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# Press Release

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## **DAKOTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINN. (DEC. 5, 2023)- The Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) seeks new board members for the 2024 calendar year. Interested community members can reach out to the Lawshe Museum at 651-552-7548 to ask questions, or they can complete a board interest statement via the DCHS website [www.dakotahistory.org/volunteer](http://www.dakotahistory.org/volunteer). Interested individuals should submit a statement of interest form by Friday, December 22, 2023.

The DCHS board of trustees is made up of volunteers who play a vital role in setting organizational policy and helping to preserve, interpret and promote the history of Dakota County. Each board member serves a two-year term and can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms for the organization. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, DCHS helps make Dakota County history available and accessible to all.

"The organization is excited for what is to come," said DCHS Executive Director Matt Carter. "We just completed a \$1.2M renovation of the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul and have funding to provide more needed upgrades to the space. We finished our tour season at the LeDuc Estate and Sibley Site and had great turnouts for our seasonal Halloween events at the sites. Other exciting projects we have ongoing is our George Daniels Project at the LeDuc Estate and our Black Heritage Trail Project in Hastings. For the Lawshe Museum, we are excited for to soon begin the Final Design of a children's exhibit that can

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be used to fundraise for the needed costs to fabricate and  
install."

Founded in 1939, the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) preserves, interprets and promotes the history of Dakota County, Minn. DCHS operates three historic sites - Lawshe Memorial Museum at 130 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North in South St. Paul, Minn.; the LeDuc Historic Estate at 1629 Vermillion Street in Hastings, Minn.; and the Sibley Historic Site at 1357 Sibley Memorial Highway in Mendota, Minn. - as well as a research library and research website. DCHS memberships range from \$25 to \$60 for individuals and households. Corporate memberships are also available, starting at \$100. Call 651-552-7548 or visit [www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org) for more information.

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