

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

JONCKOWSKI TAKES ON SCOTT COUNTY IN A 'FUN RAISER' FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Local celeb and self-proclaimed "King of the One Liners" Dick Jonckowski takes on Scott County, October 14, in an evening of laughs, food and entertainment. The roast is the highlight of an evening at the Shakopee Ballroom, 2400 East Fourth Avenue, to support the Scott County Historical Society (SCHS) in an unusual "Fun Raiser." Jonckowski is well known for his encyclopedic knowledge of sports and everything in Scott County. His irreverent *repertee* al-

ways leaves you laughing.

After Jonckowski takes an hysterical, historical look at everyone and everything in Scott County (and you've recovered from the laughter) enjoy a cash bar and dance the evening away with the Paul Hefron Orchestra. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the evening's entertainment at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 per person at SCHS or at many venues throughout the county.

Buy your ticket early since space is limited or...Jonckowski will put you on the roast agenda! All proceeds benefit SCHS.

Sweet New Museum Store

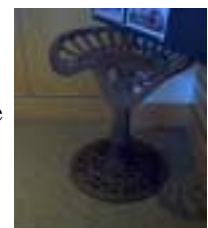
Our museum store has a new look! Come in and see what unique items are available for purchase. To coincide with our *Hook, Line, & Sinker* fishing exhibit, we have fishy ornaments and fancy fly earrings. We still have our usual books, like Leo Albrecht's history of the Belle Plaine circus, or the chapter on Scott County from Edward Neill's 1882 *History of the Minnesota Valley*. For a pick-me-up after a tour through the museum, how



Old fashioned candy.



about some nostalgic candy? Staff recommend the chocolate golden coins—how rich! We're always expanding our merchandise, so stop in often.



This tractor seat might be just the thing for your porch or garden!

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THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS MORE HISTORY SAVED, PRESERVED, SHARED

Here are just a few recent acquisitions:

- Cemetery records from St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery in New Market from Ron Zweber.
- Photograph of Belle Plaine High School Homecoming Dance, 1954, from Tom Melchior.
- Homemade 150 ft. throw-line and sinker for fishing, from Clarence Johnson.
- School materials of Elvira Weinzierl Notermann, 1928-1932, from Constance Johnson.



Belle Plaine HS Homecoming Dance, 1954.



Bustle Chair from the Hotel Occidental

- Bustle chair from the Hotel Occidental in Shakopee, c. 1900, in memory of Ione Volkert Hestbeck & Stanley Hestbeck.
- Shakopee/Prior Lake telephone directories, 1928-1978, from Dorothy James.
- Satellite image of Prior Lake, c. 1960, from Diane & Jim Sentyrz.
- 9 photographs of early 1900s Shakopee residents and telephone directory, from George Roberts.
- 1916 letter from J.B. Reis to Shakopee Fire Dept., from Shakopee Fire Dept.
- Tupy genealogy book, from Benjamin Bartusek.
- 1910s washing tub, from Don & Dianne Kess.

Call for items:

Remember us when going through your attic, garage, or book shelf! Here are some items we are interested in for upcoming exhibits:

- **Souvenirs and their stories:** These may be just about anything, from something that was picked up from abroad that you brought back to Scott County, to a knick-knack with a personal story behind it, to a souvenir of a local company.
- Kitchen **cooking** and **eating utensils** and items related to food and **packaging**.
- Sears and/or other kit home catalogues.
- **Photographs** from Scott County, whether a portrait of your great Aunt or a unique view of town life, we would love to have them.

Wish List

- **Microfilms:**
 - * LeSueur County Federal Census, 1857, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1910, 1920, 1930.
 - * LeSueur County State Census, 1865, 1885, 1895, 1905
 - **Microfilm reader/printer for the research library**
 - **Mobile exhibit cases**
 - **Sponsorship for a subscription to Ancestry.com.**
 - **Copy paper**
 - **General merchandise catalogues from all eras (Sears, Wards, J.C. Penney, etc.)**
- Thanks to Carol Fehler for responding to this wish with a 1900 Sears & Roebuck catalogue!*

If you're not sure whether we would be interested in an item or not, just give us a call—we'd love to have a look at it!

Curator's Corner

Patrick Rodgers



Jada cleans an old minnow bucket.

This summer has been an exciting one for the variety of challenging collections projects we have going on. We are currently working on a large donation of farm implements from Prior Lake that were collected last fall. Many of these items sat in a barn for decades, accumulating dust, insects, corrosion and even bat droppings! These objects are being cleaned, stabilized, catalogued, marked and stored.

I thought this would be an interesting opportunity to talk about how somebody's "stuff" becomes an "artifact" in a museum, and how it is preserved for generations to come.

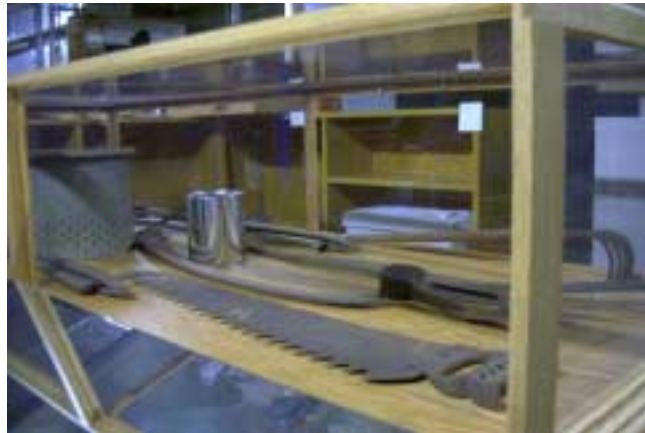
The first order of business with the collection of farm implements has been to clean them. Because of all the nasty stuff accumulated over the years, we cannot clean them in the museum, where they might affect other collections—not to mention people! So we have been dependent on fair weather to clean the objects outside by lightly brushing away dirt and grime. Because of the toxic mix of dirt, dust, and droppings, we wore respirators and gloves while working. Some of the objects had quite a layer of grime on them, but care must be taken with even these layers. Underneath them might be fragile metal, or an original paint or patina that might flake off if we brush too hard. For example, while cleaning an iron wagon wheel, we discovered its hub was partly painted bright yellow, a

color that showed up on other items from the collection. In some cases, we had to leave on thick greasy build ups because to remove it would damage the original surface.

Because many of the iron items were actively corroding, we needed to stabilize them before they became part of the museum collection. To do that, we sealed them in a case with some silica gel, the same stuff that comes in a shoe box to keep moisture out. The silica absorbs humidity out of the atmosphere in the case, and brings the metal to a more stable humidity level.

With the objects stabilized, we can catalogue them, noting their dimensions, markings, condition, significance and uses, among other things. We add any information that we learned from the donor or that we know about where the object came from. We also learn a lot about each object by closely examining it. For instance, beneath the dust on the handle of a plow were the words "Lindsay Bros., Minneapolis," the manufacturer's or distributor's label. Other objects showed wear and tear where

they were commonly used. Each object gets assigned a number, its accession number. We then mark each object with this number so that we can identify it easily and bring up its catalogue record when we need it. Then they are stored in our collection with all the other artifacts.



Iron objects sealed in a case with a container of silica gel. In the case are the minnow bucket, an ice saw, a few scythe blades and a pair of garden shears.

The whole process of stabilizing, cataloguing, marking and storing can take several hours for just one object! It's very important to examine all the details carefully, and not to rush through any of these steps. Finally, the catalogue record gets added to our website so that anyone can see and learn about these objects. Look for some of these farm implements to be on display in an exhibit coming to you in the spring of 2006!

From the Director's Chair by Kathleen Klehr

Summer is drawing to a close and we have had a wonderful time meeting and visiting with Scott County residents at festivals throughout the county and at the County Fair. Our "road trips" have been fun, enlightening, and very successful.

These "road trips" are a big part of our priority to connect with all areas of the county. Along with these trips, we are branching out into the county through community education seminars, school outreach, traveling exhibits, and special events. As we continue to extend our reach and grow our programs, we recognize a need to broaden our funding base to support our mission, which brings me to our first big fundraiser blast.

Mark your calendars for October 14, a not-to-be missed evening of toe-tapping music and laughter at the Scott County Historical Society's – Scott County Roast *Fundraiser*. Dick Jonckowski, local funnyman and emcee extraordinaire, unleashes his wit and aims his vast array of one liners to *roast* Scott County. Rounding out the evening is the wonderful sound of the Paul Heffron Orchestra. All proceeds from this event benefit the Scott

County Historical Society. Special thanks to all the generous sponsors of this fundraiser, listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

While we are deep into planning the Fundraiser we are also looking forward to heading back to school with our field trip programs. It is our aim to expand the scope of our education program to attract a wider range of students; a new online teacher survey will help us toward this goal. In addition to a return to schools, we are also researching and installing a new exhibit, planning a spooky Halloween family Hands-On-History day, and recruiting volunteers for our new Christmas Teas in the historic 1908 Stans House.

Fall brings a flurry of activity to SCHS and we invite all members to bring a friend and stop by to see what's new. Better yet, bring a friend and volunteer!

For more information please check our website at www.scottcountyhistory.org, or give us a call at 952-445-0378. To volunteer, please contact Patrick Rodgers at the # above or prodgers@scottcountyhistory.org.

From The Research Library by Betty Dols

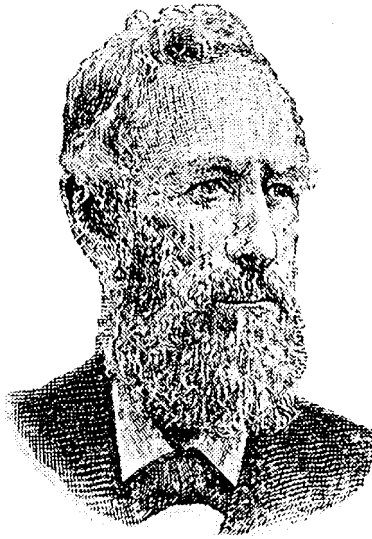
On March 28, 1874, thirty two pioneer citizens of the Shakopee area met at the office of Henry Hinds where they formalized an agreement: "We the undersigned, residents of the City of Shakopee, and Towns of Eagle Creek, Jackson and Louisville, Scott County, Minnesota, who were residents of the above named city or towns prior to the 31st day of December, 1857, and then of the age of twenty one years, do agree to organize ourselves into an organization to be known as the 'OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION OF SHAKOPEE." The

first president of the organization was Henry Hinds. The first annual address was given by Henry Hinds. The minutes and the speeches of the organization were published in the newspaper of Henry Hinds. Many years later it was noted that the person most responsible for maintaining the records of the organization was Henry Hinds.

Who was this Henry Hinds? His birth is listed on page 107 of the nine generation "History and Genealogy of the Hinds Family" written by Albert Henry Hinds in 1899. He was born in Hebron, New York, March 12, 1826 to Charles Hinds and his second wife, Jane Qua, and was a direct descendant of James Hinds who immigrated to Massachusetts from England as early as 1635.

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Henry graduated from several academies and from the Cincinnati, Ohio, College of Law in 1852. He married Mary F. Woodworth September 1, 1853 in Salem, New York, and came west the following year.



Henry Hinds

Arriving in Shakopee, Henry bought block two in East Shakopee and with a pick and shovel purchased from John Goenen, dug the cellar for his first residence. He was elected County Attorney in 1856 and again in 1865 after serving as Judge of Probate from 1861 to 1865. He served in the State Legislature as Representative and two terms in the State Senate.

Henry was an avowed and dedicated Democrat. In 1867 he purchased the Scott County Argus and was its editor for the next fifteen years, succeeded by his sons for another 43 years. Soon after purchasing the paper, he published an article stating "the Argus was established as a Democratic paper and should be the organ of the Democratic Party in the county." He used the influence of the paper to support those causes in the county of which he approved, and also to attack those causes he disliked. His editorials were often caustic as well as political. He once wrote, "a rumor was in circulation the fore part of the week that the Street Commissioner was drowned in a mud hole in the street in front of the Post office," and again, "We have been informed that another rat has left the Courthouse."

While Henry had a reputation for being austere in business and politics, he was said to have been a model husband and a doting father. In his home he was genial, talkative and entertaining. Henry Hinds died at his home in Shakopee October 11, 1903, at the age of seventy seven. His funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian Church with burial in Valley Cemetery. Members of the Old Settlers Association attended in a body.

Post Card

SOUVENIRS:
Collecting Experience

A new exhibit at the
Scott County Historical
Society

October 20, 2005-
March 31, 2006

NAME & ADDRESS ONLY

What do you collect when you visit a new place? Come see souvenirs that people from around Scott County have collected from afar. Find out what souvenirs were produced in Scott County for those who visited here. This exhibit will look at county history through the eyes of travelers and their collections, tying memories and stories to a sense of place.

Halloween Hands-On Family History Day

Mark your calendars now for our Hands-On History Day on October 29th. Our theme will be, of course, Halloween! Come mingle with staff in costume, hear Halloween stories from around the county and share your own, and try some spooky activities and crafts, like making your own Halloween mask.



Meet Aasha!

If you've been to the museum in the last few weeks, you may have met Aasha Demps. Aasha works for the Scott County Summer Youth Employment Program. This program helps eligible youth achieve academic and employment success. The participants learn employment skills, explore a variety of occupations, and are paid by the Scott County SYEP program. We have been fortunate to have such an excellent youth work with us this summer.

Spread the Word About Membership! Become a part of history!

As members of the historical society, you know what membership in SCHS has meant to you: access to research materials, entertainment at programs and events, meeting others interested in local history. Well, there are a lot of people out there who still aren't aware of the benefits of membership. So spread the word about what membership means to you! Remember, a year's membership is as low as \$15 for an individual, and perks include free admission to the museum, a 10% discount at the museum store, our quarterly newsletter, and an inside scoop on the history happenings around the county.

SCHS Seeks New Board Member

The Scott County Historical Society is looking for people enthusiastic about local history and willing to share their time and talent with the organization by serving on the board of directors. These two positions are for three-year terms beginning in November 2005.

The Board of Directors is responsible for developing the Society's strategic plan, working to

meet organizational goals, setting policy, overseeing the financial development of the organization, and acting as ambassadors to the community. A time commitment of approximately 4 hours per month includes attending regular meetings and Society-sponsored functions, and serving on special committees as needed.

For more information, stop by the museum at 235 Fuller St. South in Shakopee, call the museum at 952-445-0378, or visit our website at www.scottcountyhistory.org.

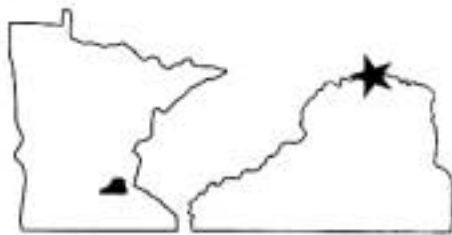
Welcome new members!

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Sharon Ritchart
Pam Botten
Pandora Jurisoo
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William Janousek
Kate Muhlenhardt
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What's ahead at the Scott County Historical Society:

Exhibits on the Road! Look for us at festivals throughout Scott County, such as Heimatfest in Jordan on Sept. 10th, Dozinky Days in New Prague Sept 17th, and Prior Lake-Savage Community Fest on Sept. 19th.

Sept 15 SCHS Book Club—"All Things Minnesota"
Join us at 6:30 PM for our initial meeting in the historic 1908 Stans House.

Sept. 24 City to Country Tour—Check out the display we made for the Stocker Family Dairy Farm.

Thru. Sept. 30 *Hook, Line, & Sinker: Fish Tales of Scott County Past & Present.*

Oct. 13 SCHS Annual Meeting

Oct. 14 An Historically Funny Evening—An evening of music, dancing and peels of laughter. The *Scott County Roast Fundraiser*, headed by Dick Jonckowski will have you

laughing till you cry. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 952-445-0378. Tickets \$10 each.

Oct. 20 Exhibit opening—Souvenirs of Scott County.

Oct. 29 Halloween Hands-On Family History Day

Nov. 24-25 Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

**THE SCOTT COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MISSION**

*Searching, Saving and Sharing the history
and cultural heritage of Scott County.*

History and cultural heritage infuses every aspect of our lives, so please, when you're cleaning out the attic, basement or garage, think of us.