



# CONNECTIONS

Summer - 2007

*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**

**MOM  
& POP  
SHOP**



It used to be that you knew the town butcher, baker, grocer..., who had distinct personalities, and were a part of the community. Take a trip back in time as we open the new *Mom and Pop Shop* exhibit. This exhibit runs from May through September, 2007

Among all the Scott County memories of times, people, and places that have faded into local history were memories of Mom and Pop stores. Since the early 1950s the superstore scene has taken over. This exhibit remembers the time when you could pick up the phone, give the operator a three digit phone number, dictate your shopping list, have the order filled, bagged and delivered to your home, have the cost put on your tab, and settle the account at the end of the month.

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**Exhibit Planning**

As we plan ahead for exhibits, we look to the residents of Scott County to help us “flesh-out” topics through the donation or loan of items.

With that in mind, we are looking to obtain uniform items related to...

- \* schools
- \* military service
- \* employment
- \* sports
- \* service organizations (Scouts, Rotary, Lions, VFW...)

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## From the Director's Chair

By Kathleen Klehr

This summer is gearing up to be a blast! From garden teas to Shakopee's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, from the Scott County Fair to the SCHS Ice-Cream Social, to a "Live Fire" military weaponry demonstration, this summer will be filled with fun events for the whole family. Be sure to check out our list of events on the back page and mark your calendar!

One thing this summer will be different from past years. While SCHS usually had a booth each day at the Scott County Fair, this year we are trying something new; we'll be at the Fair only one day. Look for a special SCHS presentation on Saturday July 28 at the Entertainment Square on the Scott County Fairgrounds.

In addition to events and celebrations this summer we are excited to present a new collaborative program titled the *Minnesota*

*River Valley Round Table* – a series of lectures/presentations. The Scott, Carver, Nicollet and Blue Earth County Historical Societies have partnered to develop and present these round-tables. Each year the *MN River Valley Round Table* will select a topic, which will be explored monthly at one of the Historical Societies with a speaker/presentation. This year we are exploring military history, with a special kick-off "Live-Fire" event at the Horse & Hunt Club on August 18. Contact Andy Timmer for more information at 952-445-0378 or [atimmer@scottcountyhistory.org](mailto:atimmer@scottcountyhistory.org).

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for community education presentations titled the *Dakota Conflict: Voices from the Past*, special Halloween Girls Tea, MN Valley Round-table talks, SCHS Top 20 Oddities exhibit opening and much more!

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### **Collection and Historic House Assessments take place at SCHS**

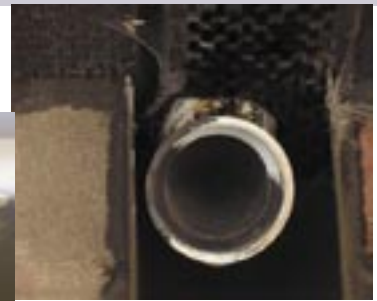
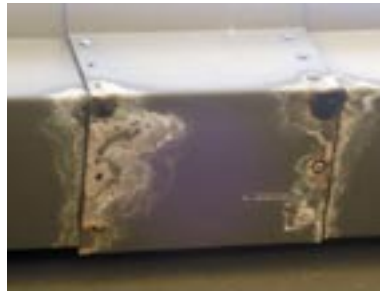
SCHS has been awarded a Conservation Assessment Preservation (CAP) award from Heritage Preservation to assess our collection, the museum and Stans house. Heritage Preservation is the national organization dedicated to preserving our nation's heritage. Heritage Preservation's CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections and historic buildings and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions.

Jeffrey Oertel of Oretel Architects will be assessing the museum and Stans house in June. Paul Storch from MN Historical Society will assess the collections in October. Once the assessments are completed, SCHS will receive a detailed report. These reports will help guide SCHS in its strategic planning, collections care and building maintenance and use.

### SCHS Receives a MN State-Grant-in-Aid

Last year SCHS applied for a State Grant-in-Aid from the Minnesota Historical Society to alleviate a water mitigation problem in the collections area. We requested funds to repair/replace our gutter system as well as upgrade landscaping on the east and west museum foundations. The grant was approved and work has begun.

Gutters and downspouts needing repair



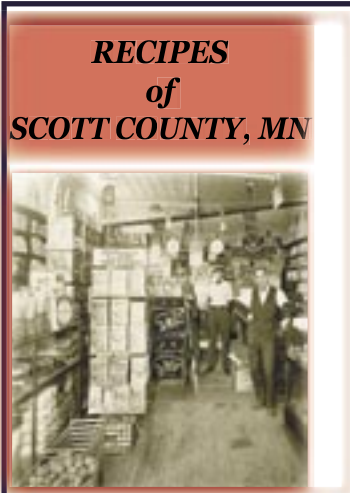
Last month Sentence-to-Serve supplied the labor to complete the landscaping portion of the grant. Bryan Rock generously donated landscape rock to complete the project - Thank You! This month Crest Exteriors will repair/replace the gutters.



Our mission dictates that we take measures to insure that collection items are maintained in an environmentally secure area. Because the west foundation wall is in the collection area, we are taking action to remove the threat of water damage to the collection. By completing the water mitigation project, we are ensuring that collection items in storage will be environmentally secure and available for research and for use in exhibits. The project fulfills our mission to save the history and cultural heritage of Scott County.



STS crews working on landscape project



### SCHS COOKBOOK

The SCHS's *Kitchen Stories of Scott County* Cookbook is a unique story-filled cookbook containing recipes for *kolaches*, dumplings, *jaternice*, pickles, *booya*, old-fashioned holiday fruitcake, Salvadorian *pupusas* and much more.

Stop by SCHS and pick up your copy of the Cookbook for yourself and a friend!

ONLY \$12.95 + tax.

Sales of the cookbook benefit SCHS.

## From the Programs Desk - By: Andy Timmer, Program Manager

When I came to the Scott County Historical Society two short months ago I had no idea what a great time I would have working here. Kathleen and Courtney have been great to work with and all of you that I have met have also been very welcoming and helpful.

I come to the SCHS with over a decade of programming experience at Historic Fort Snelling and the Sibley House Historic Site. To be able to develop my own programs in such a supportive environment is truly a dream come true. I plan on developing programs that are both interesting and educational and hope many of you will join in on the fun.

The past few weeks at the museum have been a bit crazy with school tours and preparations of new exhibits and programs. The school field-trip season is well underway. In addition to continuing established programs for elementary students, several new interpretive programs for Middle and High School students dealing with the Civil War, Fur Trade and W.W.II are being developed. In fact, the W.W.II program was successfully piloted at Trinity Lutheran School in Belle Plaine in April. We plan on expanding the program this fall to schools throughout the county.

This is going to be a big summer, as far as programs go. In the couple months we have a Mothers Day Tea, American Girl Teas, and Garden Teas scheduled. The new American Girl Teas has been very popular and filled very quickly. This year we are hosting teas in the Stans Garden and crossing our fingers for good weather. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, the tea will be held in the museum.)

Look for us as we participate in city festivals, the county fair and Shakopee's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. In addition to those festivities we

are again putting on an ice cream social in the Stans Garden at Shakopee's Derby Days Celebration on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Nothing beats a nice ice-cream float or cone on a hot August day!

In the fall we're branching out with a family-friendly bike ride along the Minnesota River just outside of Jordan. The "leisurely" ride will highlight the history of the river and the surrounding area. We are also doing two lectures as a part of community education on the Dakota Conflict. These programs promise to be both exciting and enlightening. I hope to see many of you there.



Program Manager Andy Timmer with participants in our Spring Birthday Party

This Spring we piloted a new program for girls using the popular *American Girl* © books as our inspiration. The program includes a hands-on activity related to a specific period in history, concluding with tea in the 1908 Stans house. This is a wonderful program for that special little girl in your life, as well as Moms and Grandmothers.

Mark your calendar for a special Girls Halloween Party on October 20th.

## Curator Corner - By Courtney Wyant

I'm Courtney Wyant, the curator of the SCHS. I am a native of Austin, Minnesota. I am excited about my new position and passionate about playing an active role in helping the Stans museum to grow. I also hope to reach out to the public, engaging community members and seeking out the stories of Scott County. My own family history includes tales of pioneers to the great state of Minnesota – who traveled across the United States from Pennsylvania in a covered wagon and were eventually among the first to settle the farm lands in southern Minnesota. I look forward to working at the SCHS, helping to uncover and tell the stories of the surrounding communities in new and exciting ways.

I am a graduate of Beloit College with degrees in anthropology and museum studies. I also hold a master's in museum studies with a focus on registration and management from Seton Hall University.

I have worked at several museums, including the Wright Museum of Art, the Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut, and at Christie's of New York. I also took part in several archaeological field expeditions – from uncovering Native American artifacts in the heartland to unearthing ancient ruins in the mountains of Chile.

It's been an exciting last few months here at the SCHS! I have enjoyed working with SCHS staff, volunteers, and community members. My first big project was the *Mom and Pop Shop* exhibit. Among the Scott County memories of times, people, and places that have faded into local history, are the memories of Mom and Pop stores.

I was aided in my curatorial research by many volunteers and community members who shared their memories of past places and faces of the area. For example, long-time Shakopee resident and museum volunteer Irene Powers shared wonderful stories and memories of her family's famous confectionery in Shakopee, Eureka or later called Heinen's. She also donated historic pictures for the exhibit.

The exhibit opened on May 24, with a warm reception, complete with an old fashioned soda jerk. The exhibit will run through the end of September.

Next year, SCHS will be opening a large exhibit on uniforms - both service and recreational. We'd love to hear your stories about working in the area - please get in touch if you'd like to share. If you have any old work, play or service clothing please drop it by the museum.

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



#### Recent acquisitions:

- \* 1970's Leopard Print Coat and 1960's Jackie-O Coat from Ione Theis
- \* Sauerkraut Cutter from Kate Bates
- \* 1950-60's Shakopee Indians Score books from Tom Melchoir
- \* Table Roller Organ from Patricia Theis

## HELP SAVE A GENERATION OF HISTORY!

The Scott County Historical Society (SCHS), is collecting stories from Scott County residents to help preserve community history. This project will cover the time period from 1930 to early 1950, focusing on topics of family, school, work / service, and entertainment...

- 1930s – making do without
- W.W.II experiences – service life, home front, work, VJ & VE Days
- Returning home
- Early 1950s – modernization, civil rights

If you, or someone you know is interested in sharing stories, or helping to collect stories, please contact Kathy Klehr at the Historical Society (952-445-0378, or [kklehr@scottcountyhistory.org](mailto:kklehr@scottcountyhistory.org)).



## VOLUNTEERS

Do you have some time to spare? Interested in making a difference? Love history? Enjoy being a “history detective? Then look no further!

**SCHS has any number of volunteer opportunities to fit your interests and skills.**

Tell us what you are interested in! Volunteering at SCHS is fun, informative, and a great way to make a lasting contribution to your community. Contact Andy Timmer Today! 952-445-0378, [atimmer@scottcountyhistory.org](mailto:atimmer@scottcountyhistory.org) or stop in for a visit.

Thank you to Volunteers Steve Blake and Bill Patterson for donating their carpentry skills.

Steve built a wonderful and sturdy puppet theater. Our old one was made of foam core and was showing its wear. This new theater is made of wood and hinged for easy storage and set-up.

Bill (from FabCon) built four new exhibit display walls. Two of these walls are capable of holding a number of shelves, allowing us to display objects securely. These new exhibit walls are easy to move and configure in a variety of ways. Bill also donated all the materials for the exhibit walls!

## WISH LIST

The following items would make wonderful in-kind donations to SCHS! Please contact us to make a donation at 952-445-0378 or [info@scottcountyhistory.org](mailto:info@scottcountyhistory.org), or stop by!

- \* Laptop Computer
- \* Quality microphone for oral histories
- \* LCD Projector for outreach programs
- \* Child-size wagon (like the old Radio Flyers), or a 4-wheel cart for use in the Stans Garden



Puppet theater



Exhibit case with walls

**From the Research Library** by: *Kathleen Klehr,*  
(*Betty Dols Research Library article returns in our Fall Newsletter.*)

This issue we're highlighting the rich variety of resources we have in the research library. Whether you're researching family roots, looking for hometown history, or finding facts for a report or book - our staff is here to help.

The Historical Society's Research Library has:

- \* 2 Microfilm reader-printers and 1 large print reader
- \* Scott County newspaper index for marriages, deaths and births (also available on our website)
- \* Microfilm newspapers for... Belle Plaine (1858-2006), Jordan (1872-2006), New Prague (1889-2006),  
Prior Lake (1881-2006), Shakopee (1855-2006) and Savage (1860-2006).
- \* Scott County church - baptism, marriage and death records
- \* MN State Census 1865 and up
- \* Scott County Probate Court distribution records 1856-1968
- \* Scott County Naturalization records 1853-1929
- \* Indian Census rolls 1885-1940
- \* Non population agriculture schedules 1860
- \* County plat books and railroad maps
- \* Many family and parish histories
- \* Samuel W. Pond 1881 Narrative and Pond family scrapbooks, undated and 1822-1967
- \* Daniel M. Storer Diary 1849-1905
- \* Numerous reference books
- \* Searchable photograph and newspaper index online at [www.scottcountyhistory.org](http://www.scottcountyhistory.org)



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## What's Ahead at the Scott County Historical Society

**June 16: \*\*NEW\*\*** Afternoon Garden Tea

**June 21: \*\*NEW\*\*** Solstice Garden Tea

**June 23:** Dan Patch Days in Savage

**June 29-30-July 1:** Shakopee 150th Celebration

**July 4:** Closed for the Holiday

**July 14:** BBQ Days in Belle Plaine

**July 25 - 29:** Scott County Fair

**July 28:** SCHS presentation at Scott County Fair

**August 4:** SCHS Ice Cream Social (during  
Shakopee Derby Days)

**August 18:** Live Fire Event (MN Valley Round-  
Table Opening)

**September 8:** Heimatfest in Jordan

**September 15:** Dozinky Days in New Prague

**Dakota Conflict Presentation:** Shakopee Sept. 20,  
Jordan Sept. 25, Belle Plaine Oct. 2

### SHAKOPEE TURNS 150

Celebrate Shakopee's 150th Birthday with a party in Huber Park the weekend of June 29th.

- \* Friday night Teens enjoy music from 5-9:30pm.
- \* Saturday is filled with wonderful activities from a kiddie parade at 10am to fireworks at dusk. Great music, Old West Stagecoach entertainment, "old-time" games, hot air balloon rides, History theater skits, and of course picnic food and cake!
- \* Sunday closes out the celebration with more music and a presentation of "The Tempest".

### SHAKOPEE

*Where the Rail Meets the River*



Register Now for a trolley ride with a special costumed guide and learn more about the rich history of Shakopee. Contact Shakopee Community Education at (952) 496-5029.

