

ENTERTAINMENT

Historic transportation and settlement exhibit to open at Baudette Depot

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The Depot Preservation Alliance of Baudette will open the Historic Transportation and Settlement Exhibit at the Baudette Depot to the public at 1 p.m. May 23.

In 1997 when the Baudette Depot was close to an encounter with a wrecking ball, a handful of community members organized in an effort to save and preserve the depot. The Depot Preservation Alliance purchased the building from the Canadian National Railroad for \$1. This was the first step in a long journey.

The first 10 years saw some basic weatherization and repairs. In 2008, a reuse study was undertaken collecting community input. The study determined the best use of the depot was a multi-purpose facility with rental housing on the second floor and the first floor dedicated to arts, cultural events, history, public meeting spaces, and business applications.

In 2008, the Depot Preservation Alliance applied to the Minnesota Historical Society for a restoration grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, managed through the Minnesota Department of Transportation. With support from many organizations and subsequent multiple grant applications, the restoration of the Baudette Depot was completed by the end of 2011.

The federal grant required the completion of a major exhibit that would tell the interconnected story of transportation and settlement in the Lake of the Woods area. Planning for that exhibit has been underway for a number of years by the Depot Preservation Alliance members and consultants Venture Exhibits of Duluth. The result was the development of two smaller exhibits — If These Bricks Could Talk — that opened in 2013, and Take a Ride on the Rails in 2014.

The new exhibit poses the following questions for the public to explore: “Who came here? Why

did they come? How did they arrive? What was the connection between the various modes of transportation and subsequent settlement patterns?” The exhibit is considered permanent and will be in place for a minimum of 10 years. It also includes a mini-section depicting a day in the life of a stationmaster and features some of the items used when the Baudette Depot was an active operation.

As part of the opening celebration, the Depot Preservation Alliance will host a music on the lawn performance by acoustic singer/songwriter duo Bill and Kate Isles of Duluth, beginning at 2 p.m. Some friends of the Isles may also share their musical talents. Guests are welcome to bring a lawn chair.

Light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. The Depot Preservation Alliance plans to have open hours at the Depot on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the summer.

Author to offer free program at library

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Dramatic readings are making their way to the International Falls Public Library.

Presented by the Arrowhead Library System, author Tim Jollymore will travel to International Falls next week, bringing dramatic readings and writing tips that explore the struggles of identity in multicultural society as depicted in his book, “Listener in the Snow.”

The free program begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the library.

Jollymore, a native of Cloquet, grew up next to the swamps, forests, and Indian reservations of northern Minnesota. This personal experience shaped the setting of his first novel “Listener in the Snow.”

He earned his English degree at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, spent his working life as a tree planter, pulp peeler, local historian, traveling sales-



Tim Jollymore



man, corporate manager and professor. Jollymore builds on this experience to guide readers through his book, examining the Windigo and Ojibwe culture, looking at the Scandinavian legend and characters, and the role of the monstrous snowstorm that sets the plot of the book in motion.

The program will include discussion of the stories and lore of Mi'kmaq and Ojibwa culture while exploring the concept of plot development with a cultural focus. Jollymore will also share his tips for developing dialogue and explain how conversation in fiction is different from our

everyday communication. Plus, get a sneak peak at his next book, “Observation Hill,” set in post-World War II Duluth.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, visit the organization's calendar at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new, find it on Twitter www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy or Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy.

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