



Starbuck Depot and Museums newsletter

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If you have any comments or suggestions for our newsletter, please let us know.

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2016 Another successful year At the Starbuck Depot and Museums..

Letter to the editor– Starbuck Times

Another successful season has ended for the Starbuck Depot and Museums. We would like to recognize that it is only possible because of the volunteers who have been with us for years and also those who have joined us recently. It takes a lot of people and dedication to put on the events that are held at the Depot grounds and also takes a lot of participation from the community to keep this endeavor going strong each year. We always look for additional volunteers to join us (with a very minimal time commitment) and you are welcome to become a part of this great community spirit.

We thank everyone from the volunteers, the community, the vendors at the Farmer's Market, the organizations that serve every Thursday Night to the Board of Directors for the Depot Museums. We need each and everyone of you and are thankful for your support. We would also like to recognize the financial contributions from organizations and individuals who have contributed to projects. A huge thanks, you are a blessing.

As we enter the cold weather season please note that the public bathrooms have been shut down until next spring. We are grateful that everyone has been very respectful of these facilities and know that they are used frequently not only by the community but by people passing thru Starbuck.

The Starbuck Depot and Museums accomplished a lot in 2016 and are always open to your comments, ideas, and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you during the 2017 event season.

GHE fourth graders tour Starbuck Depot

Audrey Amundson, who has been with the depot society since it started, met the Glacial Hills Elementary fourth-grade class at the Starbuck Depot on Sept. 22. As she has done for the past 20 years, Amundson gave the students a history lesson on the depot.

Amundson told the students how the people of Starbuck, for its 100-year anniversary in 1983, decided to build a very large lefse. The group rolled the lefse out on a hayrack and baked it over the railroad tracks. Amundson helped serve the largest lefse and put butter on it, while her husband Maurice was one of the people who made it. The world record lefse is recorded in Norway's *Schibsted Book of Records*. Gloria Nichtern, who is taking over some duties for Amundson, told the class that Starbuck started because of the railroad.



Photo by Zach Anderson

The students gave Amundson a bag that read "Teach, Reach, Inspire" as a thank you for what she does for the students.

Eple Tiden 2016



Buchers honored at Eple Tiden



Photo by Zach Anderson

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Dr. Don Bucher and his wife, Kathy, have meant a lot to Starbuck over the years and also to the Starbuck Depot. They were honored at the 26th annual Eple Tiden celebration on Sept. 24 with honorary depot memberships.

During Eple Tiden, Dr. Bucher said, "This is quite an honor. We weren't expecting this, but we appreciate it very much."

Besides putting in the physical work to help make the depot what it is today, the Buchers also funded the paving of the street (Depot Lane) in front of the depot and the two parking lots on the grounds. The paving eliminated dust and mud puddles, and provided a smooth surface for various performance groups.

Arne Pederson, past depot president from 1995-2007, said that Dr. Bucher liked to work with wood and helped with several depot restoration projects. One of

those was building a shed for the railroad motor car. Another project required his turning lathe skill to make two new handles for a dirt scraper. This horse-drawn piece of equipment was used by Knute Thompson, of Lowry, in the building of the railroad grade completed in 1883.

"While serving as a cashier at depot events, Dr. Bucher has enjoyed visiting with his many friends," Pederson said. "He remains highly regarded for his years as a very skilled, devoted doctor and community leader."

Former depot President Jeannie Pladsen said, "Don and Kathy over the years have always been a big part of the depot and have contributed enormously to keeping the depot alive."

"Dr. Bucher worked extensively on the remodeling of the Starbuck store display area and many times took on the duty of washing the many windows at the depot," Audrey Amundson said.

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the Starbuck Times



In August, the Starbuck Depot applied for assistance from the Center For Small Towns at the University of Minnesota Morris and was awarded an opportunity to have a student intern work with us. The goal of the project is to develop a website and to help us “think outside of the box”. The intern that was chosen to work with us (and she also selected us) is Hannah Buysee. You can learn more about her in the profile below and in the essay that she wrote about her visit to Eple Tiden.



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MISSION AND VISION

The University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns (CST) is a community outreach program that serves as a point of entry to the resources of the University of Minnesota. Small towns, local units of government, K-12 schools, nonprofit organizations, and other University units are able to utilize CST's resources as they work on rural issues or make contributions to rural society. CST's mission is to focus the University's attention and marshal its resources toward assisting Minnesota's small towns with locally identified issues while creating applied learning opportunities for faculty and students. CST is dedicated to creating a bright future for small towns throughout the state.

Hannah Buysse, CST Intern
Starbuck Depot Museum

Hannah Buysse is a first year student at the University of Minnesota, Morris. She is studying English, history, and secondary education. Hannah is excited to be working with the university's Center for Small Towns and the Starbuck Depot Society. The Center for Small Towns is an outreach organization that helps communities and student staff members partner for the good of Minnesota small towns. Hannah comes from Minneota, a small town in southwestern Minnesota with a population of 1,400. Hannah understands her town's deep connection to its history and Icelandic heritage and sees that Starbuck is similarly connected to its own past. In her short introduction to Starbuck, Hannah already felt a connection and admiration for the small town. She admires the way that Starbuck cherishes its Norwegian roots and preserves its history. She loves the warmth of small towns and looks forward to getting more familiar with this one. Hannah is thankful for the opportunity to learn about your community and appreciates the warm welcome she has received.



Kerri Barnstubble and Hannah Buysee from the CST visiting with Audrey Amundson during Eple Tiden

Apples, Autumn, and Ancestry

By Hannah Buysse

All aboard! With trains constantly coming and going, the Starbuck Depot had once been the center of town. It was a place of meeting and energy. The depot was the town of Starbuck's source of life.

When the railway shutdown and the depot closed its doors in 1983, it seemed like the depot's service to the community was over. The community's heart stopped beating, and it appeared that the town's spirit would fade away.

However, the bad news train never made it to Starbuck. Last Saturday, the Starbuck Depot lived again. Community members returned to the depot, now the city's museum, to celebrate Eple Tiden.

Eple Tiden is Norwegian for Apple Time. It is an annual autumn event at held at the Starbuck Depot Museum. The festival featured classic fall activities and welcomed in the new season.

There were vendors selling homemade goods, such as jams, honey and woodworking.

Fall decorations were also for sale, gourds and colorful corn stocks were on hand.

Kids picked out their favorite pumpkins and had the opportunity to decorate them.

There was an abundance of history on display and plenty of exploring to do. The museum buildings, including the depot, a schoolhouse, a hospital and movie theatre display, and a train car, were open for viewing. There was plenty to be learned about the history of Starbuck within those walls.

No festival is complete without food and music, and Eple Tiden certainly did not lack that. The third and fourth graders from Glacial Hills Elementary sang autumn themed songs in front of the train car shelter. Later, there was live music performed by the Trumble Family Musicmakers in the dining area for people to enjoy while eating and conversing.

Chili, apple cider, hot dogs, and apple pie were served along with some traditional Norwegian dishes. There was rommegrot, a Norwegian pudding-like dessert, and lefse roll-ups. The depot is well known for its lefse; it even holds a world record for the largest lefse ever created.

The big day was completed with decorations and a competition rolled into one. Miniscule scarecrows were created by the Glacial Hills fourth graders were displayed in the depot. However, the scarecrows did not frighten the apple lovers away.

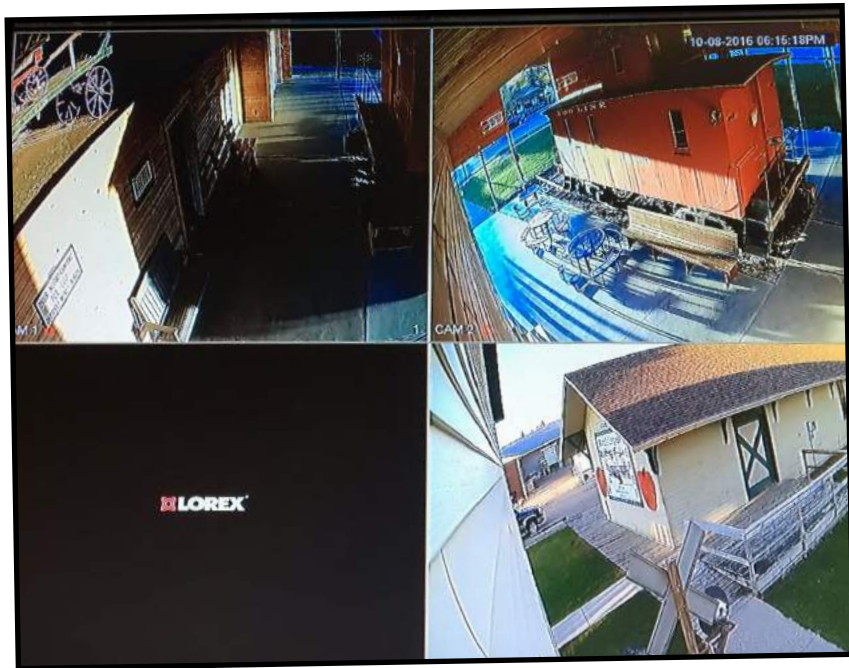
The festival was perfect for welcoming autumn into season, and community members came together to enjoy it. Eple Tiden has been escorting fall weather in for thirty-three years. The event shows the love and investment the community of Starbuck places in the depot. Many memories were created and shared at the depot, and it is clearly a treasure for the town of Starbuck.

The depot that brought the community together in its prime days continues to do that in

We welcome Hannah and thank the CST for making this very important project possible!

Recent improvements at the Depot

With the addition of the restrooms that are available for public use, additional displays, and signs, it was decided that a security camera system would be a good investment. At this time several cameras are positioned for exterior views and there are options for additional cameras if needed.



Camera locations (above)

Monitor view (right)



A 10 x 12 building has been added to provide some much needed storage space.



The school bell rope is back in place and the bell rings again. Check the video out at the Depot Facebook page

Thank you to John Olson, Paul Pladsen, and Dick Feigum for all of the mowing, trimming, and watering around the Depot grounds!



Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the **geocache** (container) hidden at that location.

The caboose is a destination for those that are interested in the activity of geocaching. Starbuck native Tom Frank and his son Talon located the object that has been hidden at the caboose and found by many others and have signed their names to the list of successful “Geocachers”.



National Night Out August 2, 2016

The Starbuck Depot was the ideal location for the community gathering in conjunction with the 2016 National Night out. Thanks to our local volunteers working with Law Enforcement to make this program a success and helping to keep our community and area safe!



A look back at 30 years ago.

Newly formed depot group presents plans for restoration to City Council

A newly formed group, who will tentatively be known as the Starbuck Depot Society, met with the Starbuck City Council in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday at the Council chambers.

Mrs. Arnold (Doris) Pederson, spokesperson for the group, told council members of the meetings and discussions they have had concerning the restoration of the Starbuck Depot.

She went on to explain that with the permission of the council, plans are being made to turn the depot into a tourist center, while yet remaining authentic.

The roof on the building needs repair and the Starbuck Jaycees have contributed \$1,000 toward the repair as well as donating their labor on the repair work. The floor also needs repair due to the leaking roof. The electricity and the bathrooms need to be updated as well.

There is a possibility that the building might be turned around to face the highway, although this is not definite, as some of the members are opposed to the idea. If it should be moved, the foundation of the building has been checked out to find out if it could withstand the moving process, and it was found to have a very solid base.

Mrs. Pederson said talk at the meetings has brought up ideas such as having a boardwalk from Highway 29 to Bingham Street (going one block east), installing a water fountain outside, a sign in front telling it is the Starbuck Depot and also signs outside the city limits advertising it and all members of the Society agreed to the painting of the structure.

Since Starbuck is known as having "The World's Largest Lefse", the group would like to elaborate on this title and have a "Lefse Day" sometime around the 17th of May (Syttende Mai).

It is the hope of the Society, that once the building is restored, it would be used as a community meeting place, showing of art works, children's plays, pancake dinners, musical groups, etc.

It was also brought out that they may have a "Galloping Goose" which could provide rides for up to 70 people at one time, from the depot, east along the lakeshore.

The enthused group stated that they could use pictures, old depot lanterns or anything that was used in old depots, although some of these things may be able to be purchased. They emphasized they will need volunteer workers and now that they have formed a group, they will accept monetary donations.

The council agreed to let them go ahead with their plans.

Bob Callery of Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson (TKDA) and Associates, Inc. of St.

Paul was present at the meeting concerning the grant for the wastewater facilities.

TKDA was hired by the city in 1980 to pursue obtaining a state grant for Starbuck to update the city's sewer system.

At that time, TKDA made an indepth study of every aspect of the city and prepared a large report, which was presented to the city and from which applications have been made to the State of Minnesota.

Callery explained to the council that applications are based on priority ranks, such as population of the city submitting the application, nature of the water and type of

treatment needed.

He updated the council on step 1, as some of the present members were not on the city council at the time of the initiation of this project, and stated it was now time to enter into step 2 and explained the procedure to council members, which will include a design verification meeting with state representatives.

If obtained, the grant would be on a 55%-45% basis, and would be used to extend sewer lines and update the sewage plant.

The next meeting of the city council will be next Monday evening at 7 p.m.

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Depot meeting set

The Depot Steering Committee has scheduled a general meeting for all people interested in the restoration of the depot, Monday, July 14, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at the Starbuck Depot. The purpose is to hold an informational and discussion meeting on the possible turning of the depot and determining the outside color of the building. At this time no decision has been made because of the need for input from interested people. You are urged to bring a chair.

The Starbuck Depot Society has been

chosen for the name of this group. Officers were chosen at the July 2, 1986 steering committee meeting. President is Dorie Pederson; Vice President, Bruce Bastin; Secretary/Treasurer, Lorie Billehus. As an organized group, we can accept funds from anyone interested in helping on the cost of the restoration. Also we are looking for any pictures of the inside or outside of the depot from years ago. If anyone has any, we would appreciate it if we could use them to make copies and will return them.

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Decisions made on Depot

At the open meeting held on Monday night, July 14, decisions were made on important issues on the restoration of the Starbuck Depot.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Depot location stay the same if there was no problem with the adjoining property owners of the present existing railroad property.

On the second issue of the color, a motion

passed that the Depot be painted a Norwegian blue unless there is any problem with authenticity.

The group also decided to have open membership by monitoring donations and/or donated service time.

In the near future restoration of the roof will take place. Money and labor have been donated for this by the Starbuck Jaycees.

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VOLUNTEERS
DO NOT
NECESSARILY
HAVE THE
TIME;
THEY HAVE
THE HEART

-ELIZABETH ANDREW



Thank you to all past and present that have helped to make the Starbuck Depot and Museums a special place.

Starbuck Depot and Museums

2016 Membership Drive

Starbuck natives, former residents, SHS Alumni, residents,
and Lefse lovers

We need your support!!!

The Starbuck Depot was given to the city back in 1983. They in turn gave it to the Starbuck Depot Society in 1986. Over the past 30 years, through the efforts of many hard working volunteers and donations this property has become the centerpiece of our town. Recently SHS school pictures and trophies have been added to the old school house. **Your high school memories are being saved for generations to come.** Many of our volunteers are gone now or unable to continue the upkeep of these buildings. We are left with a small cadre of volunteers. We need more volunteers and/or we need the funds to help them maintain and improve this property. If you can't volunteer then join us as members with your financial support.

Single annual membership is \$25.00, \$35.00 for a couple.

Life Time Membership is \$100.00 and \$135.00 for a couple

Make your check payable to Starbuck Depot and Museums.

PO Box 512, Starbuck, MN. 56381... and thank you for your support!

Check out the [Starbuck Depot and Museums Facebook](#) and follow us for news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1625206744390453/>

Visit YouTube for an informative video of early years of the restoration of the Starbuck Minnesota NP Depot and Heritage Square <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwUd2T6Oqvw>



Skoglund / Ness museum



Caboose building and restrooms



Starbuck School Museum

Thank you to all that have responded to the membership drive!

Depot Membership Drive recognition

Honorary Lifetime Membership

Audrey Amundson

Bruce Bastin

Lori Billehus

Dr. Don and Kathy Bucher

Arloa Knutson

Arne Pederson

Bill Pederson

Lola Rundgren

Dick Feigum

John Olson

Lifetime Membership

Roger and Vicki Aaberg

Kayo Aalagson

Peder and Timmie Baukol

Cori Becker

Gary and Sharon Boldenow

Dr. Robert and Vicki Bosl

Donald Johnson

Dave and Colleen Johnsrud

Carol Jorgenson

Myron and Flo Kallenbach

Arvid and Sandra Larson

Leroy "Bugs" Larson

Norman Opheim

Beverly Pearson

Cecilia Pederson

Harvey and Dianne Pederson

Paul and Helen Pladsen

Gary Swenson

Yearly Membership

Delores Burstrom

John Geisen

James and Julane Kalina

Ed Rasmussen

Constance Wersinger



Consider a gift membership for your family members.