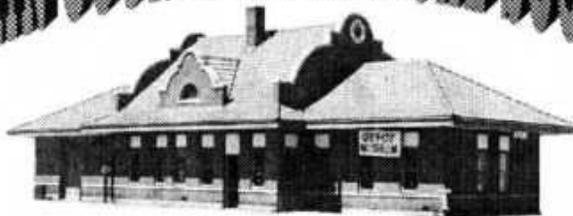


# AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## DEPOT HIGHLIGHTS

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Have you been to our web site lately? ([www.aitkin.com/achs/](http://www.aitkin.com/achs/)) The colors have been changed. We will be adding many PDF files including the 1916 Plat book for our visitors to see. Photos of all the old schools will be added, past and present. You will be able to read our newsletters on our site. We will continue to add information to our site so that there will always be something new to see. What would you like us to add to the site? Let us continue to make our web site more fun and informative.

Now at the Depot we have a ramp from the street up to the front door to make it easier for our members and guests to visit the Museum. Stairs have been added by our back door. The damage to the corner of the Depot building has been repaired. The trim on the Depot will be scraped and repainted by the STS crew. Many new titles have been added for sale in our book store. The power poles west of building #2 have been removed to make it easier for bringing in a Caboose when we find one.

Our membership continues to grow! Enclosed in this newsletter you will find your renewal notice. To save money we will not be sending out a separate renewal form. Some of our members pay for more than one year at a time which saves us money. So, please consider paying for more than one year. We are still looking for more new members! Do you know someone who has old school, church, family or township records? Please contact them and see if they will either donate them to the Historical Society or let us make a copy of them. We need all of you to help locate new members and information about Aitkin County. Our survival depends on growth in membership and showing people how important the work is that the Historical Society does. We have an incredible group of volunteers and buildings that showcase their efforts in preserving our Aitkin County history. Come and join the fun!

Do you have children, grand-children or great grand-children between the ages of 8-13 years old? Consider sending them to Pioneer camp this summer. It costs only \$35 per child. The camp is a great opportunity for children to see how their ancestors worked and played. Camp this year will be held the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>. We have room for only 10 children to participate. Save your spot today!

Our annual Garage Sale has been moved to August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the move of Riverboat days. **NOW COLLECTING DONATIONS!** We are looking for donations of books, movies, dishes, glass ware, tools, sporting goods, furniture, holiday decorations, linens, garden items, and luggage. Are you remodeling your kitchen or bath? Consider donating the cabinets and counters for our sale. We will accept anything except computers and accessories, hide-a-beds, TV's or large appliances. Remember that all donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE!** We need to make this year's sale bigger and better than last years.

This spring we will be removing all of the overgrown shrubs and bushes. We hope to plant several gardens of perennials. If you are cleaning out your gardens this spring, please consider donating the plants that you remove from your gardens. Help make the grounds around the Depot more beautiful this year. If you do not have any gardens, consider buying a couple perennials and donating them to the Depot. Call the Depot to find out what kinds of plants we are looking for. (927-3348)

Check out the list of projects that we are working on. Can you donate some time or money to help us with any of the projects listed in this newsletter?

**GREG LEACH (Administrator)**

**Board of Directors:** Bill Stimac (President), Don Niemi (Vice President), Cheryl Meld (Ex-Officio), Lorraine Liljenquist (Secretary), Alice Fageroos, Jon Jacobson, Mary Rea, Mike Hill, Connie Petterson, Ruth Carlstrom, Alice Dotzler, Mark Wedel (County Commissioner, Sherry Arvidson (Accountant), Greg Leach (Administrator)

## **AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

Business memberships – 29, Individual Memberships – 30, Senior Memberships – 95, Family members – 126  
Life members – 20, TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – 300

### **MEMBERS LOST IN 2010**

Lois Lyons – 2/10/1921 – 1/10/2010  
Beverly Just – 3/18/1930 – 1/27/2010

### **MEMORIALS RECEIVED IN 2010**

\$50.00 in Memory of Helena Dotzler  
\$200.00 in Memory of Vernon Miller  
\$25.00 in Memory of Philip Virkus from AHS class 1950  
\$25.00 in Memory of Roger Wold  
\$10.00 in Memory of Eleanor Gamradt

### **QUILT DISPLAY**

*Last chance to get your Antique and Vintage quilts included in our display.  
Display will be up for approximately 4 months. July thru October*

### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

We are now collecting items for our garage sale. Bring your items for the sale to the Depot Museum or call the Depot to have your items picked up. Remember that your donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

### **PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS YEAR**

1. Removed metal bookcase and file cabinets in hallway and replaced with Macy Barrister type bookcases from storage.
2. Damage to Depot overhang repaired.
3. Handy-cap ramp from road to main door installed
4. Steps installed in retaining wall by back door
5. Web site has a new look with more information available on the site
6. Power Lines/poles removed west of Building #2

### **PROJECTS IN THE WORKS**

1. New energy efficient lighting in the Depot. (Approx. \$5700.00)
2. Motion sensor lighting in building #2 (Approx. \$900.00)
3. Separate outlets in office from overhead lighting
4. New shelving in store area that matches the Depot (Approx. \$5700.00)
5. Scrape and repaint trim on Depot building (STS providing this service)
6. Locating a Caboose for Museum
7. Repairing Log cabin and chinking (Approx. \$6500.00)
8. Cleaning up shrubs located around the Depot.
9. Planting more perennials and annuals at the Depot
10. Rearrange artifacts outside of Depot
11. Repairing information Kiosks outside of Depot.
12. Adding PDF files, photos, newsletters, etc. to our web site

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Fresh lemon juice will remove onion scent from hands
- To save money, pour all leftover vegetables and water in which they are cooked into a freezer container. When full, add tomato juice and seasoning to create a “free” soup.
- Instant potatoes are a good stew thickener.
- A lump of sugar added to water when cooking greens helps vegetables retain their fresh colors.
- Vinegar can remove spots caused by tomatoes. Soak the spot with vinegar and wash as usual.
- Your fruit salads will look perfect when you use an egg slicer to make perfect slices of strawberries, kiwis, or bananas.
- It’s easier to thinly slice meat if it’s partially frozen.
- Tomatoes added to roasts will help to naturally tenderize them. Tomatoes contain an acid that works well to break down meats.
- When frying meat, sprinkle paprika over it to turn it golden brown.
- Scaling a fish is easier if vinegar is rubbed on the scales first.

## COOKING TIPS

- After stewing a chicken, cool in broth before cutting into chunks; it will have twice the flavor.
- A roast with the bone in will cook faster than a boneless roast. The bone carries the heat to the inside more quickly.
- When making a roast, place dry onion soup mix in the bottom to your roaster pan. After removing the roast, add 1 can of mushroom soup and you will have a good brown gravy.
- For juicier hamburger, add cold water to the beef before grilling (1/2 cup to 1 pound of meat)
- To freeze meatballs, place them on a cookie sheet until frozen. Place in plastic bags. They will stay separated so that you may remove as many as you want.
- When boiling corn, add sugar to the water instead of salt. Salt will toughen the corn.

## MICROWAVE HINTS

- Place an open box of hardened brown sugar in the microwave oven with 1 cup hot water. Microwave on high for 1 ½ to 2 minutes for ½ pound or 2 to 3 minutes for 1 pound
- Soften hard ice cream by microwaving at 30% power. One pint will take 15 to 30 seconds; one quart, 30-45 seconds and one-half gallon, 45-60 seconds.
- To melt chocolate, place ½ pound in glass bowl or measuring cup. Melt uncovered at 50% power for 3-4 minutes; stir after 2 minutes.
- Soften one 8-ounce package of cream cheese by microwaving at 30% power for 2 to 2 ½ minutes. One 3-ounce package of cream cheese will soften in 1 ½ to 2 minutes.
- A 4 ½ ounce carton of whipped topping will thaw in 1 minute on the defrost setting. Whipped topping should be slightly firm in the center, but it will blend well when stirred. Do not over thaw!

## COOKING TERMS

- **Julienne:** To cut vegetables, fruits, or cheeses into match-shaped slivers.
- **Marinate:** To allow food to stand in a liquid in order to tenderize or to add flavor.
- **Au gratin:** Topped with crumbs and/or cheese and browned in oven or under broiler.
- **Au Jus:** served in its own juices.
- **Baste:** To moisten foods during cooking with pan drippings or special sauce in order to add flavor and prevent drying.
- **Bisque:** A thick cream soup.
- **Blanch:** To immerse in rapidly boiling water and allow to cook slightly.
- **Pare:** To remove the outermost skin of a fruit or vegetable.

## *The Mason Jar*

By Leta Harvey

Their home was darkness, there  
Within the musty cave, where  
Winter's hoard of food was laid.  
By lantern light, they glistened with  
Tomatoes packed in scarlet juice, huge  
Dill pickles, fat with goosebumps,  
And seedy flowerets. Green string beans  
And yellow, too, stood side by side with  
Emerald hue of early peas, and sunny grains  
Of corn. And sauerkraut, translucent  
Strands pressed tight in foamy brine.

And then, the sweets! Tart cherries seeded  
For a pie, pear honey ground to pile a  
Biscuit high. Applesauce, mincemeat with-  
Meat! Peaches, dotted all about with dark  
Pronged bits of clove. Crab apples, with  
Tiny stems in syrup spicy gold.

Big jars, little jars, topped by  
Glass or tin. Their only value lay in  
All those goodies packed within-  
The garden yield, the orchard's crop,  
That Grandma sealed with aching back  
And eyes alight with pride

How times have changed. Today that  
Mason jar sits high in pride – a  
Showpiece on a window ledge or in a  
Treasured hutch. Placed with care, the  
Sun shines through to point out colors,  
Amber, green or blue, highlight perhaps a  
Date long ago, and tiny iridescent  
Bubbles floating in a sea of glass-  
The old fruit jar!

## GREAT QUOTES

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking.

**Henry Louis Mencken**

It is often easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

**Adlai Stevenson**

Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

## 2010 SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES

### AITKIN COUNTY

NORDLAND	LIBBY
PLINY	IDUN
FARM ISLAND	GLEN
RICE RIVER	

## **“THAT’S NOT MY JOB”**

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

**CABOOSE OFFERED TO MUSEUM.** A group of volunteers went out to inspect the Caboose and found it to be a total rebuild. The wheels and metal pieces could be saved but the rest would have to be torn apart and rebuilt with all new lumber. Adding the cost of moving, we decided it just didn't warrant the cost of money, and time. The caboose would take at least 2 years of rebuilding before it could be an added attraction.

## **THE END OF A PERFECT DAY**

Grandmother on a winter day  
Milked the cows and fed them hay  
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule  
And got the children off to school.  
Did the washing, mopped the floors.  
Washed the windows and did some chores.  
Cooked a dish of some home dried fruit  
Pressed her husbands Sunday suit.  
Swept the parlor, made the bed  
Baked a dozen loaves of bread.  
Split some fire wood, lugged it in  
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.  
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil  
Stewed some apples she thought would spoil.  
Churned the butter, baked a cake  
Then exclaimed "For mercy sake the  
Calves have gotten out of the pen"  
Went and got them in again.  
Gathered the eggs and locked the stable  
Went back in and set the table.  
Cooked a supper that was delicious,  
And afterward washed up the dishes.  
Fed the cat and sprinkled some clothes.  
Mended a basket full of hose.  
Then opened the organ and began to play  
"When you come to the end of a perfect day"

**(VERY TYPICAL OF PIONEER LIFE)**

## **FATHER**

4 years: My Daddy can do anything  
7 years: My Dad knows a lot, a whole lot  
8 years: My Father doesn't quite know everything.  
12 years: Oh well, naturally Father doesn't know everything  
14 years: Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned  
18 years: I know more than my Dad  
21 years: Oh, that man is out of date. What did you expect?  
25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.  
30 years: Must find out what Dad thinks about it.  
35 years: A little patience: let's get Dad's idea first.  
50 years: What would have Dad thought about it?  
60 years: My Dad knew literally everything  
65 years: I wish I could talk it over with my Dad once more.

## **2010 RAFFLE PRIZES SO FAR**

1. Eddy's Resort Package – (\$150.00 Value)
2. Ramada Mall of America – (\$110.00 Value)
3. Water Park of America – 4 passes (\$100.00 Value)
4. Lutsen Cascade Lodge – (\$50.00 Value)
5. Wild Mountain Snow Tubing – (\$30.00 Value)
6. Cuyuna Bowling Lanes – (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)
7. Rialto Theater – (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)
8. Rialto Theater – (\$25.00 Gift Certificate)
9. Minnesota Twins package
10. Doilies made by Laurel Lamke
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12. Traditions Mini-golf 2 rounds (\$15.00 Value)
13. Old Log Theater – 2 tickets (\$60.00 value) KKin
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## **SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS**

AITKIN AREA CHAMBER  
AITKIN COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY  
AITKIN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC  
AITKIN FLOWERS & GIFTS  
AITKIN INDEPENDENT AGE  
AITKIN IRON WORKS  
KKIN AM & FM RADIO  
LUNDBERG PLUMBING & HEATING  
MEMBERS COOP CREDIT UNION  
MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
PAULBECK'S COUNTY MARKET  
PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK  
RIALTO MOVIE THEATER  
EYECARE CENTER OF AITKIN & MCGREGOR  
GARRISON DISPOSAL  
GOBLE'S SEWER SERVICE  
JANZEN AUCTIONEERS  
GRAVELLE PLUMBING & HEATING  
GREAT RIVER GARDENS  
HOMETOWN BUILDING SUPPLY

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS  
JIM BLAKESLEY ENTERPRIZES  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 86  
ARVIDSON TAX & ACCOUNTING  
BRANDS SMALL ENGINE REPAIR  
CUMMINGS AUTO SALES  
CUMMINGS OIL COMPANY  
CUYUNA COUNTRY CLUB  
ENBERG T.V.  
SECURITY STATE BANK  
THRIVANT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS  
THE OFFICE SHOP  
HUDRLIC CARPET

## HOW MANY RIVERS FLOW IN AITKIN COUNTY?

### **N. P. PASSENGER HITS ORE TRAIN HEAD ON**

**From the Aitkin Independent Age – October 7, 1922**

**Four Injured At Kimberly Thursday**

**Night - - Fog and Smoke Obstruct View - - Train Off Schedule**

Northern Pacific passenger train No. 60, the flier, in charge of Conductor McNaughton, due here from Staples at 7:47, was wrecked Thursday night at Kimberly, 13 miles east of here, colliding head-on with a train of 143 empty ore cars. No one was killed, however the engineer and fireman, baggage man and mail clerk on No. 60 were seriously injured.

No. 60 was late, being scheduled to meet the 11 o'clock train and the ore train at Kimberly, both west bound. The ore train reached just ahead of No. 57, and being to long for siding, pulled ahead to allow No. 57 through. Thus the head end of the train extended onto the main track. Dense fog and smoke made it impossible to see any distance and it is thought the driver of No. 60 did not realize he was so close to the station, and could not see the head light of the ore train. The ore train was backing off the main, after allowing No. 57 in, when the collision occurred. The engine and baggage car of No. 60 were telescoped, the mail car left the rails and the freight engine and several ore cars were jack knifed into a heap of wreckage. The impact threw the engineer and fireman clear of their cab, which doubtless saved their lives. The engineer on the passenger suffered a compound leg fracture and his fireman had several ribs broken and was badly bruised. J. F. Mahoney, mail clerk, received a severe scalp wound and bruises about the arms and shoulders. Baggage man Wm. Jones suffered a serious scalp wound and minor bruises. None of the crew of the ore train was injured, the engineer and fireman having jumped before the crash. The passengers of No. 60 all escaped unhurt.

The wreck occurred on the grade between Kimberly station and the Rice River bridge.

The injured were taken to a Brainerd hospital on No. 57, which was routed over the Soo Line from McGregor to Iron Hub, passing through Aitkin at 4:00 o'clock Friday morning.

A number of Aitkin cars rushed to the scene of the wreck, among the passengers being Dr. Ratcliffe, railway physician, Dr's McHugh and Kelly, who assisted the injured. Mrs. Nichols, operator at Kimberly, after being on duty 24 hours, was relieved by Fred Hoffman of the Aitkin Station.

### **From the Archives by Jack Christensen**

#### **WHEN ROYALTY RODE THE RAILS**

Readers now in their late 70's and older will be able to relate back to the time when the railroad passenger trains were the harbingers of travel and the "Gallop in Goose" was a household phrase throughout the Aitkin area, especially the village.

It was a familiar sight, especially during the summer months to see residents strolling toward and gathered on the tile visiting area surrounding the Northern Depot, awaiting the arrival of the train.

For those arriving or departing, "warm hugs" (which you seldom see anymore in public) were prevalent. Most passengers were dressed in their Sunday best when traveling. Men wore ties and women, hats and gloves and there was an aura of excitement in the air before boarding for a trip, be it to Duluth or further on to the West or East.

Not only was the price of fares compatible according to the ad of 1911 but once settled in for their trip, they had the ultimate luxury of the dining car to look forward to. (Round-Trip from Aitkin to Seattle \$50.00) No cruise ship of today could offer more service to pamper each guest with the special perks that made them feel they were truly a VIP.

Dining was an experience complete with linen tablecloths and napkins, crystal, silverware service and fine china, not to forget the ever present vase with a fresh flower on each table.

To experience a trip back to that era when quality reigned and today's expedient life style was unknown visit the Depot Museum and step back into time with the railroad exhibit and other memorable visits into the past when living was slower perhaps, but with a touch more of respect and honor.

# FIFTY YEARS SINCE NORTHERN PACIFIC CAME TO AITKIN

From the Aitkin Republican dated 2-17-1921

The Date of its Arrival in Town was February 23, 1871

A day or two ago, while rummaging through his desk, Mr. Wallace Barker found some notes regarding Aitkin county he had taken about twenty years ago at the office of the Minnesota Historical Society while on a visit at St. Paul, and among other things he jotted down was the fact that the Northern Pacific Railway had reached Aitkin on Feb. 23, 1871 – just fifty years ago next Wednesday. This fact must have escaped the notice of the local conscript father's; else we might have had some sort of a celebration commemorating such an important event in the county's history.

Aitkin was hardly on the map at that time, but we read that Nathaniel Tibbetts came with a surveying party to what is now Aitkin in September 1870, and took up a homestead. Our town is built on part of that homestead. On May 8, 1871 Mr. Tibbetts' family arrived. Mr. Tibbetts brother, Mr. James W. Tibbetts, arrived in town in March 1871, Colonel W. Potter in October, 1871, and Mr. George Jenkins and William Wade also came that year. Mr. Edwin B. Lowell did not come to live here in that year, but the record shows he had been to Aitkin in 1857, probably in the capacity of a lumberman, which business he followed for many years.

The county was established by act of legislature on May 23, 1857, and named Aitkin. The word was first spelled Aitken (with which it was identical in pronunciation), but it was changed to the present spelling by act of the legislature in 1872, in honor of William A. Aitkin, a Scotch trader with the Ojibway Indians at Sandy Lake, in the present east part of Aitkin county, who came into that region when a boy, about the year 1802, as a servant of a trader named John Drew. Aitkin married into an influential Indian family, was soon a trader on his own account, and rapidly advanced until in 1831 he took charge of the fond du Lac department of the American Fur Company under John Jacob Aster, making his headquarters at Sandy Lake. He died in the autumn of 1851, and is buried on the bank of the Mississippi river, in the north edge of Aitkin County.

Major Taliaferro, who was Indian agent at Fort Snelling from 1819 to 1840, says in his autobiography that William A. Aitkin was the father of twenty-five Indian children.

Captain Zebulon Montgomery Pike was the first American officer to visit Minnesota in an official capacity. He was at Sandy Lake in September, 1805. Governor Cass and others were there in 1819.

The first school in Aitkin County was organized in 1832, with Rev. Sherman Hall as teacher. Mr. Barker's notes do not state where the school was located, but it was presumably at Sandy Lake.

The county was then described as follows: It is situated in the north central part. The Mississippi river flows through the north part, along which are rich bottom lands covering a belt about two miles wide, in which is found a heavy growth of hardwood timber. Elsewhere the surface is gently rolling. The north half is covered with a dense growth of pine: the south half, pine, basswood, sugar maple and other hardwoods. The soil is clay and black loam. There is an abundance of excellent wild meadows. In the central part are ridges, on which are found poplar, white birch, intervening fine tamarack swamps.

The above description indicates that the early cruisers were observant, as well as men of great physical capacity and endurance. There was no highway except the Mississippi, and the work of examining the country required that the cruisers tramp the trackless forests. The dense pine spoken of has mostly disappeared, likewise much of the hardwood. In their places are now cleared farms, and good roads enable people now to visit all parts of the county and glimpse the beauty of the forests still left, that many times have settings of beautiful lakes which now lure the tired business men of the cities and furnish a never ending source of pleasure for those who live here.

## 16 - AITKIN RIVERS

Little Hill River	Hill River	Willow River	Moose River	Little Willow River
Rice River	Sandy River	Tamarack River	Prairie River	Dead Moose River
Split Rock River	Swan River	Snake River	Ripple River	West Savanna River
Mississippi River				

**DROP YOUR GARAGE SALE DONATIONS OFF AT THE DEPOT!  
OPEN WED., FRI., & SAT. 9AM – 4PM**

**ARE YOU REMODELING YOUR KITCHEN OR BATH? Consider donating the old cabinets and counter tops. Down sizing, donate your extra furniture and household goods. Replacing the artwork on your walls, donate the old. Donate old sports equipment (i.e. baseball, fishing, etc.). All items donated are TAX DEDUCTIBLE! FREE PICK-UP**

**The Ten Commandments**  
**(Minnesota Style)**

1. Der's only one God, ya know.
2. Don't make that fish on your mantle an idol.
3. Cussin ain't Minnesota nice.
4. Go to church even when you're up nort.
5. Honor your folks.
6. Don't kill. Catch and release.
7. There's only one Lena for very Ole. No cheatin.
8. If it ain't your lutefisk, don't take it.
9. Don't be braggin bout how much snow ya shoveled.
10. Keep your mind off your neighbor's hotdish.

**Fudgies (No bake)**

- 2 C Sugar
- ¼ C Margarine
- ½ C Evaporated Milk
- ½ C Cocoa
- 1 tbsp. Vanilla

Mix and cook over medium heat. Let come to a boil  
And boil 1 minute. Let cool a bit.

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- 1 ½ C Oatmeal
- 1 ½ C Rice Krispies
- 1 C Peanut Butter

Mix together and drop by tsp. on waxed paper

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships run from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>

- \_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL ..... \$15.00
- \_\_\_ FAMILY ..... \$20.00
- \_\_\_ SENIOR (OVER 60) ..... \$ 7.50
- \_\_\_ BUSINESS DONATION (min) .. \$30.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Mail Check and Application to: **Aitkin County Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 215**  
**Aitkin, MN 56431**

Members who have paid for multiple years or Life members please disregard this notice. If you have paid for multiple years and are not sure when your membership expires please contact Greg at the Depot (927-3348). You will not receive a separate notice about your membership. **RENEW TODAY!**

## **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

We are looking for Gift certificates for restaurants, oil changes, Lawyers services, gas cards, hair cuts, food, etc. Please help us with this fundraiser. It is our hope that we can make up the lost revenue from Festival of Adventures between our Raffle and Garage Sale. We need your help with prizes to make our raffle more desirable for the \$1.00 donation for each ticket.

**PROGRESS IS WHEN EVERYBODY PULLS IN THE SAME DIRECTION  
LEND A HAND  
DO MORE THAN YOUR SHARE  
*Yes, Together We're Making It Happen!***

## **BONES**

There are four kinds of “bones” in every organization. There are wishbones, who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work. There are jawbones, who do all the talking but very little else. Next there are the knucklebones, who knock everything anyone tries to do. And finally there are backbones, who get under and do the work.

## **What do I need from you?**

- Volunteer at the Museum or one of our events.
- Bake some cookies for our Cookie walk in December.
- Sell some raffle tickets.
- Donate a prize for the raffle. (I.e. gas card, grocery store or restaurant gift certificate, oil change certificate, etc)
- Donate items for our Garage sale in August.
- Help mark items and set up our sale.
- Look through your files for information about Aitkin County.
- Donate photos of events, places, or people from Aitkin County. If you want to keep them let us make a copy. All information and photos are important to complete our Aitkin County history.
- Donate any old artifacts that help tell the story of Aitkin County.
- Send stories and recipes to the Depot Museum to be included in future newsletters.
- Share your fundraising ideas with us.
- What can we do to cut our costs? Any ideas?
- Let me know your ideas for changes at the Museum or to the Newsletter. Let your voice be heard. I want to hear from you. Contact Greg at the Museum today. (927-3348)

This is your Historical Society. Help to make it better and more efficient. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have been to the Museum lately or at all. The Depot Museum is a treasure to be proud of and should be shown off. Additions are being made to the Museum every week. Artifacts, photos and information continue to arrive at the Museum to help fill the voids of our Aitkin County history. Do you have in your possession that missing piece of history that we are looking for? Maybe it is a photo, or some information about a family, business, event, school, or church in Aitkin County. PLEASE SHARE IT WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

# AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

### GENEALOGY

Next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This will be their last meeting until September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Come and join the group work on their next project about our Civil War veterans.

Learn about different web sites to help with your Genealogy search.

### COLLECTIONS

Next meeting for Collections will be held on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

### AITKIN COUNTY FAIR

July 7<sup>th</sup> thru July 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you can help man our building please contact the Depot Museum for times available.

### ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This year's sale has been moved to August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Riverboat days.

If you have items to donate for this sale and / or can help with the sale please

Contact Greg at the Depot (218)927-3348

### PIONEER CAMP

Will be held August 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Do you know any children between the ages of 8 & 11 that would enjoy Pioneer camp?

We had to cancel last year's camp because of lack of interest. Let us all make sure we have enough children to hold camp this year. It takes 10 for a full camp.

Camp costs only \$35.00 per student.

### MUSEUM HOURS

JUNE THRU AUGUST

Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. – 10:00am – 4:00pm

SEPTEMBER THRU MAY

Wed., Fri. & Sat. – 10:00am – 4:00pm

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