

# ATKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## DEPOT HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Administrator's Comments**

Summer is fast approaching with many opportunities for you to volunteer and help out at the Museum. Check out the list of Events, pick one and give us a hand. If you enjoy Garage Sales, how about helping us collect, mark and set up the sale. Or help out during the sale itself. If you are unable to help at the Garage Sale, don't forget to donate sellable items for the sale. Please no TV's, hide-a-beds, Clothes, or Computer's and accessories. For pick ups call the Museum at 927-3348. Remember that all donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Help me find our Brochures. I am currently making a list of places that our brochures are located. If you see them somewhere or a location that does not have our brochures please let me know. We need to do what ever we can to let people know that we are here. Help promote the museum.

This summer when relatives visit, please remember to bring them down to the Museum. Let them step back in time to when life was simpler. It was about survival and trying to make a better life for ones family.

Greg Leach

## 2009 EVENTS

There are many opportunities to help throughout the year. Please say “YES” when you are called. Without you, we would not exist. We are the only organization that saves the history of Aitkin County and its residents for the future.

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – Aitkin County Fair - Visit us at our air-conditioned Log Museum, located on the S.E. corner of the fairgrounds, where our faithful volunteers disseminate Aitkin County’s history. Door prizes given away daily.

July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual Garage Sale- Held at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds, this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Garage sale items will be accepted, marked, and stored prior to the sale. Please call for details on how to donate your Tax Deductible items for this sale.

Weeks of August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – Pioneer Camp – Children, ages 8-13, will join our staff as they portray Aitkin’s first non-Indian family. These are hands-on experiences that help the children learn what it was like to live in Aitkin in the 1870’s. Registration forms are available at the Depot Museum.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> – Festival of Adventures – Held at Aitkin’s city park, Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> is for school children only. On Saturday & Sunday the public is invited to experience the sounds, sights, smells and tastes of a rendezvous. Come for the music, stay for the biscuits and gravy and fry bread at our booth.

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Spirit of Christmas/Open House/Cookie Walk/Raffle – Join us as we open our Depot Museum to cookie buyers and guests. Our special Christmas displays created by member and volunteer Jo White are always a treat to see.

# **VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES**

## **1. Front Desk:**

Greet visitors, ask them to sign in, answer phone when necessary. Answer questions, etc.

## **2. Aide:**

Help people research and find necessary resources.  
Organize photos needed to be catalogued. This person needs to be a detail oriented person.

## **3. Guide:**

Help with school tours and outreach programs. Also, help in researching for educational programs.

## **4. Oral History:**

Research and form questions to interview people who are willing to contribute to the history and heritage of Aitkin County.

## **5. General :**

Help with our special programs throughout the year. For example: Festival of Adventures, Riverboat Days, Garage Sale, Aitkin County Fair, etc.

A big thank you goes out to **Jo and Ron White** for all the work they did to complete the seven new displays at the Museum.  
(Glory, Dentistry, Odd Fellows, Movies, Fashion 1860-2000)

## NEW DISPLAYS

Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Lodge #164 celebrates 120 years in Aitkin display. Come see old and new Regalia, Pins from Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions, Helmets, Old Photographs, Literature about the Lodge and much more.

Do You Know Aitkin County? Glory Township is now featured in this display. Part of the display shows some of the art work of Andrew (Andy) Bodin who grew up in Glory. One of the items is a picture of the Commemorative Coin he designed for the 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair.

Dentistry This display shows items used in a Dentists office from the past and some items from the present. Items in the display include an ANNEALER used to melt gold foil for fillings, old towel holders, and false teeth.

Movie Display This is a new display case in the hallway featuring a 1905 crank silent movie projector and film. Also included in the display is memorabilia from the Moveum and Rialto movie theaters.

Boy Scouts in Aitkin display. Display celebrates 85 years in Aitkin. Lists of all Scout Masters and Eagle Scouts are in the display along with many uniforms and other scouting items.

Fashions 1860 - 2000 Many dresses are on display including an 1860 Brown Victorian 3 Piece Dress, 1913 Wool Full Length Coat of Emma Meggary, 1920's Flapper Dress, 1960's Hippie outfit and 2000 Black Satin Dress.

Display case Shows many necklaces, watches, bracelets (Snake Arm Bracelet) Rhinestone Jewelry, Bolero, Stole and Stockings.

Eighty-nine students and teachers visited the Museum on May 6<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you goes to our presenters: Alice Fageroos, Jo White, Janet Miller, Larry Nelson, Gerald Hedberg, and Terry Kullham. Our Guides: Bill Stimac, Shirley Davies, Evertt Davies, Ron White and Greg Leach. Our front desk/timers: Don Niemi and Alice Dotzler. Without all of their help this event would not be possible.

### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR FALL NEWSLETTER**

The fall newsletter will be coming out in August. Do you have a money saving tip to share with the members? Maybe, you would like to share a memory from your childhood, your favorite recipe of your mothers, an article that tickled your funny bone or anything else that you would like to share. Help me to make our Newsletter more fun and interesting.

### **HELP NEEDED UPDATING MUSEUM FILES**

We need your help updating and completing our files. If you are on a cemetery board, make sure we have a complete listing of persons buried there. We need histories of the Cities, Townships, Schools, Churches and Organizations in Aitkin County. Do we have a copy of any family histories that have been done? Does your family own a business in Aitkin County now or in the past? Please give us a history of that business, including dates opened, by whom, product or service offered. Maybe you have some old promotional items for that business. (matchbooks, pencils, calendars, etc.) How about old photographs, great grandparents, riverboats, trains, ice cream socials or other events that took place in Aitkin County. Bring them in and we will make copies for our files. Remember, everything is important to completing Aitkin County History. So, when cleaning out those junk drawers, don't throw away any history. Old Maps, Phone directories, and Plat books are welcome.

## **RAFFLE TICKET PRIZES NEEDED**

Do you have a gift or prize to donate for our Raffle? It could be a gift basket, gift certificate, or any item that would help us sell more raffle tickets. Times are hard, so we need to make the raffle more appealing and have more prizes to give away. If you have something, please contact Greg at the Depot Museum.

## **BOOK STORE REVAMPED**

Come into the Museum and stop in the Book Store. Many NEW Titles have been added with more coming in all the time. New books include: History of the Ojibwa People, Cabins of Minnesota, Strength of the Earth, Remedies and Rituals, Hot Dish Heaven, Blueberry Summers, Forrest for the Trees, Minnesota Open House, Minnesota Vacation Days, The Flight of Man High II, and Six Feet Under. We have other Books on order. All of our stock is now out on display. What you see is what we have. No longer do we keep stock in the back room. Remember that all Society members receive a 10% Discount on all items in the store. Volunteers receive a 15% discount. If you have any ideas on how to make our store better or would like us to get something special in please let us know.

## **WALKING TOUR INSTITUED AT MUSEUM**

A WALKING TOUR IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO USE WHILE VISITING THE MUSEUM. THE TOUR IS FOUR PAGES LONG AND TAKES OUR GUESTS THROUGH EACH DISPLAY POINTING OUT IMPORTANT ITEMS IN EACH DISPLAY.

## **VISIT OUR DEPOT MUSEUM**

## **COST OF POSTAGE CONTINUES TO RISE**

What can you do to help us at the Depot Museum? Do you have an email address that we can send the Newsletter too? This would not only save us postage but would cut down on our printing costs as well. If this is a possibility, email us at [achs3348@embarqmail.com](mailto:achs3348@embarqmail.com).

### **APPLESAUCE CAKE**

½ Cup Butter	1 Cup Sugar	1 Egg
1 ½ Cups Applesauce	½ t. Cinnamon	¼ t. Cloves
1 Cup Chopped nuts	1 t. Vanilla	2 Cups Flour
2 t. Soda	¼ t. Nutmeg	¾ Cup raisins

Cream butter and sugar; add a well beaten egg and vanilla. Add the rest of the ingredients. Bake at 350 degrees. Frost with powdered sugar frosting.

### **BROWNIES**

1 Cup Sugar	1 Stick Margarine	4 Eggs
1 Can Hershey Syrup	1 Cup Flour	

Mix together, bake at 350 degrees for ½ hour.

### **FROSTING**

¾ cup Sugar	3 T. Milk	3 T Butter
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Bring to a slow boil and then boil for ½ minute. Then add ½ cup of Semi Sweet Chocolate chips.