

2nd Annual Meeting & Dinner At Douglas Lodge In Itasca State Park



Pictured From left to right are: **Lezli Zimmerman**, LCSB Ambassador & Byway Buzz Newsletter Editor, Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber Administrative Assistant, **Sharon Rezac-Anderson** LCSB Board of Directors & University of MN Central Region Partnership, **Lisa Katzenmeyer**-LCSB Board of Directors, Leech Lake Area Chamber Director, **Carolyn Engebretson**-LCSB Ambassador, Becker County Commission, **Sharon & Allen Friedman** LCSB Board of Directors & Ambassadors, **James Keller**-LCSB Board of Directors & Ambassador, MN DNR-Douglas Lodge-Itasca State Park, **Katie Magozzi**-LCSB President-Board of Directors & Ambassador, Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, **Kelly Blackledge**-LCSB Secretary-Board of Directors, Tamarac NWA, **Helen Henderson**-LCSB Ambassador, **Archie Henderson**-LCSB Ambassador, **Cleone Stewart**-LCSB Vice President-Board of Directors, Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, **Mark Anderson**-Minnesota State Byway Coordinator, **Dave Ring**-LCSB Ambassador, **Tim Holzkamm**-LCSB Board of Directors, Friends of Itasca State Park, **Jerry Emery**-LCSB Board of Directors, Big Rock Resort. Not pictured **Joe Czapiewski**-(photographer) LCSB Ex-Officio member, HRDC.

Several of the members are holding compass awards, which were presented to them for their extra dedication aiding with the Lake Country Scenic Byways direction.

The Lake Country Scenic Byway Celebrated another successful year at their annual meeting held at Douglas Lodge June 1, 2005 at Itasca State Park. Projects completed or nearing completion are the At Your Service Training Program Community Initiative and Byway Interpretive Plan both sponsored by the University of Minnesota Central Region Partnership and the Corridor Management Plan sponsored by a grant from the Federal & MN Highway Administration and managed by the HRDC. The popular annual Fall Color Tour is also in the works for this September.

Two County Treaurer's Zimbrick & Fox

From the desk of Hubbard County Historian...**Frank Mitchell**

It was August 1, 1891. A big celebration was planned to commemorate the arrival of the first train coming into Park Rapids on the newly laid tracks from Wadena. During the morning, a cannon was to fire 3 shots. Three inexperienced young men were allowed to fire the cannon. 2 shots were fired but the 3rd charge ignited prematurely

injuring all three men: Will Zimbrick, Willie Fox and John Grandy. Will Zimbrick and Willie Fox each suffered the loss of both arms. Both men recovered and did their best to make a living and they each led a normal life.

Willie Fox was Born July 21, 1872, and came to Hubbard County with his parents in 1879. He married

Emma Chandler and lived on a farm later known as the Becker Farm. He was engaged in farming, logging and hired out as a teamster. He drove a four horse team and even went to the Dakotas and pitched bundles during harvest season. He had his stub arm equipped so he could use a pitchfork, saw fire

wood with a sweedsaw, shoot his rifle and do many everyday chores. He was the great uncle of Margaret (Bauman) Edelman who lives in Lake Alice Township where he lived until a few years before his death. After being in ill health for several years at which time he lived with his niece, Mrs. Frank Bauman in Lake George. He died of a heart attack on November 11, 1954. His wife had died in 1943 and no children were born to this couple.

Will Zimbrick was elected Treasurer of Hubbard County in 1896. In his first campaign he ran against J. W. Smith and A. E. Dickenson. The final vote for Smith 213, Dickenson 231 and Zimbrick 299. He was re-elected twice until beat by Willie Fox in 1902. The tally was Zimbrick 727 and Fox 738. Fox lost the next election to Mr. Wilsie in 1904.

This is certainly an account of will power for both men. Even with the loss of their arms they didn't burden the taxpayers but went

ahead and did the best they could to make a living and support their wives.

The obituary for Willie Fox says that he was the last member of the Fox family. He was buried in the family lot in Greenwood Cemetery, Park Rapids.

An article in the Park Rapids Enterprise February 11, 1915 reprinted from the Seattle Evening Telegram shows that the Zimbricks were living in Seattle at that time.

The headlines read "William Zimbrick can hunt, write and do many other stunts with ease.

His left arm was taken off above the elbow and his right arm at the wrist.

After being treasurer of Hubbard County for six years, he along with his wife moved to Seattle, Washington.

When small game hunting season opened he was one of the first to apply for a license. The clerk asked if he was getting a license

for a friend. Will said, "I want a license for myself". Zimbrick used an ordinary double barrel shotgun. The butt was bored so he could screw a flat extension which he gripped under his right arm and rested the barrel on the steel hook. He pulled the trigger with a chain held in his teeth. He came back from the hunt with 4 pheasants, 1 rabbit, 1 Quail and 1 partridge. He also had a special strap that allowed him to use a crosscut saw. He rode a bicycle by grasping a handle bar with the steel hook. He could remove the hook and screw on a fork that he used for cooking. He was able to dress himself, but always wore gaiters to avoid lacing his shoes.

In Seattle he worked as a salesman for a nursery company. He wrote and signed his name with a pencil held with his teeth.

He lived in Seattle, but also had a homestead in Zinn County, Washington.

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