



# SHAKOPEE HERITAGE SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



**The last Shakopee Heritage Society included discussion by Elders, who talked about what they remembered about growing up in Shakopee! What a fun discussion!**

**Learning About Union School will be the meeting and presentation on April 27, 2024 at the Shakopee Library from Noon until 2 pm by Chris Kiecker. The Union School, built in 1881, and open for students on January 10, 1882. The school had many names, including Shakopee Public School, Central Elementary School, and Central Family Center. It was locate at 505 Holmes Street South's and was torn down last year.**

**This presentation will be great!**



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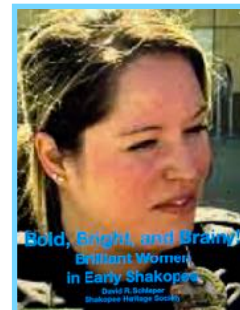
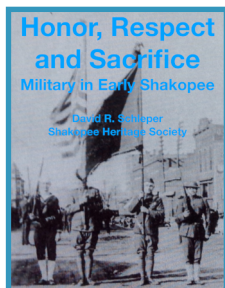
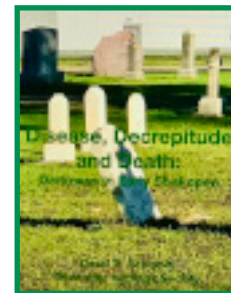


## Presentations Coming Up

Here is the list of the History of Shakopee Series from David Schleper of the Shakopee Heritage Society. The monthly presentations are on a Tuesday, and are free. Usually about 20 to 40 people attended. For the last 6 years, the monthly meetings have been fun! If questions, contact Mary Feltmann at 952-233-9507. SHS is at [shakopeeheritage.org](http://shakopeeheritage.org) or at David at 952-693-3865. Presentations (free) are at the Shakopee Community Center.



SHAKOPEE HERITAGE SOCIETY					
<i>Presented by David R. Schleper, Shakopee Heritage Society</i>					
<b>"STAY STRONG. STAND UP. HAVE A VOICE."</b>					
<b>CLEVER WOMEN IN SHAKOPEE</b>					
Community Center, 1255 Fuller St. S.					
Day	Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Code
Tue.	Apr. 9	1-2 p.m.	18+	Free	CD 409
<b>HONOR, RESPECT AND SACRIFICE: MILITARY IN EARLY SHAKOPEE</b>					
Community Center, 1255 Fuller St. S.					
Day	Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Code
Tue.	May 14	1-2 p.m.	18+	Free	CD 314
<b>DISEASE, DECREPITUDE AND DEATH: DARKNESS IN EARLY SHAKOPEE</b>					
Community Center, 1255 Fuller St. S.					
Day	Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Code
Tue.	Jun. 11	1-2 p.m.	18+	Free	CD 811
<b>BOLD, BRIGHT, AND BRAINY! BRILLIANT WOMEN IN EARLY SHAKOPEE</b>					
Community Center, 1255 Fuller St. S.					
Day	Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Code
Tue.	Jul. 9	1-2 p.m.	18+	Free	CD 709
<b>FOR THE GOOD OF THE WOMEN: THE MINNESOTA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN SHAKOPEE</b>					
Community Center, 1255 Fuller St. S.					
Day	Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Code
Tue.	Aug. 13	1-2 p.m.	18+	Free	CD 813



## Cemetery Cleaning




Cemetery cleaning will happen starting on Thursday, April 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m at Valley Cemetery. Every two weeks, volunteers will be cleaning tombstones. It is actually fun, and anyone who is interested are welcome. If questions, contact David Schleper at 952 693 3865.

## Brochures

The new Shakopee Heritage Society brochures will be sent soon. The brochures are on-line, and available for schools and others. So far, the SHS 274 brochures, including half women and half men, and 40% people of color.

**Want more information about People of Sha K' Pay? Go to <http://shakopeeheritage.org/people-of-sha-k-pay>.**

## Two great presentations worth attending...





**Learning About Union School**  
Shakopee Heritage Society Meeting and Presentation  
**April 27, 2024 at the Shakopee Library from Noon until 2 pm**

Union School was the original public school in Shakopee started in 1891. Shakopee consolidated school District One and Two, and built the Union School, which opened for business in January 10, 1892, with Professor Giles was the principal. Fannie Barnes was head of the grammar department, and Maybelle Patterson and Mary O'Brien taught the primary department. It was located one block south of old District One, and west of St. Mary's Church. The school had many names, including Union School, Shakopee Public School, Central Elementary School, and the Central Family Center. It was located at 505 Holmes Street South, and was torn down last year.



The **Shakopee Heritage Society Meeting** and presentation on **Union School** by Chris Kiecker will happen on April 27, 2024 at Shakopee Library, from noon to 2 pm. Questions? Call 952 693 3865.

Ma Buelte and Anna Foss, First High School Graduates  
June 7, 1896

1908 Union School Students and Teachers


**Downtown Shakopee Tour**  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
10 am to Noon

Learn about some of the people in downtown Shakopee at the Shakopee Heritage Society tour on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to Noon. The tour will start on Lewis Street, near the library on 3rd Street, and end at First and Holmes Street at noon. Bring a lawn chair as we will move from place to place.

Learn about the nurse who was blind, and joined the Booklover's Club; the real Pablo who opened the first Mexican restaurant in town; the first fireman who was killed in a fire; the Paul Revere of Shakopee; Charles Augustus Lindbergh, who borrow money from a bank in Shakopee and forgot to pay it back.; a Chinese American Man who was in Shakopee in 1892; the Paul Revere of Shakopee who helped stop a bank robbery; two Jewish people in early Shakopee, included one who died in the Holocaust; the Dakota man that every child loved, the woman who, like her mother, killed someone; and the African American woman who lived in Shakopee for two years after the steamboat didn't go over the rapids in 1852!

Learn about our history, and then spend the day visiting the stores and businesses in downtown Shakopee!



## Shakopee High School's Indigenous students building outdoor smudging space

By Beret Leone

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SHAKOPEE, Minn. — Shakopee High School is implementing an outdoor smudging space for its Native American students, who are helping construct it.

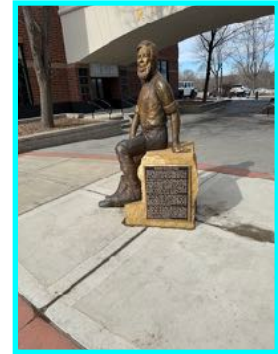
Nail by nail and board by board, students in the school's Engineering and Manufacturing Academy are busy building something that's never been seen on a Minnesota high school campus.

"It's one of our core things that's like been consistent throughout all our histories that we smudge and use the smoke to cleanse ourselves," said junior Chanta Brewer, a member of the school's Native Group.

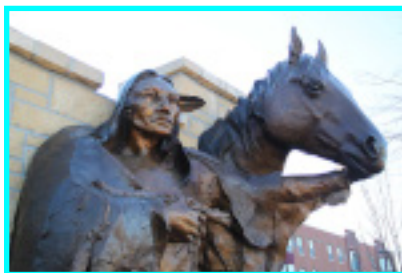




## The Samuel Pond Statue



The sculpture was created by artist Denny Haskew, a member of the Pottawatomie Citizen Nation, who also sculpted the statue of



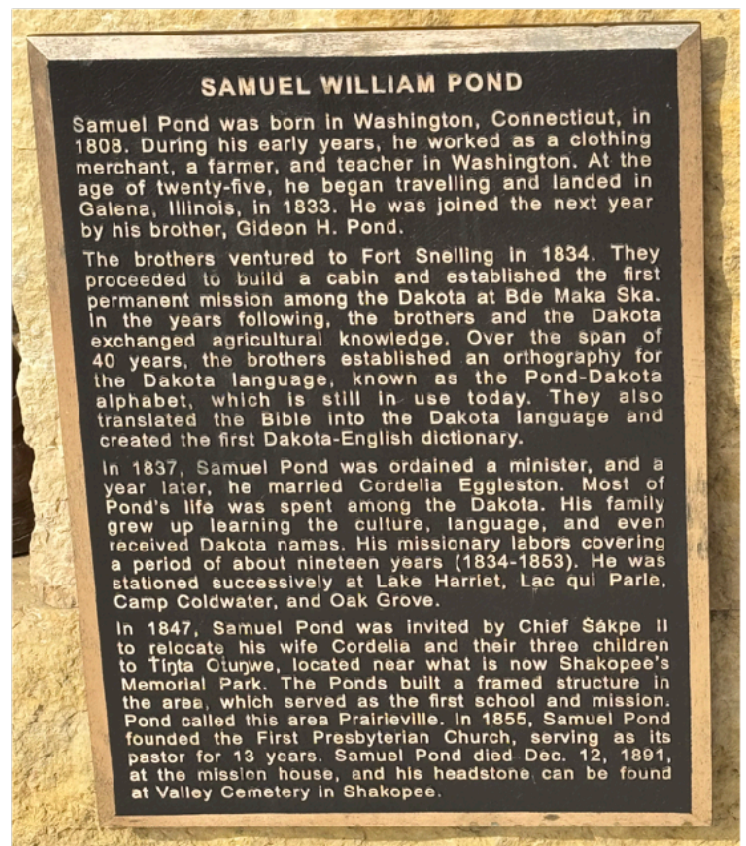
Dakota Leader  
Sakpedarj at the Highway 101 entrance.

### A Chief or a Dakota Leader?

Was Šakpe II a chief? According to Anton Treuer, a professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University and the author of numerous books on Native Americans, said the term ‘chief’ is misleading, according to the article, *Who Were Minnesota’s Native Leaders* from the *Minnesota Star Tribune* on Sunday, February 25, 2024. “The word ‘chief’ is an English word and each tribe had its own words for different kinds of leaders,” Treuer said. “I think there’s a lot of confusions and stereotypes about what and who Native leaders were.”

Some leaders oversaw social functions, while others led people into battle. Fur traders in the region that became Minnesota would call those represented their community a “village chief.”

When the Shakopee Heritage Society was working on the signs that are located on the south side of Memorial Park, we contacted the members of the Shakopee Mdewakenton Sioux Community. They suggested that we should call them Dakota leaders, as opposed to the word chief, which is really a European American word that probably would not used by Dakota people.



## Charles A. Manaige: The Paul Revere of Shakopee (1846-1938)



Charles A. Manaige was born December 7, 1846 in Madison, Wisconsin. His father, Pierre Manaige, was a native of France, and his mother was a part-Winnebago, or Ho-Chunk Indian.

On January 25, 1846, wearing high heeled boots to give him the required height, Charles A. Manaige enlisted in the U.S. army. He served as a private in Company F, First Regiment, Minnesota Heavy Artillery under the command of Captain Hugh J. Owens. Eight months later, on September 27, 1865, Charles was honorably discharged in Nashville, Tennessee.

On July 30, 1870, Charles A. Manaige married Pelagie Eliza Faribault, daughter of Oliver Faribault and Wakan Yanke Win, in Mankato. They returned to Shakopee, where they spent their lives. Charles Manaige worked for a number of years in Shakopee as a painter and paperhanger, and also served in the police force. A familiar figure, Charlie was endeared to young and old. The old veteran, riding in his horse-drawn carriage, made daily trips from his home at the east part of the city to do the family shopping.



Shakopee Heritage Society photographs of Charles and Pelagie Elizabeth Faribault Manaige marriage,

fishing at the Springs, a picture of Eliza and Charles around 1935, Charles in front of the 1847 cabin, and the cabin located at the Landing in Shakopee.

Charles A. Manaige was driving down First Street on his white horse and rattling buggy on December 12, 1929. At age 82 years old, Charles became the Paul Revere of Shakopee. He was driving in town in his horse and buggy when he heard the opening volley of shots happening at the Shakopee First National Bank.

In the book, **Hidden History of the Minnesota River Valley** by Elizabeth Johanneck, published by The History Press, Charleston, SC in 2010 explained the action that happen on First Avenue in Shakopee on December 12, 1929.

From the **Shakopee Argus-Tribune** on December 12, 1929, three bank bandits, William (Bud) McNearney, George Larkin and Paul Morris strolled nonchalantly into the First National Bank here at 9:50 on Monday morning, ordered the occupants, Theo Weiland, Sr., John Theim, Lucile Schwartz, and E.J. Huber to lay face downward on the floor and then proceeded to ransack the place.



Shakopee robbers William Bud McInery age 30 left and George Larkin 32

Finding the vault closed one of the men ordered Ed Huber to his feet to manipulate and open the huge vault door. This done, they entered and appropriated the two bundles of \$1 bills, totaling \$1700, which had been laid out for their convenience. One of the trio carried a large white sack in which to place the loot. This bag, however, was left on the bank floor when, a moment later, the shooting started.



When the planted money was picked up within and no other currency was in sight the trio started to leave the bank. The first man out was met by the bank of a shot gun in the hands of Deputy Lester Brown, head of the Minnesota Bankers' Protective Association, and Sheriff Jos. Wickman who arranged the trap. The man on his way to their car parked in front of the bank, dropped as he crossed the sidewalk and rolled over into the street with his head and shoulders remaining on the curb.

Within the bank Theo. Weiland, who with Henry Marschall, a patron, was in the business chamber at the rear of the building, said one of the two remaining men realized their predicament and shouted, "We're trapped, let'em have it."

One of the men, McNearney, carried the bundles of currency in his arm leaving the white sack on the floor. The two, seeking to avoid gun fire, darted out the rear of the bank. Information was shouted to Lester Brown who, with Frank Deutsch, ran around to the rear of the bank. The bandit accompanying McNearney had drawn two revolvers. As the pair raced up the alley toward highway No. 5, Brown grazed McNearney but did not drop him. Reaching the gangway between the Shakopee Drug Co. and Teidt's restaurant, the pair made a dash to return to First St. where a posse of armed local men had assembled in waiting for their prey.

Coming out between the two buildings onto the sidewalk, the men made a wild dash for their car where the first of the trio was lying in his blood.

It was McNearney carrying the money who succeeded in reaching the car. The second man was dropped in front of Strunk's Drug Store as Sheriff Wickman standing in the center of First St. and directly opposite the bank opened a volley of shot on him.

As McNearney scrambled into the car Chas D. Brown armed with a shoulder machine gun left his station near the car opposite the bank and took a position at the intersection of First and Lewis Sts., where he let go at the rear glass and ripping into the upholstery.

Gregor Hartmann, who had perched himself in the second story of Hartmann Market directly opposite the bank, drew a bead on McNearney and a bullet from his high-calibre deer rifle through the jaw of his victim. McNearney, driven from the car under heavy rifle fire, again entered the bank still carrying the loot.

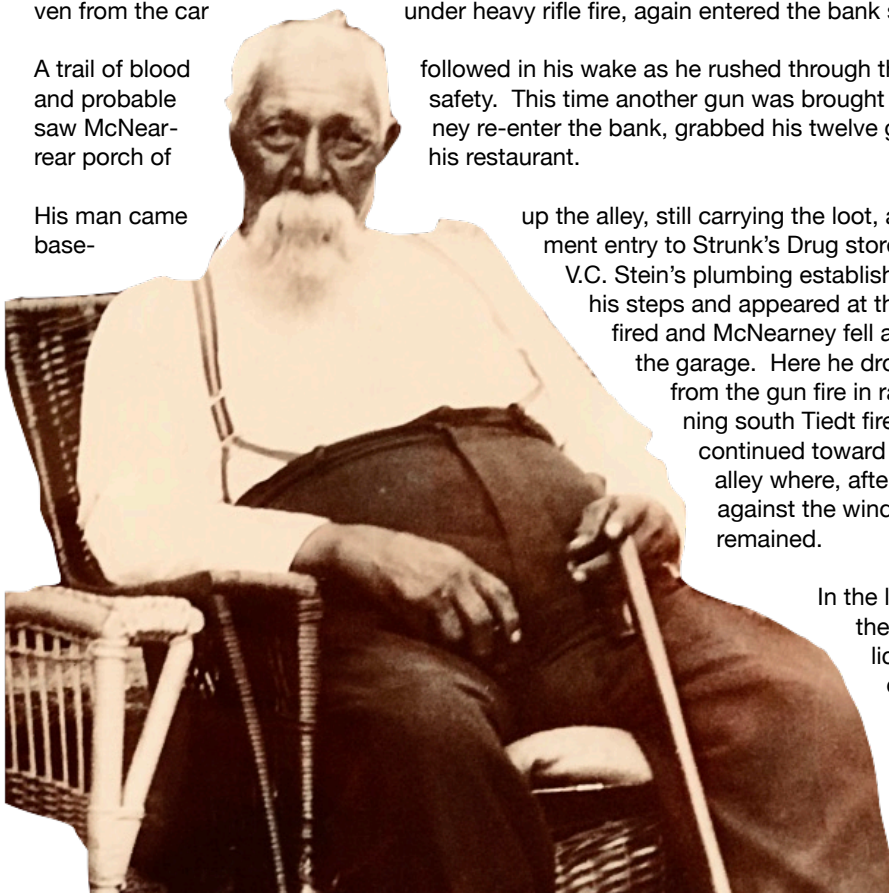
A trail of blood and probable saw McNear-rear porch of

followed in his wake as he rushed through the bank and up the alley for the highway safety. This time another gun was brought into play. It was Al Tiedt, who, when he ney re-enter the bank, grabbed his twelve gauge shot gun and took a position at the his restaurant.

His man came base-

up the alley, still carrying the loot, after having hidden a moment in the ment entry to Strunk's Drug store. As he reached the garage of the rear of V.C. Stein's plumbing establishment, Al shouted and the bandit retraced his steps and appeared at the opposite end of the garage. Then he fired and McNearney fell against a dog house at the south end of the garage. Here he dropped the loot and took to his feet, moving from the gun fire in rapid pace. As he crossed the alley running south Tiedt fired again, the man staggered a little but continued toward a chicken coop on the north side of the alley where, after a third shot from Tiedt's gun he fell against the window of the frame structure and there he remained.

In the large sedan in which the bandits arrived on the scene, where found a clothes line, extra license plates, a grip containing a large quantity of ammunition, and a quantity of moonshine. The victims were removed to the Shakopee hospital, where their wounds were dressed. Later Larkin and Morris were removed to Mudcura Sanitarium where they were placed under guard. McNearney most critically in-



jured was also under guard at the local hospital.

Two of the bandits, Larkin and McNearney, were identified by Chief E.J. Murnane as St. Paul police characters. McNearney was arrested on several occasions and has served time in St Cloud reformatory to which institution he was sent May 23, 1925. He is 30 years old, married, and has one daughter. His father, mother, wife and daughter were with him Monday night in the hospital here. Larkin has also served time in the St. Cloud reformatory. He is 32 years old and is a taxicab driver. Morris was not identified. He gave his home as Chicago.

Having sensed the approaching conflict, Chas. Manaige, aged Civil War veteran, driving down First St. with his white horse and rattling buggy whipped his steed into action and raced up Lewis St. shouting at the top of his familiar voice. "The bank is being robbed, get you guns." Just as Paul Revere did, and exactly as the venerable veteran conducted himself in the historical Civil War, he remained within the danger zone, unmindful of his own danger, attracting a multitude of armed citizens.

Rifles banked, pistols cracked and a machine gun spat in wicked harmony. Men hurried from all directions to the scene. Henry Verkennes, Geo. Beguhl, Frank Deutsch, Bernard Jansen, Roy Miller, Jos. Klinkhammer, F.J. Gross, J.H. Ring, police chief, and a host of men who were not readily discerned, flashed weapons and waited in readiness for an opportunity to open fire. There is but slight evidence of an exchange of shots and that was in the direction of the Hartmann building, a bullet having shattered the plate glass window. One of the bank windows was also pierced and the bullet lodged in the ceiling.

Cars parked along the street settled down on flat tires, windshields took on odd designs and car bodies suddenly developed gaping pores.



The trap which resulted in gruesome and sanguinary conflict was arranged under the direction of Chas. D. Brown and Sheriff Jos. Weckman. Several days ago Brown picked up a "tip" that a bank robbery was scheduled to occur Tuesday in Scott County. Where the robbery would be staged was not known. Acting on this "tip" Brown posted at the banks in this county.

At 2 o'clock Monday morning, Brown received another tip from underworld operatives. This one was detailed and accurate. It was to be the First National Bank at Shakopee, Brown said. He then informed bank officials and other operatives and as a result all were in readiness for the affair that followed. About five minutes before the bandits arrived Brown and an assistant, George Susens, were in their positions opposite the bank.

Soon after the trap was set and Sheriff Weckman and his men were posted, two men walked leisurely down the street toward the bank. At the same time a large sedan went down the street, passed the bank, continued a block beyond, then turned around, came back, and parked in front of the bank just as the two men entered. C.C. Brown knew these were the bandits and every armed man on the street got his signal of recognition. It was only necessary then to wait and to steel their nerves for gunfire.

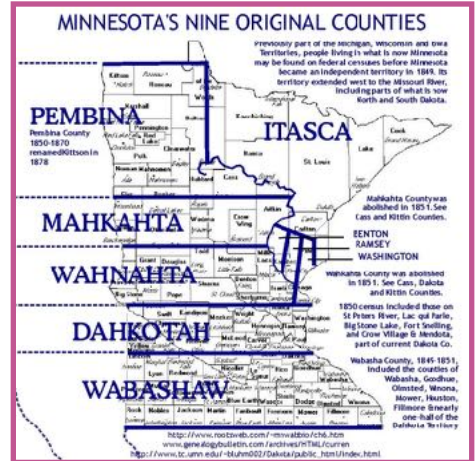
Officials of the First National Bank here are loud in the praise of the citizens of Shakopee and the Sheriff and his Deputies who faced the bandit trio who attempted to rob that bank Monday morning. In Shakopee, Charles August Manaige lead a parade that year, the "Paul Revere of Shakopee!"

In January 1938, Charles A. Manaige, Shakopee's 91-year-old Civil War veteran, the sole surviving member of General Shield's Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Paul Revere of Shakopee, died. Most of the businesses were closed during the funeral as Shakopee saluted the old soldier, who is buried in Valley Cemetery.

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**Don't forget annual membership renewal (and thanks all who did!). Cost is \$20 a year for the newsletter, 96 brochures, and more! Send check to SHS at 2109 Boulder Point, Shakopee**