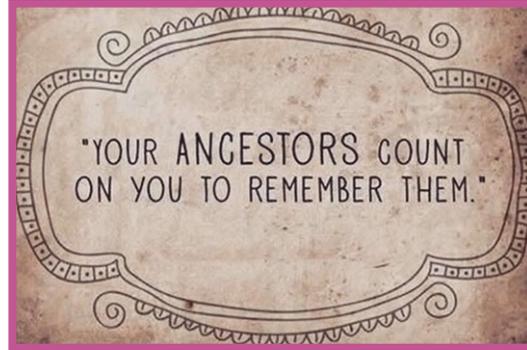




# SHAKOPEE HERITAGE SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



### Question from [shakopeeheritage.org](http://shakopeeheritage.org)

Several questions are popping up on our site. Here is one of them:

Q: I heard that Shakopee had a street named Teepee. So you know anything about that?

A: No, there is no street named Teepee (or Tipi) in Shakopee.

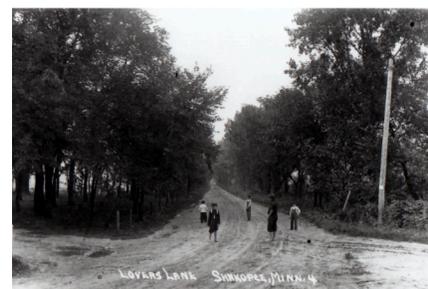
You may be confusing teepee to Indian Road, which later became Lovers' Lane, and is not a private road on the North side of the Minnesota River. Here is the information:

#### Indian Road or Lovers' Lane

Hilary Drees, a member of the Shakopee Heritage Society, remembered driving his bike...down to the river to Indian Road, where they saw the hogs that lived on the North side of the river, and continued past Sever's farm to look at the tipis of the Indians.

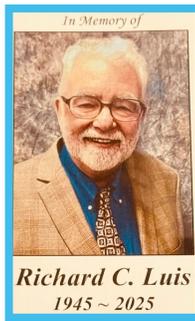
"...they had to drive across the old bridge at Shakopee onto the Indian Road, where they would see Indian Minnie sewing under a shade tree and the young Indian boys running and hiding behind trees, aiming and shooting their Fourth of July guns," according to Irene McDevitt Reinke Bursey (1980). **Patrick McDevitt History: 1838-1980**, p. 80.

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**On left is the postcard of the Sioux Reservation, Shakopee, Minnesota even though it was actually in Eden Prairie, and the land was purchased by Oyatekokepa Jacob Otherday who purchased 18 acres in 1871. The middle is some of Minnie's moccasins, and left is children on Lovers' Lane.**

## Remembering Richard C. Luis



This year Shakopee had six entrants in the speech contest, they are: Genie Holte, Suzie Maurine, Tom Mottinger, Bob Dixon, Dave Luis, Dan Weiler, Rick Luis.



SPANISH II. ROW 1: Barb Gossling, Cheryl Fetschenbier, Audrey Robinson, Sandra Kumpel, Mary Biers. ROW 2: Chasch Teague, Rick Luis. ROW 3: Kevin Lynch, Paul Appelget, Dean Schroen.

Richard Rick Charles Luis was born on September 4, 1945, son of Carlos W. Luis and Lillian Borofsky. Both of his parents were serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, he as an officer on a minesweeper in the Pacific, and she as one of the first WAVES stationed on Treasure Island, California. When Lillian became pregnant, she was discharged from the Navy and returned to live with her family in Elkton, Maryland, where Rick was born. Rick's father, Carlos, was assigned to some clean-up in China after WWII, and did not meet his son until Rick was over one year old.

Carlos Luis became principal of the Shakopee High School. Rick attended school at the Shakopee High School, where he was selected to represent Minnesota at Camp Rising Sun, a summer camp in Upstate New York with campers from all around the world. It inspired him to take an international view of life, continue making friends from around the world.

Rick Luis graduated in 1963 from Shakopee High School. He then attended Yale University, where he was an active in the student radio station until he graduated with a history major on 1967. Rick stated at the University of Minnesota Law School until he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as an Atomic Demotions specialist in Germany. After that, he held several jobs with the State of Minnesota before returned to the University of Minnesota Law School where he graduated in 1974.

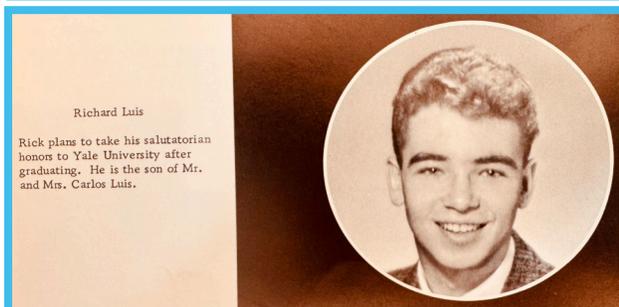
Rick met his future wife Juanita Nita Bollard at a party of State employees in April, 1974, at the same time Rick was graduated and Nita started inn the Fall. They were married in August 1977, and after a honeymoon in Europe they both introduce them to the wonders of Europe, and they have been traveling ever since...over 130 counties!

Rick's law career was with the State of Minnesota, as an Unemployment Law Judge and as an Administrated Law Judge until he retired in 2012. He had held hearings in 85 of Minnesota's 87 counties!

He continued in many volunteer actives, including Treasurer of his Yale Class, past President and Board member of the Yale Alumni Association, and a member of the Shakopee Educational Educational Endowment Fund. Rick and Nita were also involved with the Shakopee Heritage Society, and attended presentations and supported the SHS. Rick and Nita have endowed scholarships at Yale, University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Athletics.

Luis and Nita were supporters of the Shakopee Heritage Society.

Richard (Rick) Charles Luis passed away peacefully at Maplewood Rehabilitation on June 28th, 2025. The Shakopee Heritage Society honors his life, and give support to Nita and family.



Richard Luis

Rick plans to take his salutatorian honors to Yale University after graduating. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Luis.



RICHARD LUIS "Rick"  
Prom Comm.; World Affairs Finalist; Nat. Merit Scholarship Finalist; Football; Math Club; Nat. Science Foundation Scholarship; Declam; Shak-O-Hi-Lites; Model U.N.; Waniyetu Sports Editor; Basketball; Baseball; Honor Society; Student Council; Jr., Sr. Class Play; Homecoming Comm.

Photos from Waniyetu Yearbooks (1962, 1963) and from Dave Regan

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**MODEL U.N.**

Selected as delegates to the Model UN at Winnipeg, Canada, were Richard Luis and Kevin Lynch. Delegates are chosen by the Shakopee Rotary Club.

**WORLD AFFAIRS**



By obtaining the highest score of those tested at Shakopee High in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune World Affairs Test, Richard Luis became eligible to compete in the finals.



"I don't care if it is your last dollar, you have to pay your class dues!"

**HONOR SOCIETY**



Members of the Honor Society are:  
 ROW 1, Monica Pierson, Jane Rogstad, Louann Lane, Marilyn Shamborg, Ida Hottinger; ROW 2, Jean Imboden, Georgia Jaquet, Nancy Hagen, Jean Bowden.  
 ROW 3, Karen Kovich, Genesee

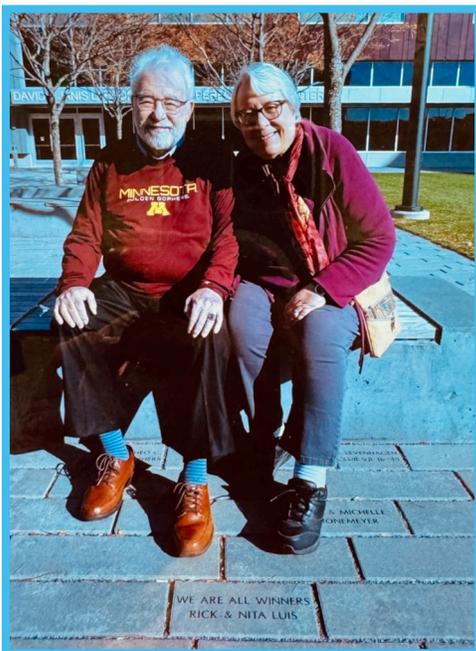




Photo: 1950s



Photo: Late 1970s

# THE SCOTT COUNTY EAGLE

The majestic eagle sculpture (above) once stood atop the historic Scott County Courthouse in Shakopee, Minnesota, which was constructed in 1857. The eagle itself was added during a major remodel of the courthouse in 1927, symbolizing strength, freedom, and justice-values held dear by the people of Scott County. For generations, it watched over the courthouse and town square, serving as a proud emblem of local government and civic pride.

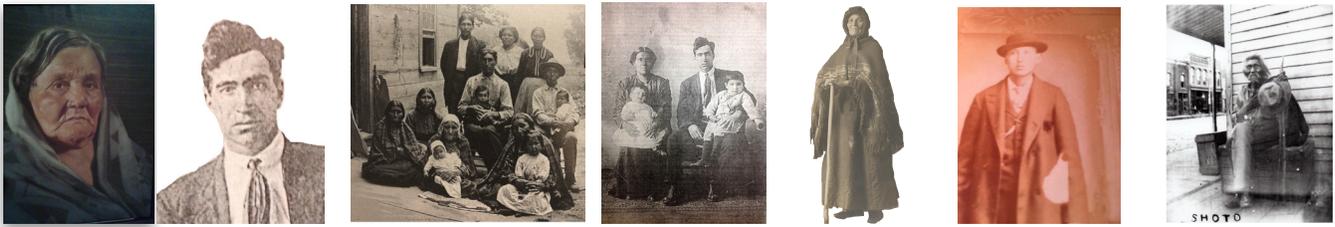
In 1975, Scott County's growing population required the construction of a new Government Center, which was built adjacent to the original courthouse (eventually demolished in 2006). As part of this construction, the eagle was carefully removed and stored until 2025.

In 2022, the Government Center Campus added Government Center West, renovated Government Center East, and today the entire campus includes the Justice and Law Enforcement Centers as well. These buildings now stand on the same property upon which the original courthouse stood in 1857.

The eagle is now displayed here, near the original location, as a tribute to Scott County's rich history and the principles that continue to guide its future. Further, this sculpture also reflects Scott County's ongoing commitment and vision to provide a safe, healthy and livable community for its residents - both present and future. As it once looked out over the heart of local government, it now stands as a symbol of the County's dedication to serving the people with integrity, vision, and strength.



Rendering: Sheriff's Residence, Jail, and Court House of Scott County, 1891



**Minnie Josephine Otherday Weldon, Charles Weldon, a group of relatives located on the North side of Minnesota River, including Minnie (on the middle back row), a picture of Minnie, Charlie, and their first two children, Minnie’s mother, Hapstiŋna Makaakanjiwanŋkewiŋ Black Flute Lucy Otherday, Oyatekoŋepa Jacob Otherday, and John Shoto.**

Minnie Josephine Otherday Weldon (1877-1959) was born in a tipi on July 24, 1877 on the north side of the Minnesota River. According to Mary Cavanaugh DuBois, everyone in Shakopee knew Minnie “...who made beautiful beaded articles. The purses her mother had her make were not leather, but made from rubber inner tubes. They had beaded handles and rubber streamers decorated with beads. The price was \$1.00 each.”

Minnie’s mother, Hapstiŋna Makaakanjiwanŋkewiŋ Black Flute Lucy Otherday (ca. 1832-1920) married Oyatekoŋepa Jacob Otherday. And Oyatekoŋepa Jacob Otherday purchased 18 acres in 1871. The land was directly across the Minnesota River from Tínta Otunŋwe. The area is now part of Eden Prairie.

In 1908, Minnie married Charles Chuck Weldon, a fisherman, and they grew up on the reservation here. She had four sons and a daughter, all born in the east part of Shakopee.

(Please note that Minnie and Chuck’s grandson is Charlie Vig, Shakopee’s Class of 1978, and for 8 years (2012-2020) the Chairman of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (Mdemayaŋto Oyate) of Minnesota, a federally recognized (1969) sovereign Indian tribe of Mdewakanton Dakota people, located southwest within parts of the cities of Prior Lake and Shakopee. Tribal members are direct lineal descendants of Mdewakanton Dakota people who resided in villages near the banks of the lower Minnesota River, including Tínta Otunŋwe. Minnie and Charlie’s great grandson is Andy Vig, a SMSC member.)

**Charlie Vig and his son, Andy Vig**



Condé Gallagher Raguet grew up on the north side of the Minnesota River.

“That first winter we were in Minnesota, my father sent me and the hired man named Isaac to get a load of hay. At that time, the only hay that was available was cut in the lowlands and was very long. My brother, Harry, tagged along,” said Reguet in the book **Eden Prairie: The First 100 Years** by Helen Holden Anderson (1979) from Viking Press, pp. 26-28.

“When we got to the crest of the bluff, looking down on the meadow onto one of the ‘rice lakes,’ as they were called, we saw a group of men, boys, Indians, and children.”

“Said Isaac, ‘I tank we go fishing.’ So we went down to the lake and promptly forgot all about the hay.” Both the white people and the Dakota were equipped with forks, ready to grab the fish.”

The fish came up out of the water to breathe. “We followed the crowd’s example and kept at it all day until about 5 o’clock.”

“An Indian woman asked me to eat some of the fish, but as they hung the fish upon the spears over the fire without removing the entrails, I declined.”

***Sha K' Pay, Minnesota Territory. A Sioux Encampment on the Banks of the Minnesota River from Nature ca 1854 by Edwin Whitefield from Minnesota Historical Society, used by permission.***



“But, the fish was perfectly roasted and in the end I tried them. They were so delicious I ate a great many of them.”

“The mercury was 22 degrees below zero, but with the fire we didn’t notice the cold.”

They had so much fish—black bass, wall-eyed pike, and pickerel, no bulkheads or sunfish—that it was about one and one half ton of fish. “We were told to pack the fish in oats and they would keep indefinitely, for the winters were very cold.”

“We packed them in oat bins until we thought we had enough to last all winter, and then took the remainder to St. Paul, where we sold them for a good price.”

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Helen Elizabeth Lizzie Everling (1881-1979) told stories about growing up in Shakopee, and her daughter, Dorothy King McIntosh, told the stories in a book ***The Family of Maria Muno and Johann Peter Kaup***.

Helen noted that she was born on September 5, 1881 in Eagle Creek, such she noted is “on the outskirts of a little town called Shakopee, in the state of Minnesota. We later moved in the town of Shakopee.”

“The Minnesota River flows nearby and some Indians lived across the bridge and towards the right. One Sunday afternoon, after Sunday school (we had Mass at church in the morning and in the afternoon we had Sunday School) my sister and two of our girlfriends decided to walk over to where the Indians lived. When the young Indian boys saw us coming they had a fire going and danced and sang songs in a circle around the fire. The little Indian girls were playing together and we watched them.”

The Dakota girls took Lizzie and her friends to their log cabin where the woman was busy fixing some whole green beans for supper.

“The woman was so happy to see us and she gave us some little woven baskets she had made and they were embroidered with fancy thread and were made to be hung up. When we left she invited us to come again.”

Then Lizzie noted “My mother was so worried when we came home and told her where we were, as people were afraid of Indians in those days.”

Lizzie also remembered “Indian Lucy” (Hapstijna Black Flute Lucy Otherday), who “would gather watercress in the creek in the Spring and Summer and twice a week would walk in to town and sell it to the townspeople. She was quiet but friendly.”

“Old Shoto” was the Dakota Indian John Shoto, who came to town occasionally, according to Lizzie. “Old Shoto walked with a cane. He would walk into our town and shout ‘Whoo whoo Hah Hah’ over and over”.

“Old Shoto was so friendly and nice and all the children loved him. They would gather around him whenever he walked into town and beg him to count...which he did.” And so John Shoto would count: wanží [1], núŋpa [2], yámni [3], tópa [4], záptan [5], and šákpe [6]!”



SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON  
SIOUX COMMUNITY

The SMSC’s public exhibit in Shakopee is a great source of information. ***MdeWakanton: Dwellers of the Spirit Lake*** provides visitors with a cultural experience that enhances their knowledge and understanding of the MdeWakanton Dakota people and their history. Tours are offered to guests and many Dakota artifacts can be viewed in the public gallery. For more information, contact 2300 Tiwahe Circle, Shakopee, MN 55372, 952.233.9151. Open Wednesday-Saturday from 9am-4:30pm.

### Cleaning Valley Cemetery



For the four year, the Shakopee Heritage Society along with the Daughters of the American Revolution Keewaydin Chapter worked on the tombstones at Valley Cemetery. Several cemetery tombstones were clean, and 41 Civil War veterans were also cleaned this summer. And with the help of Ken Pass, another tombstone, this one about 4 inches below the ground, was brought to the service. We will continue cleaning in the spring. If interested, give us a call at 952-693-3865.



### Presentations

- October 14, 2025 **A+ for Teachers: Educators in Early Shakopee** 1-2 pm Shakopee Community Center
- November 18, 2025 **Powerful Names** 1-2 pm Shakopee Community Center
- Jan. 13, 2026 **Minnesota Wakpá: The Minnesota River in Early Shakopee** 1-2 pm Shakopee Community Center
- February 10, 2026 **Home Sweet Home: Dwellings in Early Shakopee** 1-2 pm Shakopee Community Center

### Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be one January 24, 2026 at the Shakopee Library, 235 Lewis Street South. Add it to your schedule and please attend!



### Yearly Dues

The annual dues of \$20 is due. Please send to 2109 Boulder Pointe, Shakopee, MN 55379 or bring to annual meeting in January. Added money is always needed, and is used for printing, mailing, and books for students.





People of Sha K' Pay brochures (almost 500 of them) are available on line at: <https://shakopeeheritage.org/people-of-sha-k-pay>

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