President’s Message

Sue Larsen

This fall marks a special anniversary for the Smith-Zimmerman Museum. It’s our 50th anniversary in this building, and we plan to celebrate. We hope you will join us at our annual meeting on October 9 at 2:00, which will include a variety of special events. You will get to hear speakers tell our history, see what was placed in the time capsule 50 years ago, and enjoy an audio-visual presentation of the founding, among other things.

Included in this newly redesigned newsletter you will find an invitation to attend this anniversary celebration. Lake County Historical Society Board Members and volunteers have been working diligently to prepare for this event, including telling the story of our founding and recappping the history of the Museum in this issue. You will find stories about the organization of the Lake County Historical Society and the building of the Smith-Zimmermann Museum.

If it weren’t for the foresight of the charter members who organized the LCHS and began collecting items for exhibit we would not have the wonderful representation of Lake County history found in our Museum today. These charter members are listed in this newsletter, where you will find many familiar surnames in the area. We are compiling a list of descendants of the people on this list, so if you are a descendant of a charter member, or know someone who is, please contact the Museum with that information. We hope to have many descendants of founders at the 50th anniversary celebration.

The Museum has benefitted recently from Julie Gross of The Madison Chamber of Commerce, who has been promoting our offerings. When the Tour de Kota bicycle tour was in town, she arranged to have us open the Museum for them. The Southeast South Dakota Board of Directors hosted a FAM (familiarization) tour of Southeast SD, and a group of writers recently visited the Smith-Zimmermann Museum.

When you arrive for the annual meeting or just stop by to visit, please take note of the new addition to the landscaping in front of the Museum. Peggy Mallisee and Nancy Satoloe donated a bench in memory of their parents, Bud and Ione Galloway. Thanks, Peggy and Nancy, for deciding that the Museum would be the site for the memorial bench. Lola Towlerton Downs spent some time with me at the Museum this summer, and she decided that the Museum should have a new refrigerator, so she bought us one. Thanks, Lola. We are enjoying it!

This summer we have also received many donations for the ongoing fundraiser at the flea market. We know we can count on continuing support from our membership with this project.

As you can see, 50 years is just the beginning of our efforts to preserve Lake County history and tell the story of this area. We hope to see you on October 9. Come and help us celebrate 50 years of the Smith-Zimmermann Museum and its lovely home.
Reflection - Lake County Historical Society in Transition

Delmer Dooley

It was a privilege to serve as president of the Lake County Historical Society for a three-year period of 1988, 1989, and 1990. The Board of Directors was a dedicated and supportive group. They were Steve Bartej, Ruby Kuchenbecker, Carla Callies, Dr. Wm. Haley, Celeste Harrington, Fritz Kruger, Lawrence Kruger, and Palmer Reinicke. Carrie Lavernway was our curator.

The major project from 1991 to 1995 was to write and publish a Lake County History book. The Museum staff and directors obtained a grant from the Humanities Council, and the Lake County Historical Society and the City of Madison gave matching funds.

Society members and volunteers donated their time and assisted with writing, researching, photographing, and proofing. Proof readers were especially valuable to insure accuracy of the material written for publication. The co-authors of the history book were Clyde Brashier and James Swanson. Both brought their professional skills and unlimited time to the Lake County History book. When printed in 1995, the book contained 1,009 pages.

It was this project that provided the funds that made possible the finances that were necessary for the successful funding of the Lake County Museum and the many programs for Lake County residents and area students.

In 1991, the Museum was without a curator for several months. Thanks to our District Legislators of Wallace Hanson, Jerome Lammers, and Andy Wiese, and J.R. Fishbourn, Director of the Office of History, funding was restored. This event was the beginning of transferring our Museum to local control and to financing the Smith-Zimmermann Museum for future years. Thanks to our State Representatives and Senators, state funding for four years made it possible for our Museum to become self-supporting since 1997.

The support of the Museum in 1988 was about 100 paid memberships. This year, 2011, the staff reported over 300 members, making possible a very viable and successful museum.

Wish List -

- **Lake County History Book**: Our list of people waiting for a copy of this wonderful book is growing.

- Archival Quality Photo Sleeves: 8 1/2 x 11” The cost of one package is $16.24. These sleeves are needed to protect pictures and written documents. We have purchased some but need more to protect additional pictures.

- The Museum is taking donations to be put toward glass covering film that will be used on the windows and doors in the entry areas of the Museum. The film filters light rays that have the potential to harm collection items. If you are interested in donating toward this project please contact Torrie at 605-256-5308.

- Office supplies are needed: Post It Notes, Yellow Legal Pads, Colored 8 1/2 x 11 printed paper, and paper to be used in the printer.

- Postage Stamps

Wishes Granted

**Thank You**

- **Carolyn Genzlinger** donated a glass Daisy Churn that will be used to make butter for the elementary school programs. Thank you, Carolyn.

- **Arlene Gauthun Bruehl** donated a metal Daisy Churn that will also be used during the elementary school programs. She also gave many doilies and fine linens that belonged to her mother - Martha Gauthun. Those items came to us all the way from Pullman, Washington.

- **Bonnie Olson** brought us a Madison, S.D. Monopoly Board Game. Thanks, Bonnie.

- Thank you, **Lola Downs**, for donating several serving spoons to the museum. They are greatly appreciated.
A locked tin box has set on a high shelf in the back storeroom of the Smith-Zimmermann Museum for fifty years. Taped to the outside is a note that describes some of its contents: Centennial Editions of Newspapers, Pioneer Citizen Award Certificates, and a tape recording of the 1961 Museum dedication ceremony and program.

The note also says that the box’s materials are to be opened in 2011 which is the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Lake County Museum. And so, the dusty tin box has waited.

Once upon a time . . . the number of early pioneers who had settled in Lake County during the 1870s and 1880s had dwindled by the early 1950s. Only a few remained. There was a concern that if the local history, including the records and the relics of the past, were not authenticated and preserved, they could be lost forever.

In 1952, the Lake County Historical Society was organized, and its charter was signed by 122 members. Their purpose was to collect and preserve the data and artifacts that pertained to the early settlement and frontier life of Lake County. One of the first steps taken by the group was to begin work to establish a museum.

George Smith, who came to Lake County in the 1870s as a child, became the society’s first president. Smith was described as “the most informed person on matters historical in the community.” He stressed the need for a museum that would store and show the many historic relics that were scattered about the county.

The Madison Daily Leader reported that “nothing recalls the early days more vividly than historic articles, as well as a collection of the everyday things which the pioneer used – an ox yoke, a cartwheel, a picture or reproduction of a covered wagon, common household articles, needlework, books, and papers.”

In 1953, the Lake County Historical Society’s dream came true when it opened a small museum in Room 20 of the East Wing of General Beadle College. Its first curator was George Smith. Almost half of the museum’s 150 artifacts were loaned or donated by Smith who took great pride in telling visitors where every article was from as well as its history.

The museum was considered to be a “collector’s paradise,” and almost everything used by pioneers was exhibited – wooden ox yokes, a plow, a specimen of tightly-twisted hay, wooden rakes, Chautauqua relics, guns used by Smith’s father during the Civil War, and numerous other items. Several artifacts were also donated by other area residents.

Madison Gets New Museum
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July 18, 1953

Lake County has been recapturing the past since the recent opening of the Lake County Historical Society’s museum located on the second floor of General Beadle’s College East Wing here.

Here one finds the old oaken bucket, wheel and windlass used by an early pioneer to draw water from the open curbed well for the stock and family use. The old wooden rake used in cocking hay in the mid-1870s, as well as a pair of heavy hickory wood ox yokes that were used on the oxen to break the virgin sod in the county.

Compared to our modern superautomatic scales at the modern elevators, is the wooden half-bushel measure used to measure – not weigh – grain. When filled, the wooden bucket was pushed along a trough by hand until it struck a peg that tripped a counting tally, dumping the contents into a sack that was held upright by a standard.

Guns are Interest

Of great historical interest is the old Sharp rifle used during the Civil War by the late Capt. H.P. Smith, father of George G. Smith, who has put so much effort into getting this museum established. The rifle saw service in the battle of Bull Run, Gettysburg, Devils Den and Chancellorsville.

Another interesting gun is the big buffalo gun weighing about 50 pounds that belonged to General Beadle, and supposedly was fired from a tripod. A third is a two-barrel pistol carried by the early fur traders. It was found at Lake Herman after it was uncovered by a recent flood. It was thought to have been dropped by an early fur trader as he passed...
through the Lake County area.

A real museum piece is the final copy of the “Daily Citizen” a Vicksburg, Mississippi, newspaper printed on wall paper during the final day of surrender of Vicksburg to the Federal army during the Civil War.

It gives a description of the battle, an account of the death of Lt. Col. Griffen, and the suspension of Gen. McClernaud as “he and Grant could not run in the same harness . . . The banner of the Union now floats over Vicksburg, Gen. Grant has caught the rabbit . . . No more will he eulogize the luxury of mule meat and fricasseed kitten tales . . .” The wall paper was the only paper that could be found after the long siege had used up the normal supply.

Seeing a miniature replica of the Old Chautauqua grounds at Lake Madison founded in the 1880s, brings a pang of nostalgia to old timers when they reminisce on the “culture” they once enjoyed during the Chautauqua season. Notable figures that appeared on the platform stage were William Jennings Bryan, Billy Sunday, William Howard Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, Rev. T. DeWitt Tallmadge, Bishop W.A. Quayle, and Booker T. Washington. Performers included the Wales Dramatic Company, the Di etrics Music Masters, and other stage and concert stars.

Many Curios

Other curiosities are the 1881 typewriter, the glass inkwell used by Capt. Smith in 1889 when he was a member of the first state Legislature, and the high-wheeled bicycle that was invented in 1871 – “most exhilarating to ride given the strength and skill to mount.” This is just a sampling in this newly assembled material the museum now holds of interest that will become more valuable as the years roll on.

Most active in the museum’s installation was George G. Smith whose father, Capt. Smith, came to the county in the mid 1870’s. The family traveled the 200 miles from Iowa in a covered wagon drawn by oxen to homestead north of where Winfred is now located.

Assisting Smith in this effort are LeRoy Ericsson, Cory Christensen, Miss Runkel, Bret Hart, and Dr. J.A. Muggly. However, their efforts are not all to be expended upon the museum as they are planning on erecting a marker along the east shore of Lake Herman on what is rated the most important historic spot in the county.

It is where the renegade Sioux Indian Inkapaduta encamped after fleeing from the Spirit Lake, Iowa, massacre with three white women as hostages. It was here he released one of the women, Mrs. Marble, to two Christian tribesmen.

Since the opening of the museum in June, many valuable donations have been brought in, thus showing the interest that has been rekindled about the past and a growing interest in finding out more about it.

As a result, the area youth is becoming more interested in the local history. The Museum promises to become a valuable place to the present grade school youngsters as the crude implements used by their grandparents are compared with the modern utilities to which they are accustomed.

Within a year after opening, the Museum was hardly able to hold the accumulated relics and was moved to a new location – a larger room in the basement of the Lake County Courthouse. New items that were added included a covered wagon, buggies, and light machinery.
Lake County's early history was colorful and interesting. This can be easily ascertained by a tour through Lake County's Museum located in the basement of the courthouse.

Early history of the county is preserved by the Lake County Historical Society in the museum, and week by week more relics are added to the growing list.

The Historical Society is a new organization in the county. It was organized June 27, 1952, and was chartered by the South Dakota Department of State the following July 17. In 1954 the society had 115 members.

The museum was first located in Room 20 of Kennedy Hall on the General Beadle College campus and housed hundreds of articles that depicted colorful events of another era. Soon the society found that historical articles were many and the location on the campus was too small to store all items. That prompted a move, and the society's headquarters were moved to one large room in the basement of the courthouse.

Now the society has larger pieces of historical equipment such as wagons, buggies and light machinery. The wagon, incidentally, is the same one that was used during the 1880 blizzard.

**Outstanding Exhibits**

Outstanding among the exhibits is an entire section pertaining to the history of the Chautauqua organization which was active at Lake Madison from the early days on. A replica of the Grand View hotel where the Chautauqua met has been built by Frederick Buehler, student at Central High school, and is on display at the museum. A replica of the amphitheater is also on display. The Grand View Hotel which was built in 1891, burned in 1946. Pictures of the building are also on display.

The museum has a near complete file of the programs of Chautauqua assemblies recalling the many sparkling personalities who performed and spoke in the Chautauqua in past years. George Smith, president of the Lake County Historical Society and a former official of the Chautauqua, recalled that the first motion picture in South Dakota was shown to the Chautauqua.

Perhaps the most interesting exhibit pertaining to the Chautauqua is the old hotel registry from the Grand View hotel. The first entry is dated Thursday, June 1, 1893. On the registry are many entertainers, including troupes of actors, singers and speakers who appeared before the association. Also registered are many students of the State Normal School who met at the hotel for parties.

An entry dated September 19, 1893, reads "W.H.H. Beadle, State Normal School, Madison." Other former faculty members at the school are also registered.

**General Beadle's Records**

The general's signature appears on other documents on display in the museum also. Many of the school records from the various rural schools which have been closed have been turned over to the Historical Society for preservation. General Beadle's signature appears on various letters from the office of the Territorial Superintendent of Schools.

A collection of old school books, most of which were used in the county, is on display. Among them is a copy of the general's book "Dakota, its Geography, History and Resources." The title page reads "by W.H.H. Beadle, exterritorial Superintendent of Schools." The publication date is 1888.

Files of the Wentworth City Bond, one of the earliest newspapers in the county are in the museum. The first copy off the press is dated June 22, 1883.
Proof that a cyclone tore through the area in June 1880 is recorded on a document held by the society. The document is a pledge by friends to help John Walker rebuild his home which was destroyed by the cyclone.

An 1881 model typewriter has been added to the many attractions. Donated to the society by Barrett Lowe is a phonograph record of the dedication of the William Henry Harrison Beadle statue in the Hall of Fame, Washington, D.C. The Beadle statue on the local campus is a replica of the one in the Hall of Fame. Also donated by Lowe is a Dictaphone record of the Beadle Centennial at Sioux Falls, November 21, 1937.

**Store Ledgers**

Recently uncovered in the attic and donated to the museum are the ledgers of the old McGillivray store. The ledgers contain many names and records of the early settlers which only old-timers can remember. Prices of merchandise in the 1890s can, of course, be determined by the ledgers.

Another relic of the general's is his old buffalo gun, a heavy instrument which takes a strong arm to lift. The gun required a tripod. Also in the firearms collection is a Sharp rifle and bayonet which was used in the Civil War by Captain H.R. Smith, the father of George Smith, president of the Historical Society. Smith said the gun was used at Bull Run and Gettysburg.

An unusual curiosity which most of the present generation has never seen is a velocipede, the ancestor of the present-day bicycle. The huge contraption was owned and used by Jos Ope-rud about 1881.

**First Legislative Records**

A very complete section of the first legislature of South Dakota is contained in the museum thanks to the careful preserving of the relics by George Smith whose fa-ther belonged to that legislature. An autograph book containing all of the names is on display as well as a picture and a complete file of all bills considered by the legislature.

Pioneer utensils occupy much space in the museum and include coffee roasters and grinders, butter molds and churns, a spinning wheel and candle holders. Pioneer clothing, including a high silk hat, merry widow hats, bustles, shoes and gloves are on display. A wide collection of Indian relics have been gathered from the lakes and include many arrow heads, a peace pipe, and a hatchet. A sample of early surveyor’s equipment is being pre-served for future generations and many different farm implements are displayed, including branding irons, threshing tally, and oxen yokes.

The Lake County Historical Soci-ety was organized largely through the efforts of Smith, who felt a need to preserve the articles which tell first hand history of the county.

**To Preserve History**

“Of course this county isn’t old enough to have any real relics. Most of the things we have were brought in here, but I think they should be kept because they are part of the history of the county,” said Smith.

The idea of the museum originated when Smith visited a museum in Red Wing, Minnesota. After writing several letters about establishing such a museum in Lake County, it was suggested that he talk with W. Cory Christensen, South Dakota History instructor at General Beadle College. Smith and Christensen worked to-gether on organizing the society.

Smith was elected president of the society at its first meeting. He also serves as curator of the museum. Many articles in the museum were donated or loaned to the museum by Smith.

During the next five years, more historical items were added to the courthouse collection, and visitors of all ages toured the facility. But, once again, the museum outgrew itself. In 1960, George Smith and Lillie Zimmermann, who also came to Lake County as a child in the 1870s, honored their deceased parents by donat-ing $75,000 to help cover the cost for constructing a new building. The re-maining cost of the $100,000 building was picked up by the state.

The site chosen for the 75 by 100 foot brick building with a façade of red stone was the campus of General Beadle College. A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 1, 1960, and the dedication of the new facility was held October 15, 1961. Five hundred and fifty guests, including the featured speakers – South Dakota Governor Archie Gubbrud and Senator Karl Mundt – attended the event. The building was properly dedicated as the Smith-Zim-mermann Museum.

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About 550 guests attended the dedication services at which Gov. Archie Gubbrud and Sen. Karl E. Mundt were featured speakers. Two hundred persons who had lived in Lake County in 1889 or earlier were presented “Old Timer” certificates signed by Gov. Gubbrud.

Dr. V.A. Lowry, president of General Beadle College was master of ceremonies. Dr. Donald D. Parker, Brookings, well-known South Dakota historian, gave the invocation and benediction.

Dr. Lowry introduced Miss Zimmermann who spoke briefly about Dakota pioneers and expressed her pleasure in being able to give this gift to GBSTC after which Mr. Smith made his formal presentation.

Governor Gubbrud praised the spirit of the pioneers. He recited experiences of his own family who settled in Lincoln County. Senator Karl Mundt also discussed the pioneer spirit and the South Dakota motto “Under God the People Rule.” Senator Mundt praised both Miss Zimmermann and Mr. Smith and their parents and gave a brief review of their family history. He presented each an “Old Timer” certificate.

Leonard Jennewein, chairman of the state centennial commission, gave greetings to the governor of South Dakota in 1989 which will be the year of centennial statehood. A recording of his remarks and those of Governor Gubbrud, a history of the territory, the state centennial edition tabloid, Madison Daily Leader Diamond Jubilee and dedication editions, the dedication program and other centennial data were placed in a metal container to be sealed in a portion of the museum wall. In 1989, the box will be removed by the state governor and used for a program.

Miss MaryLou Lund, state centennial director, placed the information in the metal container and said an appropriate plaque will be placed over the spot.

Miss Dona Brown, member of the Board of Regents accepted the building on behalf of the regents. Dr. Lowry spoke on behalf of the college in accepting the gift.

Will Robinson, Pierre state historian, was among the guests present. Harry Marr, 97, was the oldest person attending.

An open house followed the dedication during which coffee was served from a table decorated with an arrangement of fall flowers in a centennial theme. Miss Estella Runkel, charter member and treasurer of the Historical Society, and Mrs. R. Milton Rich, poured. Miss Thelma De Forest, Dean of Women at the college was in charge of arrangements for the tea.

R. Milton Rich arranged the dedication program and R. J. Felker, county centennial chairman, arranged for the attendance of early settlers and presentation of certificates.

Fifty years following the building’s construction and dedication, the Lake County Historical Society continues its work to follow the purpose that became a part of the 1952 constitution: “to maintain and operate suitable quarters for preserving and collecting relics and articles of a historical nature for posterity; and to gather and reserve all data of historical value pertaining to the settlement and frontier life of the County of Lake, and also pertaining to the later life and history of said county.”

And so, the contents of the dusty tin box waits to be revealed. The 50th anniversary ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 at Smith-Zimmermann Museum.
Coordinator’s Report
Torrie Ewoldt

1961: The cost of a gallon of gas was .27 cents. The average cost of a new car was $2850. John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as President of the United States. Pampers introduced the first disposable diaper. The Lake County Historical Society dedicated their new building, the Smith-Zimmermann Museum. I’ll let you guess which one of those facts I like the most.

Fifty years is quite an accomplishment, and I am so glad that I am able to be a part of it. In the last 50 years, we have been able to preserve a sense of history, but balance it with an understanding that we need to constantly look towards the future.

We are working hard to complete a detailed inventory system at the museum, guaranteeing that each and every item we have taken in is processed and cataloged. While time consuming, this process will guarantee an accurate record of our collection and make it easier for museum patrons to find, access, and learn about our items in the future.

The Collection Committee and I are always brainstorming, trying to think about what types of items we would love to add to our collection. In the last newsletter, I indicated that we would love to have a workable butter churn to be able to use during our Pioneer Day Program (this was a big request because I know how expensive an antique churn can be AND because most of the time when people donate items we take them in to be displayed and preserved, not to be handled by very eager and energetic elementary students.) I am so happy to be able to say that our request was answered - twice!! The kids and the wonderful ladies that help at the butter churning will be in for a treat this spring.

I would like to thank the Museum Board and all of the many volunteers that make my job so interesting, challenging and rewarding. I can’t wait to see what the next year has in store for us...

Just in Time for Christmas...

The Lake County Historical Society has been compiling recipes in order to create a keepsake cookbook to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Smith-Zimmermann Museum.

The pre-sale price for orders taken through the month of October will be $12.50.

Starting November 1st the cookbook will be sold for $15.00.

Please include $3.00 for shipping and 6% sales tax.

For more information please contact the museum at 256-5308 or smith.zimmermann@dsu.edu.

Need a Great Gift Idea?

Lake County Historical Society membership!
Just $15

Order your Christmas gifts now.
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Smith Zimmermann Museum
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Madison, SD 57042
Office of the Mayor

Madison, South Dakota

Proclamation

50th Anniversary
of the
Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum

The Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum is one of the outstanding historical treasures of Madison and Lake County, as well as our State and Nation.

We are very fortunate that our predecessors had the vision and persistence to preserve the history of our area by establishing the Lake County Historical Society in 1952 which led to the construction of the Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum in 1961.

The Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum has received wide acclaim as one of the finest local museums in the country. Once a State Museum, Smith-Zimmermann is now entirely supported by members, an endowment and funding from the City of Madison and Lake County.

The City of Madison is proud to support the Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum. Congratulations on 50 years of service and best wishes for a great anniversary celebration on October 9, 2011.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

[Signature]

Date: August 30, 2011
**Museum Dedication**

*On October 15, 1961, four days after his 88th birthday, George G. Smith received a nice birthday gift – the dedication of the Smith-Zimmermann Museum.*

*Born in Iowa on October 11, 1873, Smith came to Dakota Territory when he was six years old. His father homesteaded in the northwest part of Lake County.*

*Smith developed a love of history. For several years, he kept a diary recording dates, events, and experiences that traced the county’s history. He also had several scrapbooks containing letters, documents, and newspapers clippings. Many of these items are part of Smith-Zimmermann’s collection.*

*In an attempt to organize a local historical society, Smith and Cory Christenson wrote a letter in 1952 to their “neighbors” inviting them to a public meeting. The June 6 letter reads as follows:*

Dear Neighbor,

After visiting several county historical societies in Minnesota and South Dakota, some of us have thought it well worthwhile to try and organize one in our own county of Lake. We feel it essentially vital to do this while there are still some of the original first settlers left who know the early history of the county and who still have some of the material necessary to carry out the objects of such a society.

The objects as we see them shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Lake County and South Dakota. More particularly its objects shall be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the county or state, their exploration, settlement, development and activities and their progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacturing, trade or transportation; printed material, such as histories, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogs, circulars, handbills, programs and posters; manuscript material such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, service records, account books, surveys and field books; and museum material such as pictures, paintings, relics and material objects illustrative of life conditions, events and activities in the past or present.

With the above objects in view we have asked Dr. Donald D. Parker, head of the history department as State College, to talk to us at a public meeting to be held at our General Beadle Teachers College Auditorium on Friday June 13, 1952, at eight (8) P.M.

This is a cordial invitation to you and to all who should be interested to meet with us to consider such a proposition.

Fraternally,
Geo. G. Smith  
Cory Christenson

*Before the year ended, the Lake County Historical Society was organized with 122 charter members.*

**Charter Members - Lake County Historical Society - 1952**

Vera Beck Anderson  •  Wm. R. Arneson  •  Edna M. Atkinson  •  Henry Clayton Ball  •  Mrs. C.E. Bartlett  
Dr. D.S. Baughman  •  Mrs. D.S. (Mary) Baughman  •  Martin F. Berther  •  Mrs. L. H. Blagen  •  Mrs. J.E. Boyd  
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SMITH ZIMMERMANN MUSEUM
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 9, 2 pm

Public Events Include:

Presentations by Delmer Dooley, Dick Ericsson, & others.

1961 Museum Dedication
Audio-Visual Presentation

New Displays, including the 1961 Time Capsule

Lake County Historical Society Annual Meeting

Refreshments

221 NE 8th Street, Madison, SD
The Heritage Herald is published quarterly by members of the Lake County Historical Society. The Society has been established to collect, document, preserve, secure, research, exhibit, and interpret objects of cultural, developmental, and historical value of the Lake County area from the mid-1800s to the present.

If you have questions or comments, please contact our Museum. The LCHS's Board of Directors meets at 5:15 the first Tuesday of each month at the Smith-Zimmermann Heritage Museum, located on the campus of Dakota State University. Welcome Visitors!!

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