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MAHS Annual Dinner Meeting

Finally the wise suggestion of Betty Roby has been followed that MAHS hold its special annual meeting in September instead of January. Mitchell's "snowbirds" will still be here and no one – including the guest speaker – will have to battle wintry storms. Therefore, the MAHS annual dinner meeting which would have been held in January 2012 will be held in September 2012.

The 2011 Mitchell Churches Throw

MAHS and 11 of Mitchell's churches have undertaken a fundraising project to benefit all by producing a beautiful, all-cotton, USA made throw that depicts the churches.

We believe that you will be pleased with the size (57 by 74 inches including the 1.5 inch surrounding fringe) and weight and quality – as well as the design and colors – of this beautiful throw.

Your purchase of a throw for your home or as a gift for others will benefit MAHS. If you prefer to benefit one of the churches, you may buy the throw from that church. An order form to buy from MAHS is included in this newsletter. Following are the telephone numbers of the churches as listed clockwise on the throw:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 996-3023 United Church of Christ – Congregational, 996-5104 Mitchell Wesleyan Church, 996-8172 Zion Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 996-7530 First Presbyterian Church, 996-3479 Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 996-7424 First Lutheran Church (ELCA), 996-7706 Resurrection Lutheran Church (LCMC), 995-1011 Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 996-5054 First United Methodist Church, 996-7721 Holy Family Catholic Church, 996-3369

To the reader: To conserve space and ink, throughout this newsletter these abbreviations are used:

CRC- Carnegie Resource Center

MAGS- Mitchell Area Genealogical Society

MAHS- Mitchell Area Historical Society

SDSHS - South Dakota State Historical Society

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www.mitchellcarnegie.com.

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Genealogy Corner

Another fun and successful year of MAGS comes to a close. Thanks go to Becky Handrahan, sexton of Graceland Cemetery, for her wonderful talk on "Researching Cemetery Records," to Virginia Hanson of the SD State Archives for her presentation on "Locating Land Records," to Gary Jerke for his program on the "Germans to Russia Society," and to Stuart Barns for an informative tour through Will's Funeral Chapel.

We had 59 MAGS members in 2011. Memberships are now due for 2012 and are payable to MAGS, P.O. Box 263, Mitchell, SD 57301. Dues remain the same this year-\$10/person and \$15/couple. We continue to get many research requests each month and are fortunate to have great records at hand to be able to answer these search requests. We are always receptive to add to our collections if you wish to donate records, pictures, or memorabilia.

A new slate of officers was elected at our November meeting: President, Andie Sindt; Vice President, Lois Kline; and Secretary/ Treasurer, Pam Range.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two favorable times when families get together and are an excellent time to share genealogy files, pictures, and memories. For the last eight years the US Surgeon General has declared Thanksgiving to be National Family History Day and has encouraged us to talk about our family health history. With Christmas approaching it is a good time to talk about health conditions that run in families and to construct a family health chart. Many times holiday letters include details about health challenges that family members are facing. There are several ways in which one can record this information. The US Surgeon General has provided a Family Health Portrait Tool online https:// familyhistory.hhs.gov/ that is self-explanatory, covers many health issues, and can be printed. Another tool for measuring your family history is called a genogram www.genealogytoday.com/articles/genogram.html which charts three to four generations using squares for males and circles for

Genealogy programs are a great place to record this information as you can customize charts and highlight conditions that carry risk factors based on heredity to share with your doctor. Information that should always be included are date, age and cause of death, and such health problems as heart disease, cancers, diabetes, miscarriages, and high blood pressure. Although these are medical problems, a chart can also become a pleasant experience to map out inherited traits, for instance, eye color, artistic qualities, temperament, musical ability, etc. Once done, you can see at a glance how

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heredity plays such a great role in our lives. We can then see the great gifts our ancestors passed down to us. We must tread lightly when it comes to entering habits like drug abuse, alcoholism, and abusive relationships. Privacy of information is essential; therefore, a good genealogy program is recommended. Since these programs allow us to keep certain facts private, this is an ideal place to record this information. Being aware of any risk factors could help all of us stay healthy, and that's a good thing.

Our MAGS meetings will change slightly this year by rotating a program with a work session. We are a little behind on accessioning items that come into the CRC, and we have several new projects to begin as well as continuing our collections and databases. We are always happy to recruit new volunteers. The many varied jobs allow you to choose whether you wish to work with computers, help with research requests, file, help maintain the building, or welcome visitors as a tour guide. We welcome your visit to enjoy our hot coffee and to share in our team effort to make the CRC ever more valuable as a research center for Mitchell area history and genealogy.

Andie Sindt, President, MAGS

LYLE REMEMBERS:

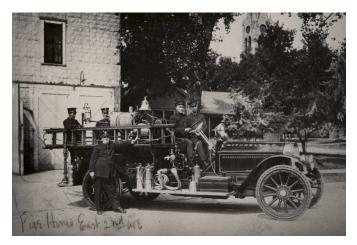
A TALE OF TWO FIRETRUCKS: The Lincoln and the LaFrance

MAHS president, Lyle Swenson, often reminisces about "the good-old days." Recently, he was showing members a picture of Mitchell's Lincoln fire truck. During Lyle's early days in the 1950s as a volunteer fireman, he had been told the truck was made from a 1922 Lincoln passenger car. The story was that the car had been modified by Mitchell firemen who turned it into a truck that could haul fire ladders. Recently, as Lyle was going through the Carnegie newspaper archives, he found a story from 1925 about Mitchell's new Lincoln fire truck. Some of the information in the article from the April 23, 1925, weekly Mitchell Gazette seemed incorrect, including the statement that the vehicle was "about 50 feet long." Lyle became curious because the story said nothing about a passenger car being converted to a ladder truck. He kept looking and found an earlier article, from April 13, 1925, in the Mitchell Evening Republican about the 8-cylinder Lincoln hook and ladder truck arriving in Mitchell. It was driven to Mitchell by George Rozum, of Rozum Motors, and Oscar Miller, fire department house foreman. They accepted delivery from the Ford Motor Company in Minneapolis and were accompanied on the trip by R. J. McLeod, a Lincoln service manager. The Gazette report indicated that the vehicle was actually about 20 feet in length and was valued at \$6,515.00.

Before becoming a volunteer fireman, Lyle worked with Oscar Miller on the Harold Johnson farm. If he had known that the Lincoln story he heard after joining the fire department might have been an urban myth, Lyle said he would have asked Oscar for a first-hand account. While the Lincoln

fire truck may have started life as a Lincoln passenger car, these newspaper articles seem to indicate that any modifications were done by the Ford Motor Company before the fire truck arrived in Mitchell.

Lyle said there were many talented people in the fire department. To point that out, Lyle told about a pickup mounted smoke removal blower that firemen manufactured from what, in its former life, had been a corn sheller. It was powered by the pickup engine. After a fire was extinguished, this vehicle would be backed up to the door and canvas tarps attached to the blower would be tacked to the door frame. When the blower was engaged, it would suck the smoke out of the building. Lyle said the unit was very effective, homemade, and handy.



The 1919 LaFrance fire truck (circa 1920) with its original hard rubber tires in front of the Mitchell Fire House at 216 East Second Avenue. The Holy Family Church Spire is at upper right.

Lyle also has talked about the 1919 LaFrance fire truck. It had a chain-driven rear axle and originally had wooden spoke wheels with hard rubber tires. Fire Captain Cletus O'Byrne was one of the few men who could keep the LaFrance running. Near the end of its career the LaFrance was called on to pump water one last time during the disastrous fire at Dakota Wesleyan in 1955. Although an electrical fire burned up part of the wiring system en route to the college, O'Byrne was able to coax it back to life and kept it pumping until the fire was extinguished.

Apparently Captain O'Byrne enjoyed an occasional nip during his time away from the firehouse. It became common knowledge among his colleagues that if O'Byrne were seen driving well below the posted limit on his day off, it was likely that he had just enjoyed "a couple for the road." Lyle said O'Byrne became super cautious on the road if he had been imbibing.

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LYLE REMEMBERS: Standard Operating Procedures re DUI

A recent discussion occurred with Lyle Swenson about who might be arrested for drunk driving and who would never be arrested. He said it was a common practice everywhere in South Dakota for the mayor, city council members, and other influential officials to provide law enforcement with a list of individuals who were not to be arrested for such violations. Instead, these people were to be taken home. Local lawmen could use a great deal of discretion in handling violations that involved the use of alcohol. In most cases the family situation was the most important thing being considered. However, in many cases, habitual offenders were transported to their home on a regular basis, some on a daily basis. Lyle felt that such a policy did nothing to solve the problems of the individual or to alleviate the suffering being experienced by other family members.

Several times he tried to use his influence as a deputy or as sheriff to help change the course of lives along the way. In two instances he was successful. After serving a local businessman with divorce papers, Lyle told the individual, "I've done my job, now I'd like to talk to you man-to-man." Since he was willing to listen, before leaving Lyle's office arrangements were made for offender's admission to St. Mary's Treatment Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota (at that time South Dakota did not have an alcohol or drug treatment center). Lyle is quite sure that after completing the treatment program the individual remained alcohol free for the rest of his life.

Lyle used this same approach with two other habitual offenders who were facing possible incarceration. Lyle was successful in the second case but, just as he was beginning to take some pride in his approach, Lyle tried the "man-toman" technique on a third individual. The man simply said "goodbye" and left Lyle's office. Lyle was clearly disappointed by the failure of his amateur counseling. However, MAHS members pointed out to him that two out of three is not a bad record.

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LYLE'S CORNER

With \$193,664.69 completed in repair and capital improvements, look at us now - tuck pointing done, new roof, insulation, granite wall repaired, new thermal windows throughout the building, and we are still going strong. We call it our Carnegie and our labor of love all made possible by you and your generous giving – Thank you, Thank you! We have two major goals left to accomplish, one thing being an elevator so that we will be handicapped accessible for everyone to visit our beautiful Carnegie. The other is to get an endowment fund started so that someday the money will be there to properly care for the building and continue to operate.

Another generous donor stepped forward and rewired part of the basement. TK Electric donated their services, fixtures, and switches so that we no longer have to stumble through to find pull chains. We thank you, TK, each day as we go in and out.

Long-time volunteer, Jim Schneider, needs a huge pat on the back as he is stepping down as our official lawn mower. Jim has taken care of this duty almost since day one, and we truly appreciate his efforts to see that the yard always looks great. Thanks Jim, we will miss your "blade" trimming. We hope that after a rest this winter we might be able to convince you to do the lawn work at least one more time.

Much gratitude is also due Rich Stedman for contributing his considerable talents to greatly improve our website. Check it out at www.mitchellcarnegie.com.

Shirley is back, Shirley Tanner that is. She is one of our early valued volunteer staff who has been gone for a couple of years but is home again to stay. Welcome home Shirley, it's great to have you back! That leads right into our continuing need for more volunteers - please consider giving a day, or whatever you can spare, to history.

We have a couple of new displays up for your "look see." We have a couple of early radios on loan from Doug and Bonnie Carlson. They are very nice pieces that bring back many old memories like "Ma Perkins" and the "Lone Ranger" to name a couple. Also added are two very early phonographs that played the old cylinder records. A display case of old bellows type cameras like your folks used as well as several models of the old Polaroid instant cameras complete our yesteryear technology exhibits.

We add about 200 to 300 new items of all kinds each week to our files and inventory. Our files are outgrowing the file cabinets and that is both good and bad. The good side is the amount of valuable information the files now contain, but the bad is that the file cabinets are over-flowing but that's a good problem to have except we are running out of space to put cabinets and that's bad! Come see us - we look forward to serving you.

Lyle W. Swenson, President, MAHS

At left: On loan by Doug and Bonnie Carlson, a Motorola Am/FM radio, model 77XM 22 of wood with aero vane high efficiency loop. By Motorola, Inc., 4545 Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51, Illionois. Center: The electrically powered "Edison Business Phonograph" was given to Lyle Swenson by the family of Ed Hughes at his passing. Ed Hughes operated a radio and television repair business from the 1940s to 1985 at 105 East Fourth Avenue. The phonograph was probably owned by Ed's parents, Roy and Emma Hughes. "Patent #18932 1903-07." Right: The hand cranked "Edison Home Phonograph" was donated by Lyle and Irene Swenson. It was purchased in the early 1900s by Irene's grandparents who passed it down to heirs. The machine plays cylinder records. "Oct. 1896 – May 1906, Thomas A. Edison et al. Pat. #262824D at Orange, NJ."

Wagon Travel in the Time of Railroads: The Couts-Whitlow Party By Craig Kelly

During a recent visit to see family in Washington State, I came across a hefty stack of photocopies which turned out to be a roughly 250-page longhand narrative written decades ago and late in life by one of my great-grandfathers looking back upon his boyhood emigration westward from southeast Nebraska to Washington Territory. I began transcribing it and performing some minimal editing. Before long, I was drawn into a research project of a size and scope I had not confronted since college days. Although William Wordsworth Whitlow did not even pass through South Dakota on his trip west, Carnegie Courier readers may find parts of his journey interesting. They may also find useful some of the same free internet resources which this utter novice had the dumb luck to stumble upon and which will be mentioned in the annotated endnotes.

The story of "W. W." Whitlow (1875-1961) begins on the banks of the Missouri River in Brownville, Nebraska, ^{1,2} with descriptions of its disastrous Great Flood of 1881. His parents having drifted apart, Whitlow had been living with only his widower maternal grandfather and a bachelor uncle since W. W.'s mother's death. It was with them and the nearby family of his mother's sister, her husband, and their own baby, that Whitlow would travel west. Whitlow's "Grandpa Couts" and these two young uncles were thrilled by the glowing accounts of land to be settled in the Northwest which they had read about in the *Omaha Bee*⁴ in ads placed by the Northern Pacific. Their enthusiasm grew when the 1881 harvest was so poor owing to the necessarily late planting. In the spring of 1882, then, Whitlow's grandfather sold the farm in Nemaha County, and, around the first of April, seven-year-old W. W. and the other five members of the party headed west.

The two Couts wagons⁵ made it quickly to De Witt, Nebraska, but with the ground still wet in many places, they did not at all mind a pause at this point while they waited for the rest of their traveling party to catch up. The larger group then headed west to outside of Fort Kearney where they joined the Oregon Trail.⁶ With the transcontinental railroad complete, "Oregon Trail Days," as they are often thought of, were already history. However, as the Couts-Whitlow party experience exemplifies, the historic trails continued to be used by the many emigrants who still traveled in wagons. The old trails were not supplanted by but were supplemented by railroads whose straight and level paths often offered an alternative easier route for wagon teams. At North Platte, then, rather than continuing on the wagon trail northwest, the travelers opted to follow the tracks of the Union Pacific Railway directly west to Laramie, Wyoming Territory. Along the way, new railroad towns such as Sidney, Nebraska, provided opportunities for rest, water, and supplies.

While the party rested in Laramie, representatives from the Oregon Short Line, a new subsidiary of the Union Pacific, pitched them a deal: they could ride the train, along with their wagons and stock, over the Rockies to Ogden, Utah, on the condition that the men would promise to work, paid for at least one month, on a connector line near Pocatello. The weary travelers jumped at this chance.

After resting and re-hitching in Ogden, they made their way north to a camp along the Portneuf River in eastern Idaho where the teams no longer pulled wagons but instead pulled slip-scrapers to level the grade for new tracks. All was fine until payday. When pay did not come, the contractors claimed that they, too, were eagerly awaiting money from Ogden. All the while, however, the workers and their families depended on provisions sold to them by the contractors. The workers were angry enough the first time this happened; when it happened again after the second month, they soon had nooses around the contractors' necks and would have hanged them had not a conscientious worker broken things up.⁷

The two wagons and teams in Whitlow's original party now embarked, on their own initially, across Idaho. Where they first crossed the Snake River is not indicated, but judging by place names such as Lost River and the colorfully named stage stop of Root Hog as well as topographical descriptions which seem to describe the lava fields of what is now known as Craters of the Moon National Monument, it appears that the group got back to the old Oregon Trail somewhere near Fort Hall where they crossed the Snake and took a northern shortcut known as "Goodale's Cutoff."

Numerous descriptions follow, including that of the second Fort Boise, sturgeon in the Snake River, the Chinatown of Baker City, Oregon, the hot springs near La Grande, and the crossing of the Blue Mountains. Although W. W.'s narrative abruptly ends in Pendleton, the group would ultimately cross the Columbia River near Portland and end their journey in the little town of Winlock, just a few miles down the road from where I grew up in southwest Washington's Lewis County.⁸

Wagon Travel in the Time of Railroads: The Couts-Whitlow Party - Endnotes

As an aid to researchers of history, the following endnotes of the article "Wagon Travel in the Time of Railroads: The Couts-Whitlow Party" detail the many available resources. If you have questions, please contact me at craignannekelly@msn.com.

¹I had been hearing for some time how great Google Earth was, but I had assumed it must just somehow be the same thing as Google Maps. It is not! Once downloaded and installed, Google Earth uses maps and satellite imagery to let one view just about any point on earth, at any scale, from just about any angle. One can, say, zoom along the Platte River, slowly taking in the same topography as did the westward emigrants; one can alight in the middle of a western alkali desert and panoramically scan his surroundings; one can cross the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon, where the old wagon ruts are still visible: you get the

The Couts-Whitlow Party (continued from page 4)

picture. If this were not impressive enough, I have lately found a couple of amazing add-ons to Google Earth which a site called EarthPoint offers free of charge. One is an overlay which superimposes onto your satellite imagery, at any desired level of opacity, USGS topographical maps. The other is an overlay which superimposes township, range, and section lines-which you will surely appreciate if you have ever struggled with mysterious concatenations of letters and numbers such as "S30 T14N R3W Willamette." http://www.google.com/earth/index.html for the download; add-ons at http://earthpoint.us/TopoMap.aspx

²The Bureau of Land Management has a searchable database of land patents, most of which are indexed to photographic images of the original document. I was able to find—and view!—original transfers of land on both the Nebraska and Northwest ends of Whitlow's journey. http://www.glorecords.blm.gov

³Photographic images (some better than others) of most federal censuses up through 1930 are now viewable via searchable indexes online at a variety of sites. At both Mitchell Public Library and Dakota Wesleyan University, patrons can access the public records section of Ancestry.com, free of charge. From even their home computers, cardholders can access HeritageQuest via the respective libraries' websites. http://mitlib.sdln.net under the "Database" menu; http://dwu.edu/library/resources.htm

⁴The Library of Congress has a searchable online archive called "Chronicling America" where one can read any of 600-some different historic American newspapers published in the U.S. between 1836 and 1922. I was fortunate to find there both the daily <u>Omaha Bee</u>, mentioned in Whitlow's narrative, and the weekly <u>Nebraska Advertiser</u>, published in his native town of Brownville. *http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov*

⁵Utterly ignorant of whatever a "Peter Schuttler" wagon might be, I did an image search on Google, and was delighted to see topping the search results a photograph from Hansen Wheel and Wagon, the firm near Mitchell, South Dakota. This search engine is the most obvious of resources, and rightly so, for without it I could not have made sense of unfamiliar place names, songs sung by the emigrants, their gear, or contemporary idioms, nor could I have tracked down railroad maps and the like. www.google.com

Speaking of maps, I used these two quite a bit:

(1) National Park Service map of the Oregon Trail. http://www.nps.gov/pwr/customcf/apps/maps/showmap.cfm? alphacode=oreg&parkname=Oregon%20National%20Historic%20Trail

(2)1882 Union Pacific and Connecting Lines map, archived at the Library of Congress:

http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/h?ammem/gmd:@field%28NUMBER+@band%28g4051p+rr005940%29%29

Also, historicmapworks.com has tens of thousands of old atlases and over a million individual maps available for purchase or free watermarked viewing. http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/61416/United+States+Railroad+Map/

⁷For anyone interested, the verification of the incredible lynching story was found here: http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/10195/my_eve_yea.pdf?sequence=1

⁸Many counties and states also make their archives accessible on the internet. Washington State has an especially good archives site where I was amazed to view each of the names of the Couts-Whitlow party in the Territorial Census of 1883. http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov



Left: Craig Kelly's great-grandfather William Wordsworth Whitlow (1875-1961), in about 1905 with his daughter Zoe, grandmother of Craig Kelly

Right: Dan Couts (1852-1935), uncle of W. W. Whitlow, photographed in the 1920s.



2011 Mitchell Area Genealogical Society Members

The MAGS membership on November 30, 2011, is listed below. Your membership and generous contributions are greatly appreciated to help support the gathering of genealogical information for the CRC.

Jon Airhart Stella Ramos Angelucci Joel and Sandra Baier Keith and Glynn Bartels John Bauman Boyd and Evelyn Blumer

Anna Maria Bosma
Ryan and Stacy Buckley
Zelma Buchholz

Marlyn and Corinne Christensen Rosy Cox

Kathryn C. Crockett Earl Davis William A. Delaney III Charles and Susan Deter

Katherine Drew Cheryl Finney Roger Grohs, Jr. Becky Handrahan Marion T. Hersey Lynette Higgins Dale and Marla Holm James and Gerry Hunt Mike and Lisa Johnson Thomas Jones

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Jerry and Ruby Pattison

Mel and Karen Pooley Pam Range Gene and Jan Rezac Delores Robertson-Thomas James and Ruth Sejnoha Andrea Sindt Gaylord Stumm Donald Swanson Lyle Swenson Patricia Trode Donna Weiland Elnora Welch

MAHS and MAGS 2012 Memberships Due in January

The annual dues for MAHS and MAGS are due in January. For those persons who paid in December 2011, their dues are paid through 2012.

At the end of November 2011, MAHS had 181 members – a remarkable increase from the 30 or so in 2006 when the MAHS received the 1903 former Carnegie Library from the City of Mitchell. Then Mitchell Mayor Alice Claggett is a member and one of our valued regular volunteer workers at the CRC.

The <u>Carnegie Courier</u> goes to over 800 addresses of persons who have donated funds, work, artifacts, etc., or who have in some way supported MAHS and MAGS.

Helpful Hints to Scrapbookers and Other Collectors

CRC volunteers have found that too frequently donated clippings and photos lack at least this essential information.

Clippings: Name of the newspaper
Date of the newspaper
Page of the newspaper

Photographs: Name(s) of person(s) in the photo

Date of photo Location of photo Name of photographer

Try to include at least this much information to spare future generations from frustrated guessing.

Do NOT use magnetic scrapbooks for photographs or clippings because they destroy the "treasures."

Changes at the CRC

Several changes of displays and organization of reference materials have occurred at the CRC in 2011. Old technology (radio, phonograph, and camera) has been added in the main gallery. The west wing now has readily available such research materials as school yearbooks, city and county histories, and the SDSHS annual and quarterly journals. Since some city and county history books are missing, donations are welcomed.

Files of newspaper clippings of births, weddings, and obituaries are constantly updated by CRC volunteers.

The improved website, newly designed by Pam Range and Rich Stedman, features information about the CRC, MAGS, and MAHS at www.mitchellcarnegie.com.



On July 18, 2011, MAHS and MAGS members and friends visited the historic Gladys Pyle home (above) in Huron as well as the historic 1889 Stone Church and the Dakotaland Museum. Photograph by Norman Pearson

2011 Mitchell Area Historical Society Members

Membership support is vital to the continued success of MAHS. The following persons are paid members in 2011. Special appreciation is extended to the many members for their generous contributions included with their dues. You truly encourage us to keep working hard to make the CRC an increasingly valuable repository and research source about Mitchell history.

Stella Angelucci

Joel and Sandra Baier

Kenneth, Sr. and Gladys Baldwin

Keith and Glynn Bartels

John Bauman

Bertha Beatch Pat Bellinghiere

Boyd and Evelyn Blumer Gary and Jan Bowar

Don Boyden

Bob Brady

Robert and Murle Breer Sherri Brummett Zelma Buchholz

Evelyn Buckley Ryan and Stacy Buckley

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Norma Cameron

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The Carnegie Resource Center is open Monday through Saturday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Call 605.996.3209 for additional times.

MAHS 2012 Coming Events

Programs are at the CRC unless otherwise noted. Except for the June excursion on Sunday afternoon, all programs are on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

- Jan. 16 John Foster, owner of The Depot "Preservation of the Milwaukee Depot"
- Feb. 20 Louise Maeschen and Ruby Pattison, quilters "If Quilts Could Talk," featuring the tales of quilts of many designs displayed at the CRC
- March 19 John Iverson, president, Iverson Motors "The Past, Present, and Future of Iverson Motors"
- April 16 Dick Rozum, former owner "The History of Rozum Motors"
- May 21 Mitchell Area Hutterite Colonies Speaker(s) to be announced
- June 18, 2:00 p.m. Meet at the CRC to carpool for this special midsummer excursion.

 Gary Jerke will guide the tour about the German Russians in the Tripp area and take the group to the Kaylor Museum.