



# Dodge County Historical Society

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Friday, June 14

## Enjoy School Picnic, Rally at Museum Annual Fundraiser



Serving on the planning committee for the annual fundraiser, from left, Linda Hasebroock, Julie O’Hanlon and Mary Buller discuss the use of American flags as decorations.

This year’s annual major fundraiser for the May Museum will celebrate both the two-year exhibit theme and Flag Day. “School Picnic and Flag Day Rally” will be held on Friday, June 14, which also is when Flag Day is recognized in the U.S.

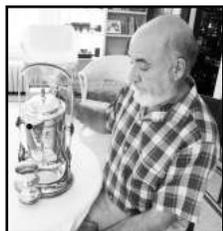
An old-fashioned school picnic on the Museum grounds highlights the exhibit theme “ABC and D is for Dodge County,” which features Dodge County rural schools and courthouses.

Food for the fundraiser will be a modern upscale twist on what was eaten at traditional end-of-the-school-year picnics. Chicken, salads, beans and deviled eggs will be available. A bar will feature adult versions of picnic beverages.

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## Director's Column

Jeff Kappeler



Please pardon our recent collection of dust! We have been adding to the ordinary Museum household dust with additional particles from plaster, drywall, and floor sanding. Plumbing, electrical work, painting, and installation of new appliances will complete the renovation of our original 1900 butler's pantry.

This is the area we use for our serving kitchen when staging special events. We are pleased to say the process has also allowed us to uncover original hardwood floors in both the pantry and the hallway. These floors will be refinished. This work in progress should be completed in time for our 2019 fundraiser on June 14.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our Museum visitors. The results will be well worth the effort and temporary inconvenience.

### Calendar of Events

Mon., June 10,  
Mon., July 8, and  
Mon., Aug. 12, 7 p.m.  
ENGs meeting

Library open at 6 p.m. for research

Fri., June 14  
Museum Fundraiser

July 12-14  
John C. Fremont Days

Tues., Dec. 3  
Museum Open House

## Memorials & Gifts

In Memory of Bernice Fritz  
PEO Chapter AJ

In Memory of Alex Lamme  
Alice A. Nott

In Memory of Janet Larson  
Judy Vitters

In Memory of Fern Olson  
PEO Chapter AJ

In Memory of Sandy Peterson  
Alice A. Nott

In Memory of Harold Retland  
Cathy Driver

Jack & Judy Ekeler  
Jeff Kappeler  
Janice Lutz

Jim & Patty Manhart  
Lloyd and Nancy Morris  
Marianne Simmons

In Memory of Ardis Shallberg  
Terry & Janice Nosal

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## Country School Picnic, Flag Day Rally

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From 6:30-9:30 p.m., guests can participate in games enjoyed during recess. They can practice math skills with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division flashcards.

Decorations will include flags; materials on how to properly display the U.S. flag will be available. Guests will have the opportunity to buy tickets for raffle prizes.

A member of the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society will be available to research school census records.

Admission cost for the fundraiser is \$50 per person. Additional tax deductible donations are appreciated. Proceeds will be applied toward the kitchen remodel, which is scheduled to be finished by June 14. Guests will be able to walk through the Museum rooms.

Judy Ekeler is serving as event chair. "These annual fundraisers are a wonderful opportunity to showcase the museum, its newest exhibit and its magnificent grounds. What guests seem to enjoy the most is the chance to enjoy food and fellowship in a relaxed and beautiful setting."

Tickets can be obtained by calling the May Museum at 402.721.4515. Deadline for registration is Thursday, May 30. Tickets will not be sold at the event. Name tags will be available upon arrival on June 14.

If you have another commitment for the evening of June 14, please consider making a donation to the May Museum.

# Fundraiser Celebrates Flag Day

The yearly major fundraiser for the May Museum will be held on June 14, which is Flag Day. President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress on Aug. 3, 1949, designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

However, the idea for an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. A schoolteacher in Fredonia, Wisconsin, arranged for students in his school to observe the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Flag Act on June 14, 1777.

BJ Cigrand, the Wisconsin teacher,

called the June 14 observation Flag Birthday. In subsequent years, schools and cities throughout the country celebrated either Flag Birthday or Flag Day on June 14.

Flag Day was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. It wasn't until 33 years later that Flag Day became National Flag Day when President Truman signed the Act of Congress.



## Flag Donation

The flag in the picture above was crocheted of crepe paper by Mrs. Henry Schmidt of Winslow in 1943.

The flag was made in memory of Mrs. Henry Shaffer's son, Keith Shaffer.

Keith's family was notified on April 4, 1942, that their son was missing. He had been on the aircraft carrier Langley.

Mrs. Shaffer was presented the flag and she later gave the flag to the Hooper American Legion Post 18.

On May 2, 1970, the flag was donated to the May Museum.

## Check Out Museum Store



Time to wipe those dinner dishes? Look at the wonderful selection of large dish towels hand-embroidered with schoolhouse designs. Need to take a break for some fun and games? Buy a book titled "Schoolyard Games." Or plan a trip and buy a globe to select a destination.

Plan on spending some reminiscing time in the Museum store. Slates, with chalk included, are available. Boxes that look like books make a cool display. They are different sizes so can be easily stacked.

Pencils can be handily kept in tin pencil boxes. Don't forget the pencil sharpener. A variety of journals can be purchased. For fancy handwriting, calligraphy sets are a necessity. For help in reading the fine print, there's a rabbit holding a magnifying glass.

Finally, there's something to remind everyone how easily it is to compose and make changes using computers. (No computers for sale.) Manual typewriter bookends! Be prepared to explain the manual typewriter to the younger folks.



May Museum  
1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Saturday  
Admission:  
\$5 adults  
\$1 students  
Free, 5 and younger

# Before You Go To School . . .

“ABC and D is for Dodge County” includes a focus on schools. Many remember the days when before going to school in the morning, breakfast was eaten, chores were done and lunch was made.

May Museum visitors will see exhibits relating to the above steps for beginning the school day. Because of renovation, these items were moved from the kitchen to the dining room.



Do your chores shows a 1930s oil painting of a young boy feeding milk to calves. The gray granite cream pail is from the early 1900s.



Eat your breakfast features a Shirley Temple bowl and small milk pitcher. From 1934 to 1942, General Mills gave millions of cobalt blue sets of Shirley Temple breakfast bowls, mugs and milk pitchers to consumers who mailed in a couple of cereal or biscuit box tops.

The Quaker Oats box is a replica of the 1896 label. Not-A-Seed Raisins may have been added to the oatmeal that was cooked in a double boiler, using a wooden spoon. Also on the table are a Fremont Jarvis Dairy milk bottle and a polka dot sugar shaker from the 1940s.



Don't forget your lunch includes two lunch pails. Both are metal. One is blue and from around 1950 and it has a metal handle. The second lunch pail is white with a red lid and from around 1960. It has a red plastic handle.

The 1950s white earthenware cookie jar is decorated with carousel horses.