

2022

HISTORY in your backyard

Sponsored by Sylvan Township and Pillager School Community Education

A lecture series highlighting the historical moments of Sylvan, Rosing, Fairview and May Townships and the Cities of Pillager and East Gull Lake, otherwise known as "The Pillager Gap". These are the moments that give the residents of the "Gap" our sense of pride in our historical culture and the breathtaking environment in which we live.

The series will be presented throughout the summer at the CTC Center at the Pillager School. Presenters are listed below; most evenings will also have a panel discussion following the presentation. Refreshments will be served. Open all area residents. Freewill Donation.

Questions? Call Sue Van Hal (218) 821-2276 or Dave Johnson (218) 251-55468

Tuesday, June 28 6:00 pm Historical Report on Area Study

This evening will include a report on the invaluable, centuries-old cultural resources of our area. This report from a grant given to Sylvan Township by the Minnesota Historical Society reports on the archaeological and historical literature from the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape. An archeological dig was done in Pillager last fall.



Thursday, July 28 6:30 pm Rural Schools Panel Presentation led by Dave Johnson

Listen to some rural school teachers from years gone by about their role in educating our children in the rural school. Teachers will share what their day looked like and how education was shared many years ago.



Tuesday, August 30 6:30 pm How the Railroad Changed Us

The railroad was an important factor in the growth of our communities. Learn from our presenter how the rail system impacted population, commerce, travel, exploration, economy, and even the landscape of our community.



Tuesday, September 27 6:30 pm Learning from our Local Cemeteries Discussion led by Mike North

We can learn so much more than birth and death records from the headstones in our local cemeteries. This discussion will identify local cemeteries and teach us how to see the history that is shared there. Resources that will aid in further research will also be discussed.



Tues, Oct.25 (corrected date) 6:30 pm Stories from our Oldest Local Resorts

Hear about the rich history of Kavanaugh's, Madden's and Cragun's Resorts. These three resorts, and so many others, have shaped the hospitality industry in our area. These are more than just businesses, they have changed our community through employment, tourism, devel-



Other History Opportunities

July 7-9 Cass County Fair—History Building

Learn about our rich history through the hundreds of pictures, organized by points of interest. This display also included over 1000 full newspapers from the Pillager Herald dating back to 1917. Lots of memorabilia on display. Opportunity to record your "Oral History" to preserve your stories! Open 10am-8pm each day of the Pillager fair. Donations accepted.

