



# CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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## ANNUAL CCHS MEETING MARCH 29

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Spring will be here soon and that is a sign that the Clay County Historical Society Annual Meeting is just around the corner!! In fact, the meeting is set for March 29.

To start off the evening, we will have a guided tour through "Dinamation" at 5:30 and for those of you unable to make it at that time, you can be involved in the same tour at 8:30. Social hour will also begin at 5:30. At 6:30, we will begin to serve dinner. Following dinner, Marty Holsen, President of the Board of Directors, will preside over the Business meeting.

We have included a short preview of the candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors.

### LEE RICHARDS

Lee and his wife, Candace, have lived in Moorhead all their lives. They have one daughter, Kelly, who is 9. Lee is currently teaching and has taught at Dilworth for 14 years. He graduated from Moorhead State University. He is active in civic affairs, church, and the educational association. Lee is responsible for securing the grant monies for the PAST Trunk Project and acts as the Program Director.

### JOHN BUTZE

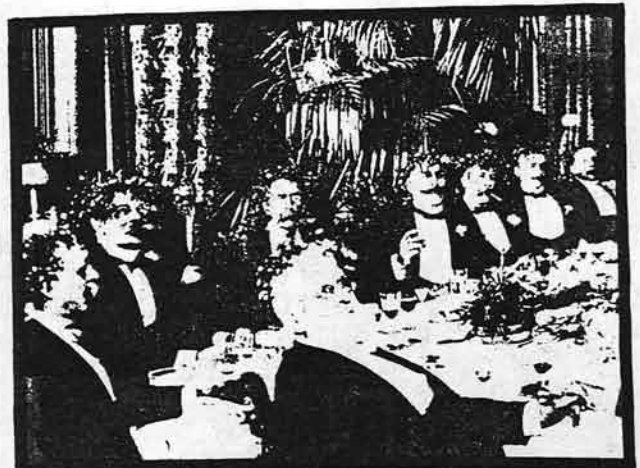
John is employed by Selland Pontiac of Moorhead. He is very interested in historical preservation and is acting President of the Glyndon Historical Society. He is also a member of the Glyndon Lions Club. John and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Amy and

Daniel. He looks forward to becoming involved with the Clay County Historical Society.

Continuing on into the evening, along with the entertainment during the meal, there will be a presentation given on the PAST Trunk Exhibit, which will include excerpts of the videos included in the trunks. The trunks will be on display for your viewing through out the evening. Following the program, door-prizes will be given out.

The cost of the banquet will be \$6.50 and we would appreciate you sending your reservation along with your check by the 24th of March.

You will find the evening to be fun as well as educational. In order to make this evening even more successful, we are encouraging each of you to invite a friend or relative to accompany you. Hope to see you all there!!



Beginning March 22, the Center is excited to offer Dinamation!! We will have six robotic dinosaurs from the Dinamation International Corporation in California. They move and roar and are large-scale robotics designed to delight young and old alike. From the Brontosaurus and baby to the Stegosaurus, this exhibit will offer unique excitement to the Center. April 16 & 17 will be a Dinosaur Movie Weekend. Closing day of "Dinosaur Daze" will be April 23.



### EXHIBIT REPORT

So far, "Dinosaur Daze" has been a big hit. We have almost 15,000 kids booked over this whole time period. The first three weeks we have provided service to a little over 5,000 kids. The Junior League and Docents for the HHIC have been conducting all tours. Along with seeing the upstairs, the kids are also finding Clay County Museum a big hit. They have enjoyed seeing the latest exhibit "Whatzits and Favorites".

### OFFICE NEWS

The search for an Executive Director continues. We have placed ads in two of the leading newsletters and are eagerly awaiting replies.

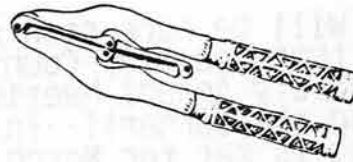
Other news you should be aware of, Donna McMaster has decided to move on and pursue her education in archaeology. Donna was responsible for the Education and Programming department here at the museum. The staff will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her career.

Wayne Gudmundson, Helen Euren, Estelle Sorenson, Mrs. Parker Erickson, Ruth Swanson, Moorhead Masonic Lodge No. 126 and Dr. George Humphrey all of Moorhead.

Fran Underberg, Kent, MN.

Concordia Lutheran Church, Glyndon, MN.

Lundell Swenson, Bismarck, ND.



### what is it?????

The museum visitors have also been stumped by the unknown tool that we featured in the last newsletter. Some guesses we have received are lemon squeezer, nut cracker, jar lid opener and cattle dehorner. None of these, we believe, fit the physical construction of the artifact. Keep those answers coming!



### KAREN COMPLETES COMPUTER CLASS

Our secretary has just completed a course in computers at the Moorhead Tech. Lessons included Lotus 1-2-3, setting up a data base, working with various data entry screens, and more. The class was well worth attending and is very useful on the job.

## PAM AND MARK GO TO PIPESTONE

On February 25, Pam and Mark attended a Minnesota Historical Society workshop on manuscript collecting. The workshop was hosted by the Pipestone County Historical Museum in Pipestone, Minnesota. Richard Cameron, of the MHS division of manuscripts and archives, explained to the group procedures for administering manuscript collections (personal, family and business records). What sort of items to collect and why were some of the questions covered in the lecture. He also led them in activities designed to show how to separate the really great material from the not so great.

There were approximately twenty other people from a dozen area museums in attendance. The group toured the Pipestone County Museum. Before returning home, Mark and Pam visited the Pipestone National Monument. Our staff found the workshop a great success. They learned a great deal, made contacts with resource people at MHS and had a chance to compare notes with other area museum professionals.

## GLYNDON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REORGANIZED!!!

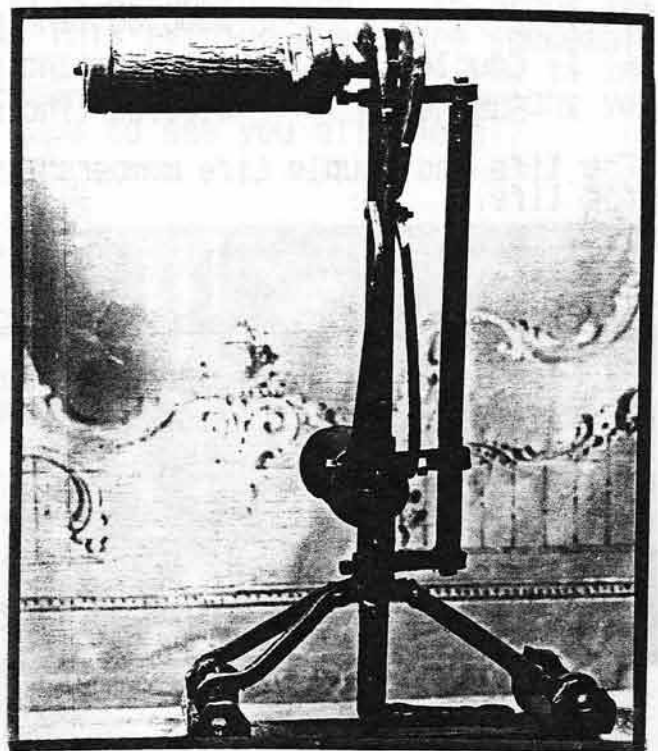
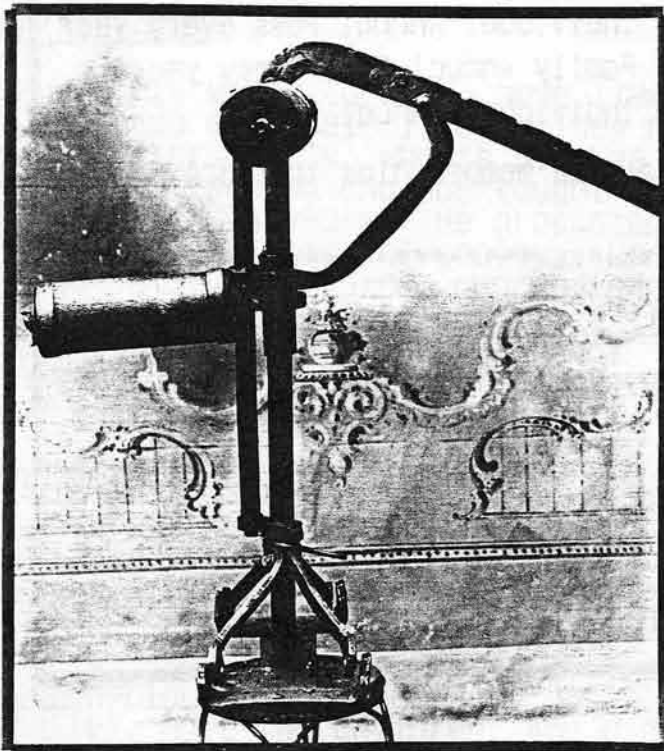
There is a movement afoot to revitalize the Glyndon area Historical Society. The group was begun in the early 1980's and acquired the old depot in Glyndon as a museum site. Later the society lost steam. On February 29, seven Glyndon residents met at the Butze home to reorganize the society. Staff members Pam Burkhardt and Mark Peihl also attended. John Butze was nominated interim President of the society. Doris Jones gave a slide presentation and the group toured the 1876 era Butze home.

The staff wishes the venture the best and remain available to provide any help they can. Go Glyndon!!!

## ANOTHER WHAT IS IT???

This photo is made from one of three glass-plate negatives in the S.P. Wange collection in the museum. We have two photos on display in the exhibit, but no one has come forward with a guess. One

visitor asked if he would win a prize if he had a correct guess. He said it was a Norwegian spaghetti maker machine. No prizes this time!! If you know what it is or why the photos were taken, please contact the museum.





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