

Kasson Alliance Email News, Vol. 2, No. 7, 13 July 2008: Celebrate Kasson's History at the Fair and other Events

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1. Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) Supporters:

KARE volunteers have been busy this summer in support of KARE's goal of preserving and celebrating Kasson's history. The following is a summary of activities.

2. National Historic Preservation Month in May: Our 1st annual Historic Preservation event was held on May 17th. It included special interest vehicles on display on Main Street, a Rin-Tin-Tin movie and lots of fellowship amongst KARE supporters. The Dodge County Independent newspaper that week included a 4 page insert that celebrated and discussed Kasson's history. We wish to thank the over 20 Kasson area businesses who ran adds in that special section and the additional 20 or more who called to offer support.

3. KARE's Dodge County Fair Booth: KARE will continue its annual tradition of sponsoring a Kasson History information booth at the Dodge County Fair (<http://www.dodgecountyfreefair.com/>) Thursday July 17 into Sunday July 20 (we will set up on Wed.). KARE's booth this year will feature a display related to the history of the 1895 Water Tower as well as information on all of KARE's activities. You are welcome to stop by and visit our booth in the Four Seasons Arena Building on the northeast end of the grounds. Call the number below if you would like to help with the booth.

4. Annual KARE Historic Preservation Celebration and Funding Raising Event: **Our first Annual Fundraising silent and live Auction will be held August 7, 2008, 5:30 pm** at Digger's Bar and Grill on the south end of Kasson. Over 300 hundred businesses in the surrounding area have been contacted for donated items for the auction. Items from the Minnesota Twins, Wal Mart and many others have already been collected. If you like, dinner can be purchased off the menu. We will be issuing a press release on this soon.

You are encouraged to donate a new item to the auction. If you live out of town, you can mail us a gift certificate or the like. Please contact us at the number below or mail your donation to the listed address (cash donations, of course, are always welcome). Imagine the difference you can make by supporting historic preservation in Kasson!

5. Crazy Days and Festival in the Park: Crazy Days in Kasson will be held on August 1 and 2. The Festival in the Park will be held on August 8 thru August 10. KARE will have a Pepsi Concession stand at both events. More details to follow.

6. Reminder: Historic Preservation Presentation, Lion's Club Meeting, August 25, 2008, 6:00 PM: This presentation will feature Bonnie McDonald, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (<http://www.mnpreservation.org>). Bonnie will

discuss Historic Preservation and the 1918 Kasson School. She will also discuss The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main St. Program. This program is a community-driven, comprehensive methodology used to revitalize older, traditional business districts throughout the United States. It is currently being utilized in Afton, MN and elsewhere. We will be issuing a press release on this at a later date.

7. The school trial, if necessary, is scheduled for **August 18, 19 and 20 starting at 9:00 AM on Monday August 18** (Dodge County Court House, Mantorville, MN). The trial will focus on whether or not the school is a historic resource protected by Minnesota Law. We have not reported much on this lately, however, KARE and city officials have been discussing the school over the past month. Those talks continue.

Your email questions, input and suggestions are welcome. We appreciate your continued support.

Thank you,

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The Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's mission is to preserve historic buildings, structures and properties to serve as landmarks of Kasson's' heritage, along with being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation.

KARE brings people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places in Kasson that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from the cities' history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, **KARE** helps revitalize the community, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. The **Kasson Alliance** provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to citizens and organizations committed to saving historic places, connecting them to Kasson's history and collectively shaping the future of the communities' stories. For more information visit www.kassonalliance.org.

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