funding for the coming year. To deal with this situation, we are adjusting our plans accordingly.

Using our mission as a guide, we are exploring new collaborative opportunities to continue and expand our reach in the county. We are diligently working to secure sponsorships, grants and donations to continue creating, installing, and producing marvelous, educational exhibits and programs, as well as maintaining and preserving our collection and research library.

Along with the Scott County Community Grant, we rely on interest from our endowment to supplement operating expenses. As you may know, this source of income has also decreased and is no longer adequate. To counter-act this decrease, we have reviewed and cut expenses wherever possible, and increased our fund raising efforts.

We anticipate the next few years to be difficult financially. But with planning, belt tightening, cost sharing, increased revenue development, and your help, we will weather this economic storm and become a more vibrant and sleek Society.

I thank you for your continued membership support. Please share this newsletter with friends and family and encourage them to join the SCHS family!

Savvy Money Presentation

Join us for coffee and dessert and learn about the most common strategies to leave a legacy to your family and charities. Learn how you can provide financial stability to the Scott County Historical Society for Generations to Come.

Mike Cleary, Area Life Consultant for Protective Life Company, and Paul Youngs, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor with Edward Jones, will entertain and educate us with a *White Board* Presentation covering the following topics;

- Planning your Legacy
- How to use Beneficiary Designations on Qualified accounts and Life Insurance
- Tax Smart Gifting strategies
- Efficient use of Charitable Remainder Trusts

We hope you will join us for this social and educational evening whether or not you plan on including the Scott County Historical Society as a part of your family's legacy. The evening will be informal and open to general questions. For specific questions about your own estate plan or more information on how to make a gift to the Scott County Historical Society, Mike and Paul will make themselves available for individual consultation.

The *Savvy Money* presentations are approximately one hour in length and take place at SCHS. Please join us...

November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

~ or ~

November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, or to register for this FREE event, contact Kathy at 952-445-0378

This August board president, Therese Scherer resigned from the SCHS board stating, "Serving the Historical Society has been a fulfilling experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization. Though I am no longer able to serve on the board, I look forward to individual volunteer opportunities in the future." The board of directors and staff of SCHS sincerely thank Therese for her years of service and look forward to having her as a volunteer.



(May 1 through August 20, 2010)

THANK YOU New and Renewing MEMBERS!

SCHS strives to ensure our member and donor lists are accurate. We sincerely apologize if your name was missed. Please let us know so we may make a correction.

Business - \$100

Jordan Agency Inc.
Shakopee Heritage Society

Sponsor - \$50:

Rod and Cathy Wideman

Household - \$25:

Joseph and Gretchen Helkamp
Carolyn Luce
Irene and Gregory Powers
Stephen and Beverly Sather
Ron and Joanie Strand
John and Joann Tieben
Kimberly Tschida
Char and Tom Voigt
Don and Marcia Wagner

Individual - \$15:

Sandi Andersen
Julie Barber
Mary Beckrich
Steven Dressen
Dolores Fischer
Betty Gruetzmacher
Bernice Hoffman
Vivian Isakson
Linda Jacques
Paul Johnson
Elaine Kes
Debra Kowalczyk
Jane Nash
Dave Nickolay
Nan Ochs
Catherine Peterson
Victoria Ranua
Mary Rausch
Barbara Ruedinger
Lois Schulstad
Daphne Siegert
Bonnie Van Buskirk
Mary Wichmann

THANK YOU to Our Donors for Their Generous Support.

Leader - \$1,000 +:

Patron - \$500-\$999:

Lion's Tap
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
Rahr Malting

Sponsor - \$250 - \$499:

Minnesota Community Foundation (via Canterbury Park)
Scott-LeSueur County American Dairy Association
South Metro Federal Credit Union

Advocate - \$100 - \$249:

American Legion Post #45, Charles Borak
Klein Bank
R. Menden Accounting & Tax Service Inc.
Dennis and Mary Ann Schiller

Booster - \$50 - \$99:

Other:

In-Kind:

Coffee-ta-Cream - chest freezer
Turtle's Bar & Grill - keg 1919 root beer
Curiousworkscreative (Sharon Meyer) - graphic design
Brian Norman - spin wheel

The Society is looking for financial sponsorship for the following:

- 1) **K-6 Field Trips for 2010/2011 School Year**
- 2) **Publishing funds for book Never Forgotten: Scott County, Minnesota WWII Veterans**
- 3) **Microfilm of County Newspapers**

If you are interested in any of the above sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathy at 952-445-0378.

Sponsors are recognized in marketing materials, at the specific event or exhibit, and in our newsletter and annual report.

SCHS WISH LIST

The following items would make wonderful in-kind donations! Contact us at 952-445-0378, info@scottcountyhistory.org, or stop by!

- * two saw horses
- * LCD Projector
- * Copy paper
- * Cleaning supplies

THANK YOU!

It would be great if every member of the Society would recruit a new member in 2010. Not only would it help the Society, but it would introduce the fascinating history of Scott County to more people.

Curator Corner

The Office of Strategic Services

The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was the first government agency tasked with collecting, analyzing and acting on military intelligence. Originally under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the OSS is the direct predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Before the OSS was formed, espionage and intelligence gathering had been done on an as needed basis by the State, Treasury, Navy and War departments with little or no central coordination. Concerned with the chaotic state of America's intelligence capabilities, in June 1942 President Franklin Roosevelt charged William "Wild Bill" Donovan with organizing the OSS. Donovan was a New York attorney and former Army Colonel who had received the Medal of Honor for his actions in World War I. General Donovan was a renowned expert on European affairs and he soon became a trusted advisor to the President.

When formed, the OSS became responsible for engaging in espionage, propaganda and covert operations in foreign nations. It recruited its personnel from American military and academic circles. Eventually the OSS was divided into two main branches: Research and Analysis (R & A) and Special Operations (SO).

Research and Analysis employed mainly college professors, attorneys and statesmen. Using their analytical skills, staff at R & A collated and analyzed the gathered intelligence for its direct use. Often, analysts in R & A identified targets for aerial bombardment by Allied war planes.

Special Operations was responsible for collecting intelligence on the ground and covert, direct-action operations. Most famous of these were the "Jedburgh" teams. During the summer of 1944, dozens of three-man teams composed of members of the British Special Operations Executive (SOE)

and the OSS parachuted into Nazi-occupied France, Holland and Belgium to train and assist local resistance forces, and to execute sabotage and guerilla warfare.

At its peak in 1944 the OSS employed as many as 13,000 staff members, analysts and operators. In 2008, a listing of OSS members was declassified and made available to the public for the first time. It showed that famous personalities - baseball player Moe Berg, film director John Ford and Chef Julia Child - had all served in the OSS.

Come immerse yourself in this and other fascinating stories of World War II at the SCHS's newest exhibit *Heroes Among Us: Veterans of the Second World War*. Listen to veteran's voices as they relate their war experiences; watch videos of wartime activities; explore a vibrant and detailed time line; learn about the home front; and gain a better understanding of this significant period in U.S. and Scott County history. Guided tours are available upon request. The exhibit opens September 23 and runs through August 2011.



Bill Schmagel, from Shakopee.

Bill worked for the OSS and engaged in training resistance fighters in Western Europe.

From the Collections Desk

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS, MORE HISTORY SAVED, PRESERVED, SHARED

- Toys, 1964 wedding dress, children's clothing, house wares, and photographs from Pat Ploumen.
- Family history book titled "Capt. Richard Behmler: His Life and Times" from Julie Walker.
- Admission tickets for Canterbury Downs from Maria Stay.
- Button from the Belle Plaine Historical Society's 2010 Rendezvous from the Belle Plaine Historical Society.
- Raceway Park souvenir booklet collected by SCHS staff.
- Booklet titled "Hoffman; 1760-1990" from Jerome Hoffman.
- Souvenir mug and cups from the Renaissance Festival from Kurk Marston.
- Postcard of the American Legion Club at Shakopee from Jane Clay.
- Scott County 4-H records, clothing, banners, pins, photographs, and slides from the University of Minnesota Extension Office at Jordan.
- Bottles and clothespins used on the Cress family farm in Credit River from Sharon Murray.
- Pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes and a package of Christmas tree lights from Bill and Gini Wermerskirchen.
- Photographs showing scenes at the Renaissance Festival from Jack Kennelly.
- Baseball program from the Jordan Brewers and a catalog from the 2010 National Holstein Convention Sale held at the Scott County Fairgrounds from Don Beuch.
- Button showing the Shakopee Royalty for 2009-2010 from Jay and Melissa Whiting.
- Six photographs from Nancy Schiltz.
- Nine Dan Patch Days buttons from the Dan Patch Historical Society.



Donations help to tell our story. Please consider donating items to help fill in the gaps in the SCHS collection. Give us a call. We accept most items that have a Scott County connection.

From the Research Library by Betty Dols (will return in the Winter issue)

2010 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This Summer we again hosted three college students through our internship program. The students benefit from valuable hands-on experience, and SCHS benefits from their fresh perspective, creativity, and extra work-hands. The internships are unpaid and run an average of 10 to 12 weeks.

Justin Hitch (223 hrs) worked extensively in collections care, and helped identify items for our new Heroes exhibit. Soren Hoeger-Lerdal (140 hrs) worked in programming/events, and designed interactive components for the new exhibit. Brandon Henderson (132 hrs) worked in exhibit development, and helped staff outreach events.

The staff and board of SCHS wish to thank Justin, Soren and Brandon for their contributed hours. We appreciate their dedicated hard work in helping us to further our mission.

SCHS ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars now to attend the SCHS Annual Meeting October 14, 2010.

At the business meeting the membership will vote for three open board positions. Candidates are:

Paul N. Youngs: Financial advisor for Edward Jones, and from 200-2004 he was an airline pilot for Northwest Regional. Paul has a BS from the University of North Dakota, and is board chairman for Community Education Advisory Council. He also serves on the boards of the Shakopee Downtown Partnership, Economic Development Advisory Council and the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce. Paul and his wife Kirsti are making their home in the Shakopee/Prior Lake area in late fall.

Rachel Simmons: Employed at Shakopee Lowes. Rachel and her family live in Jordan. Rachel is a past SCHS summer intern and is currently working toward a masters degree at St. Thomas University.

Will Williams: Retired math teacher. Will currently serves on the boards of the School District 191 Foundation and the Dan Patch Historical Society. He

is also a member of the Twin Cities Civil War Roundtable, the "Voice of the DPHS" as he does TV and radio programs, and is the speaker for school programs, narrated tours and programs to service groups. Will was born and raised in Savage and has a keen interest and knowledge of the history of the area. He is one of the "go to" people for the local history.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS - EVENTS

Behind the Scenes Tour,

Tuesday September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Explore the nooks and crannies of the SCHS. This is your chance to see the museum's non-public spaces, including the 2nd floor of the Stans House. Register by calling SCHS – Fee: \$8, \$5 for SCHS members.

SCHS Booth at Dozinky Days in New Prague

September 18. Try your luck at the "History Wheel".

Exhibit Opening "Heroes Among Us: Scott

County World War II Veterans" Exhibit opens September 23 at 6:30pm. Listen to stories told by local WWII veterans, watch WWII video, and gain an understanding of the experiences these young men and women endured during a pivotal period in our country's history. Exhibit runs through August 2011.

Talk and book signing September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a presentation by Dave Kenney, author of Minnesota Goes To War: The Home Front during World War II. Regular admission fee, FREE for SCHS members.

"1940s Hanger Dance" Saturday, September 25

at 5:30–10:00p.m. at the Flying Cloud Airport. Roseville Big Band, steak/chicken dinner, USO-style dinner show, live auction, costume contest, WWII plane and much more. Tickets \$45 each. For more information and tickets contact the SCHS at 952-445-0378 or info@scottcountyhistory.org. Fund raiser for SCHS.

Scott County Art Crawl Saturday, October 9. View

fantastic art created by local artists. Contact the Savage Arts Board for information on locations.

SCHS Annual Meeting Thursday, October 14.

For additional information call 952-445-0378 or
email info@scottcountyhistory.org

Business meeting at 6:30 p.m. with presentation to follow at 7:00 p.m.

National Quilt Show Friday, October 15. In collaboration with the National Quilt Show, visitors may view a variety of handcrafted quilts on display in the Stans Museum and Stans House.

Savvy Money Presentation Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for coffee and dessert and learn about the most common strategies to leave a legacy to your family and charities. For more information, or to register for this FREE event, contact Kathy at 952-445-0378

Make A Face! Saturday, October 23. Learn about mask history, view masks from the SCHS collection and create your own mask for Halloween at a hands-on workshop at the Stans Museum 11am - 12:30pm. Registrations required through your local community education guide, or call SCHS.

Kids Kraft Saturday, October 30. *Kids Kraft* returns for another year of great reading and crafts. Grab the kids and head to the Stans Museum for some Saturday morning family fun, including a rousing good story and craft, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. **FREE, registration required**

Coffee Conversations Wednesday, November 3 at noon. Join us for an informal discussion on Shakopee as Little Chicago.

Savvy Money Presentation Thursday, November 4 at 7p.m. Join us for coffee and dessert and learn about the most common strategies to leave a legacy to your family and charities. For more information, or to register for this FREE event, contact Kathy at 952-445-0378

Clue Tournament Saturday, November 6 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Test your analytical skills and see if you can figure out the mystery of Who Done It! Includes beverages, snacks and prizes, including a grand prize for the final Grand Master. Small fee applies. Register through your local community education guide, or call SCHS.

Kids Kraft Saturday, November 20 (before Thanksgiving). Grab the kids and head to the Stans Museum for some Saturday morning family fun, including a rousing good story and craft, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. **FREE, registration required**

SCHS is CLOSED Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Girl's Christmas Tea Thursday evening December 9 at 6:30pm., and Saturday morning December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy an evening of holiday fun learning about a Czech Christmas and enjoying a relaxing cup of tea. Reservations required, small fee.

Adult Christmas Tea Thursday evening December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of holiday fun learning about a Czech Christmas and enjoying a relaxing cup of tea. Reservations required, small fee.

SCHS is CLOSED Friday, December 24 for the Christmas Holiday and December 31 for New Year's Holiday

"Picture This: Then & Now" Exhibit opening, Thursday, January 6. Students from Scott County High Schools display artwork created from photos of historic sites in Scott County.

"GREAT SCOTT! Mysteries of Scott County" Exhibit runs through December 24, 2010. Through stories, photographs, artifacts, and hands-on interactives we delve into the mysteries of Scott County!

History Hunt Geocaching - Spend some time this fall as a "History Hunter" in Scott County. Join in the search - Information available on the SCHS and Geocaching website.

Crazy Quilters

The Scott County Crazy Quilters take the summer off. Mark your calendar to join in the stitching fun on the fourth Thursday in September.

WRITE FOR SCHS

If you are interested in submitting an article for *Connections*, please contact Kathy at 952-445-0378 or info@scottcountyhistory.org. Articles should be approximately 400 words, relate to Scott County History, and if possible, include a photo or two.



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 Th 9am - 8pm
 Sat 10am - 3pm
 Closed: Sunday, Monday and
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Your Membership and Donation dollars at work!



Re-roofing the Stans Museum



SCHS Booth at the Scott County Fair



SCHS Ice Cream Social

SCHS Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Mail to: Scott County Historical Society,
 235 Fuller Street South, Shakopee, MN 55379

YES! I would like to support SCHS at the following level (please check one).

- Individual Member.....\$ 15
- Household Member.....\$ 25
- Sponsor Member.....\$ 50
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- Booster Donor.....\$50-\$99
- Advocate Donor.....\$100-\$249
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