



# Seward County Historical Society

## News Letter

June 2011

### From the Prez

As we head into summer I'd like to encourage all of you great members of the SEWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY to come out to the MUSEUM. There are new items added every month. We'd love to have your input . Take the time to look at what's new in the library. Is your family represented in the many genealogy records?? This month we have had the "Wedding dresses through the Decades.", And the pot luck dinner. We all have family members that haven't seen the MUSEUM in a long time or even at all. It's "The Good Ole Summer Time". Enjoy a DAYcation in Seward County.

**Lynn Reinmiller, President**

### May 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on May 4, with Shirley Ingerslew being elected the Chairman. Jim Culver, Treasurer gave a thorough report of the finances of the Society. Jon Kruse was welcomed to the board as the new appointee to fill the place of Virginia Pieper. The following Committee Chairmen were named, Buildings & Grounds: Jim Culver, Library: Joan Kennel, and Display: Carol Larson and Adeline Geis. On June 29<sup>th</sup> the Seward Public Transportation will bring about 12 Ladies from the Red Hat Organization for a guided tour of the museum. The board adopted the third Saturday of every month as a work day to do maintenance jobs and cleaning. It was suggested that organizations like Kiwanis, Rotary, Young Professionals, VFW and others be asked to participate. The board named Jim Culver as Resident Agent for the Seward County Historical Society.

**Jean Kolterman, Secretary**

### Utilities;

As at your own homes Utilities make up a big portion of the home finances and so at the Museum. Propane for the heating of the Museum Main building and the Eberspacher house cost approximate \$4,495.00 per year.

The Windstream bill is for the phone line and Internet access at the Museum. The Internet service does two things. We have several Internet ready cameras around the museum that if they see any activity they send out an email. The second part is with Internet access at the Museum it can be use for research, emailing and real time

watching of severe weather.

The electricity provides Air conditioning for the main building on two systems and lights to all the other buildings, except for the electricity needs of the miniature railroad. This is taken care of by the Society's members that run and maintain the miniature railroad.

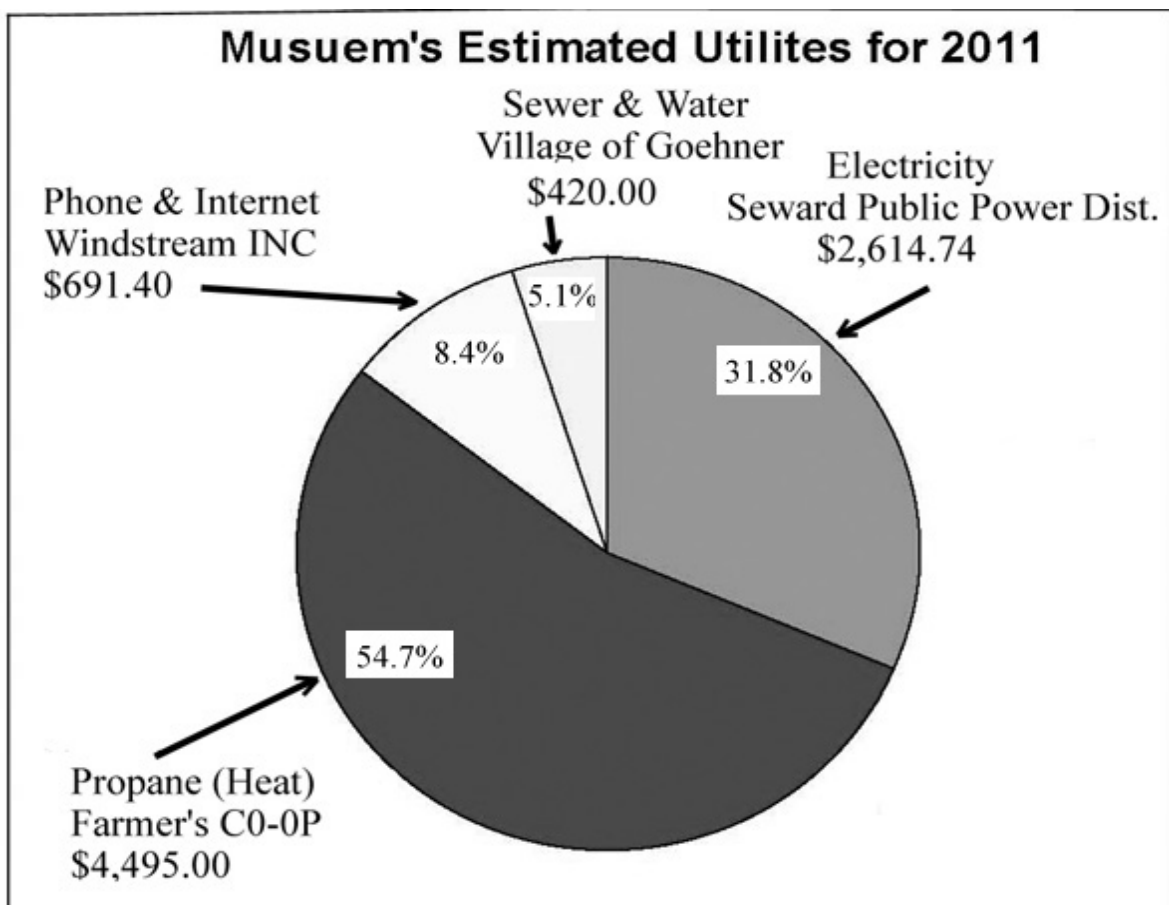
Utilities are one of the Essential services need to keep the Museum open for the public. The Society's will pay an estimated amount of \$8,321.14 for these services in 2011. To put that in perspective that is **832 Ten dollar annual memberships**. During the coming year, the Board will be looking for ways to monitor and control these and other costs. As a Member you can help in a several ways, sign up new members. When visiting the Museum and when leaving the restrooms turn off the lights. Also when visiting the Museum you can drop a few dollars in the donation box located as you come in the front door.

Annual and contributing memberships go straight into the general fund that pays these and other bills. Lifetime memberships go into CD's and the Interest from these CD's goes in the general fund. I will explain more on the Society's finances in the coming Newsletters.

Below is a graph of the Utilities estimated expense for 2011. As always if you have a question please feel free to contact me.

Email: [treasurer@sewardcountymuseum.org](mailto:treasurer@sewardcountymuseum.org) or Telephone: (402) 430-6189.

**Jim Culver, Treasurer**



## **Hi Folks!!**

Here I am back again with more exciting news. Besides research family history five volumes of Vets files for all wars. Some Spanish American War, Civil War, WW1 , WW2, Korea up to the present.

On display are the military uniforms, purple hearts, history of our vets who received them. The guns and military issued items these young men carried and used during the war.

Several books from Medal of Honor recipients, Nebraska Air Crashes of WW2, featuring all of the crashes in Seward County. The Author is Jerry Penry of Milford Nebraska. He wrote another book doing more research then he did on the first book "Serenade WW2 Bomber Crew Story. Jerry Penry is a great speaker, presents much research in his programs.

Other books in the library History of "A" Company 138 Infantry, 1854-1957 Army and Air National Guard History , The Nebraska Militia Army and National Guard 1854-1991.

We are very proud of our vets who fought for the flag and County. Flags are on display in glass cases from the 13 Colonies to present. To many to be listed separate, come on, come All to honor our Nebraska Vets who fought and died for us.

**Joan Kennel, Librarian**

## **Membership**

At the present time our adjusted membership roster consists of: 77 Life Members, 1 Contributing Member, and 22 Annual Memberships. We are continuing to audit the records, to verify that they are correct and current. We need some **ideas** on how to increase our membership, **what's your thoughts????**

**Bob Culver, Chairman**

## **News Letter**

This is Your second News Letter, are we on the right track? Does it tell you what is happening in Your Society? Would you like more history articles? Have you an item to put in future News Letters? These are a lot of questions, but this is YOUR News Letter and it must contain the information that YOU want to know. You may have additional questions and answers so please let us know. If you know of anyone wanting a copy, let us know and one will be mailed.

This News Letter and all previous ones are available on the Web Site, just click on "S.C.H.S. News Letter".

## Coming Events:

- June 18<sup>th</sup>** Monthly, Saturday Work Day  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Board Meeting  
**June 29<sup>th</sup>** Seward Transit will bring a group of Ladies from the Red Hat organization to visit the Museum  
**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** “Classic Car Review” .  
Registration 9:00 AM til Noon  
Show Noon til 4:00 PM

## Officers:

- President** Lynn Reinmiller — Staplehurst  
**Vice President** Joan Kennel — Goehner  
**Secretary** Jean Kolterman — Seward  
**Treasurer** Jim Culver — Lincoln  
**Board Member** Shirley Ingelslew — Seward (Chairman)  
Nathan Reed — Seward  
Jon Kruse — Seward

- Committee Chairmen:** Buildings & Grounds Jim Culver  
Displays Carol Larson & Adeline Geis  
Librarian Joan Kennel  
Membership Bob Culver

**Museum Hours:** Sunday 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Train Running Times:** Second and Fourth Sundays, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

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“Home Page” on the Web Site

<http://www.sewardcountymuseum.org/>

## Web Site

The Web Site is continuing to grow, there are nine (9) choices on the left side of the Home page, click on them and find out everything and anything about the Society. On the “Upcoming Events” page all major up-coming scheduled events are listed. On the “S.C.H.S. Newsletter” page you are able to access past and current News Letters. They can be read on-line and/or print them out. Down in the right hand corner, there is “Love History? Click here to Join us”, when you click there, you bring up a form to join the Society, that can be filled out there, printed, and mailed.

**Jordan McGowen, Web Master**



## “Wedding Dresses Thru The Decades”



Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. over 35 enjoyed the displays and the Pot Luck Meal, thanks to the advanced planning and hard work of Adeline Geis, Carol Larson, Shirley Ingerslew, Della Meirs, Joan Kennel and Jean Kolterman.

But, if you missed this event, the twenty-one (21) lovely dresses will continue to be on display through-out the Summer. **Come on over, it is well worth your time.**

## “Pot Luck Guests”

