



# Mill Creek Valley Historical Society

Summer 1999

## Dumont School Celebrates 90 years

Our beloved old school house is this year celebrating 90 years of existence. Plans are underway to mark this event with a Barbecue / carry in picnic. We would also like to make this event a fund raiser, so plan to bring some of those luscious desserts to auction off. The proceeds will go towards putting in our in-door plumbing.

We have about 1/2 of the money needed to accomplish this. The well and sewer tap are already in, and Joe Lochnikar has offered to dig the trenches for both. Pipes must be laid, fixtures put in and a room built for the bathroom. We have been trying to find a location in the building for the bathroom, and right now the north-west corner seems the best location for a small room with a sink and stool.

Heating is also a concern as the costs have been rising, and although thanks to Sandy Alnhausen the bills have been paid, this cannot continue forever. Once the water is in, the heat must be on all the time, which will increase our heating bills. We are looking into other options.

Wood trim on the outside needs to be painted, and some replaced. Most can be done with volunteer help. A major expense to the upkeep of the outside of the building is the repair or replacing of the metal roof over the bell tower. This tin roofing needs to be painted, or possibly replaced by another sheet of the same pattern. A very expensive procedure. It is hoped we can get a grant for this work.

A big Thank You to the Church of Latter Day Saints for their kind offer of volunteer help to clean up the yard, strip and repaint the tables and so forth. Thank you good neighbors.

## Mill City House is Now M.V.H.S.'s

We have successfully matched the donation for use on the Mill City House. A big thanks to those who helped.

The grounds and building have been donated to the Society by John Harding owner of the building. Thank you so much. Now we are working at obtaining historical designation for the old building, which in turn will help in acquiring funding for the work on it. There is much to be done on it, including raising it onto a new foundation. There is hope it can eventually be used as a museum.

## Cemetery news

The annual clean-up day was held in May with great success. The grounds look great.

The area has been surveyed, and all the old fences removed. New ones will be put in on the surveyed marks. This will ensure the safe keeping of the grounds for burial purposes. Plans are to walk off the grounds this summer, to locate as many unmarked graves as possible, and record their locations. Many of the graves are not marked, and there is fear that at some time when a new grave is being dug, an unmarked grave will accidentally be unearthed. If you are interested in helping with this, contact Vi Lochnikar at the Dumont Post Office, or at 303-567-4026

We would also like to restore the old Pioneer Monument in the cemetery. This was dedicated sometime in the early 1940's and should anyone out there have a photo of it, please contact the Society. It has over the years been vandalized and fallen into disrepair. We would like to rebuild it back to it's former state, but need photos of it.



Photo taken in 1951 showing the Dumont School classes, grades 1 through 8. Standing is Mrs Plumlee, teacher. Back row left to right: Carlos Comstock, Mac Robineau  
2nd Row: Larry Sell, Shirley Smith, Patricia Plumlee  
3rd Row: Larrice Sell, Peggy Smith, Frank Comstock  
Jeannie Comstock, Wayne Disque  
4th Row: Kent McRee, Larry Smith, Roger Smith.  
Elsie Comstock, Ronnie Smith

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