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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

April 6, 1893

Miss Eva Riggs has come to Shakopee to attend school and is boarding with Mrs. Julia Lord.

April 13, 1893

There will be a dance a week from Friday night given by the moulders. Admission fifty cents.

April 20, 1893

Pete Roth has started a grocery store in the room lately vacated by D. M. Storer.

April 27, 1893

Mr. Lander has arrived and moved into his lately purchased store under the opera house, where he will keep hardware. He has also bought out Weiland's feed store.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

April 6, 1893

E. J. Gellenbeck is making improvements in his hardware store, that, when completed, will add materially to its size, appearance and convenience. By removing a partition between the store and tin shop he will add the twenty-five feet of the building, which has been used as a store room, to the main room, which will make the latter eighty-five feet long. To better light the long room a skylight has been put in the back part of the roof, which, with the windows already on the west side of that part, will make it a well lighted store. The neatness of the internal appearance of the store has been greatly enhanced by throwing out the old green and red pasteboard boxes for the shelf hardware and replacing them with handsome oil finished drawers, ranging in size from more than a foot square to the little screw boxes about two inches square. There are 441 of these drawers and seventy-five more will be put in. Each drawer is provided with a white pull, and a label to show what goods are contained therein.

April 13, 1893

Patrick Condon's wind mill succumbed to the force of the wind yesterday after withstanding all kinds of weather for twenty years. The tower was forty feet high and the wheel twelve feet in diameter. It was the first wind mill erected in that section.

April 20, 1893

Joseph Voelker will retire from the saloon business the

first of May and, in company with John Koenig will open a meat market in Mr. Voelker's building on Lewis street.

April 27, 1893

The new grocery store changes the style of the firm from Peter J. Roth Jr. to Roth Bros.; Mr. Joseph Roth taking a half interest in the store. Peter J. Roth will continue in active charge of the business.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

April 5, 1918

"The Little Pal," shown at the Gem theatre on Tuesday evening drew large crowds at the matinee and performances in the evening. The show was under the auspices of the St. Rose society and a neat sum was realized which was added to the repair fund of St. Mark's church.

April 12, 1918

G. J. Reiss will be here on regular Piano tuning trips April 15. Leave orders at Pelham Hotel.

April 19, 1918

City Offers Free Quarters

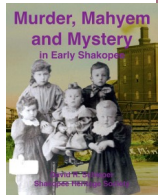
At the last meeting of the Shakopee city council a motion was carried which authorized the public buildings committee to offer free of charge the firemen's room in the city hall to the Scott County Farm bureau for the use of the county agent. The committee was further authorized, in case of the offer being accepted, to make such repairs and alternations as may be necessary for the accommodation of the agent. At the farm bureau meeting held at the court house on Monday the offer

Shakopee Heritage Society

Featured Presentation:
Murder, Mayhem and Mystery

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Following Membership Meeting at 1 p.m.
Shakopee Public Library, 235 Lewis St. S.



From the bank shooting in 1929 to murders in 1890; from robbing the dead in 1883 to infanticide in 1869; from the man who had two wives in 1879, to the man killed at the water tower in 1985; from the 30 infants and children killed during a whooping cough epidemic to the brothel in Shakopee...this presentation by David R. Schleper focuses on some of the murder, mayhem, and mystery in early Shakopee.

Join us for this free presentation!

of the council was gratefully accepted. The rooms will be put into proper condition immediately for the use of County Agent Geiger and his staff.

April 26, 1918

Road and Bridge Contracts Let

At the adjourned meeting of the Scott county board of commissioners held at the court house last Saturday, the bids for building the road across the flat north of Shakopee were opened and contracts let. The contract for the road work was awarded to Jas. McKillipp of Faribault, the figure being \$24,336. The contract for the construction of the bridge, which is to be built over that part of the flat which is normally inundated at times of high water, was awarded to W. S. Hewitt of Minneapolis, the bid being \$11,923. According to the terms of the contracts the work is to be completed by Sept. 15, 1918.

When this construction work is completed the approach to Shakopee from the north will be over a smooth, wide road in agreeable contrast with the trail which has done service for a road since the early days, which with every considerable overflow has been washed out, cutting the city off from its northern communications for weeks at a time.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

April 5, 1918

The Schroeder Lime and Brick Manufacturing Co. started their lime kiln this week.

April 12, 1918

The Auto Lunch Parlor was sold this week by Fred Stelten to H. E. Krebs of Rochester who took possession Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Krebs and their two children will reside in the living rooms above the store.

April 19, 1918

A. M. Strunk has been appointed merchant representative to help carry on the work of the Food Administration in this locality.

April 26, 1918

J. H. Moore Appointed on Local Draft Board

A change was made in the personnel of the local board of registration on Wednesday of this week. Brigadier General Rhinow from the state capital was here on that day and appointed Ex-county Auditor John H. Moore as clerk of said board to take the place of Auditor A. J. Mayer.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune*

April 1, 1943

City Election Proposition Would O. K. Rural Power Line Extension

Foreseeing the urgency and value of the possible immediate or post war expansion of Shakopee's present rural electric distribution system, the City Council last week passed a resolution calling for submission of an "authorizing" proposition to the electorate in the city election next Tuesday, official publications disclose...

April 8, 1943

M. E. Ferguson Is New Manager, Thomas Store

Verne Wicklander who, for some time was in charge of the C. Thomas Store of this city and resigned his managerial job to take a position with the Cargill, Inc. shipbuilding plant at Savage, effective April 1, has been succeeded by Merle E. Ferguson as the store's new manager.

Mr. Ferguson comes to Shakopee from Albert Lea, where in a like capacity, he was manager of the C. Thomas store at that point. He is married and has a wife and three children, who will come to live in Shakopee as soon as suitable living quarters can be had. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and his little family, the folks of this community will extend the glad hand of welcome.

April 15, 1943

Second Drive for Cast-off Hosiery

The women of Shakopee and vicinity are again asked to contribute their cast-off silk and Nylon hosiery, to the war effort, as many more pairs are needed.

Receptacles will again be found in the local stores, where they were placed for the first drive. Anyone having hosiery for this purpose, is asked to kindly bring them in at their earliest convenience, as plans are for shipping at an early date.

April 22, 1943

Air Raid Wardens To Meet at High School

In preparation for the area-wide blackout scheduled for May 7, all Shakopee air-raid wardens are to meet in the high school here at 8 p.m. May 5, Paul Ries, chief warden, announced this week.

New directives has been issued by civilian defense and military authorities, Ries said, and it is imperative that every warden be properly informed.

The May 7 blackout is to take place sometime between the hours of 9 and 11 p.m., officials said.

April 29, 1943

Notice!

The Fire Wardens in the City of Shakopee will make a survey of all the basements and cellars in the near future, for old paper boxes, rags, oils and paper. Have these places clean so that the Wardens can give a good report. This is an order of the State Fire Marshall.

SHAKOPEE FIRE DEPT.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

April 4, 1968

Stagecoach Opens For 16th year; Expansion Plans Now Under Way

The Stagecoach on Highway 101 will open for the season last Friday, March 29, with Ozzie and Marie Klavestad welcoming guests for the 16th consecutive year.

The restaurant and 3/2 bar on Highway 101, between Shakopee and Savage, with its museum and western cowtown atmosphere has become a tourist attraction as well as a favorite eating spot for hundreds of residents.

With the co-operation of the Fast Draw Club, additional work has been done to create an authentic western atmosphere and plans are underway for further expansion.

The Klavestads are hopeful that additional dining facilities and an old time saloon will be completed during the current season...

April 11, 1968

Plan Youth Hosteling Club For Shakopee

The Shakopee Recreation Board is in the process of making arrangements for the organization of a Hosteling group in Shakopee for the benefit of interested young people.

The first scheduled activity will be a bike hike on a Saturday in April...

April 18, 1968

Twins Baseball Clinic Tomorrow At Riverside

Minnesota Twins scouts will give boys in Shakopee and the surrounding area tips on how to play better baseball at a free baseball clinic. The clinic is scheduled for 6 p.m. tomorrow, (Friday), April 19, at Riverside Park...

Directing the clinic, open to boys ages nine to 18, will be Angelo Giuliani, a scout for the Minnesota Twins and a former major league catcher. He will be assisted by Twins scouts John Mauer and Bill Kane.

The Shakopee clinic is sponsored by the Minnesota Twins and The Minneapolis Tribune, in co-operation with the Shakopee Knights of Columbus and the Shakopee Recreation Board, and is approved by the Minnesota State High School League Board of Control...

Fundamentals to be covered at the clinic tomorrow evening will include throwing, base running, sliding, infield play, hitting and bunting, outfield play, pitching and catching...

April 25, 1968

Tour Post Office

The fifth grade class of St. Mark's Parochial School toured the Shakopee Post Office on Tuesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 18.

The children had the opportunity to see the new 1968

Hemisphere stamp, a tying machine and a canceling machine.

Accompanying the group were fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Nachbor and Mrs. Klehr and volunteer mothers, Mrs. Robert Mahoney and Mrs. Lester Menden.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

April 1, 1993

Murphy's wagon heading to Missouri

Murphy's Landing Director Gerry Barker, volunteers and ponies "Duty" and "D.J.," have been invited to participate in opening ceremonies of the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Mo. on April 3.

The group will bring with them a German farm wagon that carried homesteader families across the prairie in the 1860s.

A wagon could be bought in Chicago for \$30 in those days, Barker said. Ponies or horses like Dusty and D.J. cost \$20 each back then, he added.

Weighing about 1,000 pounds, the wagon usually carried a family of about six. It also held one year's supply of food, two years' worth of seed, salt pork, and 100 pounds of flour, cornmeal and dried beans. The wagon is 8 feet long and 39 inches wide, Barker said.

The privately-owned Pony Express Museum invited Murphy's Landing to participate because of its involvement and expertise in 19th century America.

The pony express delivered mail by riders on swift ponies from April 1860 to October 1861, between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.

Dusty, D.J. and the wagon will not be required to hoof it. They will be trucked down for the ceremonies.

April 8, 1993

Bond referendum planned on arena, fire station

The Shakopee City Council Tuesday night voted to direct staff to prepare documents for a multimillion-dollar bond referendum, that if approved by voters would fund a new ice arena just south of Shakopee High School, a second fire station, three fire trucks and a \$6 million community center. The referendum could go before voters as early as June.

Although the city has not set a dollar figure on the referendum, City Administrator Dennis Kraft said it would be lower than \$9 million, but would not likely top \$12 million...

If the referendum is successful, the council intends to immediately push ahead with construction of the ice rink...

April 15, 1993

Board given design suggestion for schools

Schematics and preliminary plans for additions and remodeling at Pearson and Sweeney elementary schools and the high school were presented to the Shakopee School Board

Monday.

The advertisements of bids for the development of the new science lab at the high school was also approved...

The additional science lab at the high school is expected to cost \$160,000 and would be adjacent to the two existing labs. The district hopes to have the new lab in time for the start of the 1993-94 school year...

Expansion and remodeling at Pearson Elementary is expected to cost \$3.8 million, including 41,193 square feet in new construction with 12 additional classrooms. Expansions will also be made in the area of the media and computer centers, and art, science and physical education areas.

Schematic drawings indicate the additions will be made to the east side of the existing building, and the bus area would be moved from the west to the north side.

The time line indicates the new area of the school would be open by June 1, 1994.

Expansion and remodeling at Sweeney Elementary was estimated to cost \$4.345 million, but preliminary design figures indicated \$4.375 million.

This is partly because Sweeney's current design is more complex to work around, according to Sullivan. New construction would include an additional 43,250 square feet, which would include 12 new classrooms, special areas specifically for early-childhood family education and special education, and the removal of temporary classrooms.

Also presented were drawings for additions to the first floor as well as a second story, which would include the 12 new classrooms and a new gym.

The time line indicates a two-phase construction plan for the school, with the first portion done by June 1, 1994, and the second by Jan. 1, 1995...

April 22, 1993

Classroom ups and downs

They may have been wearing white and blue-colored outfits instead of pin-striped suit, and carrying backpacks in-

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stead of briefcases.

But just like their Wall Street counterparts, the students in Colleen Goldman's classroom Friday at SACS (Shakopee Area Catholic Schools) Middle School were eagerly scanning the stock market reports in the business section of the Star Tribune.

Nine teams of students at the school are playing the Minnesota Stock Market Game, a teaching tool that helps students understand the country's economic system while using their math, social studies and reading skills, Norwest Bank is sponsoring the game at SACS.

As part of the game, students are given a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest in common stocks over a 10-week period. Teams are given weekly portfolios which include up-to-date holdings, brokerage fees, margin interest and team rankings.

Students meet twice a week to make transactions. Each Wednesday, team standings are printed in the business section of the Star Tribune. There are 809 other teams throughout the state playing the game...

April 29, 1993

It's a first: SHS girls' golf team competes

The fact that the standings indicated that Shakopee High School's girls' golf team finished last in Monday's meet at Lone Pine Golf Course meant absolutely nothing to Indians coach Jim Kohout.

All Kohout cared about was the fact that his SHS girls competed. He was not concerned with the individuals' scores, nor was he troubled that they may have areas of their respective games which need attention. Instead, Kohout was proud of his athletes simply for the way they conducted themselves in the first meet of the season. All but one of Shakopee's players have no competitive golf experience. And even Emily Jenkins, Shakopee's lone competing returnee from last year's two-person team, was not used to being a part of a complete squad representing SHS...

Shakopee Heritage Society Membership Application

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Annual Dues: Individual (\$10) Family (\$15) Supporting (\$25) Silver Club (\$100) Gold Club (\$500)

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