

# Clay County Historical Society

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We don't know who these Ulen area ladies are but they seem to be having a good time. If you can identify any of them, please contact the CCHS staff!

Ulen Museum Collection

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## President's Column

By CCHS President, Donna Voxland



Your Board of Directors has been very concerned with the issue of membership and the need for a growing, vital group of partners in our organization. We are very appreciative of our members' loyalty and support, but we realize that we need to keep working at expanding our membership base, especially during this time of uncertainty within the County budget. Clay County has been very generous to us, and we sincerely hope that they see their way to continue funding our organization as they have in the past. No matter what happens in the next few years, we know that a growing membership will be essential to continuing our services as we have, and to expanding them as we would like.

This month, the Board is kicking off a new membership drive aimed at both new general memberships and new business memberships. We are sending out a letter to 200 area businesses asking for their support while giving them a great opportunity to advertise their business in our newsletter. We will also follow up with personal visits to these businesses, sharing our newsletter with them and showing them what we have to offer.

Our Board members are also sending out letters and a copy of our newsletter to prospective members, explaining the great opportunities to be had with a CCHS membership. We hope for a great response to this project, but we know that we would be even more successful if each of our current members would do the same. There are a lot more of you than there are of us. If each of you could urge at least one friend to become a new member we could double our membership base and know that we are in a more secure position in the coming years. **PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH AT LEAST ONE NEW PERSON**, explain the great benefits of our organization and urge them to use the new member registration form that is on the back of every newsletter. If you want more copies to share, just let Lisa Hanson know.



If we all work together, we can do amazing things, and this time of uncertainty can become a celebration of success.

## Celebrate National Library Week with Discover Your Roots MHS Workshop

There's no time like the present to begin looking into your past. Where can you turn when looking for the best information sources for Minnesota family history? Start with the Minnesota Historical Society Library! Share a day of family history workshops with MHS' knowledgeable Reference staff and discover your roots...@your library.

MHS will host a four-session workshop, Saturday, April 12, at the Minnesota History Center on Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop commences at 4:30 p.m. that day. Call 651-296-2143 for more info, or register online at [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org). \$20 for MHS members.

MHS is also conducting a class entitled "Organizing Your Family Papers," Tuesday, March 18, 6:00-7:30, \$5 for MHS members, \$7 for non-members. 651-296-2143, regist.



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# FM Area Foundation Awards Grant for Janet Letnes Martin "Lutheran Lady" Program

Clay County Historical Society members and the Fargo-Moorhead area community are in for a treat on Saturday, March 29, when one of the original "Lutheran Ladies" returns for a program at the Clay County Museum!

Janet Letnes Martin will talk about Church Basement dinners and potlucks, in conjunction with CCHS current exhibit, *Eating Out in Clay County*. Martin will also provide expert commentary on guests' Jell-O® dishes for a Jell-O® contest! The first 10 people to call by March 27 may enter their Jell-O® into the contest.



Janet Letnes Martin, one of the "Lutheran Ladies" will be at CCHS March 29!

Martin is a well-known speaker and humorist on the subject of growing up in the Midwest in the 1940s and 1950s. A native of Hillsboro, ND, she now resides in Hastings, MN. She has authored and co-authored 13 books, two audio tapes, and various novelty products, and calls herself a "Norwegian-Lutheran Farm Girl Humorist." Martin does more than 100 speaking engagements each year, often

teaming up with her co-author Suzann Nelson for a comedy routine they call "Those Lutheran Ladies." In 1998, Martin and Nelson received the Minnesota Book Award for Humor for *Growing Up Lutheran*.

Martin believes and promotes the healing gifts of humor and laughter. The mother of three daughters, she is now trying to perfect her role as a non-interfering mother-in-law and pending grandmother.

CCHS was awarded a grant from the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation (FMAF) to help with the cost of the program. The FMAF awards grants for charitable purposes to nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) designation, serving residents of Cass and Clay Counties. The Foundation administers more than \$4 million given by hundreds of donors since 1960, which provides more than \$1.6 million for grants for specific organizations and projects.

Janet Martin will present her "Lutheran Lady" program 2:00-3:30 at the Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Avenue North, Moorhead, Saturday, March 29. Admission is free, and remember: the first ten people to call CCHS may enter the Jell-O® contest! For more information, call CCHS at 299-5520.

## Check out these great books by Janet Letnes Martin, et al:

Martin, Janet Letnes and Suzann Johnson Nelson.

*Growing Up Lutheran: What Does This Mean?*  
Redbird Productions, 1997.

Marten, Janet L., et al. *Lutheran Church Basement Women*. Redbird Productions, 1992.

Martin, Janet Letnes and Suzann Nelson. *They Glorified Mary...We Glorified Rice: A Catholic-Lutheran Lexicon*. Independent Pub Marketing, 2002.

Martin, Janet Letnes and Suzann Nelson. *They Had Stores...We Had Chores: A Town-County Lexicon*. Independent Pub Marketing, 2002.

Martin, Janet Letnes. *Second Helpings of Cream and Bread*. Redbird Productions, 1994.

Martin, Janet Letnes and Suzann Nelson. *Cream Peas On Toast: Comfort Food for Norwegian-Lutheran Farm Kids (And Others)*. Independent Pub Marketing, 1995.

Smith, Russel E., et al. *Is It Too Windy Back There, Then?* Redbird Productions, 1996.



## Outreach Displays

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Hawley Public Library	March	July
Moorhead Public Library	March	July
Barnesville Public Library	March	July
Fargo CVB	April	October

The Hawley Public Library travels back in time with *more THEN & NOW* photos. This display pairs old photographs of Clay County sites with more recent photos taken in the same place.

Moorhead Public Library presents *WHAT IS IT? WHEN WAS IT?* This display tests the knowledge of young and old alike. If you are stumped by these items, you are in the right place to look them up!

The Barnesville Public Library travels back in time with the photo display *THEN & NOW*. This display pairs an old photograph of a Clay County site with a more recent photo taken in the same place.



Visitors at the Fargo Convention and Visitors' Bureau along I-94 will have *FUN IN THE SUN!* this summer. The display highlights fishing, swimming and baseball. Watch out for those pesky mosquitoes!

## TEMPORARY DISPLAYS AT THE CLAY COUNTY MUSEUM

The CCHS hall case features an Open Storage display of trophies amassed over forty years by the Arnold Miller family of Moorhead, for their show and performance quarter horses. CCHS is accepting only a part of this huge collection, and we need time to decide which items best represent their achievements. What's next? Aprons!

CCHS set up a special display of exquisite, hand-decorated china in the lobby area. These items were painted by Beulah Forness who is teaching a class in china painting in the building on Tuesday mornings.

A small case promoting our *EATING OUT IN CLAY COUNTY* is on view in the lobby in the Hjemkomst Center. We hope this "appetizer" whets your appetite for the "main course" in the CCHS museum just down the stairs.

## Artifacts & Donors

### January/February 2003

#### Donors include:

Moorhead: Tom Hall, Vern Nolting, Vera Knapp, Helen Danielson, Dan Roen Estate; Pat Hesteness, Trygve Olson  
Rustad: [former] Membership of the Sunshine Club, Kurtz Twp.  
Sabin: Charles Pingel  
South St. Paul: Gary Hoffman  
Fargo, ND: Jerry Quam

**Artifacts include:** (12) vols. Moorhead High School annuals: 1971, 1975-1985; Approx. (50) volumes, records, Comstock School Districts #42 & #69 ca 1907-1910; minutes of the Sunshine Club, Kurtz Twp. Jan 1931-Nov. 1991; Keystone View Co. stereoview of potato digging near Moorhead; (6) Certificates of Perfect Attendance for Ella Erickson Dist. #30 Keene [Twp.] School 1905-1910 and a copy of a V-Mail letter to Ella from Laurence Peterson Oct. 19, 1944 from Italy; scrapbook kept by Rose Lien Strand of Skree? Twp.; a 1937 Moorhead High School annual; 2001 Red Hawks yearbook w/roster; tape measure, "Al's Potato Company, Moorhead, Minnesota" in box; souvenir program, 1934 Red River Valley Walkathon 1934, Dilworth; stockcar driver's uniform belonging to Dave Bolger, used at Glyndon ca 1960s & 1970s; ice pick advertising Moorhead Ice Company; free "fifth" drink card, The Trader & Trapper Restaurant, 817 Center Ave., Moorhead.

We also received a collection of @75 booklets, pamphlets and leaflets etc. [1940s - early 1960s] belonging to Anna Fellerer (Mrs. Louis T. Larson), Hawley who worked for the Clay Co. Extension Office. This collection includes booklets for 4-H projects, environmental awareness, home management, sewing, gardening, food preservation and cooking. The U. of M., Ag Ext. Service, USDA provided a number of these. A number of these are stamped "Distributed by Clay County Agent."

# GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

## The Clay County Draft Board Records, World War I

By CCHS Archivist, Mark Peihl

In our Nov/Dec 2002 Newsletter, we examined some often-overlooked genealogical materials including our microfilmed World War I Draft Registration Cards. CCHS also has the correspondence files of the Clay County Local Draft Board. The three-member board had tremendous authority and the heady responsibility for deciding who would go to war and who would stay home. The files make for interesting reading.

When the US declared war on Germany in early April 1917, the country was woefully ill prepared. The US Army numbered less than 200,000. The country needed lots of men and they needed them quickly. A draft was necessary but the country's experience with conscription was limited and pretty bad. The Union had tried a draft in the Civil War. Its implementation was fraught with fraud and inequality. Anti-draft riots during the period still rank among the bloodiest in American history.

A top down, centralized bureaucracy would not work fast enough to raise the army needed. The government relied on "supervised decentralization" for the effort. Though Washington administered the Selective Service and District Offices heard appeals from those denied deferments, the actual registering, selecting, inspecting and shipping off of the draftees was left to local officials. The Clay County Local Draft Board was one of 4,648 local boards across the U.S. Clay County registered over 5,000 men and sent nearly 1,000 to training camps.

In May 1917, the President appointed Clay County Sheriff Dan W. McDonald Chairman of the local board. Auditor Andrew Houghlum served as Secretary and Dr. O. J. Hagen was examining surgeon. They were assisted by a clerk, George Walker, a legal advisory board, and a medical advisory board. Only the clerk received pay.

The system worked like this. On June 5, 1917, all men in the county between ages 21 and 31 registered at their usual polling place. The men each received an order

number – sequentially in the order in which they registered in each precinct. In July, the Washington office drew order numbers from a bin to determine who would be called for service first. Number 258 came up first.

The War Department assigned a quota of men to be filled by each local board. The board began with the men assigned order number 258 and worked their way down the list, calling them in for medical exams and deciding who to send. The first men left for camp in September. There were two later registrations: on June 5, 1918 for men who turned 21 in the intervening year (and a supplementary registration August 23 for those turning 21 over the summer) and a final registration September 12, 1918 which extended liability to men 18 to 45.

After the first registration, local boards requested guidance in deciding who should go. In late September the Selective Service System established a classification system for registered men. Class 1 included bachelors and husbands not engaged in important agricultural or industrial jobs who habitually failed to support their wives and kids. Class 2 included married men usefully employed, Class 3 men in critical industrial or agricultural jobs, Class 4 married men with dependents and Class 5 those physically unfit for service and those already in the military. In the year the classification system operated, only Class 1 men were called to service.

Railroad workers were considered critical to the war effort. When Northern Pacific Railway Switchman Roy Winchell of Dilworth got called for service in July 1918 the NPRy Superintendent F. C. Huntington wrote him requesting that he ask for a Class 3 classification.

Huntington said that if the local board declined, the railroad would appeal for him to the District Office.

In late May 1918 the Selective Service System instituted a "Work or Fight" rule, meaning men, even those with dependents, working in non-critical industries had to change jobs or face military service. This left A. L. Underdahl of Ulen, a traveling salesman with a wife and



Sheriff D. W. McDonald,  
Chairman of the Clay  
County Local Draft Board



County Auditor Andrew  
Houghlum, Secretary of  
the Clay County Local  
Draft Board



three kids, with a tough choice – leave a lucrative but non-critical job or join the army. He wrote the Local Board [we've left in any misspellings], "I kindly ask the Local Board will give me edvice as to what to do: hold my position and go harvesting when harvest time comes or trow up my position all together and confine myself to other work. And what work would be most edvicable [advisable] to ingage in... If I can do more good for the country at any other position I shall gladly make the change."

Most of the letters in the file requesting exemptions and deferments were for farmers and sons of farmers. Agriculture was also considered a critical industry. Some 285 Clay County men received exemptions, more had their calls deferred for harvest or other critical seasonal work. On July 9, 1918, Local Board Clerk Walker implored the State Adjutant General to exempt Clay County from a call for men in August and possibly September as there were only 85 Class 1 men left in the county.

Some county residents disagreed with the decisions of the Board. Among the most interesting letters in the collection are from folks who volunteered information about their "slacker" neighbors. One Baker area farmer requested an exemption for his son. He went on to say [we've left out the names], "It seems whare thair are only on[e] or too thair they take them. Now, ---- got 5 boys and they are idal half of their time and ----- got 4. And so thair are more." Another farmer from Syre wrote, "I wish to call the attention of the government to ---- living with his parents on a farm in the northwest corner of Ulen Township as a slacker or pro German. He says he is smarter than the other fellows at the game of keeping out of the war. As a blind he says he rented his father's farm and his father put his younger brother out to keep ---- from going to war. His father in the eyes of his neighbors a pro German and is very much apposed to buying Liberty Bonds and also giving to the Red Cross. ---- is an able man but does very little work at home he goes auto riding ½ his time...Please refer this to athorities that will investigate."

Early in the war the Board took these reports seriously. In August 1917 a Hitterdal area farmer wrote the board, "I understand that one of our neighbor boys has been left out of the registration. He went out to Ft. Francis, Canada, this summer. He claimed that he registered out there but did not get a number on his card. I would like to see him have a chance with the rest of the boys. His name is -----... It looks like a sneak away to me." The Board contacted the young man and confirmed that he had

properly registered in Koochiching County.

Later the Board was more circumspect. In May 1918 a Comstock area resident wrote a detailed letter rattng out some of his neighbors. "Below for your information boys that we think should not bee exempted but should been in clas A1. ----- got ----- exempted. He was not entitled to exemption... No reason on earth why he should not be class A1. ----- got excepmtion. There is three grown up boys on the farm beside the old man. Farm about 200 acres He should been in clas A1. ----- and ----- [would] make good in trenches and farming can be done without them. ----- must have five or more boys but none to defend the flag. ----- a single Swede, have second [naturalization] papers, good for nothing. Should been in trenches long ago... Above is talk we hear often. ----- is an aducated fool, knows it all, gee it would do him good to get out." The Board Clerk Walker responded, "The Board is grateful to you for this information – its what they want, but before they can take action it must be supported by affidavits for each individual case. It is presumed that yourself and others are in a position to furnish such..." The writer apparently never wrote back.



Dr. O. J. Hagen,  
Examining Surgeon for  
the Clay County Local  
Draft Board

Board reports to the Adjutant General indicate that some 56 Clay County men never responded to their calls or deserted. In some parts of the country aggressive authorities stopped men on the street and searched for their papers. On June 3, 1918, Moorhead butcher Roland Van Nispen wrote the board from Mason City, Iowa (where he was seeking work) "I have lost my Registration cerifficate. Please be so kind and send me another because [they're] strongly after those men [without registration cards] and they will ask me to sometime so please return one as soon as possible." Two days later the Board received a telegram, "Officers holding me, wire order number serial number and class. Roland V. Nispen"

Most of the letters are from men either sending changes of address or seeking clarification of their status under the changing and often confusing rules. Occasionally wives of registered men sought help. In September 1918 a lady from Wheatland, ND wrote saying her husband was on his way to France, that he owned a house in Perham, MN and a New York Mills, MN banker to whom he owed money was trying to take the house. The banker had a close friend on the Otter Tail County Local Board so could not go to them for help. The Clay County Board recommended a Perham attorney she could trust and made other suggestions.

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# BE OUR GUEST: *Cooking for Company*

By Pam Burkhardt, CCHS Curator

*The custom . . . was to serve wine in wine glasses to company soon after their arrival with fatigman or cookies.*

*Most everybody made ale for Xmas to serve to company. In summer lemonade was for company. The table was set with a oilcloth for everyday. For company they had linen or cotton tablecloth.*

Erickson's text says ale was made from New Orleans molasses, sugar and hops. [manuscript 92.65 *Pioneer Cooking* by A Scandinavian Pioneer, Emma Waale Erickson]

In the last issue we featured recipes to feed crowds using the cookbooks in our collections. This issue we offer recipes for home entertaining. Bring on the hors d'oeuvres! Save room for dessert!

*It really is a compliment  
To have a guest to tea  
Who says, 'This is delicious,  
I'd like the recipe.'*

[Nancy's Recipes booklet, a give-away by the Fargo Store without a Name, approx. 1936-1938 page 3.]

## Cream Cheese Mints

Mix 3 oz. softened cream cheese and ½ teaspoon liquid peppermint flavor. Gradually add 2 to 2½ cups powdered sugar. Knead until no longer sticky. Divide into 4 portions. Knead in food colors of your choice. Shape into ¾ inch balls, roll in sugar, flatten with a fork. Let dry at room temperature. Store loosely covered in refrigerator. Makes 6-7 dozen. [Arlitte Swenson, *Comstock ALCW (Centennial) Cookbook* 1990 page 127.]

## Olive Cheese Snacks

1 pkg. bacon and cheese spread  
Dash of Worcestershire sauce  
4 Tbsp. butter  
Cream well.  
¾ c. flour  
Add to above to form dough.  
1 small jar (30) medium stuffed olives.  
Shape dough around olives. Bake at 400. Twelve to fifteen minutes.

[Mrs. Tom Kosley, Colorado Springs, Colo., *Moorhead, Minnesota Feeder's Digest* 1969 page 2.]

## Raspberry Punch

2 pkg. raspberry Kool-Aid  
1 qt. Tom Collins mix  
1 (46 oz.) can pineapple juice  
cake coloring (if desired)  
Mix Kool-Aid according to directions on package using 1/2 the amount of water stated. Add juice and Tom Collins mix. Chill with ice cubes. [Beatrice (Mrs. Ivan) Kramer, 1966, *Sharing Our Best*, Barnesville Assembly of God [Church] Cook Book 1993 page 106.]

## Cranberry Percolator Punch

2 32 oz. bottles cranberry cocktail juice  
6 cups cider or apple juice  
1 12-inch stick cinnamon  
4 6 oz. cans pink lemonade concentrate, thawed  
2 teaspoons white allspice  
3 cups light rum (optional)  
Wash 32-cup percolator well. In percolator combine juice, lemonade, cider and rum. Place spices in coffee basket. Place in percolator. Remove basket with spices when done. Makes 17 cups. [Sandy Anderson, *Comstock ALCW [Centennial] Cookbook*, Comstock 1990 page 3]

## Ribbon Sandwich

1 loaf white bread, remove crust, cut lengthwise into 3 slices. Between 2 slices place filling of chicken salad and aspic, between other 2 slices place filling of minced hard boiled egg, pimento and gelatine mayonnaise. Wrap loaf tight in a damp cloth, set in cool place. Before slicing, paste mixture of cream cheese and chopped peppers all over loaf. [Mrs. AFC, *Reliable Cook Book*, Trinity Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1926, page 67.]

## Quick Fillings

1. Ground meat, pickle relish and mayonnaise.
  2. Cream cheese, orange juice and grated rind.
  3. Ground nuts, pickle relish, mayonnaise.
  4. Peanut butter, dates, jelly.
  5. Ground boiled ham, horseradish, mayonnaise.
- [Unattributed, *Reliable Cook Book*, Trinity Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1926, page 67.]



**Sandwich Spread**

½ C dates, ½ C nuts, ½ C sweet cream. [Mrs. Aug. Johnson, *Tested Recipes By Better Cooks, A Home-maker's Guide*, The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Church, Barnesville, 1932 page 55.]

**Cottage Cheese Salad**

1 sm. can mandrian [sic] orange slices  
 1 large can crushed pineapple (drained)  
 1 sm. jar diced cherries  
 Fold in:  
 1 12 oz. carton of cottage cheese  
 1 small carton Cool Whip  
 1 small pkg. Jello (dry) any flavor  
 Chill until ready to serve. makes 10-12 servings.  
 [Denise Anderson, *Town & Country Cookbook*, Dilworth Presbyterian Church 1992 page 13.]

**Lemon Confetti Salad with Shrimp Sauce**

2 pkg. lemon jello 2 c. hot water  
 Cool until it begins to jell.  
 2 c. whipped cream  
 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese softened in 1Tbsp. half & half cream.  
 Fold in one cup chopped celery and on cup sliced green olives. Put in 9 x 13 pan.

**Sauce:**

2 cans shrimp, broken  
 1 Tbsp. minced onion  
 2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 2/3 pt. Miracle Whip, thinned with milk or cream  
 Red food coloring (optional)  
 1 can chopped pimienta [sic]  
 Serve cooled. Serves eighteen-twenty.  
 [Mrs. Rodney Nelson, *Moorhead, Minnesota Feeder's Digest* 1969 page 5.]

**Frozen Fruit Salad**

2 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
 1 #2½ can fruit cocktail (well drained)  
 1 c. mayonnaise  
 2½ c. small marshmallows  
 1 c. cream (whipped)  
 Soften cream cheese, blend with mayonnaise. Fold in remaining ingredients. Pour salad mixture into 2 qt. round ice cream or freezer containers or #2½ cans. Freeze firm. about 6 hours or over night. to serve: Let stand out a few minutes, then remove from containers, slice and place on crisp lettuce. Trim with cherries. 10-12 servings. [Ruth Dwyer, *Cooking Favorites of The Lady Bugs*, undated page 3.]

**Bunch of Grape Salad**

6 halves of canned pears

**Sad Recipe**

I didn't have potatoes, so I substituted rice  
 I didn't have paprika, so I used another spice.  
 I didn't have tomato sauce, so I used tomato paste  
 (A whole can, not half, I don't believe in waste!)  
 A friend gave me the recipe, she said you couldn't beat it  
 There must be something wrong with her, I couldn't even eat it!  
 [Unknown, *Sharing Our Best*, Barnesville Assembly of God [Church] Cook Book 1993 page 107.]

1 lb. green or red grapes  
 1 pkg. soft cream cheese  
 Drain pears thoroughly by placing in tea towel. Frost the rounded side with a thin layer of cream cheese. Cover with halves of green or red grapes, from which seeds have been removed. Place a clove at the stem end of the pear, to represent a stem. Arrange in individual nests of lettuce. Garnish with spoonful of mayonnaise, to which a few chopped nutmeats have been added. *This, when finished, looks like a bunch of grapes, and is very tasty.*  
 [Nancy's Recipes booklet, a give-away by the Fargo Store without a Name, approx. 1936-1938 page 43.]

**Company Chops**

6 pork chops, ½" thick  
 2 beaten eggs  
 3 Tblsps. milk  
 1½ cups dry bread crumbs  
 Add milk to beaten eggs. Dip chops in egg mixture, then coat with bread crumbs, brown quickly in greased pan. Put in roaster and pour over chops a mixture of 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup and & ½ soup can of milk. Cover & bake 1½ hrs. at 350° or until tender. [Mrs. Eddie Everson, *From the Recipe Box to your kitchen: A Centennial Cookbook/Our customers share their favorite recipes; giveaway from the State Bank of Hawley* 1972.]

**Jellied Veal Loaf**

1 can condensed chicken soup  
 2 tsp. gelatine (softened in 2 tbsp. water)  
 3 cups cooked veal, ground  
 ¾ tsp. salt  
 1/8 tsp. pepper  
 Strain the chicken soup and heat the broth. Mix the rice, chicken and celery from the soup with the cooked veal and put all through the food chopper, using medium blade. Dissolve softened gelatine in hot water and mix with ground meat, salt and pepper.



# The "Lutheran Lady" is coming!

CCHS presents a program by

Janet Letnes Martin

Saturday, March 29

2:00-3:30, free admission

Hjemkomst Center, 202 1st Ave N



Co-author of *Growing Up Lutheran* and *Lutheran Church Basement Women!*

Topics:  
"Potlucks"  
and  
Jell-O® salad!

Be one of the first 10  
to call to enter  
the Jell-O® contest!



*Be Our Guest, continued*

## Garnish:

1 hard cooked egg, sliced; 5 stuffed olives.  
Arrange slices of egg and olives in bottom of pan 7 x 3½ x 3 inches. Put meat mixture on garnish.  
Serves 6-8. [Mrs. Anna Sandie, *Reliable Cook Book*, Trinity Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1940, page 88.]

## Chow Mein for 12

1 lb. pork steak diced, 1 or 2 onions, 1 stalk celery (tops and all, cut with scissors), 1 C rice, 2 C water or more. 1 C mushrooms. Fry meat until brown. Put in water. Add other ingredients and season. Put La Choy Chinese Soy Sauce in mixture to taste. Serve on La Choy Chow Mein noodles which have been heated.

[Mrs. G.H. Sommer, *Tested Recipes By Better Cooks, A Homemaker's Guide*, The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Church, Barnesville, 1932 page 84.]

## Party Potatoes

1 2-lb. pkg frozen hash browns  
2 Tblsps. chopped onion  
½ cup melted butter  
1 cup sour cream  
1 tsp. salt  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
½ tsp pepper  
8 oz. grated cheese

Mix all together & put in 9 x 13 pan. Top with Corn Flakes crumbs or crushed potato chips & ¼ cup melted butter mixed together. Bake at 350° for 45 – 60 min.

[Corrine Forsberg, *From the Recipe Box to your kitchen A Centennial Cookbook/Our customers share their favorite recipes*; giveaway from the State Bank of Hawley]

## Sweet Potato Ring

3 lb. cooked sweet potatoes  
2 Tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. salt  
2 stiffly beaten egg whites

1 c. milk  
walnut halves  
3 egg yolks  
Butter ring mold and cover with brown sugar. Place walnut halves (round side down) around the ring mold. Fill with potato mixture (may use yams). Bake 45 minutes at 350°. Turn onto a serving plate and fill the center with cooked fresh frozen peas or golden lima beans. [Della Haugee Solum, *Sharing Our Best*, Barnesville Assembly of God [Church] 1993 page 47.]

### Company Best Pickles

Quantity: 7 pints  
10 medium cucumbers  
5 teaspoons salt  
8 cups sugar  
4 cups cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons mixed pickling spices  
Cover whole cucumbers with boiling water, allow to stand until next morning. Drain, repeat this procedure on the next three mornings. On the fifth day, drain and slice in ½ inch pieces. Combine sugar, spices, salt and vinegar, bring to boiling and pour over cucumbers. Let stand 2 days, on third day bring to boiling and seal in hot sterilized jars. [Mrs. G. B. Pederson, *Cook Book* Edition Three, Hawley Lutheran Ladies Aid page 180.]

### Grasshopper Pie

30 marshmallows (large)  
1 oz. crème de menthe  
½ c. milk  
1 oz. crème de cocoa  
15 Oreo or Hydrox cookies  
1 pt. whipping cream  
¼ c. melted butter  
Green food coloring  
Melt marshmallows in milk in top of double boiler over hot water, let cool. Crush cookies until fine, add melted butter and mix well. Press into bottom of cake pan. Save about ¼ c. for top of pie. Let set. Whip cream, add cooled marshmallows mixture and crème de menthe, crème de cocoa, and food coloring. Spread over cookie crust and sprinkle remaining crushed cookies over top. Refrigerate for several hours, or over night. Serves about 12. [Irene Nalezny, *Cooking Favorites of The Lady Bugs*, undated page 28.]

### Pudding Dessert

1 c. flour  
1 c. Cool Whip  
½ c. butter  
1 package coconut pudding mix  
nuts, desired amount

1 package butterscotch pudding  
1 8 oz. cream cheese  
1 c. powdered sugar  
3 c. milk  
Mix flour, butter and nuts. Press in 9 x 13 pan. Bake 10 minutes or until light brown. Cool. Cream the cream cheese, powdered sugar and cool Whip. Spread on first layer. Cook together coconut and butterscotch and milk until thick. Put on top of 2nd layer. Spread the pudding with rest of cool Whip and toasted coconut, if desired. Serves 15 to 18. [Bertha Oldoren, *Treasured Recipes*, Felton Senior Citizens, 1983, page 41.]

We have thirty-three cook books or recipe items in our collections. Most are specific to this area. In addition to the cookbooks listed below, we have Barnesville Potato Days recipe cards, the 1998 WMSTR cookbook supplement, *Chinese Dishes* from the American Café in Fargo, and WDAY-TV's *Party Line* show cookbook. The non-area ones fall into several categories: booklets with anonymous recipes given away by stores in Sabin, Baker and Hawley and WWII-era ration recipes, newspapers clippings and recipe cards.

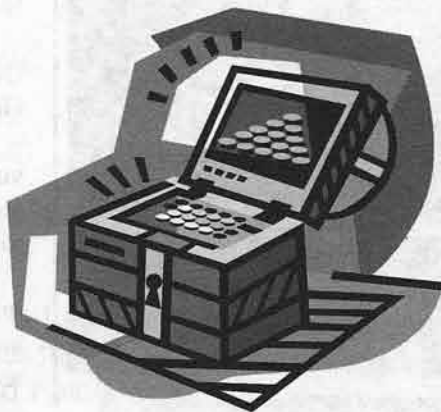
**The other area cookbooks in the CCHS collections are listed below. If you don't see your church, organization or event cookbook represented, why not donate one to the museum now?**

*Comstock ALCW [Centennial] Cookbook*, Comstock 1990  
*Cook Book*, Edition Three, [green cover] Hawley Lutheran Ladies Aid, Hawley [undated]  
*Cooking Favorites of the Lady Bugs*, Military Order of the Lady Bugs, Moorhead [undated]  
*Fargo-Moorhead Centennial Cookbook* 1975  
*From the Recipe Box to your Kitchen*, A Centennial Cookbook, Our customers share their favorite recipes 1972  
*Moorhead, Minnesota Feeder's Digest*, Clay County Association for Retarded Children, Inc. 1969  
*Nancy's Recipes*, The Store without a Name, Fargo, ND approx. 1936-1938]  
*[The] Reliable Cook Book*, Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, Moorhead 1925, 1932, 1940  
*Sharing Our Best*, Barnesville Assembly of God [Church] Cook Book 1993  
*Swedish & Such*: a collection of recipes, the Swedish Cultural Heritage Society of the Red River Valley 2002  
*Tested Recipes By Better Cooks, A Homemaker's Guide*, The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Church, Barnesville 1932  
*Town & Country Cookbook*, Dilworth Presbyterian Church 1992  
*Treasured Recipes*, Felton Senior Citizens, Felton 1983

# CCHS Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8**

- Win Door Prizes!
- View latest Museum exhibits
- Gather with other CCHS Members
- Elect new candidates to the Board of Directors
- Enjoy a unique program by CCHS Archivist, Mark Peihl:



## Event Schedule:

5:30-6:00  
Social "Hour"

6:00-7:30  
Dinner  
& Business  
Meeting

7:30-8:30  
Program

## DIGITAL History:

How CCHS is using new technologies to help us learn about our past



### CCHS Annual Meeting & Banquet

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Please specify entrée preference:

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**Draft Records, continued from page 6**

With the end of the war in November 1918 the draft halted immediately. Trains carrying me to camps turned around and went home. The Clay County Local Draft Board ceased operations early in 1919.

On September 2, 1917, 10,000 area residents came out to send off the first group of Clay County men drafted into the service. Here the parade passes Moorhead's Comstock Hotel on its way to the Moorhead baseball stadium for a program. Doctor Edward Humphrey Collection.

**Hats Off to Volunteers!**

CCHS would like to recognize two members who joined our great staff of volunteers recently! Janet Gorman has been a CCHS Member since 1991, and Vivian Wensel recently became a member at CCHS' Holiday Open House.

CCHS also gained many new volunteers in 2002: Olive Andvik, Delores Eiler, Jean Fingalson, Mae Gee, Grace Hodik, Natalie Toppen, and Amanda Wisch.

Sam Leathes, a volunteer since 2001, recently got involved on the Membership Committee, and would like your vote at the CCHS Annual Meeting on April 8, to join the Board of Directors!

The staff and Board of CCHS appreciate all our volunteers who help us during the week and on weekends, and welcome new or current CCHS members or volunteers, or anyone, who would like to get more involved!

**New CCHS Memberships & Renewals**

CCHS extends a special thank you to the following individuals who renewed their memberships or became new members in January and February:

**NEW MEMBERS**

Orval Hurner, Moorhead

**RENEWALS**

Herbert & Clarice Aakre, Hawley  
Helen Anton, West Fargo  
Arthur & Bernice Arett, Moorhead  
Helen Austin, Moorhead  
Carl & June Bailey, Moorhead  
Paula Bauck, Moorhead  
Joel Belgum, Moorhead  
Bentley & Bentley, DDS, Hawley  
Jim Bergquist & Jane Eastes, Battle Lake, MN  
Ben Brunsvold, Moorhead  
Olaf & Verna Cartford, Moorhead  
City of Barnesville  
City of Moorhead  
Rick Crume, Glyndon  
Florence Culp, Audubon, MN  
Helen Danielson, Moorhead  
Roland & Beth Dille, Moorhead  
Dilworth/Glyndon/Felton ISD #2164  
Maybelle Dinsmore, Ulen

Janet Dolva, Hawley  
June Adele Dolva, Moorhead  
Gladys Durensky, Barnesville  
Eventide, Moorhead  
Harry & Phyllis Fillafer, Moorhead  
Mike & Dianne Fillmore, Hawley  
Edith Flaa, Moorhead  
Greg & Mary Alice Gillispie, Fargo  
Sandra Gordon, Fargo  
W. L. & Marjorie Haggart, Fargo  
Harold Helmeke, Moorhead  
Tom & Beth Iverson, Moorhead  
Clayton & Doris Jorgenson, Moorhead  
Noma Kane-Rygg, Tucson, AZ  
Jeffory Kluck, Lake Park, MN  
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Ethel Menholt, Felton  
Ronald & Katherine Mentjes, LeCenter  
Charles Nelson, Surprise, AZ  
Joanne Ogren, Barnesville

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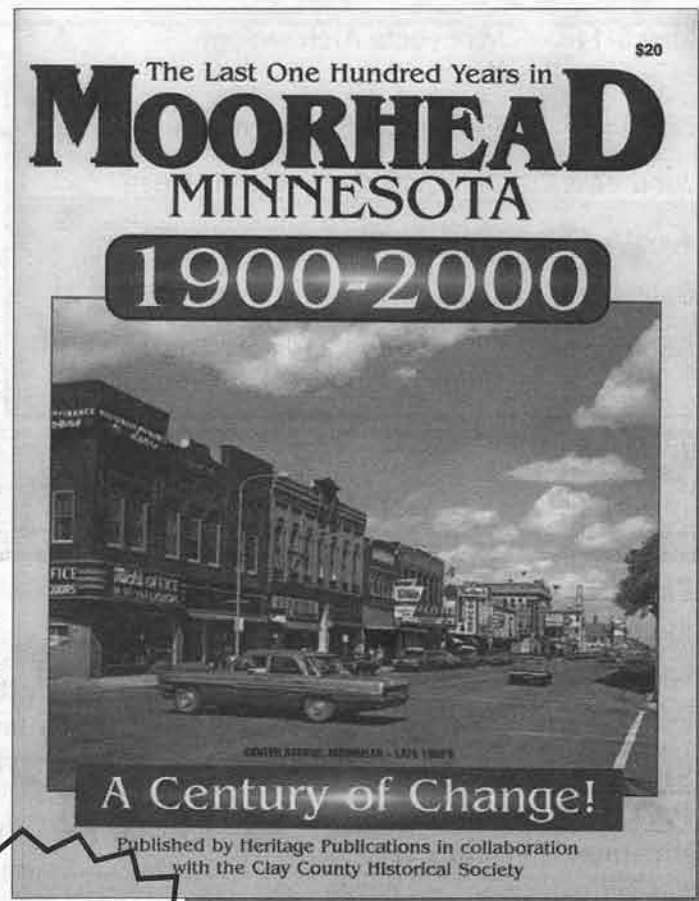
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## Calendar

March 29	Janet Letnes Martin, "Lutheran Lady" program & Jell-O® contest
April 8	CCHS Annual Meeting
May	School Lunch Play
May 3-11	Minnesota Archaeology Week
Summer	Eating Out-themed movie
June 27 & 28	Bergquist Cabin Open House
July 10-13	Clay County Fair, Barnesville
September	Oktoberfest
September	CCHS Annual History Tour to Hibbing, Grand Rapids (tentative)

October	Dessert reception—exhibit closes
November	New Exhibit opens!
December	CCHS Holiday Open House
Schedule subject to change	

## Donations and Memorials

### January & February 2003

Edgar Wright, Lake Park, MN  
 Rita Garrity Knudson, Golden Valley, MN  
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 Good Samaritan Center, Arthur, ND

## Sponsor, Patron, Sustaining and Supporting Memberships

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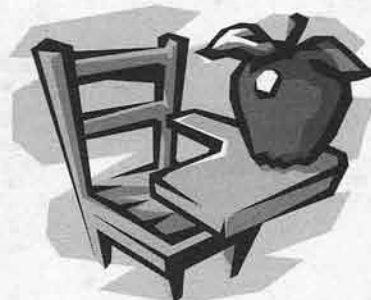
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and picnics to hospital food and school lunch!

Menus, lunch boxes, photos, luncheon sets,  
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See this amazing collection of  
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**Mexicanos  
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