

The Old School – Kimberly brings back memories

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The Kimberly schoolhouse is a large building that now stands vacant on a hill in the middle of a hayfield. The building has been broken into several times by treasure seekers. The owner now has it locked up to keep people from being injured.

Willard Hagman, a current resident of Aicota Health Care Center recalls some of the good times at Kimberly.

"I graduated from the eighth grade there in 1935. We lived 3/4 of a mile away and many of the teachers boarded at our house. In fact, for many years people would come to Kimberly by train and walk up to our farm and stay while looking for land. They would get breakfast. but none of them ever paid for their board. My dad, Magnus Hagman, said that the land seekers came with a five dollar bill and an ax and hung onto both."

"The school had two rooms,

the little room was for the little children and the big room was for the big kids. There were two teachers."

"As time progressed, my uncle was hired as janitor. He got 25 cents a day for starting fires, cleaning and splitting wood. One of my teachers, Alice Steel, is still alive and lives in Grand Rapids. She was one of the best."

I farmed and drove an Aitkin school bus for 35 years. You had to be firm or the kids would run the bus. I would tell the rowdy ones to sit down and behave or out the door they would go. Some of these students, now grown, come and see me."

"I met my wife, Lois Kickander at Kimberly when I was in the fifth grade. I think we carried the water pail together and that was it!"

Lois (Kickander) Hagman was excited about the old times, "We loved to play ball, my identical twin sister, Betty (Wall) and I. We were the

Kickander twins from Aitkin who moved to Kimberly for the fourth grade. Because we were always together we had a nickname of Lolobet. Identical twins have a special bond that lasts forever. We dressed alike and were always together. We would change positions when we played ball. One of us would pitch while the other would play first base. When the pitcher got tired we would change. We were a winning team and victory was sweet when we beat Rossburg."

"One of my favorite memories of that time was going to the General Store in Glory. Adeline Roseberg and my cousin Ellie Ray ran this store. I loved the odor of new overalls and peppermint.

"In school we would have a common wash pan and soap. We all had to wash our hands before eating hot food that was heated on the huge wood stove."

"Halloween programs were



Imagination only can produce the sights and sounds of children laughing and playing on the "huge" hill leading up to the Kimberly School. Now locked up against pranksters, the building has seen better.

special and we all dressed for the occasion. We got a wonderful education at Kimberly; however, when we went to

Aitkin High School, there were still town kids and country kids. Country kids did not get to be involved in extra-

curricular activities but had to ride the bus home. We did not have much money but we had fun."

Aitkin Area Singles July activities

On Tues., July 4 meet at the Crosby Memorial Park entrance at 7 p.m. There are food stands on grounds. Bring lawn chairs and wait for the fireworks at dusk.

On Fri., July 7 there is

dinner at the Aitkin American Legion at 5:30 p.m.

On Fri., July 21 is the Aitkin Riverboat Heritage Days Pancake Breakfast at Mille Lacs Electric. Meet again at 4:30 p.m. at the Beer Garden.

On Sun., July 30 there is brunch at Wits End in Garrison at 11 a.m.

For any questions about the Aitkin Area Singles or the activities, call Jim at 218-927-2379.

Gospel Night

The 12th annual July 3rd Gospel Night will be held again this year at the Heritage Assembly of God Auditorium located at 13242 Berrywood Drive in Baxter. The night of music, starting at 7 p.m., features the Crystal City Quartet and Friends. The friends include: Pamela Harris; John Paul and Rochelle Ruiz; The Swanson Family; Beatrice Henderson Sundquist; and the Assembly of God Choir.

You will not want to miss this exciting, fun night of

music. Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance at Bethany Bookstore, Brainerd Daily Dispatch, KTIG Radio Station, The Good Bookstore in Little Falls, and Inspirations in Wadena. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, subject to availability. This event is sponsored by River of Life Productions, a non-profit organization presenting "Music that makes a difference." Visit our website at www.brainerd.com/riv-eroflife.

Garage, Craft, and Bake Sale

First Lutheran Church is having a Garage/Craft/Bake Sale fund-raiser on Fri., July 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat., July 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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