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Local Sesquicentennial Notes

On May 11, 1858 Minnesota became the 32nd state of the United States of America. During 2008, Minnesota residents have been celebrating the sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary of that declaration. Not surprisingly, several notable local historical events date back to a similar point in history. While definitive information is not always available and written records can be minimal or incomplete, it is clear that this is an apt time to recall some of those local occasions.

Interestingly, Dakota County dates itself to 1849 when it was one of nine territorial counties created in the new Minnesota Territory. At that time, the County stretched from the Mississippi River on the east to the Missouri River on the west, Hastings on the south and St. Cloud on the north. In 1860, the first census after statehood, the population of Dakota County was 8,556.

It appears a number of European settlers of the Eureka area arrived about the same time in the early 1850's. These settlers included workers involved in building the territorial road now known as Dodd Boulevard, a group of immigrants from rural districts of Norway, and a group of pioneers from Indiana. Direct descendents of some of these original European settlers still live and work in Eureka Township. "Although some of Eureka's early records have been lost, it is believed that the first meeting for the organization of the Township government was held in the barn of Isaac Van Doren sometime in the mid-1850s. The Township was officially created by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners in May of 1858 (the same month as the State of Minnesota was declared). Garrick Mallery was the first chair of the Eureka Township Board, and Cornelius Wagner and Joseph Bean served as the other two supervisors. James Pool was the first Township clerk and Isaac Van Doren the first treasurer." (1) Eureka Township officially celebrated its sesquicentennial in 2004.

The founding of religious institutions followed shortly thereafter. While information indicates that a number of religious meetings were held in homes and schools in the area, circa 1857 records(2) indicate the organization of Christiania Church, named for the capital city of Norway, Christiania, as Oslo was known at that time. In less than two years, that congregation split into two separate entities. "A mere ten years after the arrival of the first settler, after many bitter and divisive conflicts, the landmark Twin Churches of Christiania were established. In a short time, nearly identical churches were erected atop the highest hill in the area, on opposite corners of the intersection of the two main roads in the community. Both took the name of Christiania Lutheran Church and both claimed to be the original and only true church of that name."(3) The intersection is currently known as Highview Ave. and 267th St. and those Twin Churches had several different names, but were commonly known as East Christiania and Highview Christiania. It is interesting to note that at one time there were actually four Lutheran churches in Eureka Township, all having the name Christiania in them (East Christiania, West Christiania, Highview Christiania and Christiania United Church).(4)

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East Christiana's congregation dates itself to 1857 when partial organization occurred and they officially celebrated their sesquicentennial on June 24, 2007. The first church was a log structure built in 1859 as a school and place of worship, followed by another building in 1867, and a newer church in 1893. On May 10, 1957, on the eve of their centennial celebration, the 1893 East Christiania church and all its contents burned to the ground. The congregation met in the West Christiania building until January 22, 1961 when it moved into the church with which we are familiar today, located at 267th St. and Pillsbury Ave. About this time, West Christiania church was dismantled. There are currently approximately 1520 members and 616 families in this congregation.

Highview Christiania officially took its name in 1966, but dates the congregation to the 1859 official vote to organize by Pastor Peter Carlson and will celebrate its sesquicentennial on July 31 – August 2, 2009. The first church was also a log structure completed on July 3, 1865, followed in 1877 by the church recognized as its home today. "It [the 1877 structure] was built on log skids in order that it might be moved to the highest part of the hill after the old log church was torn down in 1878."(5) Highview counts approximately 115 families and 350 members today.

Through their histories, the Twin Churches have shared not only proximity, a reputation as local landmarks, and a ball field, but the fact that until World War II, at least some services were held in Norwegian. Though at one time they were members of different synods, today they both belong to the St. Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and a renewed spirit of cooperation between the churches has emerged.

- (1) <http://eurekatownship-mn.us/about.html#history>
- (2) *Eureka 1854 – 1954*, Benita Devney, written to commemorate the centennial of Eureka Township.
- (3) *The Twin Churches of Christiania, Minnesota from 1854 – 1864, A Study of the Causes of Immigrant Church Conflicts*, A. Gerald Dyste.
- (4) *The Christiania Story*, Myrna CG Mibus, 2007
- (5) *History of Highview Christiania Lutheran Church*, Lorraine Swedeen, 2008

TOWN BOARD NEWS

MinnCan Oil Pipeline – The project is nearing completion in Eureka Township. All right of way crossings have been completed and site locations are being inspected.

Northern Natural Gas Pipeline – This project is substantially complete.

Interceptor Sewer Line – Work continues on the interceptor sewer line. 245th Street remains closed west of Dodd. Weather permitting; it should be completed by early November.

Comprehensive Plan – A Public Hearing on the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan was held on August 19, 2008. Based on public comment, the Planning Commission made changes to the draft Plan at a Special Meeting on September 10, 2008, and recommended approval to the Board. The Town Board unanimously approved it on October 14, 2008. Next steps are as follows:

Fall 2008—As required by law, the Comprehensive Plan is submitted for review and comment to neighboring local governments and agencies such as school districts, watershed districts, and Dakota County.

Winter 2008—The Township may revise the plan based on comments received from the public hearing or from local governments and agencies. The Town Board approves a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan for submission to Met Council by December 2008.

Spring/Summer 2009—Met Council has 240 days to approve or reject the Comprehensive Plan.

Summer/Fall 2009—Township formally adopts approved Comp Plan and begins update of ordinances to implement it (or, if the Met Council rejects the plan, continues revising it until the Met Council approves)

Township Roads – The Planning Commission has scheduled their fall review of roads for Saturday, November 1, 2008 meeting at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

CapX2020 – All evidentiary hearings and testimony have been completed on the Certificate of Need portion of the proposed electric power line process. A decision on whether any or all portions of the proposed three pronged project are warranted is expected within the next several months. It is expected that the proposed routes will be submitted for permitting prior to the Certificate of Need decision. Currently, both proposed routes from Brookings, SD impact Eureka Township significantly, with one bisecting the Township in the middle, west to east, the other following County Road 86 along a substantial portion of the Township. Eureka has petitioned to include a route along the County Road 70 industrial zone for consideration. The public may continue to comment on the routes, and all residents are encouraged to contact our legislators on this topic.

Lakeville Annexation - The Office of Administrative Hearings approved the annexation of the Hat Trick property on September 25, 2008. In addition, the Township has been notified that Mr. Joe Miller has formally applied to have his property along Dodd Blvd. annexed into Lakeville.

PLANNING COMMISSION MESSAGES

Planning Commission Encourages Residential Address Signs

Q: What is a Residential Address Sign?

A: It's the white-on-green number sign you see at the end of people's driveways.

Q: What's it for?

A: It identifies the house address and makes it easier to find a residence.

Q: Why is it important?

A: It can be a courtesy for guests or delivery people, but **it's imperative for emergency response vehicles!** Fire, ambulance, or sheriff can find your address much more quickly if you have this sign. Just a few minutes can make the difference between life and death, safety, or saving property.

Q: Is it the law?

A: No, Township Ordinances do not require these signs, but that's why the importance needs to be highlighted. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to buy and place these signs.

Q: Where do I get one?

A: Contact the Town Clerk by phone, e-mail, or in person. Payment is due when you pick up your sign, and the cost is about \$15.00.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK



General Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at the Eureka Town Hall

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Residents may register to vote on Election Day, but plan additional time to do so. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY CHANGE IN NAME OR ADDRESS REQUIRES RE-REGISTRATION.** In order to register on Election Day you must have an approved form of ID (Minnesota drivers' license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, US passport, US military ID, tribal ID, MN college, university or technical school ID) and proof of residency (valid registration in same precinct, notice of late registration, registered precinct voter to swear signed oath, utility bill within 30 days of Election containing your name and address, itemized rent statement within 30 days of Election containing your name and address). For more information, contact the Secretary of State's office at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=204> or call 651-215-1440

Primary Election - On September 9, 2008 approximately 100 of the 1001 registered voters in Eureka Township voted. Thank you to those who served as elections judges and to our newest Head Judges, Mike Greco and Cheryl Schindeldecker.

Raymond (Ray) M. Kadlec

Former Town Board supervisor, Ray Kadlec, 77, lost his courageous four year battle with cancer on October 7, 2008. He and wife Ann moved to Eureka Township in 1967. Ray enjoyed many hobbies, working on a variety of projects, was also a long time Boy Scout leader with Troop 118, but particularly treasured time with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, willingness to help and his ingenuity. Ray is survived by his wife of 52 years, 8 children, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, along with one brother, a sister, nieces, nephews and countless friends. Thank you, Ray, for being you and for all you did to make Eureka a great place to live.

Township Representative Needed

CEEF Enhancement Group

(Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka, Farmington)

After 15 years as Eureka's representative, Bernadette Wood is resigning her CEEF position, thereby creating an opening for another Eureka resident. This advisory group brings together approximately 10 representatives of Castle Rock, Empire, Eureka and Farmington, providing a neutral environment for interaction of the Townships and City, as well as supports the efforts of local civic projects and events. The group meets quarterly, usually in the early evening for about 1 ½ hours, often at Dunn Brothers in Farmington. Interested individuals should contact Clerk Nanett Sandstrom at 952-469-3736 or eurekatn@frontiernet.net

Keep on top of Township happenings!

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2008 Eureka Calendar...events at Eureka Town Hall, 25043 Cedar Ave., unless otherwise indicated

• November 1	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Road Review
• November 3	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• November 4	Tuesday	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	General Election
• November 10	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• November 20	Thursday	noon	Applications due for Dec. 1 Planning Commission Meeting
• November 20	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	North Cannon River Watershed Management Meeting
• December 1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• December 8	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• December 23	Thursday	noon	Applications due for Jan. 5 Planning Commission Meeting
• December 30	Tuesday	See Town Hall hours	Filing for open Town Board supervisor positions begins
• January 5	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
• January 12	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
• January 13	Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Filing for open Town Board supervisor positions closes
• January 15	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Last day to withdraw from the ballot for the election
• January 22	Thursday	noon	Applications due for Feb. 2 Planning Commission Meeting

• **Note: All new structures, most types of remodeling (both interior and exterior), and some types of repairs require a building permit under the Minnesota State Uniform Building Code and Eureka Township Ordinances. If you are in doubt about whether a project requires a permit, please contact the Town Clerk at 952-469-3736. Eureka Township Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at \$25 for a hard copy, \$2 for a CD disk or can be accessed on the website, <http://eurekatownship-mn.us>, or at the Dakota County libraries in Lakeville and Farmington, or Eureka Town Hall or the Dakota County Law Library.*

Business Ads by Residents and/or Landowners in Eureka Township

This is not meant as an endorsement of products, services or business status by Eureka Township. Eureka landowners and/or residents who wish to advertise their businesses in this newsletter, may place a "business card ad" for the price of \$35.00 per quarter or \$125.00 per annum. Any revenue obtained will be applied to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Contact the Newsletter editor at 651-463-2876.

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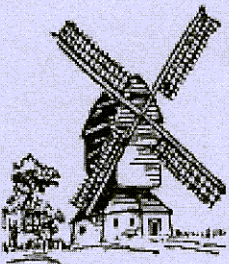

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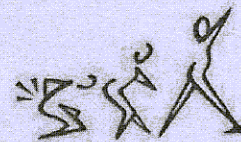
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