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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

By John Nelson

It's been a busy year at the Smith-Zimmermann Museum and in the Lake County Historical Society, and 2007 promises to be just as rewarding. Just look at what's in these pages, and you will see how busy we have been.

As the new president of the LCHS, I should introduce myself. I moved to Madison from Sisseton about five years ago but have been teaching English at DSU for ten years. I'm a native of Ft. Pierre, SD, but I have Lake County connections going way back, as my ancestors, the Rensch family in

Badus with other Swiss immigrants. Our family also has Kehrwald and Molumby (from Nunda) ties. I have fond memories of the Ramona of yesteryear, so expect to see more Ramona stories! My wife, a Hueners, may insist on more Winfred coverage.

I've been working with *The Heritage Herald* for a few years, mostly doing the layout. I look forward to working with Cindy, Dale, Gene, and Justin on this publication. We'd love to have other stories and letters to publish from readers.

We try to get the best stories in the newsletter, and Gene and Dale have done a great job with the two key stories in this issue. It would be great to be able to give you all the flavor of the



Lake County Historical Society President John Nelson

monthly meetings of the Museum board. At every meeting, we make connections, tell stories, and share memories. That's in addition to all the planning and other work we do. I hope you enjoy this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you!

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CURATOR'S NOTES

By Cindy Bilka

I am one of the lucky people who has a job she loves. One of the reasons for this is the variety of activities going on at the Museum.

During the fall of 2006, Jim Swanson arranged an ethnic-cooking series that was very popular. Deb Gearhart began the series in October with a Pennsylvania Dutch delicacy, soft pretzels. The second of the series featured Sour Cream Raisin Pie prepared by Mary Siemonsma, who prepares all the pies for the café in Chester. Third were DeAnn Palmer and Karen Appelwick making lefse, always a popular ethnic-cooking demonstration. (Some of you may have seen Palmer demonstrating lefse-making on the "Emeril" show.) Swanson finished the series, making his own, incredible chicken alfredo pizza.

Two Cub Scout troops visited the Museum in the fall. Pat Williams's Cub Scouts had a general tour of the Museum. For Tom and Paula Froehlich's Tiger Cubs, we focused on the veterans' displays since it was Election Day although we also took "side trips" into pioneer history and the theft of Lake County's safe when towns were fighting over which one was going to be the county seat. I love to see the enthusiasm and curiosity of people this age.

November was also busy with veterans' programs. (See related article.) I felt honored to be in the audience at these programs.

The Questers used the Museum

as one of their stops during their Christmas Tour of Homes. The Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum and the LCHS enjoy being a part of this tradition.

The next week, at noon on December 7, the Museum hosted a brown-bag Christmas program. Jim Swanson read a poem and other writings about Christmas in Scandinavian country.

The second half of the program was music of the season, provided by the DSU Singers, led by Barb Hegg. The singing filled the Museum with the spirit of Christmas.

The Museum is also seeing a number of changes. Thanks to generous contributions, the lighting is being updated. The wall-mounted display cabinets in the town section have been updated as well, receiving new coats of paint. That section is being reorganized and rearranged, too. Our front door, on the north side of the building, has received a new seal and door sweep, improvements that are obvious when the cold north wind blows!

Another benefit of my job is the people I get to meet—students of all ages, teachers, program speakers, visitors, and board members. I was very fortunate to have spent an afternoon with Fritz Krueger during my first month here. Krueger was a long-time member and advocate of the LCHS and Museum. I will cherish my memories of him telling stories of our area and some of the Museum's artifacts, of his singing "Lili Marlene" in German while telling me of his service during World

War II, and of his smiles and encouragement.

I am also thankful to have been able to speak with Sandy Davidson, although this was long before I became curator. (Davidson, like Krueger, also passed away recently.) Two years ago, Davidson, with the help of Jim Swanson, showed how to make scones and shortbread for an ethnic-cooking program. A few months later, I was fortunate to be present when my son interviewed Davidson for a school project. Davidson was always generous of his time, support, and knowledge to individuals and to the LCHS

Another person I am glad to have met is Crystal Beigh, our work-study student. Her eye for color and design has proven useful in framing photographs, rearranging displays, and decorating for Christmas. Beigh is currently working on trying to update the Museum's website.

The LCHS board is another reason I love my job. Without their encouragement, advice, and support, this job could not get done.

I am also grateful the support of the Museum's volunteers, especially Michael, Rich, and DJ Bilka. Without Michael and Rich Bilka, the claim shanty, grindstone, and one large display cabinet would not have been moved and the Museum would not seem as open and airy. The most frequent volunteer has been DJ Bilka, a freshman at Chester High School. He sets up and puts away chairs and tables, cleans, shovels, paints, rearranges, organizes, and does research.

I thank all of you who support and visit the Museum. Thank you.

JIM SWANSON: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

By Cindy Bilka

During his years on the Lake County Historical Society Board of Directors, Jim Swanson has done many things, including serving as board president a number of times. He



feels his greatest achievement as an LCHS member, however, was his work as co-editor on the Lake County history book, History of Lake County. Jim's tireless and diligent efforts on this helped the book win a national award from the American Association for State and Local History. His second biggest achievement has been raising money to keep the Museum open after the loss of state funding.

Swanson was born in Leola, SD where his grandfather, father, and two brothers were bakers. Anyone fortunate enough to have had any of Swanson's cookies, sweet rolls, bread, or pizza is thankful for this beginning. Swanson himself, though, jokes, "We had to eat day-old doughnuts rather than Wheaties for breakfast."

From Leola, Swanson went to Northern State in Aberdeen for his bachelor's and master's degrees. After college, he taught high school at Cresbard, SD for four years. While there he met his future wife Maxine.

Before settling into marriage, Swanson had other things he felt he needed to do. Infused with the

idealism and volunteerism common in the 1960s, Swanson joined the Peace Corps and spent two years teaching secondary education in Nigeria. There, he built an entire library, book by book. Unfortunately, this remarkable achievement burned in 1967 during the Biafra War.

Back stateside, Swanson took more classes, this time from Northern Colorado University, the University of South Dakota, and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. In, 1966, he also joined the faculty of General Beadle State Teachers College, now Dakota State University, here in Madison.

For most of his years on campus, Swanson taught English courses but that was not the only campus job he has held. For three years he was the college's Director of Admissions. At that time, the state's board of regents was considering closing the school but thanks to the perseverance and dedication of Swanson and his staff, enrollment quickly rose. Dakota State set the highest percentage enrollment gain of any postsecondary institution in the United States one of those years.

Swanson missed teaching, though, and soon returned there, teaching English courses until about 2004. As with all his endeavors, he put himself wholeheartedly into it, rallying and encouraging students to appreciate the rhyme and rhythm of poetry,

the intricacies of grammar, or methods of teaching reading.

In 1993, Swanson joined the Lake County Historical Society Board of Directors. In a short time, he was immersed in compiling the Lake County history book and keeping the Museum open. He successfully juggled both of these projects and a full teaching schedule and served as president of the board a number of times.

Now Swanson, retired from teaching, is also taking a break from the board. He and his wife Maxine have two daughters, Signe and Kjersten, and Signe's twin children. Swanson is not only writing his memories and family history for his children and grandchildren, but he has also been encouraging others to do so in his bi-weekly Writers, Inc. group.

Swanson, although no longer on the board, will remain an active force in the LCHS. He continues to arrange and present ethnic cooking demonstrations, write articles for the Herald, and provide insight and advice. He also volunteers his time leading elementary students on scavenger hunts and occasionally watching the Museum if the curator is unavailable. His resonant voice and sense of humor also adds a special touch to a number of the Museum's programs.

The Lake County Historical Society and the Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum have been fortunate to have someone of Jim Swanson's caliber, dedication, and talents.

MADISON CREAMERY: THE LARGEST COOPERATIVE DAIRY PLANT IN SD

By Gene Hexom

(This article was printed in the *Madison Daily Leader* October 3, 2006)

Remember when Madison was home to the largest cooperative creamery plant in South Dakota? In the early 1950's the Farmers Co-op Creamery held that distinction, producing one-million pounds of butter annually and achieving net earnings of \$100,000 per year.

Warren Anderson, Madison, worked for more than 40 years in dairy manufacturing before he retired in 1984 from Land O'Lakes. He was associated with the Co-op Creamery here from 1939 to 1970 when Dakota Dairies merged with Land O'Lakes. The Madison Creamery operation had earlier merged with the Dakota Dairies group which included plants at Sioux Falls, Volga, Lake Norden, Madison, and Luverne, MN.

Depression curtails college degree

Anderson grew up in the Dell Rapids area and graduated from Trent High School in 1936. He attended South Dakota State College, Brookings, for three years taking courses in dairy manufacturing.

"The late 1930's were difficult years to stay in college due to the Depression, so I came to Madison in 1939 to work in the co-op creamery. I was about



Bulk milk trucks were introduced in the late 50's to deliver milk from dairy farms to the creamery. This new Ford cab-over truck was owned by Glenn Lee. The Farmers Co-op Creamery was located in downtown Madison, one-half block east of Egan Avenue on Southeast 2nd St.

20 years old, and we worked 70 hours a week with 6 to 8 employees," says Anderson.

According to the *Lake County History*, a meeting was held January 22, 1931, to organize the Farmers Cooperative Creamery and prepare the articles of incorporation. Not many details are available from the early 1930's, but Anderson says the brick building on S.E. Second St. and one-half block east of Egan Ave. was built by the Rogness Brothers. They later sold the building to the Cooperative. The Rogness Brothers operated a large dairy farm east of Madison and were

prominent businessmen in the community.

"When I came to Madison in 1939, employees were expected to do every job in the plant – process milk and cream, churn butter, dry buttermilk, pasteurize and bottle milk and, of course, the endless job of washing the milk cans, bottles, and plant equipment," says Anderson. He remembers that milk sold for 3 cents a quart in 1940.

Back to Madison after WWII

Anderson came out of Army service in 1946 and resumed his job at the creamery. He was named manager of the operation

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in 1948, a position he held until 1968.

In 1958, a drying plant was built on the west edge of Madison to produce dried milk and churn butter. The downtown building was sold to Wenk's Produce.

By the late '50's, the switch began from can routes (picking up milk and cream in 5 and 10 gallon cans from farmers) to bulk routes as more farmers were installing bulk coolers for milk.

Anderson says that, at one time, they had five bulk trucks hauling milk to Madison from farms in Lake, Moody, Minnehaha, McCook, Miner, and Brookings counties.

"The first bulk trucks had no tank baffles, so the shifting liquid caused some handling problems for the drivers. Glenn Lee rolled his truck not long after he bought it, so it was a learning process for the drivers," says Anderson. Anderson recalls that Lee and Ervin Halseth were two of the long-time truck drivers for the co-op.

The 1950's were peak years for the creamery with about 20 employees. Office and sales personnel over the years included

Imogene Ellis, Mabel Matthews, Ila Bauman, Betty Dingman, Mary Jane Todd, and Mary (Mrs. Martin) Johnson. Galen Crosby worked at the creamery for about 20 years and handled the wholesale deliveries to large customers.

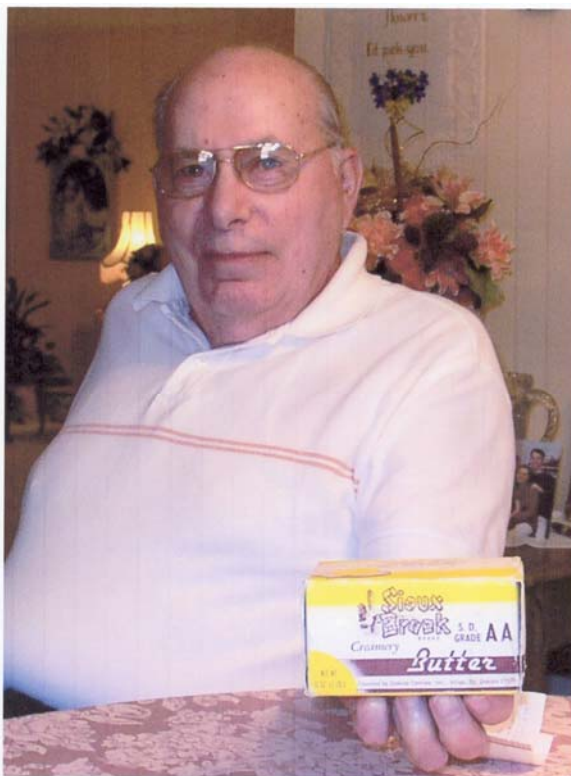
ing Oscar A. Olson, Ed Hyland, Henry Janssen, Ervin Wiese, Ralph Hetland, Edwin Hannemann, and Dan Potter to name a few.

Homogenized whole milk was introduced in 1952 and was sold in quart and half-gallon bottles. Whole cream was sold in pint and quart bottles. Forget the skim and low-fat milk products - it would be years before they came on the market. Anderson says the creamery never switched to paper milk cartons since the machinery cost about \$40,000, a price that was prohibitive for Madison's operation. Ice cream was also produced in the 1950's.

A 36 year-old pound of butter

Anderson keeps one of the last one-pound cartons of butter produced in Madison in 1970 in his freezer as a keepsake. Peerless Butter was the registered trademark for Madison, but somehow his keepsake ended up in a SiouxBrook carton from the Volga plant.

Anderson lives in Madison with his wife, Orva. Orva and



Warren Anderson, Madison, recalls his long career with the Farmers Co-op Creamery, the state's largest cooperative creamery in the early 1950's. He holds a 36-year old carton of butter that he stores in his freezer as a keepsake of the final days of butter production at the Madison plant.

Many area dairy farmers served on the board of directors of the cooperative includ-

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ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS

By Cindy Bilka

Fourth Graders Present Program:

Over sixty people attended a pre-Veterans' Day program presented to the public by Marletta Eich's Fourth Grade Class on Tuesday, November 7.

Each year, Mrs. Eich has her students interview military veterans, write a program based on these interviews, and present their program at the Museum. This year, Eich's twenty-five students interviewed Dale Coates (World War II), Lloyd Schultz (Korean War), Tech Foland (Vietnam War), Tom Brown (Persian Gulf War), and Chris Thompson (Iraq War).

With the help of Dakota State University students, Eich's students turned these interviews into a variety of presentations including Powerpoint displays, poems, skits, and songs. DSU students assisting with the program were



Terry Ryan, Vietnam veteran, speaks to students during the Museum's Veterans Day events.

Ashley Charron, Sara Doschadis, Shane Hoffman, Masey Knudson, and Lindsey Presuhn.

These veterans need to be commended for their selfless and dedicated service, and the students, too, need to be com-

mended for not letting these veterans be forgotten.

Annual Veterans Day Program:

Veterans' Day is always a busy time at the Museum. It's a time of year when all of Madison's third, fourth, and fifth graders, from both public and parochial schools, come to the Museum for a program honoring area veterans.

Since Veterans' Day fell on a Saturday in 2006, the program was held on a Friday, November 10. To accommodate the large number of school students,

the program was put on at three different times during the day. Over 300 students and community members were in attendance.

Madison's elementary school teachers chose the Vietnam War in order to tie the program in with the dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial held in Pierre two months earlier. Terry Ryan, now the Dean of Students at Dakota State University, was the featured speaker.

In 1967, Ryan, an army captain, volunteered for duty in Vietnam, serving two tours of duty. During one of these tours, Ryan was injured and received a Purple Heart. He was also awarded the Bronze Star (twice), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Viet-

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her first husband, Robert M. Aus (deceased), also had a part in Madison history when they built the A & W Drive-In in June, 1963, on the corner of N.E. 3rd St. and Division Ave.

Author's note: As a young farm boy in the 1940's, I remember those busy Saturday nights in Madison when farmers and city residents came to shop, buy groceries, sell eggs and milk, visit with friends, get a haircut, or take in a movie. On hot, summer nights there were strict orders from my parents to meet at the car by 9:45 p.m., so we could get to the creamery before closing time to get our week's supply of milk, cream and butter. That was the last stop out of town.

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QUESTERS' CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Local Chapter 1072 of the Prairie Pasque Questers held their biennial Christmas Tour of Homes on December 2, 2006. Despite an early-week forecast of rain, the day dawned cold but mostly sunny, assuring a good turnout. About 250 tickets were sold for the 2006 tour.

Dr. Michael and Artyce Brooke, Judy Dittman, Steve and Tammy Graham, Lyle and Sandi Johnson,

and John and Linda Wagner graciously opened their homes for the tour. These homes ranged from large Victorians to a cottage to newer homes and were all decorated for the holidays. The Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum, decorated with ceramic buildings, was open for those who still needed to purchase tickets or any needing a rest, coffee, hot cider, or cookies. Visitors to the Museum

were also able to sign up for a door prize, a patriotically-decorated Santa, which was won by Donna Rensch of Ramona.

After the public tour, the Questers and homeowners then toured all five homes before meeting back at the Museum for hors d'oeuvres.

The Questers thank all those who worked so hard to share the beauty of their decorated homes.

MEMORIALS

Memorials (totaling \$1055) have been received honoring Martin Gienapp and Frederick "Fritz" Krueger

LCCHS expresses condolences to the family and friends of these two loved ones.

Memorials have been received from:
 The Martin Gienapp Family
 Donald and Jeanette Weber
 The cousins of Frederick "Fritz" Krueger
 Delores Backhaus Carr
 The Law Firm of Lynn, Jackson, Schultz, and LeBrun

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nam Service Medal, the RVN Gallantry Cross (twice), the RVN Honor Medal (First Class), and the RVN Campaign Medal.

Ryan's dress uniforms—part of the Museum collection for a number of years, photographs from his tours of duty in Vietnam, and other recent additions to the collection were on display during his presentation.

Charlotte Groce, former St. Thomas educator, read from the book, **The Wall**, and students, led by Diane Plack, elementary school music teacher, sang musical numbers. George M. Cohan would have heartily approved of the pride and the enthusiasm during the singing of "It's a Grand Old Flag," and Lee Greenwood himself didn't show more pride on "God Bless the U.S.A."

The program ended with John Hess, former Museum curator, playing "Taps" on his mellophone. The low, mournful notes reminded the audience of the sacrifices of all veterans.

Thank you to the veterans, students, and teachers for making these two programs an enjoyable experience for all who attended.

UP-COMING EVENTS AT THE SMITH-ZIMMERMANN MUSEUM

Brown Baggers:

January 13, 2007, Saturday, 11:30 A.M.:

Jim Christopherson, former pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, will share information about his trip to Russia.

February 17, 2007, Saturday:

Jean Patrick, author of such books as The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth and "M" Is For Mount Rushmore, is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Keep an eye out for other Museum-related activities that are announced in the *Madison Daily Leader*.

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REMEMBERING . . . THE RUTLAND FIRE, 1962

By Dale Nighbert

Lake County has had its share of devastating fires since it was organized in 1873. Three of them occurred during the 1960s – the Rutland Main Street fire on April 25, 1962, the Beadle Campus School fire in 1963, and the Chester School fire in 1967. All three fires resulted in extensive property damage, but fortunately no lives were lost.

The effects of the Campus School fire led to the consolidation of many of the Madison area schools – Madison, Beadle, Junius, Winfred, and Orland. Chester, which had already joined with the Wentworth and Franklin school districts prior to its fire, built a new school. However, the effects of the Rutland main street fire left a heavy blow to the community – much of which is still felt and seen 44 years later.

The day following the 1962 Rutland fire a story describing its destruction appeared in the *Madison Daily Leader*. Here is that story:

Fire Strikes Rutland Main Street Totally Destroys Five Buildings

Despite the efforts of 100 firemen from six area fire departments, five Rutland buildings were destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. No injuries were reported and the estimate of the damage is not available.

The blaze, which was whipped in all directions by a 25-mile an hour wind destroyed the post office and upstairs apartment, John Graff's Pool Hall and living quarters combined, Jack Woldt's Hardware, a

house, and Woodman Hall which was used to store corn.

The fire was believed to have started from an outside fire behind the pool hall. The fire was discovered at 2:45 p.m. and the Madison Fire Department was called at 3:10 p.m. The fire developed to an extreme stage before firemen arrived because an open telephone line was not available to contact various area fire departments.

When firemen arrived the buildings were lost, but firemen were able to contain the fire from spreading to other buildings and outlying areas. Firemen saved a trailer house owned by Lloyd Nelson, and King's Grocery, owned by Ray King, east of the buildings by wetting them down. Sparks blown from strong southwesterly winds, started the roof of the nearby Bethel Lutheran church (the former Lake Park church) smoking. Firemen rushed to the church and began to pour water on the roof. They had to return to the building several times in order to prevent the roof from catching fire.

High school students worked hard and fast to remove the grocery store stocks and furnishings from the apartments into the street during the six-hour firefighting ordeal.

Clarence Johnson, postmaster, who lived upstairs over the post office, did not save any of his

furnishings, but some stamps and money were saved from the post office.

The John Graff family saved most of their furniture and clothing, merchandise from the hardware store were destroyed, but some household goods from Woldt's living quarters were saved. The 400 bushels of seed corn stored in Woodman Hall and owned by Ray King was a total loss.

Firemen from Wentworth, Madison, Colman, Sinai, Ramona, and Nunda were called. Fire fighters were hampered by a lack of water supply for fire fighting equipment, and water had to be hauled in tank trucks from Battle Creek. Volunteer truckers hauled the water which was pumped from the creek by Madison's auxiliary pump.

During the height of the fire even the front of the buildings across the street became extremely hot from the high blaze and strong winds. Many of the firemen received shoulder scorchs from the severe heat.

A gully behind the smoldering ruins began to burn and had to be observed for some time.

Strong winds blew sparks northeast of the church and started a small fire in a field

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and several grass fires were started by blowing debris.

Two houses east of the burning buildings were also wet down as a precautionary measure.

Mail is being temporarily sorted at the church.

Plans for rebuilding are not known.

The Rutland fire of 1962 left a gaping void in its main street, and many local and area residents questioned the future of the small community. There were limited attempts to rebuild or restore some of the main street businesses. A cement block building that became the new post office was built at the site where the burned out post office had once stood. Some years later, it closed and moved its service down the street to the Doug Eggebraaten's house. This empty building then became the site for the meetings of the American Legion for a while.

A block or two south of the burned-out main street stood the original Bethel Church. This church, which had ceased its operation some years before the fire, had been converted into a home. This vacant building was moved up the street and became John Graff's Pool Hall (burned in the summer of 2006).

These two buildings served the community for many years before finally closing their doors. The empty post office/legion building continues to stand today despite the need for some major repair work. The small church/home that later became the pool



This photo taken around 1915 shows the north side of Rutland's main street. Most of these buildings (once homes to a thriving bank, hotel, pool hall, grocery store, saloon, hardware store and the Woodman Hall) were still around and burned to the ground during the tragic 1962 fire. (Photo courtesy of Galen Crosby)

hall saw its demise this past summer when the deteriorating building was torn down. This lot has now rejoined the other empty lots on the once thriving main street.

A small number of residential homes remain situated throughout the community. The second Bethel Lutheran Church, located northeast of the main street, has since become a private residence and photographer's studio. The sturdy brick school building that was built in 1921 remains standing. Despite its low enrollment, the Rutland school continues to work to meet the educational needs of the area students.

Local and area residents joined together this past fall to remember Rutland's heyday as the community – established in 1906, celebrated its Centennial. Many people – the young and the old – attended the weeklong activities that also

coincided with the school's homecoming.

This celebration, whose theme was "Blast from the Past," included a large parade with antique cars and pickups, floats, and the school's marching band. A major highlight during this celebration was a video presentation that traced the history of Rutland through the use of old historic photographs and music from the times.

One hundred years after it was first settled and forty-four years after its fateful fire, many of the Rutland area residents and supporters remain optimistic, but question the community and school's future as it moves into its next century of existence.

And so, the story goes . . .

FOUR HONORED AT ANNUAL MEETING

By Jim Swanson

The Lake County Historical Society recognized four of its members at the annual meeting for outstanding contributions to the Society and to the Smith-Zimmermann Museum: John Hess, Chuck Wiedenman, and the late Fritz Krueger and Martin Gienapp.

Fritz Krueger had been an active member of the LCHS board and had a long-time association with Lake County.

Martin Gienapp was a dedicated supporter of the Museum. He also wrote articles about Chester for *The Heritage Herald* and was involved with Museum activities.

Chuck Wiedenman made generous contributions to the LCHS.

Chuck, always interested in local history, has been a dedicated worker at Prairie Village and has been a long-time member of the LCHS.

John Hess, the curator of the Museum for the past three years, has plunged himself into local history. After an outstanding job as curator, John closed with a special gift to the Museum. With help from volunteers, especially Andy Wood and Bill Clough, John renovated a Madison home and donated the sale profit to the Society, a gift of over \$20,000.

The community owes these four a great deal of gratitude. The LCHS is proud to honor such deserving patrons.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lake County Historical Society and the Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum need your help. You can help preserve our heritage and improve the Museum:

1. **Become a member of the Lake County Historical Society.** Dues are just \$10 per year! Members receive the newsletter and information about the Museum and can vote at the annual meeting of the LCHS.

2. **Make an annual financial contribution** to the Museum to build our endowment or support our annual budget.

3. **Consider a memorial gift** to the Museum in memory of a loved one.

4. **Consider an estate gift** to the Museum as part of your estate plan. Consult your legal advisor or estate planner when preparing your will or estate plan. The LCHS is a non-profit corporation under state law and is organized exclusively for the charitable, education, and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts to the LCHS are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

5. **Become a Museum volunteer.** Volunteers do many jobs at the Museum that take little time and effort. Volunteer workers help free up time for our Museum director to develop and expand our operation.



Honorees at the LCHS Annual Meeting: Front: Chuck Wiedenman. Back, from left: John Hess, Bill Clough, David and Nancy Gienapp, Andy Wood

L C H S M E M B E R S

As of December 20, 2006, LCHS has already received membership dues for 2007 from over 150 patrons! At a September Board of Director's meeting, it was decided that dues and memberships will now cover the calendar year – January 1 through December 31. Until this change, the membership year was from November 1 to October 31. We hope this change will make it easier for members to remember when dues are to be paid. We thank the following LCHS patrons for their 2007 membership dues, and we welcome our new members (*):

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