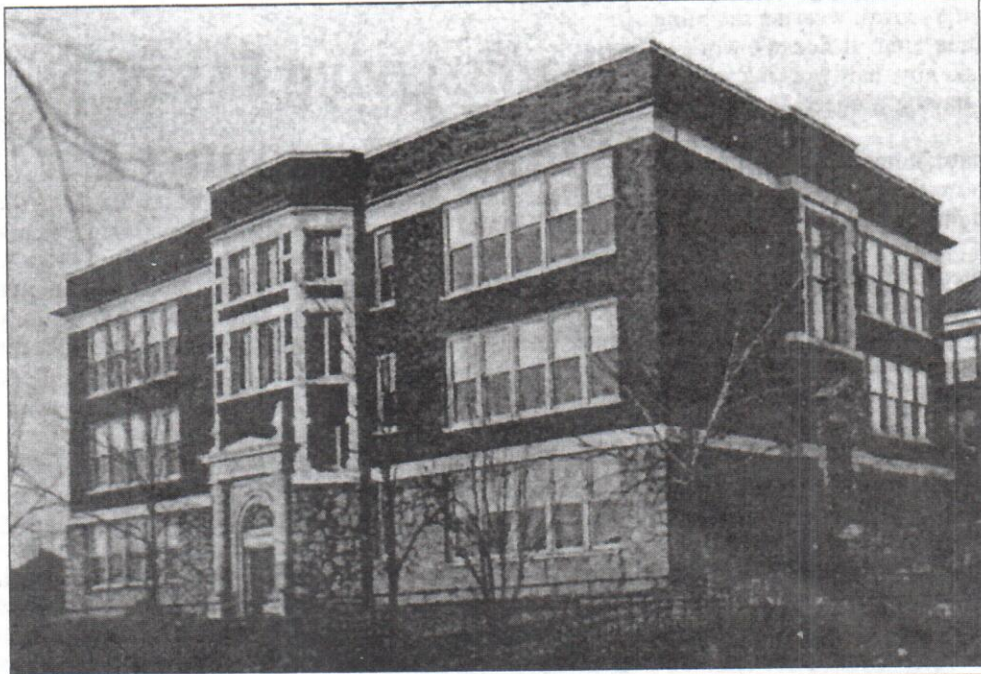


Lincoln School Building Receives Heritage Award on 100th Anniversary



Eveleth Scene 12-5-12



Esther Salmi of the Eveleth Heritage Committee presents the Historic Preservation Award to Dale Gilbertson, Executive Director of the East Range DAC.

Each year the Eveleth Heritage Committee gives an award to a place in the community that recognizes the initial character of the building and preserves the heritage of the building. This year's award was given to the East Range Developmental Achievement Center (DAC), which is located in the former Lincoln School. It is located at 800 A Avenue.

It was a fitting year to present the award to this structure as the building is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The school was built in 1912 at a time when Eveleth was growing at a rapid pace.

Up to 1903, Eveleth had been part of district No. 22 which included the city of Virginia according to the document The Daily Virginian. On December 5, 1902, the School Superintendent Charles M Stevens of Eveleth submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, a petition signed by

a majority of property holders, asking for a separate school district for Eveleth.

The county board granted permission for the organization of Common School District No. 39 in 1903. The district included Fayal Township and six sections of Missabe Mountain Township. The first district president was J.H. Hearing. He was responsible for several changes in the school system including the addition of cooking classes. He said cooking classes were needed because "poor cooking is largely responsible for the drinking of alcoholic beverages."

In 1912, the Lincoln School was built. The Daily Virginian said that the building "has twelve rooms with terrazzo floors in hall, air moisturizer, patent coat hangers, and steel adjustable seats arranged on the arcs of circles. Besides, it has all the modern conveniences." The style of the exterior is

said to be Elizabethan with Alghan brick. The Lincoln School served the growing population on the north side of town. Eventually, however, enrollment started to decline and in 1972, the Lincoln School was closed. In 1975, the DAC bought the building for \$1. Instead of demolishing the building, the DAC decided to renovate the building.

Diane Mikolich, who is program for ERDAC said that although extensively remodeled in the 1970's, "most of the original 'bones' are still evident to visitors who stop by and point out their second grade classroom or the principal's office."

The building has been updated with paint and carpet, but the terrazzo floors are still in use on the stairways and entries. A garage and parking were added, but a generous green space is still maintained.

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provides jobs and job training to approximately 100 adults who have disabilities and employs about 30 staff members.

Diane Mikolich is proud of what they have done. She said that they "take stewardship of this wonderful building very seriously. We are proud that not only has the building been saved, but that it is being used by the community to provide important jobs and services."

For these reasons, The Eveleth Heritage Committee presented East Range Developmental Achievement Center with the Historic Preservation Award at the November 20th Eveleth City Council Meeting. ERDAC Executive Director Dale Gilbertson accepted the award on behalf of ERDAC. Congratulations to the East Range DAC!