

AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DEPOT HIGHLITES NEWSLETTER
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We have an opportunity to buy the National Guard Armory building and adjacent Morton building for \$355,000.00. The value on the tax statement is 600 thousand. Should we pursue this opportunity to expand our museum or let it go? I am currently searching for grants to buy the building. No luck so far. The building would give us the ability to showcase more of our artifacts and the history of Aitkin County. The garage area of the building is set up as a wood shop with vacuums for the machines. We could operate a wood shop for seniors to use. Our building on 1st Street N.W. could be sold and everything moved to one location.

Another thing to consider is that we will probably receive title to the land under the depot and other display building this year. We could add on to our second building. The biggest thing is finding additional ways of making money to cover the expenses of the Armory. Give me your thoughts. This is a decision that I believe everyone should voice their opinion on.

Not only would the Armory give us an opportunity to display more artifacts, it would give us a chance to create a research facility which would include our library and a genealogy department. Our office could be located in one location instead of spread out throughout the museum. The possibilities for displays are endless, but do we need it?

During the end of March and the first week in April we had four groups of 4 and 5 year old pre-schoolers from Aitkin come and visit the museum. The parents picked up their children here at the museum. For most, it was their first visit to the museum. A total of 156 students, teachers and parents visited the museum. The children were well behaved and I hope that this will become an annual event.

Our busy season started with the 6th grade tours of the Museum on May 2nd. Two groups of students and teachers from Aitkin came to the museum and learned about life in early Aitkin County. The areas that our presenters shared with the students were: life in a logging camp, railroads, riverboats, genealogy, and the homestead room. The students always get excited when we show them pictures of their relatives, cringe when Boyd talks about the bathing habits of the loggers, and jump when we ring the riverboat bell. We had a lunch for all of the volunteers that help with this event.

Work has already begun on our Annual Garage sale that takes place at the Aitkin County Fair grounds the first weekend in August. Two buildings have been reserved for us to use again this year. Some merchandise has been picked up and/or delivered to the museum and marked for the sale. Before you throw out that old furniture, kitchen cabinets, holiday decorations, tools, sporting goods, books, records, dishes, electronics etc. contact the Depot. **All donations are tax deductible.** Having a garage sale of your own? Donate the leftovers. Call us for a pickup or drop your items off at the Depot. (218) 927-3348

This year's display in our Log Cabin at the County fair will be on Aitkin County restaurants. Do you have a unique item from a restaurant from Aitkin County? Please consider letting us borrow it for the display.

Watch for our raffle tickets that will be going out in the mail the first week in June. Check out the list of prizes that we have received so far in this newsletter. Our raffle drawing is our second largest fund raiser of the year. My goal is to at least hit budget this year. We need to sell 2000 tickets. Last year we sold 1917. Help us reach our goal this year.

This spring we need to put new chinking in our log cabin at the fair grounds. Would you like to help with this project? Currently you can look out between the logs. Wind, rain and critters can get into our cabin. This is the second oldest building in the state of Minnesota built especially for a historical society. Let us get a group together and get the cabin fixed before we lose it.

Don't forget about our gift shop when buying gifts for your friends and relatives. We have many coffee table and local history books available. We carry over 200 book titles in our store. Remember, that members receive a 10% discount in our gift shop. Profits from the store go to help fund events at the Depot.

"Champion" the mechanical horse from Ben Franklin is lonely. Looking for children and grandchildren to come in to the Depot to visit with Champion and take him for a ride. Cost is still only 10 cents per ride.

Greg Leach (Administrator)

Board of Directors: Bill Stimac (President), Mary Rea (Vice President), Lorraine Liljenquist (Secretary), Alice Fageroos (Treasurer), Cheryl Meld (Ex-Officio), Jon Jacobson, Alice Dotzler, Connie Petterson, Barb Gottsch, Pat Williams, Arlene McNevin, Susan Benson, Carol Bailey, Mark Wedel (County Commissioner), Sherry Arvidson (Accountant), Greg Leach (Administrator)

AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Business Memberships – 33, Individual Memberships – 25, Senior Memberships – 98

Family Members – 198, Life Members – 17, Perpetuity – 2

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 373

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS

Aicota Health Care Center
Aitkin Body Shop
Aitkin Chamber of Commerce
Aitkin County Abstract Company
Aitkin Family Chiropractic Center
Aitkin Flowers & Gifts
Aitkin Furniture & Carpet
Aitkin Independent Age
Aitkin Iron Works
Aitkin Lodge No. 164 IOOF
Aitkin Motor Company
American Legion Post 86
Arvidson Tax & Accounting
Blakesly Appliance Service & Repair
Cummings Auto
Enberg TV
Eyecare Center of Aitkin & McGregor
Garrison Disposal
Gobles Sewer Service
Gravelle Plumbing & Heating
Hasskamp Bros. Well Drilling
Hometown Building Supply
Hudrlik Carpet
K & J C-Stores, Inc.
KKIN-KEZZ Radio
Lundberg Plumbing & Heating
Members Coop Credit Union
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
Paulbeck's County Market
Peoples National Bank
Red Door Resort & Motel
R & K Cabinets
Security State Bank
Sunset Bay Resort

SUPPORTING TOWNSHIPS

NORDLAND – (2009-2012)

PLINY – (2005-2011)

IDUN – (2005-2012)

LIBBY – (2005-2011)

FARM ISLAND – (2005-2012)

CLARK – (2011)

GLEN – (2005-2011)

LAKESIDE – (2005-2011)

RICE RIVER – (2005-2012)

AITKIN COUNTY – (1990 – 2012)

EVENT SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Aitkin Independent Age
Cascade Lodge – Lutsen
Cuyuna Country Auto – Crosby
Cuyuna Lanes – Crosby
Cycle, Path & Paddle – Crosby
Enberg TV – Aitkin
Garrison Disposal – Aitkin
Grand Casino Mille Lacs
KKIN AM & FM radio – Aitkin
MacDonald-Wold - Aitkin
Minnesota Timberwolves/Lynx
Minnesota Twins
The Office Shop - Aitkin
RDJ products – Memphis, TN
Rialto Movie Theater – Aitkin
Shiperio Games – Chanhassen
Traditions Mini-golf – Deerwood
Wild Mountain – Taylors Falls

These businesses donated raffle prizes or services to the Aitkin County Historical Society

2012 DONATORS IN BOLD PRINT

**Please support our member and event supporting businesses.
They need our support during these hard times.**

PROJECTS FOR 2012

1. Locating a caboose for Museum
2. Clear area north of building #2 for train car
3. New microfilm reader/scanner/printer
4. Clean dirt fill for south of building #3
5. Move artifacts by gardens
6. Move tractor closer to building
7. Level some areas of Cobble stone
8. Install gate in East fence by Depot
9. Stain/reseal front of building #2
10. Replace main computer
11. Check into networking computers
12. Hold contests/scavenger hunts
13. 24' Addition to building #2
14. Write book about riverboats.
15. Schools of Aitkin County book
16. Churches of Aitkin County book
17. Grant for digital camera & scanner
18. Purchase new digital camera

CURRENTLY WORKING ON

1. Log cabin repair, chinking
2. Developing research facility at museum
3. Book signings at museum
4. Restore old lumber wagon
5. Display artifacts on walls of museum
6. Barns of Aitkin County book
7. Obtaining title to land under Depot
8. Map of historic places in Aitkin County

ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Increasing information on web site
2. Increasing Membership
3. Completing Obituary files
4. Lending Library
5. Collecting Family histories
6. Creating more interest in Museum
7. Planting more Perennials
8. Organize files for easier access
9. Collecting for Garage Sale

2012 COMPLETED PROJECTS

1. New Depot Museum Banner hung
2. 48 MN history books in Lending Library
3. New lighting in Depot storage areas
4. Motion light in Depot storage area
5. Warren William book signing
6. Warren William movie screening
7. Sand/paint/install flag poles
8. Purchased Minnesota & MIA Flags
9. Purchased 12 International Flags
10. Grant for advertising submitted
11. Grant for new film reader submitted

Museum Wish List

Reams of white copy paper
Paper towels / toilet paper
Cleaning supplies
Tickets for garbage pickup
Clean rags
6' Fiberglass Folding Tables
Flowering Perennials
2 - Half Barrel planters
Books for Library – local writers
Minnesota history books
Military history books
Old equipment catalogs
Donations for new Microfilm reader
New Digital camera
Riverboat histories/artifacts/photos
Family Histories
Folgers Coffee – Regular or Decaf
Coffee Filters
Old maps of Aitkin County
Computer speakers
Railroad artifacts
Old Plat books
Stories about your wood barn
Postage Stamps
Blank 3" X 5" cards
Small bottles of drinking water

2012 Memorials

Tommy Thompson - \$20.00

Members lost in 2012

Jeannette Zilverberg (4/30/1920-3/26/2012)

GOALS FOR 2012

- Membership over 400 members
- Sales of \$5,000. at Garage Sale
- Sell 2000 raffle tickets
- Collect 50 raffle prizes
- Receive title to land under Depot
- Increase the number of museum visitors to over 3,000
- Finish obituary files (25 years left)
- More information on web site.
- Complete AHS yearbook collection
- Depot museum becomes destination

MUSEUM VISITORS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
January	30	24	40	40
February	18	22	22	55
March	30	61	23	187
April	28	36	48	148
May	77	72	50	
6 th Grade	84	109	101	
June	84	157	472	
July	149	229	266	
County Fair	1331	1441	1171	
August	202	201	214	
September	42	68	128	
October	77	141	75	
November	30	43	93	
December	90	83	131	0
Totals	2322	2687	2834	430

Come to the Depot and enjoy the many diverse displays, work on your family Genealogy, explore Aitkin County history.

GOAL FOR 2012 – 3000

LENDING LIBRARY

Our lending library for members is close to becoming a reality. Over 450 books have been collected for this project. Books can be found on the following subjects:

- Railroads
- Civil War
- World War II
- Native Americans
- Railroads
- Pioneers
- Minnesota History
- Regional histories
- American history
- Books by local authors
- Immigrants

We need help organizing the books and putting them by categories. Need cards typed up so they can be checked out to our members. If you can help with this project please contact me at the Depot.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

- Business members are listed in our quarterly newsletter with the request that our members support them.
- Businesses are also listed on our web site with links to their web sites and emails.
- The Aitkin County Historical Society tries to buy everything it needs from our business members first.

If you have a business and would like a little more exposure, consider a business membership for only \$30.00 a year.

“SAY CHEESE”!

Our newest display at the Depot Museum is “20th Century Cameras”. A 1905 Eastman Kodak folding camera, a 1950 Happi Time camera, a 1934 Kodak camera with black hood, 1917 Seroco Camera, various box cameras, Polaroid cameras, a Brownie Twin 20 camera, a Conley Jr. WWI camera, Kewpie Box Camera, Ansco Box cameras, Argus 40 camera, various Brownie camera’s and an Instamatic camera. This display will only be up until October 2012. So, come in soon to view this display of vintage and antique cameras.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets for our Annual Raffle will be going out to our membership the first week in June. A list of the prizes that we have collected to date will go out with the tickets. If you have a prize to donate for this event, whether it is from you personally or from your business, please contact Greg at the Depot so he can put it on the list. We do collect prizes up until the day of the drawing. Prizes from businesses will be listed for a year as a supporting business in our newsletter and on our web site. We will once again have an early-bird drawing in August for all tickets that has been turned in. Tickets that are turned in early are eligible for both drawings. Please remember that all funds raised from this project are used to help maintain our four museum buildings. **(GOAL – 2000)**

GARAGE SALE

We are looking for items to be included in our Annual Garage sale. Items like household, toys, tools, holiday decorations, furniture, books, movies, games, linens, jewelry and kitchen or bathroom cabinets. We do not accept TV’s, Computers and components, large appliances, hide-a-beds or clothes. Drop off your items at the Depot Museum or call us for a pick-up. (218) 927-3348 Remember that all of your donations are **“TAX DEDUCTIBLE” (GOAL - \$5,000.00)**

There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; The other is to refuse to accept what is true"

-Soren Kierkegaard

Human Kindness

has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people.

A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.

-FDR

Donations to Museum

2 - Reams copy paper – Boyd Bremner
24-Rolls of Toilet Paper – Alice Dotzler
Wood Lazy-Susan – Gus Carlstrom
18-Magazine holders – Greg Leach
Worked on our web site – Jeannie Hakes
\$30.00 – Sherrie E. Spartz
Use of flat-screen TV – Enberg TV
\$1000.00 – AHS All-Class Reunion
10 – Chairs – Rosallini's

FREE Literature Available at the Depot Museum

Community Resource Directory, Mille Lacs Lake Fun Guide, Aitkin County Resource Directory, Aitkin County Public Water Access maps, Minnesota Where to Stay & Dine, Minnesota Campgrounds & RV parks, Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Maps, Minnesota Great River Road Map & Travel Planner.

WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY GOING TO BE?

When that final curtain closes on your life what will happen to your stuff? Are you a holder of a piece of Aitkin County history? Make sure that your children know to donate or share that history with the Aitkin County Historical Society. Do you believe in preserving our history? Consider leaving something in your will to the Aitkin County Historical Society. (i.e. \$100.00, \$200.00, etc.) Any donation over \$200.00 will be acknowledged by a small plaque with your name on our memorial wall. Help the Aitkin County Historical Society preserve our Aitkin County history for future generations by leaving a small donation in your will.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES FOR SALE

Do you have a beloved family member who has past away and was a history buff? Consider buying a memorial plaque at the Depot Museum for as little as \$200.00. The Aitkin County Historical Society is working very hard at collecting and preserving our Aitkin County history for future generations. We carry all of the Aitkin County newspapers from 1883 to the present on microfilm but, are currently in need of a new reader. Memorials could be used to help pay for a new reader. (Approx. \$9,500.00) The reader is used for access to over 100 years of Aitkin County newspaper history.

IS THE AITKIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY A CHARITY?

Yes, for tax purposes we are classified as a charity. Donations made to the society are tax deductible. We are also an organization that is partially funded by Aitkin County. Our job is to collect, preserve and share the history of Aitkin County. We even store some old records for townships located in Aitkin County. We are a County wide organization and collect history from the whole county, not just the city of Aitkin. Any historical society is only as good as the information and artifacts that are donated to it. Please share historical information with us.

PHONEBOOKS NEEDED

We are looking for old phone books from the following areas:

- Hill City
- Palisade
- Tamarack
- McGregor
- McGrath

The Aitkin County Historical Society needs your help in locating information about the above areas. As a County Historical Society it is important to collect information from all areas of the County. If you have any information please share it with us.

"I have noticed that folks are generally about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Abraham Lincoln, Sixteenth President of the U.S.

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think."

Benjamin Disraseli – British Prime Minister

I hope to be the type of person who brightens a room when I enter it rather than when I leave it.

"Life is an unanswered question, but let's still believe in the dignity and importance of the question."

Tennessee Williams

2012 RAFFLE PRIZES

The following prizes have been collected so far

EARLY-BIRD DRAWING

1. Old Log Theater Tickets for two – Excelsior – donated by KKIN – (\$60.00 value)
2. Sunbeam Imperial Plush Heated Throw – (\$25.00 value) donated by RDJ products
3. Family Membership to ACHS – (\$20.00 value)
4. Cuyuna Lanes – Crosby - (\$15.00 value)
5. Fleece Stadium Blanket – (\$15.00 value) donated by RDJ Specialties
6. Shiperio Golf Card Game donated by Bruce Leach – (\$8.00 value)
7. Aitkin County Naturally – (\$5.00 value)

DECEMBER 1ST DRAWING

1. Chanhassen Dinner Theater for two donated by KKIN – (\$150.00 value)
2. 36” White Doily – made and donated by Laurel Lamke – (\$30.00 value)
3. 2 – 20” square Blue & White Throw Pillows made and donated by Marlene Kingsley – (\$30.00 value)
4. Rialto Movie Theater - \$25.00 Gift Certificate
5. The Office Shop - \$25.00 Gift Certificate
6. Pre-paid VISA card – (\$25.00 value) donated by Greg Leach
7. Rialto Movie Theater - \$25.00 Gift Certificate
8. 28” White Doily – made and donated by Laurel Lamke – (\$25.00 value)
9. 3’ X 5’ Afghan made and donated by Marlene Kingsley – (\$25.00 value)
10. Tub Cooler donated by RDJ Specialties
11. 22” Green & White Doily – made and donated by Laurel Lamke – (\$20.00 value)
12. Family membership to ACHS – (\$20.00 value)
13. 8 GB 2.0 Flash Drive – donated by RDJ Specialties - (\$15.00 value)
14. Traditions Mini-golf – 2 passes for golf – (\$15.00 value)
15. 20” Crème Doily – made and donated by Laurel Lamke – (\$15.00 value)
16. Cuyuna Lanes – Crosby – (\$10.00 value)
17. Shiperio Golf Card Game donated by Bruce Leach – (\$8.00 value)
18. Aitkin County Naturally – (\$5.00 value)

We are now a member of **ECHO** (East Central Historical Organizations). A group of eighteen museums have gotten together to help promote each other. Brochures are available at the Depot which hi-lite each museums location and type. For each four of these museums that you visit you will be entered into a drawing for prizes given away in October. The brochures give us a presence to the east and south while; discover racks are located to the north, west and south. We now have brochures about our museum in every direction. It should help us with visitations to the museum.

PEACH CARAMEL SHORTCAKE

2 – Cups sifted flour	1 – tsp. salt	¼ cup shortening	½ cup milk
2 – tbs. sugar	whipping cream	1 – egg, slightly beaten	fresh slice peaches
3 tsp. baking powder	Caramel Topping (recipe below)		

Heat oven to 450 degrees (hot). Grease a sq. pan, 9X9X1 ¾ “. Sift together dry ingredients; cut in shortening. Stir in milk and egg. Pat dough evenly in pan. Crumble caramel Topping over top. Bake 10 to 15 minutes. Cut in squares and serve with fresh peaches and whipped cream.

Caramel Topping: Cream 2 tbs. butter and ½ cup brown sugar; stir in ¼ cup chopped nuts.

FIRST QUARTER ACCESSIONS

12-001	Beverly Gray	Turkey Saddle
12-002	John Hendrickson	R/R Nails, Old Bottle, Radke's Jewelry magnet, 1971 Smoothies Club Shaving Permit, 78 - Event Buttons 4 photos of the old west side grocery, 1 st 50 years ACHS 5 Aitkin Hi-lites from 1936-38
12-003	Karen Little	5 Aitkin Hi-lites from 1936-38
12-004	Connie Messer	Books & old canning jar lids
12-005	Crow Wing Co. H.S.	Early photo of Aitkin
12-006	Reuben Dahlquist	1959 Aitkin Township Plat
12-007	Don Lind	3 old photos of Knox Lumber
12-008	Tim Layeux	Plastic Decanter from State Bank of McGregor
12-009	Aitkin Public Utilities	1 st National Bank Letter Opener/knife
12-010	David Ruud	Photo Developing Equipment & Brownie Reflex camera
12-011	DAC Mart	Antique photo album & photos
12-012	Christine Bailey	River Boat Reelers Scrapbooks, banner & Clothes
12-013	Barbara Monnier	Nickander-Swanson genealogy story, 2- books for library 1984 AHS All-class reunion artifacts, old Aitkin photo
12-014	Kern Ridlington	1915 Aitkin Republican news paper
12-015	Adeline Olson	Photo of Longfellow School
12-016	Norm Hulin	1911 Great Northern Train Time Table
12-017	Raymond Larson	15 – old photos of Fair, parade, and businesses
12-018	Doris Nordean	Thor telephone records & misc. family history
12-019	Janet Miller	100's of post cards
12-020	Ardis Flowers	Children's rake & broom, Paper Doll displays
12-021	Christine Bailey	Scrapbook
12-022	John Hendrickson	Photo's, Northtown Motor Co. key chain
12-023	Marlys Gustofson	Plaque – MacGregor Dennuly Co.
12-024	Eleanor Carter Estate	Lid sealer for metal cans
12-025	JoAnn White	Advertising bowl

HISTORICAL DONATIONS DOWN!

We currently are behind last years pace on donations received. Many unique items have been received and all donations are greatly appreciated. Do not forget us when you are cleaning out those junk drawers, closets, garages and sheds. Please share all historical information and photos with us. Either donate the item or let us make a copy. THANK YOU!!!!

WARREN WILLIAM EVENT HELD

On April 9th and 10th a movie screening and book signing were held at the Depot Museum featuring Aitkin's own Hollywood Star WARREN WILLIAM in the films that made him world famous. "The Mouthpiece: from 1932 was shown on Monday April 9th and "The Dark Horse" also from 1932 was shown on Tuesday April 10th. This free event was held at the Depot Museum. **ENBERG TV graciously provided** the use of a 46" LG flat screen TV for this event. Refreshments were served.

Warren William biographer JOHN STANGELAND introduced the films, answered questions, talked about Aitkin history and signed his book "Warren William: Magnificent Scoundrel of Pre-Code Hollywood! Warren William (Krech) family members were on hand to discuss their famous uncle!

A total of 50 people attended this two day event. Everyone seemed to enjoy both films. "The Mouthpiece" was a drama and "The Dark Horse a comedy.

NEW MEMBERS

R & K Cabinets
Sunset Bay Resort
Aitkin Furniture & Carpet
Sara & Clint Beckstrand
The Red Door Resort & Motel
Sylvia Allen
Marilyn J Ellingboe
Toby Gabrio
Clyde Ammala
Hasskamp Bros. Well Drilling
Eugene & Phyllis Grolla
K & J C-Stores
Beverly & Marvin Midthun

Though no one can go back
and make a new start,
anyone can start from now
and make a brand new ending

A Great Big THANK YOU
goes out to **ENBERG TV**
for supplying the TV for our
Warren William Event that took
place on April 9th and 10th.

You know you're a Minnesotan if:
...you clean your house because
the cleaning lady is coming.
...you had a mom who ironed
and neatly folded your
underwear.
...you consider a blizzard a good
time to try out your new snow
tires even though you have
nowhere to go.

**Minnesota State Statue
138.053 states "a town may
annually appropriate from
its general fund up to
0.02418 percent of its taxable
market value to be paid to
the County Historical Society
if the society is approved by
the State Historical Society."**
**Since Aitkin County
Historical Society is officially
sanctioned by the Minnesota
Historical Society,
contributions are within a
townships scope of
operations.**

Helpful Hint

Two in the Time of One
By wrapping each batch of two
different vegetables separately
in aluminum foil, you can
cook both at the same time in
one pot. Save time & cleanup.

Cooking Tip

To keep celery crisp, stand
it upright in a pitcher of cold
water and refrigerate.

From the Aitkin Republican July 22, 1915

F. L. Jaques, Taxidermist.

This well known taxidermy shop was established 12 years ago by John Harrison and has had a favorable reputation for high class work at reasonable rates. Nine years ago Mr. Jaques entered the employ of Mr. Harrison and later bought the business and enlarged it.

He does all kinds of taxidermy and his work is that of an artist as well as first class and guaranteed from a mechanical standpoint. His prices are lower than the big city shops and the work is never inferior. Mr. Jaques enjoys a wide reputation among sportsmen who wish to preserve the trophies of their hunts and large shipments of game heads are received annually.

A lover of birds, animals and out-of-doors life, Mr. Jaques is also an artist. He has studied with Mr. Rosencranz of Duluth and has produced many splendid pieces of oil painting that are remarkably clever. He will paint pictures to order at very reasonable prices and his work will be found true to nature and animal life.

Ideal Restaurant

This restaurant was established seven years ago and serves lunches and short orders with quick dispatch, good, wholesome food at popular prices from 6:30 am to 11 o'clock pm.

Here you can satisfy your hunger with steak, chops, ham and eggs, cutlets, bacon, pies, cakes doughnuts, coffee, teas, cocoa and milk.

He carries confectionery, gum, fruits, cigars, and tobacco, post cards, notions, small cutlery, etc., at attractive prices.

A piano furnishes good music to patrons and there are private booths for ladies and gentlemen.

Two lady cooks are employed and short orders or lunches served at all hours. Good Home cooking.

O. H. Sjodin, the proprietor, has spent practically all his life in this county and is well known. He is anxious to please you and desires a share of your patronage. His physical make-up is evidence of nourishing food and his pleasant, courteous manner attracts many patrons to his place. He desires to serve his patrons in the best manner possible, realizing that a satisfied patron will come again and it is thus he has build up his large patronage. All travelers are welcomed.

Hotel Foley

The popularity of Hotel Foley is keeping pace with the advancement of the town and it enjoys a greater patronage than any other institution of the kind in this locality. It is a three story brick structure with 35 guest rooms, electric lighted, steam heated, carpeted stairs and halls, tile floored office, sample rooms for traveling salesmen, comfortably furnished parlor with piano, bath with hot and cold water, stand pipes, fire hose, fire escape, two stairways from the third floor to the ground, and plenty of light, sunshine and fresh air.

Mr. J. A. Jones, the owner and manager, has made extensive improvements in the property, including painting and papering, new beds and bedding and other furnishings. Every comfort he can give his guests is forthcoming and no effort or money spared to give the guests all that can be expected.

The Foley is becoming noted for its fine cooking and appetizing dishes. A private dairy and flock of poultry supply the milk, cream, eggs and chickens served and the vegetables and berries are fresh and tempting. The home cooking is unexcelled and the whole service makes the Foley an ideal home for the traveler, tourist or regular boarder.

Mr. Jones is a native of Iowa, coming from Sioux City, and before engaging in the hotel business was employed in the railroad business. He is a pleasant and hospitable and is ambitious to give his guests entire satisfaction and better service than they expect. He is most ably assisted by Mrs. Jones, who is expert in cookery and housekeeping and her watchful eyes are everywhere, that the guest may be made comfortable and feel at home.

Accommodating clerks are on duty day and night to serve guests and watch over their comfort and the traveling public is coming to look forward to their stay here with pleasant anticipation. The Foley is a successful hotel-well managed and gaining in favor.

The "MOVEUM THEATRE"

Very few cities the size of Aitkin can boast of a theatre so really metropolitan in every detail as the "Moveum". It is a brick building, with cement floor, steam heating, indirect lighting, full opera chairs, orchestra pit, large stage and splendid scenery.

This theatre shows the best in motion pictures every night, with occasional diversion in vaudeville or other attraction. Only approved entertainment and good music are offered, and Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Heywood, the managers, are given the highest endorsement by the public in their efforts to maintain an amusement place of this high character.

They are ever ready to co-operate with local organizations and have given many highly appreciated benefit entertainments for various causes, and have allowed the use of their handsome theatre for many purposes.

C. H. WARNER

One of the best informed and most helpful land men interested in Aitkin County is Hon. C.H. Warner, of Aitkin, who was Minnesota's first immigration commissioner, has been employed in the state land department, and while serving for three terms in the state legislature has been the author of much legislation of benefit to the settlers of this part of the state.

Mr. Warner owns much land and has listed many tracts and small farms for sale at reasonable prices and on easy terms. He is always ready to encourage a new settler and many who have bought unimproved land from him are now among our best farmers, with all modern conveniences and farms fully developed. He can advise you wisely and is dependable and fair in his dealings. In addition to an extensive land business Mr. Warner has a large farm loan department and can make long time, low rate loans to farmers who are improving their properties.

Persons wishing to secure land for farms or for investment in large or small tracts will do well to correspond with him or call and see what he has to offer. Those wishing to sell Aitkin county lands will find no more active agency to list with than this. Mr. Warner owns enough property here to make his interests identical with the buyer, is a vice president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, secretary of the Aitkin County Fair associations and is always active in movements that tend to public betterment and the development of the county.

Furs valued at \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually are placed on the market by Northern Minnesota hunters and trappers, according to the report of William T. Cox, state forester, just issued. It declares that the fur industry by no means is losing ground in this section, and that it is a big factor in the state's wealth.

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENEALOGY

Our Genealogy groups next meeting will be held **May 12th, at 10am.**
The group meets every month from September – May on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

COLLECTIONS

Next meeting will be held on May 4th at 9:30am.
Our Collection Committee meets the first Friday of every other month at 9:30am starting in January.
The group meets to discuss information and artifacts that have been donated to the Historical Society.

AITKIN COUNTY FAIR

July 11th – 14th

This year's display in the log cabin will be on Aitkin County restaurants. Do you have an item we could feature in our display and returned to you after the fair? (Ash tray, photos, napkin holder, table, stools, etc.)

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

August 3rd & 4th

We are **NOW collecting items for our annual garage sale.** We are once again planning on filling two buildings at the Aitkin County Fair grounds. Drop your tax deductible donations at the Depot or call for us to pick up your items. Having a garage sale this year, consider donating your left over items to the ACHS. Remodeling your kitchen or bathroom? Donate your old cabinets and counters. Moving to a smaller home or apartment? Donate your extra furniture and house hold items. Help us with our largest fund raiser of the year.

AITKIN RENDEZVOUS

September 14th – 16th

We will once again have a food booth at the rendezvous and a display in our log cabin. This event will take place at the Aitkin County fair grounds for the third year in a row. Come and take a step back in time and enjoy the Aitkin Rendezvous.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE/COOKIE WALK/RAFFLE DRAWING

December 1, 2012

Our Annual Open house starts at 9am and goes until closing 4pm. Free admission to the museum with coffee, apple cider and cookies served. Cookie walk starts at 9:30am and goes until all cookies are sold. Usually all cookies are gone before noon. We ask members to bake 4 dozen cookies for this event. Come and pick out a variety of holiday cookies. At 2 pm we hold our Annual raffle drawing. Last year we had a total of 30 prizes for the final drawing.