

NEWS FROM OUR AFFILIATES

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a display of the work of the late Elton Olson. Mr. Olson was an active member of the community and was a very talented and prolific wood carver. The museum will be showing many of his sculptures this summer.

Train restoration will continue, with the "man-car" or trolley and the steam engine being the primary work.

We are planning to open the museum May 1 and it will be open daily through Labor Day. Admission is free.

Join us July 29 - 31, 2011 in Tower, Minnesota when Tower-Soudan Historical Society will present the 4th Annual Depot Days commemorating the first rail shipment of iron ore from the old Tower Depot.

This year will mark the first "Jugs on Da Range" jug band music competition - a celebration of America's most unique music form. Everyone is invited to bring their guitar, washboard, kazoo, etc and join in.

Great food, beverage, arts and crafts as well as live and silent auctions,

authors, jugglers, clowns and much more promise inexpensive family fun.

Tower is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Vermilion at the intersection of State Highway 169 and State Highway 135 on the Iron Range of northeast Minnesota.

Vendors (arts, crafts, food, demonstrations, etc) please contact: depotdays@gmail.com and jug bands or aficionados of jug band music contact: jugsondarange@gmail.com. You also may call (218) 248-0228 or (612) 353-1778 for further

information.

Virginia Area Historical Society

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Hours:

October 1st - April 30th
11:00 - 4:00
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
May 1st - September 30th



Two of the dolls from the Carolyn Harrington authentically costumed ethnic dolls exhibit at the Virginia Area Historical Society, Virginia, Minnesota.

11:00 - 4:00

Tuesday - Saturday

A current exhibit features 43 dolls with authentic ethnic costumes designed and handmade by Carolyn Harrington. A video of Carolyn's appearance on "Venture North" is available for public viewing. Area youth have loaned dolls and action figures for display.

Additions to the VAHS media center include a microfilm reader and scanner/printer, computer, microfilm of early "Range Facts" and a large screen television.

VAHS and the Friends of B'nai Abraham will host a MNHS traveling exhibit, *Minnesota Homefront WW II*, from May 19th until July 10th at the B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center. Cooperating organizations are the St. Louis County Historical Society's Veterans' Memorial Hall program and Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest. Various WW II era entertainment and programs are being planned. Coordinating WW II exhibits will be displayed at the VAHS museum as well.

The VAHS Annual Meeting and Dinner will be at 6:00 on May 6th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 306 2nd Street South, Virginia. Jeff Merritt, great-great nephew of Leonidas Merritt, will be the featured speaker.

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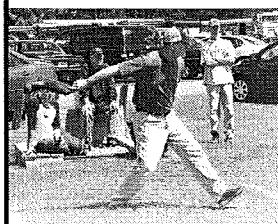
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