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SUMMER HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT 2018

June 1st- August 20th

(SHAKOPEE, MN 5/17/2018) — Explore the history at your doorstep! Visit ten historic in Scott County between June 1st and August 20th. At each site take a selfie or family photograph. Once you have visited each location share your pictures with the Scott County Historical Society at info@scottcountyhistory.org using the subject “SCHS50thSummer”. You can also post your photos to social media using the hashtag #schs50thsummer.

At the Scott County Historical Society’s 50th anniversary picnic on August 25th every participant who completes the hunt will receive a prize. There will also be special awards announced. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to have your photos showcased in an upcoming exhibit!

The locations are as follows:

- The Stans House- Shakopee
- The Veterans Memorial- Shakopee
- Mudbaden- Jordan
- Ambrose Freeman Cabin- Jordan
- Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration- Belle Plaine
- Two Story Outhouse- Belle Plaine
- New Market Hotel and Store- Elko New Market
- St. Wenceslaus- New Prague
- Train Depot- New Prague
- ???- For place 10, choose a site that has historic significance to you and your family!

Happy hunting!

The Scott County Historical Society is located at 235 Fuller Street South, Shakopee, MN 55379, three blocks south of the intersection of Co. Rd. 101 and Fuller Street. All inquiries are welcome 952-445-0378 or info@scottcountyhistory.org. Visit us online at www.scottcountyhistory.org.

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Stans House/ Scott County Historical Society: Shakopee

Historic home of the Stans Family built in 1908 and the county history museum, featuring rotating exhibits, events, craft nights and a research library.

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Veterans Memorial: Shakopee

AH-1F Cobra serves as a veterans tribute in Shakopee's Memorial Park

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Mudbaden - Jordan

A 1915 spa that was built near sulfur springs. The springs were advertised as cures for a variety of ailments. The building now serves as a regional training facility

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Ambrose Freeman Cabin- Jordan

Built in 1855, restored in 1931. The house is a memorial to the first European settlers in the Jordan Area

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Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration- Belle Plaine

This church was built in 1868 to provide Christian services for English speakers. Unfortunately, most area European settlers spoke German or Irish. The unique building is referred to as "Prairie Gothic".

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Two Story Outhouse- Belle Plaine

The outhouse is attached to the Bowler-Hillstrom house, built in 1871. The house was purchased by Samuel Bowler in 1886. He added many additions, including a skyway and two story outhouse.

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New Market Hotel and Store- Elko New Market

Built in 1897 by Joesph Blates

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St Wenceslaus - New Prague

A group of settlers left Dubuque because of cholera. They met a Catholic group who advised that they try near St. Cloud. They got lost and end up South of Shakopee, founding New Prague. They first built a log church in 1857, finally completing St. Wenceslaus in 1907.

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Train Depot - New Prague

New Prague became part of the US rail network in 1871. By 1930, New Prague got 16 trains a day, a major economic boost to the region

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For place number 10, choose a site that has historical significance to you or your family. Take a picture and share the story with us! Your images might even be included in a future exhibit!