

Lydia Pancake Breakfast Benefit

The Lydia Area Historical Club along with the Jordan Area Lions are hosting a fundraiser. The pancake and sausage breakfast takes place Sunday, June 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the old Lydia school in Lydia.

The Lydia Area Historical Club is an informal group working to preserve the stories of the families, churches, schools, farms, and businesses of the area. The group is raising funds to place a monument on the old school grounds. They are also writing a book about the history of the area they hope to publish.

For information, call Don Beuch at 952-492-6173.

Step Right Up! Experience the Circus at SCHS

As a child, watching the Gollmar Bros. circus perform in Belle Plaine gave Leo Albrecht the circus bug. He grew up wanting to have a circus of his own someday. Training and starring in vaudeville, Leo slowly perfected his act waiting for the day his dream would come true.

In 1930, Leo bought the equipment necessary and started the Albrecht Bros. circus. Traveling over the next 38 years with his wife and three sons, Leo became known throughout the country for his trained ponies and dogs. He was one of only four performers in the U.S. who could walk a slack wire. Leo masterfully carved and painted circus coaches, chariots, and bandwagons. In the 1940s, he began using the stage name Albright. Entertaining audiences across the country, "Grandpa Leo" returned home to friends and family in Belle Plain during the winter. Leo was one of the lucky few who spend their lives living out their childhood dreams.



Although they stopped performing in 1968, the family has carefully preserved the circus memorabilia. The complete story of the only circus from Scott County is now being shared in an exhibit at the Stans Museum.

Join SCHS at the opening of the circus exhibit, "Laadiees and Gentlemen" on June 29 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Activities include clown masks and still walking. Eat popcorn and cotton candy in the Stans Garden Park. Leo's son, Sonny, will share the experience of life in the circus at 1:30.

Recent Gifts to SCHS Collections: Thank You

- Harriet Pink: *Arnold Family History*.
- Shirley Scheffert: 1950s 4-H hat .
- Patrick Shannon: Jordan Sanitarium pennant.
- Raymond Wade: De Mers family photograph.
- Cathy Isles: Belle Plaine Creamery milk can, Jordan Creamery butter carton.
- Leo Albrecht: Prayer cards, rain gauge, Albrecht family photographs, pen premiums.
- Shakopee Chamber of Commerce: Four holiday ornaments.
- Constance Notermann Johnson: Prayer card for J. Hubert Stans.
- Charlotte Post: Stem of the Clover 4-H historian books and banners.

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SCHS Travels to Scott County Fair: Join Us, Volunteer, Have Fun

It doesn't get much better than summertime in Scott County and SCHS will be participating in many of the events around the area this season. This summer we are hoping that some of our members and volunteers will join us in the fun.

We are especially looking for volunteers to be in the education building with us at the County Fair. SCHS will be at the fair all four days: Thursday, July 25 to Sunday, July 28 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed who are willing to work for two-hour shifts. Our focus this year will be quilting but it is absolutely not necessary to be a quilter to join us. The quilt frame and quilt that was in the museum during the month of March will be set up at the fair. This means that everyone who stops by will have a chance to stitch on our Sunbonnet Sue quilt. This is the 100th anniversary of the creation of Sunbonnet Sue, the only known quilt pattern to originate in Minnesota. When the quilt is completed, Sandi Andersen, "the SCHS Quilt Lady," will provide another quilt for us to stitch on. Sandi will also be with us on Friday at the fair, giving a special demonstration at 3:00 p.m. There will be quilting crafts available for children, too.

SCHS needs friendly folks to greet, answer questions, share an interest in history, and encourage visitors to become members of the Society. Please call Judy for



SCHS volunteers making old fashioned toys at Dozinky Day.

more information at 445-0378 and to say, "Yes, I'll be there!"

SCHS will also be at all seven county libraries this summer. "It's Fair Time!," the puppet show about a pioneer family getting ready for the county fair will be presented the following dates:

July 19	New Prague Library	11:00 a.m.
July 22	Jordan Library	2:00 p.m.
	Belle Plaine Library	3:30 p.m.
July 23	Shakopee Library	1:30 p.m.
	Savage Library	3:30 p.m.
July 24	New Market Library	2:00 p.m.
	Prior Lake Library	3:30 p.m.

Young Quilt Winner Inspired to Continue Craft with Family, Friends



Lauren Mahowald, Reinah Thom and Brenna Thom.

The Scott County Historical Society crazy quilt club organized a raffle to benefit the museum. The grand prize, a Sunbonnet Sue quilt and pillow made by the crazy quilters, was raffled off on April 8. Nearly 200 chances were sold to visitors to the museum and quilt enthusiasts.

The opening of the Sunbonnet Sue exhibit was marked by a snow storm but that did not stop the Thom/Doer family from coming. Working on their own Sunbonnet Sue quilts at home, they took the opportunity to quilt on a quilt frame. It was well worth the trip when Reinah Thom's name was drawn as the winner.

Thank you to Sandi Andersen, the Scott County Crazy Quilters, Eagle Creek Quilt Shop, and everyone who supported the effort.

Scott County History: Test Your Knowledge With This Trivia Quiz

Answer each question: True or false

1. Mudbaden was a German brewery in Jordan.
2. Scott County is named for a man who never actually visited the County.
3. There are ghost towns in Scott County.
4. New Prague was founded by Bohemians.
5. Savage was once known as Hamilton.
6. Belle Plaine is Spanish for "Beautiful Prairie."
7. Thomas Holmes, founder of Shakopee, also built the first post office.
8. Lydia is a town in the center of Scott County.
9. Credit River got its name from a trading post at its mouth where Minnesota River traders sold items on "credit," hence the name.
10. Prior Lake was first known as Credit Lake.

Did you answer all the questions?
Turn the page upside-down for the answers.



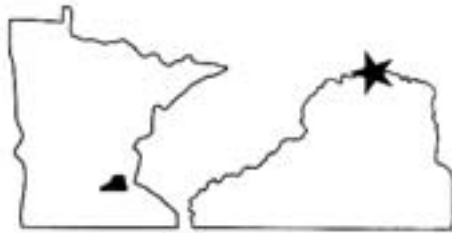
The Nicolin mansion in Jordan.

5. True. Beginning as a railroad town, Hamilton changed its name to Savage in honor of M.S. Savage a Minneapolis businessman who stabled his world famous horse, Dan Patch, nearby.
6. False. The name, given by Judge Chatfield, is French.
7. True. He also donated land for the county courthouse.
8. False. While the business district thrived from the 1880s to the 1930s, it was never formally incorporated into a town.
9. True. As legend would have it, this is the origin of the name, but know one really knows for sure.
10. True. But the exact time of the name change is unknown. Prior Lake is named for Charles Prior, superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway in the 1880s.

1. False. Madbaden was a health resort, which claimed its sulfur mud could cure disease.
2. True. Named for General Winfield Scott, Scott County was formally organized by the territorial legislature by an act signed by Governor Ramsey on March 5, 1853.
3. True. In the 1850's land speculators plotted and platted towns hoping to make money by selling lots. Four towns were touted in the local newspaper, some never even had a building on them, while others came and went. Among Scott County's ghost towns are: Helena (1857), Bellefontaine (1856), Mount Pleasant (1856), and St. Lawrence (1857).
4. False. Founded by Anton Phillip who came from Bavaria, Bohemians came soon afterwards.

Answers

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Add These Upcoming Events to Your Summer Calendar Today

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| June 12 | Lunch Box Lecture: Belle Plaine
Join Leo Albrecht for a slide show about Belle Plaine history. This program at the museum is jointly sponsored with Shakopee Community Education. Noon to 1:00 p.m. | July 17 | Lunch Box Lecture: Shakopee Stories
Join Dick Mertz as he tells stories of bars and gambling in Shakopee years ago. 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. |
| June 23 | Lydia Pancake Breakfast
This special breakfast is a fundraiser for a historical monument in Lydia. Organized by the Lydia Historical Club. Old Lydia School, 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. | July 25-28 | Scott County Fair
Join us in the education building at the Fair. This year we will be quilting and Sandi Andersen will give a free demonstration on Friday at 3 p.m. Volunteers welcome. |
| June 27 | Scott County Crazy Quilters
Join the group every fourth Thursday at the museum for quilting. No experience necessary. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. | August 21 | Lunch Box Lecture: Architecture
SCHS Director John Gutteter talks about the architecture of historic buildings in Scott County. Noon to 1:00. |
| June 29 | Circus Exhibit Opening
Enjoy popcorn, cotton candy, and stilt walking at this family event. Share in the story of the Albright Circus from Belle Plaine. 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. | <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px;"><p>The Stans Museum will be closed
Thursday, July 4th
in observance of Independence Day.</p></div> | |
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