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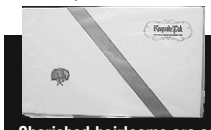

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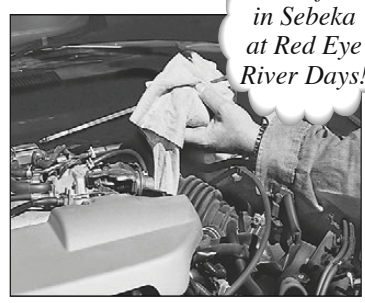

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The Sebeka School Mural: Paint the Town's History

Compiled by
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This weekend, June 14-15-16, the people of Sebeka will be celebrating Red Eye River Days. The Sebeka C&C has chosen "Paint the Town" as the theme for this year's celebration. Following, somewhat, with the C&C's theme, the *Review Messenger* would like to "Paint the Town's History" as portrayed in the community's historical mural.

The 1938 WPA-Federal Art Project mural in Sebeka Public School is historic by virtue of when it was painted and what was portrayed. It was painted during the Great Depression, utilizing a federal program whose function was to employ out-of-work artists. True to the old saying, "No good deed goes unrewarded," the work of these talented artists turned schools, post offices and public buildings across the nation into miniature art museums available free to public.

Richard Haines, who designed and painted Sebeka's mural, chose to symbolize the history of this area of the state. The mural does not depict Sebeka's local history, specifically, but represents the history of the area as a whole. The history it symbolizes is true for Sebeka and Menahga and Nimrod, and many other communities.

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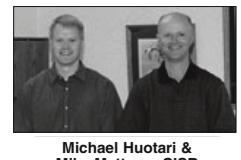

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