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You and your family are invited to the
Kandiyohi County Historical Society's
120th Annual Meeting & Program
Thursday, October 13th 5:30pm-8:00pm
KCHS Community Room
Featuring

HISTORY OF JENNIE-O BY PAT SOLHEID & MARIE DORAN

A roasted turkey supper with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable and dessert will be served starting at 5:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$13 per person. Following the meal, the annual meeting will be conducted. After the short annual meeting, Pat Solheid, Vice President of Human Resources & Administration at Jennie-O Turkey Store and Marie Doran will present on the History of Jennie-O Turkey Store. In 2016, the Jennie-O Turkey Store turned 75.

The Sperry House Raffle will be drawn on this night. So try for a chance to win an elegant dinner for two at the Sperry House on October 21, 2016, with Walleye and Bison catered by the 19th Avenue Grill & Lounge. Tickets are on sale at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society for a suggested donation of \$5.00 per ticket, with the proceeds used for restoring the Victorian Sperry House. Tickets will be available through October 13th.

Please RSVP by Friday, October 7th!! Please call 235-1881 or email us at kandhist@msn.com to reserve your spot! Prepayment is required. Our address is KCHS, 610 NE Hwy 71, Willmar, MN 56201.



Free Range Turkeys-1940

We hope to see you there!

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Kandiyohi County Historical Society's Wish List

- 8 1/2" x 11" white office copy paper
- Stamps—regular and post card
- 2" or 3" three ring binder
- Clear sheet protectors
- Clipboards for school tours

Newsletter Email List

Please let us know if you would like to receive your newsletter over email by sending your request to kandhist@msn.com. Remember if you want to be included on our email list for upcoming news and programs, please let us know.

Our Sympathy to Family and Friends

Gloria Martell Benson

86, KCHS lifetime member since 1982, passed away on May 25, 2016. She is survived by four children, and five grandchildren.

William "Bill" Sook

88, KCHS member since 1991, passed away on June 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife, LaDonna Hallberg, two children, four step-children, four grandchildren and ten step-grandchildren.

Jervey Anderson Christiansen

82, KCHS lifetime member since 1970, passed away on July 17, 2016. She is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Glen Roger Johnson

87, KCHS member since 2000, passed away on August 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Lavonne, one daughter, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Speets Wittman

99, KCHS lifetime member since 1982, passed away on August 4, 2016. She is survived by one daughter, two grandsons, four great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Thank you ~ Your gifts help preserve our heritage for future generations!

New and Renewal

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5/19//2016—8/30/2016

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Building Fund

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Kandiyohi County Historical Society Receives Grant



The Minnesota Historical Society awarded a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$9020 to the Kandiyohi County Historical Society and will support its World War I Traveling Exhibit Plan.

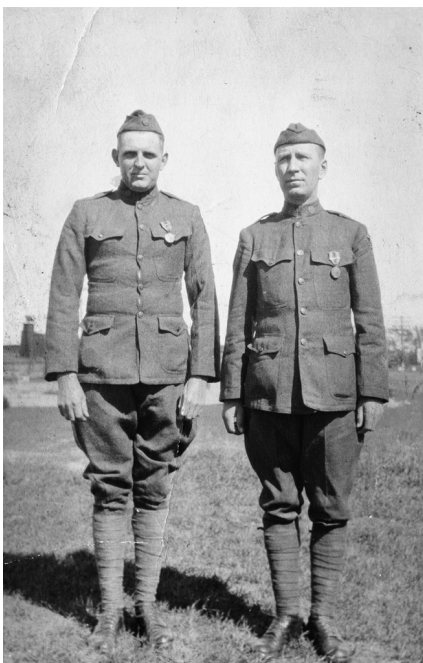
The grants are awarded quarterly to help non-profit and educational organizations, government units and tribal organizations preserve and share Minnesota history. The awards were approved by the MNHS Executive Council on May 20, 2016.

Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008. The Legacy Amendment supports efforts to preserve Minnesota land, water and legacy, including Minnesota history and cultural heritage.

The Kandiyohi County Historical Society received this grant on behalf of the West Central Historical Association (WCMHA). WCMHA is a collaboration of the county and area historical societies and museums of 10 counties in West Central Minnesota. The counties included are Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift and Yellow Medicine. The purpose of this collaboration is to promote and tell the history of West Central Minnesota.

The purpose of the grant is to hire a qualified consultant to write an exhibit plan for a World War I traveling exhibit. The consultant, Museology, in conjunction with WCMHA member organizations, seeks to research and undertake preliminary planning for a traveling exhibit exploring the impact of World War I on ten counties in west central Minnesota.

For more information, contact Jill Wohnoutka at 320-235-1881 or kandhist.msn.



*World War I
Russel Quam & Albin Johnson*

World War I 100th Anniversary

In 2017, the Kandiyohi County Historical Society is going to honor the 100th Anniversary of the US entering World War I. Currently, we are researching the history of World War I in Kandiyohi County. A volunteer is transcribing letters written by Bryan Sperry during his service in World War I. We plan on doing a special display of these letters in the Sperry House next year. Bryan Sperry was the last Sperry to live in that house before it was given to the Historical Society. At the County Fair, we started collecting more information from the public about World War I. We hope to use this information in our display in the museum. We are looking forward to the programs and events we are planning for next year.

If you have any information, artifacts, photographs, letters, etc. that you would be willing to share, please contact Jill at 320-235-1881 or kandhist@msn.com.

When a Girl...Churches

By Bea Ronning Ourada

I hope you have visited the museum and seen the beautiful pictures of our churches as well as other exhibits this summer, or have visited the website. We continue with my memories of church life when I was a girl...

Willmar was noted for a large number of churches representing just about every denomination. Some of the buildings have changed in denomination or purpose, some have continued in the same denomination, some are totally gone, some are in a new structure in the same location and some have moved away from the downtown area to what was the outskirts of town when they built. Downtown Willmar was home to many churches. I will place a few that you may remember: Calvary Lutheran was at the base of the First Street Bridge, Vinje Lutheran was on the corner of Fifth Street and Becker Avenue, facing on Becker, St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Mission Covenant faced each other on Seventh Street and Litchfield Avenue. Bethel Lutheran, First Presbyterian and St. Luke's Episcopal (recently closed) have stayed in the same location. Bethel was referred to as the Swedish Lutheran and Vinje the Norwegian Lutheran. I apologize to the other communities--we did not have a car in those days, gas was rationed and we did not get out of Willmar very often so I don't have much memory of the churches outside of Willmar. A church on the corner of Minnesota and Fifth Street was the Church of the Nazarene, then became a day care and most recently, the Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist. Kitty corner across was the Gospel Tabernacle, now a Baptist Church. The Muslim Mosque occupies the newer part of Lafayette grade school on the northside of Willmar. Willmar still is a city of many churches, serving the diversity of the community. However, they are no longer clustered together and can be found in all parts of the city and beyond.

Of course different churches had different services and schedules but they were similar in many ways as well. When we entered the third grade we were old enough to go to Wednesday School. School would dismiss at 2 or 2:30 and we would all go our separate ways to our own church. We would have a Bible lesson, maybe a craft, and some music, before we were sent home again. My church was (and is) on the corner of Litchfield and 6th Street. At that time, Litchfield was a through street, Highway 12, with heavy traffic. On the corner where the Christianson parking lot is today, there was a fire hall, and east of that was the police station, the public works office, and then the Bank of Willmar. My Mother would be across the street, volunteering in the basement of the American Legion Building, folding bandages for the Red Cross, so I was to go there to wait for her to go home. It was terrifying to cross Litchfield Avenue to reach my destination. Sometimes when we were in church, we would hear the fire whistle blow at the power plant which was in the same location it is now. Shortly after that we would hear cars pulling up and then all the sirens as the engines pulled out. We would come out of church and see cars abandoned in all directions as the volunteers jumped out to catch a ride on an engine to go to the fire. More than once, whatever was happening at church would have to stop for a minute or two until the sirens subsided.

And then what were our Sundays like? Sunday was church day. There were no stores open and the only people working were emergency people--police, hospital workers, a cafe might be open, and one or two service stations. The trains operated and we would hear them, but not as much as on weekdays. So, people were in church--they weren't working, and they really had no other place to be. Most churches had a morning worship and Sunday school for the children, and then back in the evening, maybe with a youth group and then an evening service for everyone. The Lutheran kids had Luther League, my church had Christian Endeavor and I am sure other denominations had their own named groups as well. Many churches also had some sort of prayer service mid-week as well. Wednesday was considered church night, there were no school events scheduled and this was for choir practice, youth groups and Bible studies.

There is much more to tell, but it is time for you to fill in the blanks with your memories

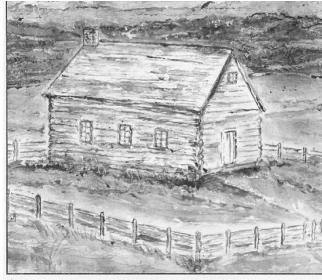


Calvary Lutheran Church

**Norway Lake Lutheran
Historical Association**

6338 County Road 40 NW
New London, MN 56273

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Norway Lake Log Church - 1868

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News from the Norway Lake Lutheran Historical Association September 2016

Recap of Summer 2016 Events

Our series of nine Vespers services concluded on August 13th. These services are enjoyed by a number of regular attendees, and occasional drop-ins. The average attendance this year was over 30. We thank all our guest pastors, guest musicians, guest organists, and those who served the lunches.

Our annual celebration took place on August 21st. We had a 10:30 worship service at the Old Log Church, a catered noon lunch at East Norway Lake Lutheran Church, a history presentation back at the Old Log Church, a group photograph at 3 PM, and lefse afterward. The history session explained how our replica of the original log church became a reality. We heard of the leadership role of the late Pastor Joel M. Njus, but also that many individuals were involved in making decisions and in doing the work.

The group photograph replicated, in a modest way, a photograph taken at the same spot 100 years ago. Stephen Deleski of West Central Printing in Willmar was the photographer. Thankfully, the weather was partly cloudy with light winds, so Stephen was able to use his camera-equipped drone to get both close-up photos and photos from way up high (see photo at right). The results are just stunning. The 100 year old photo included about 260 people; this year's version had 105. The Board of Directors will decide how to make these images available.



Coming Events

October 8, 1 to 3 PM – Lefse Day at the Knudson Cabin. See lefse being made, and maybe try your hand at it. Lefse will be available for tasting and purchase. The Cabin will also be on display, and its history explained.

November 27, 2 PM - Advent worship service at the Old Log Church.

Charter Member Project.

This project has been somewhat dormant over the summer as our normal summertime activities have been a priority. However, one mini-biography has been added: Arla Berry has submitted one about her great-grandparents Bjorn and Sigrid Reierson.

Sacred Places in Kandiyohi County

The Sacred Places project continues to make progress. We featured Sacred Places at the Kandiyohi County Fair this year. We had 12 prints on display and notecards available for sale. We also debuted the 2017 Sacred Places in Kandiyohi County Calendar! The calendars are being sold for \$10 each. The proceeds from the sales will go towards the production of the *Sacred Places in Kandiyohi County* book to be released in 2020 in conjunction with Kandiyohi County's 150th anniversary.

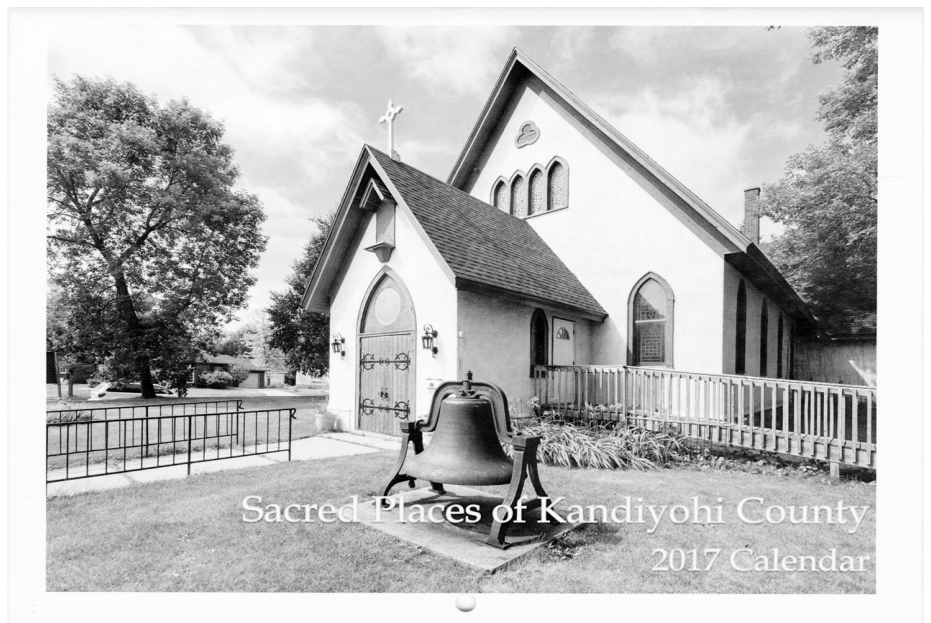
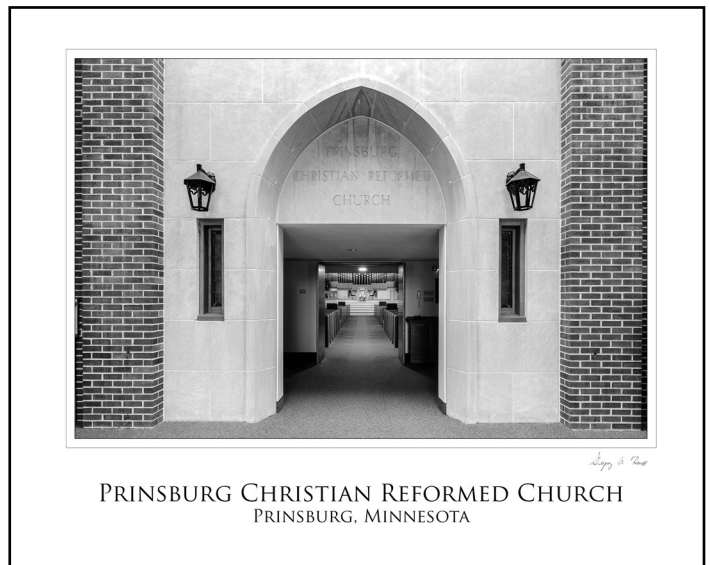
Now available for sale are the 32 prints we have had on exhibit in our Community Room and at the County Fair. The churches, sizes of prints and costs are listed below. The proceeds of these prints will go towards the production of the *Sacred Places* book. If you have any questions, please contact Jill at the Museum at 320-235-1881.

\$300 (24"x 36")

Lake Florida Covenant
Green Lake Stave Chapel

\$250 (20"x 30")

Eagle Lake Lutheran
United Methodist of Willmar
Salem Covenant
Tripolis Lutheran
Vikor Lutheran
United Lutheran, Lake Lillian
Roseland Reformed Church
St. Patrick's Catholic
Sunburg Free Lutheran
Harrison Community Presbyterian
Iglesia Adventista del Septimo Dia
Immanuel Lutheran, Willmar



2017 Calendars—\$10.00

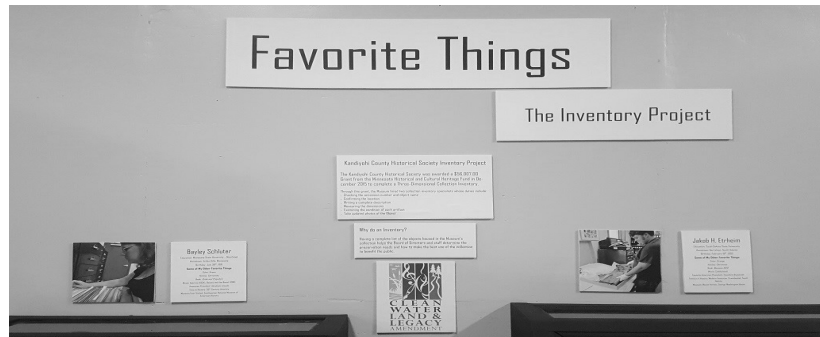
\$200 (16"x 20")

Atwater United Methodist
Long Lake Bethany Lutheran
Blomkest Baptist
Crow River Lutheran
Hope Presbyterian
Islamic Society of Willmar
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Svea Lutheran
Vinje Lutheran

Nordland Lutheran
The Old Log Church
Prinsburg Christian Reformed
Seventh Day Adventist, New London
Saint John's Lutheran, Pennock
Saint John's Lutheran, Raymond
Saint Luke's Episcopal
Unitarian Universalist
West Lake Lutheran

New Exhibit

Favorite Things: the Collection Inventory



Come and check out this exhibit on the inventory project! The exhibit highlights the items inventoried at the museum. Our Collection Specialists will highlight their favorite things they inventoried. Come find out what happens to the artifact after it is donated and learn more about museum vocabulary. This exhibit will change monthly.

Little Crow Photography Club Water Exhibit

KCHS Community Room- now until December 31, 2016



The Little Crow Photography Club is currently displaying an exhibit on water in the KCHS community room. This exhibit will run until December 31, 2016. The Photography Club meets in the Community Room the four Monday of every month. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

West Central Area Baseball Hall of Fame



The Kandiyohi County Historical Society partnered with the Willmar Stingers to begin a West Central Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014. We are seeking nominations for the 2017 class. The West Central Baseball Hall of Fame covers a 45-mile radius of Willmar which includes communities such as Glenwood, Montevideo, Redwood Falls and Dassel-Cokato. In order to be considered for the West Central Baseball Hall of Fame, nominees must fall within the 45-mile radius of Willmar and be featured in one of the following categories:

Professional

Player or manager who resided in West Central Minnesota and went on to success in high levels of professional baseball as a player, coach, or manager.

Amateur

An amateur player, coach, or manager who was successful as a player in youth, high school, and/or adult amateur baseball.

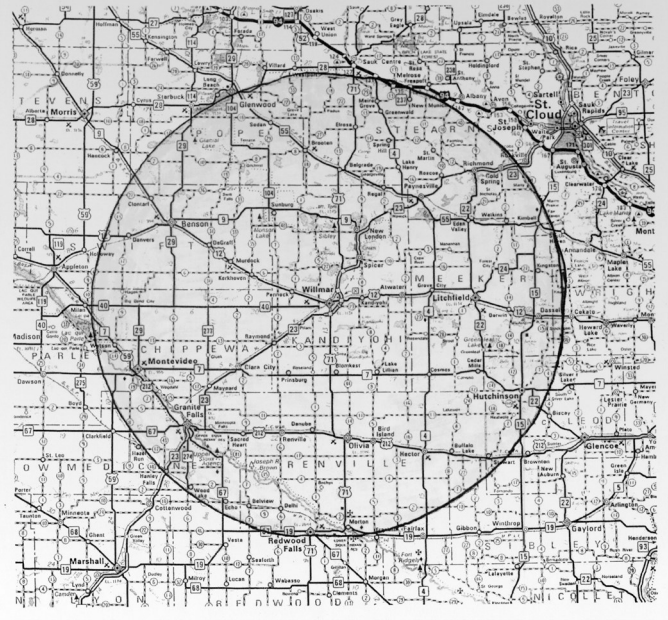
Community Involvement

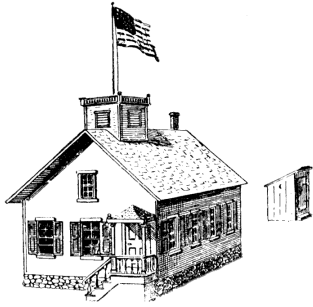
A longtime resident of West Central Minnesota who has achieved great success as a supporter of baseball and has made significant contributions to baseball.

The Historical Society will begin accepting nominations immediately to be reviewed by the selection committee. If you wish to submit a nomination, a form has been created to submit potential candidates to the Historical Society. The form and 45 mile radius map can be obtained at www.kandiyohicountyhistory.com or by contacting Jill Wahnoutka at the Historical Society at 320-235-1881 or kandhist@msn.com. The 2017 inductions to the West Central Baseball Hall of Fame will be held on to-be determined date in January or February in conjunction with the Stingers Winter Barbeque event.

Nominations must be submitted to the Historical Society by Friday, October 14, 2016 in order to be considered for the 2017 class. All nominations must include a nomination form.

Hall of Fame Radius





RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF KANDIYOHI COUNTY

NORWAY LAKE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Written by Marilyn Johnson

DISTRICT 29

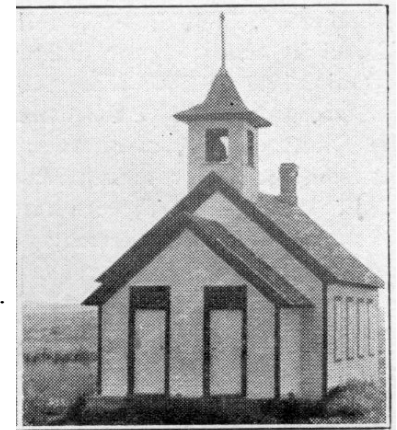
In 1869 Even O. Glesne, Peter Peterson, and Lewis Iverson were among the primary movers in getting District 29 established. In the fall of 1870 or the winter of 1871 an 18x20 foot log school was built near E. O. Glesne's place. On March 14, 1871, the first term of the district commenced with Miss Ellen Blakeley of Paynesville as teacher.

Norway Lake Township was redistricted into four districts on March 18, 1879, each district comprising one-fourth of the township. The southeast quarter, which contained the old log schoolhouse, remained District 29. This schoolhouse was sold in 1880 to an individual who used it as a dwelling house for several years. A new 16x20 foot frame structure was built on the NW1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 26. The public road passing the schoolhouse was changed in 1897. The schoolhouse was moved to northwest corner of SE1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 26, and an addition was built. A belfry was added in 1899.

Students enrolled in 1898 were: Anna Flolo, Selma Hystad, Knut Flolo, Colonel Rustad, Harold Rustad, Carl Rustad, Albert Rustad, Ida Flolo, Byrant Hystad, Alfred Soland, Mary Hystad, Henry Espelien, Clara Olson, Geolina Olson, Hilda Nelson, Ida Nelson, Gerhard Storaaker, Bertha Nelson, Nels Nelson, Theodore Finstad, Carl Soland, Peter Soland, Adolph Espelien, Lovisa Flolo, Geolina Flolo, Olof Nelson, Elmer Nelson, John Rustad.

District 29 employed the following teachers from 1905 to 1966: Alette Shipstead, Emma Kambestad, Jennie Wildson, Marie Kirkeboe, Victoria Peterson, Amanda Johnson, Clara Clausen, Clara Thorstenson, Andrew Roisum, Rhoda Hansen, Hattie Weiland, Avid Aspaas, Mildred Barker, Walter Anderberg, Dillion Peterson, Mrs. Frances Larson, Mabel Skoglund, Rikka Boe, Gladyce Haug, Alice Rime, Stanley Danielson, Mrs. Walter Struxness, Ottelia Vigen, Mabel Knutson, Marjory Sollitt, Mrs. Norman Rindahl, Eileen Thompson, Helen Rime, Esther Lou Swenson, Louise Hall, Hilda Batterberry, Mrs. Bernie Linden, Mrs. Gerhard Johnson, Mrs. Elverna Johnson.

This schoolhouse continued in the northwest corner of SE1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 26. When District 95 was formed in 1894, it included portions of District 29.



District 29

DISTRICT 59

A petition dated March 4, 1972, and bearing the signatures of Lars Bendickson, Helge Nilson, Ole Pederson, Ole Swenson, Andrew Johnson, Ole Eliason, Torger Gunnufson, Nils Olson Hystad, Ole Gunderson, and Ole Olson, asked for the formation of a new school district covering Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and W1/2 of Section 32, of Norway Lake Township. The petition was granted but no school organized until 1875,

when a log schoolhouse was built and classes held.

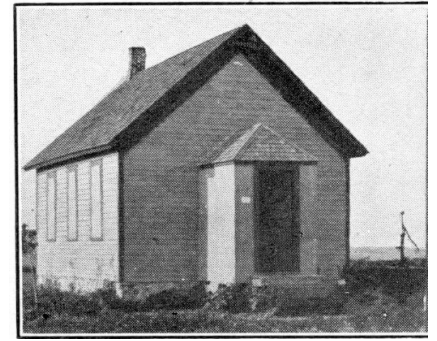
In 1878 a petition signed by Ole Eliasson, Torger Gunnufson, Ole G. Ligaarden, Nils Christenson, Andreas Nilson, John Olson, Bjor Bjorson Teige, Elof Ostenson, Bjorn Bjornson, Tollev Halstenson, Andrias Jorgenson, and John M. Peterson, asked for the reorganization of District 59 to include Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 of Norway Lake Township. In March of 1879 this petition was granted.

At a special school meeting held on Nov 3, 1881, it was decided to build a new 18x24 foot schoolhouse. Ole Eliasson, Bjorn Bjornson, and Torkel Gunnufson were elected to serve on the building committee. The old schoolhouse was sold for \$36.50. The new schoolhouse was built on the south side of the road in the NE1/4 of Section 29. A school library was obtained in 1900 through the efforts of the teacher, Miss Emma Paulson, who arranged a picnic for the benefit of the library fund.

Students enrolled in 1897 were: Alma Berg, Oliver Berg, Tilda Ellingboe, Arthur Ellingboe, Mary Ellingboe, Lillie Hendrickson, Annie Jorgenson, Minnie Jorgenson, Elmer Ligaarden, Mary Ligaarden, Christine Ligaarden, Henry Mortenson, Clara Mortenson, Martin Mortenson, Lillie Nelson, Tilda Nelson, Mollie Nelson, Josephine Peterson, Elling Peterson, Siver Rood, Ellen Teige, Albin Thorson, Ella Thorson, Olof E. Rood, Tillie Spaanem, Julia Spaanem, Theodore Spaanem, Albert Ellingson, Minda Jorgeson.

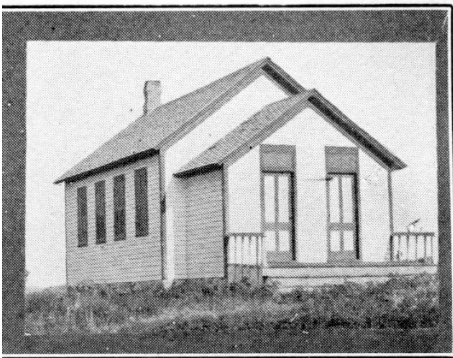
The following teachers have taught in the school since 1877: S. I. Foot, 1877; Cornelia O. Knudson, 1878 & 1879; John O. Syverson, 1880; Harry A. Atwood, spring 1881; Rachel O. Knudson, fall 1881; May Hoffman, 1884; Christina Erickson, 1890; Andrew J. Nervig, spring 1891; John H. Ford, fall 1891; E. C. Quale, 1892; C. E. Quale, 1893; C. G. Grandrud, 1894 & 1895; G. A. Erickson, 1896, 1897 & spring 1898; Emma Paulson, fall 1898 to spring 1900; Emma Ramstad, 1901-02; Jennie Embertson, spring 1902.

The District 59 schoolhouse was located in the NW corner of the SE1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 29, on the south side of current State Hwy 9.



District 59

DISTRICT 72



District 72

A petition dated Dec 21, 1878 and signed by Ingebrigt E. Holum, John Torrison, Andreas Palmeson, Narve N. Raaen, Ole J. Ringdahl, Baar Mickelson, Peter Hanson, Ragnild Everson, John Knudson Fosse, Nils Knudson, Johan Nilson, Peter Peterson, and Andrew Sorenson, asked for a new school district to be formed out of the northeast quarter of Norway Lake Township. The petition was granted and District 72 was formed on March 18, 1879.

The first term of school began June 11, 1879 and was held in Knud A. Olson's log residence

until July 15th. This building was again used as a schoolhouse in 1880 and 1881. In 1881 a new schoolhouse was built, a small frame building built by G. P. Nordie.

At a special school meeting held on Sept 5, 1896, it was decided to build a new 18x26 foot schoolhouse, with an 8x14 entry. The structure was completed in the fall of 1896. In 1894 the free text book system was adopted. In 1895 a library was purchased.

Students enrolled in 1879 were Martin Rindahl, Martha Rindahl, Peter Peterson, Josephine Peterson, Andrew Peterson, John Rindahl, Anna Ingebretson, Mary Ingebretson, Ole Ingebretson, Gunnuf Thorson, Julia Thorson, Mina Peterson, Han-

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nah Hanson, Esther Raan, Ole Rindahl, George Raan, Gina Anderson, Andrew Raan, Anton Anderson, Peter Anderson, Harry Raan, Christine Knutson, Erick Ingebretson, Christian Peterson.

Teachers from 1905 to 1957 were: Clara Torculson, Mary Olson, Alette Shipstead, Ernest Freed, Dena Hendrickson, Agnes Gabrielson, Ida Rotto, Evelyn Evans, Ida Lee, Esther Melin, Anna Knutson, Agnes Monson, Beline Brevig, Oscar R. Olson, Margaret Reine, Lucy Matteson, Ardella Gysberg, Bernice Nelson, Clara Olson, Kordella Nelson, Alice Peterson, Forest Erickson, Gertrude Johnson, Rosella Torgeson, Alan Ek, Wanda Lawton, Julia Hegg, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Delores Thompson, Marjorie Eddy, Mrs. Geo. B. Johnson, Mrs. Alma Hystead, Mabel I. Rosenau, Wilma Lea, Mrs. Phyllis Imsdahl, Mrs. Rosella Iverson.

The District 72 schoolhouse was located in the NW1/4 of NW1/4 of Section 11 on the north side of current 270 Ave NW and slightly west of current Co Rd 115. This district closed in 1957.

DISTRICT 73 (799)

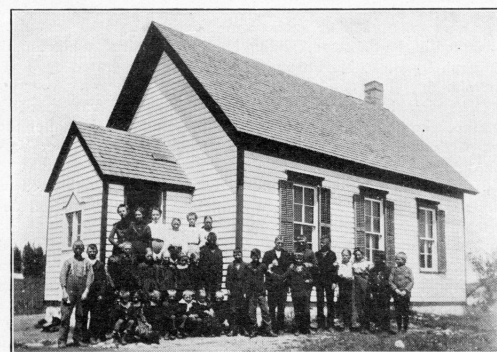
A petition dated Jan 25, 1879, asking for the formation of a school district in the northwest quarter of Norway Lake Township, bore the signatures of Anders Olson, Christopher Bjornson, Stener Halvorson, O. O. Medalen, Tosten Olson Hagen, Ole O. Wig, Ole Erickson, Syver Olson, Johannes Johanson, Ole C. Sky, Knudt J. Fosse, Christopher Erickson, Andreas Knudson, Erick O. Erickson, and Tore Toreson. This petition was granted and district 73 was established on March 18, 1879.

The first schoolhouse, a small frame structure, covered with tar paper, was erected in 1880. Miss Nellie Knudson taught the first school in the spring of 1879. In 1884 a new schoolhouse was built, at a cost of \$410.80. Early records of the school are missing. Dudley Wilkins was the teacher in 1886. John Everson was the first clerk, Narve Nelson was the first treasurer, and the first director was Peter Pearson.

The following students were enrolled in 1879: Olof Wig, Abbie Wig, Emma Wig, Nettie Wig, Martin Hegg, Clinton Hegg, Olaus Medalen, Ole Medalen, Bjorn Teige, Ole Teige, Gulbrand Teige, Theo. Thorson.

Teachers from 1905 through the school year 1969-70 were: Elizabeth Coyne, Herbert C. Feig, Clara L. Anderson, James C. Mitchell, Alette Shipstead, Anna Fridlund, Agnes Gabrielson, Evelyn Evans, Hannah Halvorson, Georgia Fiskerbeck, Huldah Olson, Julia Thompson, Alice Mulvihill, Stella Croonquist, Flossie Norris, Agnes Gandrud, Aurora Keistman, Mrs. Eva Norris, Marguerite Hanssen, Guida Quale, Emily Walquist, Constance Klungness, Sarah Anderson, Alice Rime, Harriet Anderson, Mrs. Everett Krueger, Mrs. W. O. Struxness, Earl Frederick, Mrs. Vivian Kittelson, Harriet Larson, Mrs. Kermit Gandrud, Mrs. Gerhard Johnson, Maxine Hoff, Alma O. Peterson, Mrs. Ruth Paulson, Norma Peterson, Myra Thorson, Mrs. Lloyd Sanders, Mrs. Wendell Peterson, and Mrs. Joseph Skarpness.

This schoolhouse was located in the southwest corner of the NE1/4 of Section 8 on the east side of current Co Rd 36.



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DISTRICT 95

A petition dated at Colfax Township on December 1893 asked for the formation of a new school district out of territory taken from districts 13, 29, 31, and 72. This petition was signed by John J. Week, Ole E. Peterson, Bjorn Olson, Gjermund Peterson Nordlie, Henry Christopherson, Ole T. Odland, Andrew T. Odland, Severin Knudson, Bendik Olson, Cornelius Kudson, Even Olson, Tollof Olson, W. L. Norin, Erick Knudson, Hans Peterson, Knud Olson, Claus Olson, Kari Olson, and Lewis Olson.

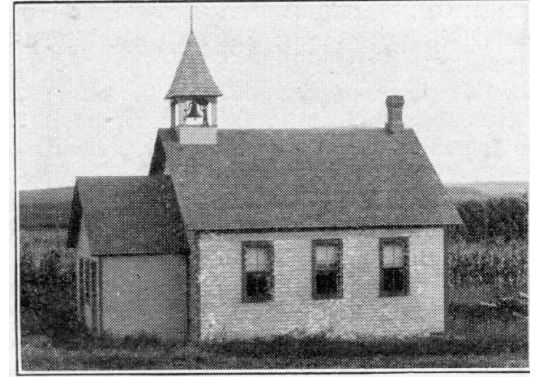
When the petition came up for final hearing on Jan 24, 1894, remonstrances from citizens of districts 29, 13, and 72 were read. The county commissioners granted the petition and the new district was established. District 95 covered the territory of SW1/4 of Section 18, all of Sections 19, 30 and 31, Colfax Twp; Sections 13 and 24, NE1/4 and E1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 23, E1/2 and N1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 25, Norway Lake Twp. On Sept 4, 1894 the lands belonging to Nels Peterson were set off from the new district to District 13, thereby entirely separating the S1/2 of Section 31 from the rest of the district.

On Feb 28, 1894, at a special school meeting held at the home of J.J. Week, it was decided to issue bonds for \$300 for building a schoolhouse. At a special meeting held on April 3, 1894 it was decided to build on a site donated by Hans Peterson on the southeast corner of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 24. In the spring of 1894 an 18x26 foot frame building was erected. Later a hall and belfry were added.


The first term of school began June 16, 1894 and lasted one month. Melvin Geer was the first teacher, and earned \$28 per month. In 1895 four months of school were held. Thereafter there were five months of school. Students enrolled in 1894 were John Erickson, Ada Noren, Archie Norin, John Norin, Louisa Nordlie, Gerhard Nordlie, Knut Knutson, Lena Olson, Annie Olson, Anna Olson, Julia Olson, Hans Olson, Ole Olson, Ida Olson, Marcus Olson, Eva Odland, Tollef Odland, Constance Travaas, Annetta Week, Andrew Week, Martin Week, Thilda Olson, Christina Peterson, Carl Peterson, Hilma Olson.

Teachers from 1905 to 1959 were: Godfrey Hawkinson, Mary Olson, Elmer Hauge, Emma Peterson, Anna J. Berg, O. Clyde Lance, Ottelia Vigen, Minnie A. Hedin, Emma Ekren, Josephine B. Henjum, Andrew Roisum, Agnes Boe, Clara Clausen, Gena Olson, Flora Euling, Ada Thorson, Elvina Larson, Florence Oslund, Edna Johnson, Mrs. Rhoda Railson, Esther Devold, Florence Gandrud, Lucille Tait, Anna Martinson, Alice Peterson, Kordella Nelson, Noble Olson, Myrtle Tollefsrud, Clarice Tollefsrud, Eva Nelson, Mrs. Clarence Peterson, Mrs. W. O. Struxness, Mrs. Selma Pederson, Mrs. Kermit Rustad, Clara Christensen, Mrs. Rhoda Railson, Mrs. Wendell Peterson, Elaine Iverson, Evelyn Benjaminson, Mrs. Grace Ashcroft, Mrs. James Rustad, Mrs. Fern Gerde, Mrs. Evelyn Mohs.

District 95 was located on the west side of current Co Rd 1, in the southeast corner of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 24. This school closed in 1959.



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