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MAGS learns grave witching



Mitchell Area Genealogical Society would like to thank Mitchell Graceland Cemetery Sexton Aaron Willis for showing us how to “Grave Witch” on September 26. If you didn’t make the event and like to learn how to “grave witch,” we have information available.

Carnegie Resource Center hosts station at Mitchell VFW’s Chili Cook-off Oct. 1

The VFW Chili Cook-off was held on October 1, 2022. Marie Halapin and Linda Oster represented the Carnegie Resource Center with a station. Marie was the chef and cooked up some mighty hot chili, Texas style, but with beans (Marie explained that true Texas chili doesn’t have beans).

A display included a short history of chili, types of chili peppers, the oldest recipe, and some interesting information:
- Chili peppers are fruit of plants from the genus Capsicum, member of the nightshade family, Solanaceae.
- Diego Alvarez Chanca, a physician on Columbus’ second voyage to the West Indies in 1493, brought the first chili peppers to Spain and first wrote about their

medicinal effects in 1494.

- For the first 100 years after being introduced to chili peppers in the 1600s, the Japanese put them in their socks to keep their toes warm instead of eating them.
- Worldwide in 2014, 32.3 million tons of green chili peppers and 3.8 million tons of dried chili peppers were produced.
- The most recent research shows that chili peppers were domesticated more than 6000 years ago in Mexico, in the region that extends from across southern Puebla and northern Oaxaca to south-eastern Veracruz. (25 Interesting And Fascinating Facts About Chili Peppers - Tons Of Facts.)

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*Plan to attend
Christmas
at the
Carnegie!*

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information
on page 3*



Marie handing samples to judges.

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Another source stated, "One early chili origin story comes from a 1568 account by Bernal Díaz del Castillo, a Spaniard, who tells the story of Aztecs who stewed sacrificed conquistadors with chile peppers, tomatoes, and spices." How Did Chili Originate? (allrecipes.com)

Consumers at the Carnegie station enjoyed their chili along with choices of condiments including sour cream, cheddar cheese, crackers and additional peppers and hot sauce. A frozen popsicle to cool off the palette was offered after the people ate their chili to top off the fun.



Carnegie's display.



Unique portrait to be on display at Carnegie

James Earl Fraser sculpted this relief portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States. Fraser grew up in Mitchell, studied abroad and became known for his artistic talent. Watch for the spring edition of the Courier, read the whole story of James Earl Fraser and stop by the Carnegie to see this work of art that Jim Scheetz, former Mitchell resident, is sharing with us.



*Christmas
At
the Carnegie*

*Thursday, December 8, 2022
6:30 p.m.*

*Enjoy Christmas carols by
Members of the Mitchell Area
Children's Choir and the
Mitchell Barbershop Harmony Chorus.*

*Cider and Christmas goodies will be
served. Admission is a donation or
bag of groceries for the benefit of the
Mitchell Food Pantry.*

*Wheelchair Accessible on
East Side of Building*

Frisco Hot Dog Celebration successful

The culmination of the Frisco Café story was a hot dog feed. The Frisco Hot Dog Celebration held on September 24, 2022, was a success.

Stella, Arthur and Kalley provided the original chili, 104 hot dogs and buns, mustard and onions for the event. A choice of the original chili sauce prepared by Stella Treiber and a milder version prepared by Linda Oster was served along with onions, mustard, buns, chips, root beer floats and Koulouria, a small Greek cookie resembling a sugar cookie made by Stella.

We served 120 hot dogs!
Linda, Andie, Pam, Beth, Chuck, Karen and Mel worked the event with Cherry helping set-up in the morning. Those attending had many nice comments about the building and liked the fact that they could visit with old friends and help Stella and Fred celebrate the Frisco. It was a very emotional event for Stella.




Good company and a trip into a fond memory can be yours if you join us to celebrate the tradition of the Frisco hot dog.

Stella Georgopoulos Treiber will be here to socialize and remember The Frisco.

When: 9/24/2022 - Noon to 2 p.m.
**Where: Carnegie Resource Center
 119 W 3rd Avenue**
Serving: Chili Hot Dogs and Sides

Please RSVP by 9/20/2022 to either Carnegie phone 605-996-3209 or info@mitchellcarnegie.com



Picture at left, Andie Sindt is watching Stella Georgopoulos Treiber putting the original chili on the first hotdog of the day.



Thanks for your continued support!

The Mitchell Area Historical Society (MAHS) and the Mitchell Area Genealogical Societies (MAGS) would like to thank you for your continued support to make our organizations a benefit to the Mitchell Community.

We ask for your support now for the 2023 calendar year. Please renew your membership(s) and consider a finan-

cial gift at this time. The form is included with this Carnegie Courier.

We have made many improvements and repairs in the last 2 years.

The new lift is working very well and we encourage those with mobility needs to use it. The entrance is on the east side of the building.

We are looking forward to

servicing you the next year by having events, meetings, programs and being open Monday through Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We are always looking for people willing to help us one afternoon a week so that we can continue to document, scan, copy and file. We would like to encourage everyone to stop in and see us!

Stars & Stripes Forever



Quilt Raffle

Chances go on sale
11/22/2022
Drawing 2/20/2023

Pick yours up at the
Carnegie Resource Center
119 West 3rd Avenue

\$5 per single chance
5 for \$20

Proceeds go to
The Mitchell Area
Historical Society

Quilt Made &
Donated by
Sheila Scheetz

Thank you for helping preserve our history!



Hersey Photo Studio captured this 1915 celebration on 2nd and Main in Mitchell, SD. This is the first municipal Christmas tree put up by the city. Businesses located along the street at the time on the west side included Metcalf Clothing and Furniture at 201 Main, Diehl Drug at 209 Main, and the recognizable white columns of the Mitchell National Bank at 217-219 Main. Among others, the east side of the street housed Becker’s Clothing at 208-210 Main where the Becker logo can still be seen in the brickwork at the top of the building. The Corn Palace sits in the distance at 5th and Main.

Halloween Caramel Apples

We would like to thank all those who stopped by the Uptown Park at 3rd and Main, the Holiday Extravaganza at the 4-H building and the customers at Wholesale Electronics for helping make our Halloween Caramel Apple event a success. The costumes were so imaginative and resourceful. See you next year.



Trick or Treaters having fun downtown at the caramel apple stand.



Marie Halapin & Elizabeth Luczak ready to sell caramel apples at Uptown Park.



Quilt measures about 4 ½ feet long by 6 ½ wide.



Time has taken a toll on some of the silk ribbons.

Next Restoration Project

Mitchell Area Historical Society acquired a ribbon quilt that is quite valuable and interesting. It contains many ribbons from various places, organizations, and political entities. There are ribbons that date from 1892 at Wheeling, VA, a GAR reunion in 1906, Mitchell Fire

Department schools, and Mitchell for Captial just to name a few. Some of the ribbons and quilting materials have deteriorated and are in need of restoration. During the months of January and February, Louise Maechen and Ruby Pattison have graciously agreed

to spearhead the restoration. The ribbon quilt will be unveiled at the February 20, 2023, program on quilting along with the drawing for the Stars and Stripes Forever quilt that was made and donated to the Mitchell Area Historical Society by Sheila Scheetz.

Genealogical Research in City Directories

The Carnegie Resource Center has many Mitchell City Directories. While we are always looking for the years we are missing, please don't discount this resource in your genealogy research. Listed below are just a few of the resources found online on how to use these valuable resources.

What Information Can You Find in City Directories?

A wealth of information can be found in a city directory. Beyond contact information like addresses, city directories can also include:

- a brief local history
- a street guide and ward boundaries
- a population count of the local city and sometimes the surrounding areas
- social service staff members such as fire and police departments

- city and county officials, including the courts and federal officers
- a list of local churches and a separate list of the clergy, by name
- cemeteries
- schools and universities and sometimes a listing of their staff members
- hospitals, orphanages, and homes
- lodges and social organizations
- a list of residents by name and by street
- among the information collected were names, spouse's names (often in parenthesis), whether they are a widow, occupation, and address
- this makes them a great resource for collateral research to locate friends and relatives in the listings by street address.
- business directory listed alphabetically and by type

- ads for businesses that chose this option to advertise
 - newspapers and publications
- Source: <https://www.legacytree.com/blog/city-directories>

From Ancestry.com City Directories and how to use for Family History <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFsbwJ3PozI>

From the Genealogy Reporter: Using City Directories for Genealogy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftEHVyFOCjQ>

From Ancestry.com Using City Directories in your Research https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8I5wDy_y4M4

Upcoming Events

*Mitchell Area Genealogical Society (MAGS)
And Mitchell Area Historical Society (MAHS)*

December 8, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Christmas at the Carnegie

January 1, 2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 16, Monday, 7:00 MAHS Business Meeting

January 23, Monday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. MAGS Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. MAGS Program – Beginning and Restarting Genealogy

February 20, Monday, 5:00 p.m. MAHS Business Meeting
7:00 MAHS Quilt Program & Stars & Stripes Quilt Raffle Drawing
February 27, Monday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. MAGS Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. MAGS Program – How Do You Find Genealogical Records

March 20, Monday, 7:00 MAHS Business Meeting
March 27 Monday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. MAGS Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. MAGS Program – Data Mining the Deceased

April 17, Monday, 7:00 MAHS Business Meeting
April 24, Monday 6:00-6:30 p.m. MAGS Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. MAGS Program – Fundamentals of Research

Support MAHS by using Amazon Smile

When doing your Amazon online shopping, think of supporting the Mitchell Area Historical Society by visiting: smile.amazon.com Type Mitchell Area Historical Society in the search box and select it. You only have to log-on once through Amazon Smile and each time you shop after that, the site will show that you support MAHS. A portion of the proceeds from all you buy on Amazon will go to the MAHS! How cool is that? This one way to give back to your community is so simple, so spread the word!

Our ability to serve the community relies on generous donations from the public.

Thank you!

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