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Ice Lake Oral History Project

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Oral History Project to Present Reading by Local Senior Citizens

The Ice Lake Oral History Project is proud to present a reading by 14 local senior citizens at the Ice Lake Elementary School on Friday, March 31 at 3:00 p.m. The seniors have been participants in the Oral History Project for the past year, collecting stories from local citizens and using these stories to inspire their own creative writing, which includes poems, short stories, and personal memoir.

Alice Dickenson, a 72 year old resident of the South Oaks nursing home, is a participant in the Oral history project. She has interviewed over 20 other residents about their lives in Ice Lake. Their stories have provided her with rich material, and have resulted in 12 poems, each about the experiences of a different resident. One of her favorites is about a local farmer whose mother was killed by a bull. Even though the story is tragic, it is not without its lighter side. "It's amazing how even sad stories can have their humorous moments," explains Alice.

The Ice Lake Oral History Project is a collaboration between the Ice Lake Senior Center, the Samson County Historical Society and the Ice Lake Schools. The purpose of the project is to preserve and share the personal stories of local citizens and pass down the history of the Ice Lake Community. The project is generously supported through funds from the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Samson County Development Commission and the McKnight Foundation.

The reading is free and open to the Public. Ice Lake Elementary School is located at 502 West Main Street.