Middle school teachers are lining up to get their hands on it, sixth-grade students spent numerous hours navigating through it, and I cannot wait to officially launch it. What has teachers and students (well, maybe just teachers right now) so excited for the start of the next school year, when this year isn’t even over? It must be the virtual field trip of the Traverse des Sioux Treaty Site and Interpretive Trail.

Last fall I described my role in the St. Peter Public School District as a teacher on special assignment. One of my assignments was to develop a virtual field trip for the Treaty Site that social studies teachers could use to enhance their instruction while delivering content on our history rich county. The creation of the VFT affords teachers a way to bring the Treaty Site to the students. Most people would agree that physically transporting the students to the Treaty Site would be more beneficial than “pretending” to be at the site. However, many school districts are struggling with the rising cost of transportation and budget shortfalls. The virtual field trip may be the best alternative to actually being there.

The signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux is a major focus in Minnesota’s social studies standards for middle school students. In the fall of 2010 teachers will be able to utilize this combination of history and technology to address the standards and help students realize the significance of Nicollet County as a gateway and gathering place. Teachers and students will be able to navigate their way through the site’s building and walking paths to learn the ways of the Dakota people and why Euro-Americans poured into our state in the mid 1800s.

Teachers will have the option of navigating the site through the use of interactive whiteboards, or students will be able to utilize the interactivity of the virtual field trip by working independently at a computer workstation. Built into the VFT are pop-up pictures, videos, and slideshows. Teachers will also have ready-made interactive activities and assessments to choose from or customize for their individual needs. There are even embedded videos of students asking questions in various scenes to help users clarify and compare the information that is being presented.

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Newly received Memorials:

- In memory of Dayton Martinson, given by Judy Scholl.
- In memory of James Lambert, given by Eileen Holz.
- In memory of Robert Smith, given by Judy Scholl.
- In memory of Bob Wettergren, given by Janet Anthony, Steve & Kimberly Alinder, Bill & Marilyn Roberts, Doug & Revae Nygard.

Newly received Monetary Donations:

- Herb Poncin, Lois Annexstad.

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**Director’s Column**

Your Society really blossoms in summer. Sites are open, programs are happening weekly, and attendance is up. In terms of earned income, we make most of it during the summer months.

Without looking closer though, you’d miss the whole story. A large percentage of our site visitors are from someplace else. Most of our program visitors are not. In my opinion we’ve had more programs over a few month period at the Treaty Site History Center than ever before. Yet attendance hasn’t been great. I guess this makes sense. The weather has been beautiful, spring activities are in full swing, and Gustavus’s year is winding down.

There’s more competition for your time.

NCHS has been working with Bruce Johnson’s marketing students at Gustavus this past semester. The students have compiled visitor surveys, polled museum members like you, queried Gustavus students, and even advertised our events on campus. We need to be more savvy about audience and program development, and the students are helping us with that. We need to know when the best times are to schedule programs and where, as much as what programs. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, don’t hesitate to e-mail or call us. If you’re not on our email list and would like to get program updates and occasional stories of interest—please let us know.

Thanks!

Ben Leonard, Director
Join us for these upcoming NCHS programs:

**Documentary Film Series**

**NCHS** with the St. Peter Food Co-Op, and St. Peter Community and Family Education have teamed up to bring a documentary film series to the Treaty Site History Center. The final two films take place in June.

**Buyer Be Fair**

Please join us **Sunday, June 6th, at 2 p.m.** for **Buyer Be Fair**. The film takes viewers to Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Sweden, the United States, and Canada to explore how conscious consumers and businesses can use the market to promote social justice and environmental sustainability through product labeling, with a focus on Fair Trade coffee and Forest Stewardship Council certified wood. **BUYER BE FAIR** is an inspirational and balanced television special that reaches beyond the choir to present the promise of product certification to a wide audience.

Can we globalize in ways that treat people fairly and respect the environment? Why should we try? How can consumers and retailers make choices that will make a difference? How is certification affecting the world’s poor, and its lands? Can the lessons from timber and coffee certification be applied to other products?

Compelling stories and characters raise and answer these questions in a powerful, exquisitely photographed documentary that will get viewers talking about new ways to make globalization work for all of us.

Join Tameka Bertram, owner of River Rock Coffee in St. Peter; Jennifer Luhmann, St. Peter Food Co-Op; and Jane Dow, Fair Trade Coalition, Mankato for engaging discussion about the film and fair trade goods in our own communities.

**America’s Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie**

On **Thursday, June 24th at 7 p.m.** see a breathtaking documentary chronicling the rich and complex story of one of the most astonishing alterations of nature in human history.

Prior to Euro-American settlement in the 1820s, one of the major landscape features of North America was 240 million acres of tallgrass prairie. But between 1830 and 1900—in the space of a single lifetime—the tallgrass prairie was steadily transformed to farmland.

This drastic change in the landscape also brought about an enormous social change for Native Americans; in an equally short time their cultural imprint was reduced in essence to a handful of place-names appearing on maps.

**America’s Lost Landscape** examines the record of human struggle, triumph, and defeat that prairie history exemplifies, including the history and culture of America’s aboriginal inhabitants. The story of how and why the prairie was changed by Euro-American settlement is thoughtfully nuanced. The film also highlights prairie preservation efforts and explores how the tallgrass prairie ecosystem may serve as a model for a sustainable agriculture of the future.

The extraordinary cinematography of prairie remnants, original score and archival images are all delicately interwoven to create a powerful and moving viewing experience about the natural and cultural history of America.

"It's moving, it's gorgeous, it's engaging, and the viewer feels empowered, not preached to."

– Frances Moore Lappé, author of 
**Diet for a Small Planet** and **Hope’s Edge**

"[The film] superbly encapsulates the story of this intricate ecosystem from historical, cultural, biological, and agricultural perspectives... America's Lost Landscape gives a powerful overview of a region that will continue to test and define our relationship with the land."

– Science, Books and Films
As a Danish-American writer, Anne Ipsen draws on her own heritage and fascination with history to explore themes of the difficult adjustment of the early settlers and the danger of suppressed memories. As in her earlier work, she evokes a sense of place and time in *Running before the Prairie Wind*, transporting the reader to the Minnesota Prairie in the late nineteenth century and painting multicultural immigrant life against the backdrop of the history of the tragic Sioux uprising.

The Cox House is located at 500 North Washington Avenue and Skaro St. in St. Peter, just blocks north of Broadway. Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for students 6 to 16. Nicollet County Historical Society members and children 5 and under are free.

**Book Signing at the Cox House**

**Sunday, August 15th at 3 p.m.**

We'll welcome Anne Ipsen to the Cox House to discuss her new book, *Running before the Prairie Wind, an Historical Novel of Southwestern Minnesota*.

Anne Ipsen’s latest novel tells of an immigrant family’s struggle to retain their Good Life on Babel Farm in southwestern Minnesota. Peter, the former captain of a tall ship, compares living on their bountiful pioneer farm to sailing with the wind at his back, and Karen is a catalyst for change in the lives of everyone around her. She inspires an Indian girl to explore her mixed-blood heritage and a friend from Marshall to fulfill his gifts. But even Peter’s natural exuberance can not keep the oncoming storm at bay when tragedy at a neighboring farm brings back ghosts from the past. Only with the help of a Quaker woman can the couple overcome lingering guilt and once more fill their sails.

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**1860s Baseball Exhibition**

**Join the Nicollet County Historical Society on August 14th at 2 p.m. in welcoming the St. Croix Baseball Club to take on St. Peter All-Stars at the baseball diamond in Lund Park in Lafayette, Minn. They’ll play a regulation game using 1860 rules. Come cheer our county team to victory!**

The St. Croix’s formed in Stillwater in 1997. If you love baseball you’ll still love the old rules and subtle differences. The linen uniforms are long-sleeved, but profuse sweating is against the rules! The St. Croix’s spend much of the summer traveling around Minnesota—including area matches at Arlington and Gaylord.

Admission to the game is absolutely free! The baseball field is located at Lafayette Avenue and Eighth Street, just north of 350th. Lafayette is located off Highway 15 between Winthrop and New Ulm.
The last item added to the archives collection is the envelope for a letter or document that was mailed to Charles E. Flandrau. The address is Rock Bend, Minnesota Territory. The site that was once known as Rock Bend became a portion of what is now known as the City of St. Peter. The letter to Flandrau may have been mailed in the year 1854.

Flandrau was a significant figure in the early history of Minnesota. He was at various times an Indian Agent, an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and an unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Minnesota. He was also the commander of the men who fought in New Ulm in 1862 during the Dakota Conflict.
The Cox House Plant sale has become a St. Peter institution—both for the Society, who depends on the funds to support the Cox House, and the residents who shop there year after year. In a world filled with no shortage of fundraising events the annual plant sale is unique. Most fundraisers rely on the philanthropy of the public purchasing something they might not really want for a little bit more money that they would probably have to spend. Ours is different.

Our Cox House committee organizes a sale that inaugurates the summer season and provides high-quality heritage plants at prices less than you could buy other places. A dedicated group of volunteers lovingly separate plants from their own gardens for the sale. This year Gustavus’s Linnaeus Arboretum generously contributed plants as well.

The Society would like to especially thank and recognize the volunteers who spent so many hours on this sale. Saturday, May 15th was a picture perfect day, but several of the days leading up to Saturday were not. It was cold, wet, and miserable. We can’t express how much all of your work and dedication means to us. Thank you.

Thanks very much also to the patrons! It’s fun to see the same friendly faces year after year. It truly feels like we are a part of their lives. We appreciate their contributions to the Society, but it feels good to give something in return as well. In the words of St. Peter resident Joe Strong, “it seems like we spend $50 every year!” I think that’s true Joe, and we’re glad you, and lots of other people do too! Thanks everyone and we hope to see you next year.
June 13th

Parlour Music at the Cox House

Come and celebrate the Strawberry Moon! You are cordially invited to an afternoon of strawberries and parlour music at the Eugene St. Julien Cox House on Sunday, June 13th from 2–4 p.m.

There will be Victorian-era music and sing-alongs led by musicians Paul McDaniel and Becky Grabow in the parlor, as well as fresh strawberry shortcake and strawberry lemonade for everyone.

Admission is $4, NCHS members and site/event pass holders are free. A freewill donation will be accepted for the refreshments. The Cox House is located at Skaro St. and Washington Avenue in St. Peter. For more information contact Jessica at 507-934-2160 or jessica@nchsmn.org.

Museum Store Musings

When coming to look at the river and flowers at the Treaty Site, come into the museum store to see what you can find that will help you collect butterflies or other bugs or find information on them. There are also many books for children. For boys there are fur pelts, arrowheads, snakes and girls can find purses, jewelry, and American Girls Doll books. We carry a very large selection of books on many subjects for adults. There are t-shirts and caps.

Also available at the Museum Store is the first issue of the new Minnesota’s Heritage Journal. Through the support of a Legacy Grant, this brand-new journal, edited by well-known Minnesota history researcher and publisher Mary H. Bakeman, will feature well-documented research into new and little known sources just as we approach the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the Dakota Conflict of 1862. The first issue contains several articles about Traverse des Sioux, two of which are by NCHS’s own Bob Sandeen.

Check the journal’s website to contribute articles, support the effort and for content of coming issues: www.minnesotasheritage.org

We would also like to say thanks to these business members:

Culligan Mayer
Community Insurance Agency
New Sweden Mutual Insurance Company
Dave’s Place
First National Bank
Crystal Valley
The Nicollet County Fair was started by the Nicollet County Agricultural Society in 1870. They declared it, “the biggest little fair in Minnesota,” because so many St. Peter acts went to the Minnesota State Fair. Though the original landmarks are gone, current buildings on the grounds owe their use and design to the first fair-goers 140 years ago.

The well-known Floral Hall was originally erected in 1870 at a cost of $200.00 to the Agricultural Society. Expensive for the time, the society could not afford to put in a floor. Floral Hall always overflowed with booths filled with various merchants’ goods. Initially the attractions at Floral Hall consisted of food and clothing exhibits, later incorporating craft projects. Floral Hall was destroyed in the 1998 tornado. Today’s displays can be found in Johnson Hall, built after the tornado, to replace Floral Hall.

The original Grandstand (right center), a landmark for over a century of fair-goers, was constructed before the first fair in 1870. Built for harness racing, the Grandstand housed seats and a judges stand adjacent to a half-mile track. Once rated as one of the finest grandstands in the state, it was declared unstable by 1985 and demolished. The current Grandstand was erected in its place.

What started as a Boy and Girls Club to interest young farming children in new agricultural methods grew into what is today’s 4-H. Although 4-H did not become an official organization until the 1920s, the club had become active in local fairs by 1911. 4-H has been active in Nicollet County since 1915 and is a very important part of the fair today.

The Society is looking for willing individuals to volunteer at our Nicollet County Fair booth August 11th–15th. We know it’s early to ask, but we also know how busy the summer gets. We’re lucky to have so many generous folks willing to dedicate a morning, afternoon, or evening to the Society. It really is a fun time. Each year we set up a display in the Wetherill Building. It’s a great chance to meet new people and renew friendships. Several hundred visitors stop by and get better acquainted with our local history and our organization. Special thanks to those who come by our booth to chat, enter a drawing, or learn some history. Those opportunities make the county fair a real special time of year for all of us!
Harkin Happenings  
by Ruth Grewe, site manager

Well, the weather has not caused a problem with visitors to the store. We opened with “Egg Coffee and Newtons” as the first program. Other programs for the summer are varied. Father's Day will have leather worker, Dan Cochran, who will give information about his craft. The Harkin Store is celebrating the Independence Day program early this year. The New Ulm Battery will be coming on June 27th and will be firing their canon every half hour and on the hour. We will also be having watermelon and lemonade that day. For the July 4th program we will have a flag display and information about the holiday and also serving watermelon and lemonade. On July 11, nature photographer, Rick Stockwell will be displaying his work. Our Christmas in July will be on July 25 will items in the gift shop and Scottish treats. Author Gail Ann Wood, will do book signings of her “Lizzie” books. Photographer, Doug Ohman will have his selections of books that he will sign and also talk about. The gift shop will again have a large selection of unique items for you. The shop is open the same hours as the store.

Found at Traverse des Sioux

In the mid 1990s the Minnesota Historical Society did some survey archaeological work at Traverse des Sioux. Barely scratching the surface, MHS staff dug small test holes over a portion of the whole site. They still found a lot of stuff—ten thousand different objects to be exact. The oldest of which were two nine thousand year old spear points.

Lots of things have been found at Traverse des Sioux since 1851. We have a box of objects in our collection with the annotation, “found at Traverse des Sioux.” One of these objects is the coin pendant pictured here. We don’t know who made it into a pendant,

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Ridgely Report  
by Ben Leonard

Fort Ridgely is open for the season! One of only two national Civil War battlefields in Minnesota, Fort Ridgely was constructed in 1853 and played a pivotal role in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

The Commissary building and its exhibits are open Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to 5pm, Sundays Noon to 5pm, and Monday holidays. After Labor Day the building is open Saturdays and Sundays through October 15th. Admission to the Commissary building is just $3 for adults, $2 for seniors, college students, and children 6-17. NCHS and MHS members are of course free. The interpretive trails and fort ruins are free to everyone and open every day, dawn to dusk.
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Minnesota State University teachers in training also joined in on the development of activities for the virtual field trip. Professor Laura Bemel and I teamed-up to create an authentic curriculum development project for her students. We challenged them to design learning activities that could be used with the VFT. The lessons that they developed were amazing! The MSU students created lessons for interactive whiteboards, assembled traveling trunks full of artifacts that will highlight content from the field trip, and even scripted the entire Treaty Site experience so that students could work independently.

This project has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have been a part of as a teacher. Just knowing that students from all over the state will be engaged in an instructional unit that I was a part of developing is very exciting. For thousands of years people have naturally gathered and interacted here in Nicollet County. Hopefully, thousands of students will also visit the virtual field trip and take home a part of their history.

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or how it got to Traverse des Sioux. We do know, with help from the staff at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum, that it’s a 20 kreuzer of Maximilian III from Bavaria minted in 1772. Pat Emerson, MHS archaeologist told us it was pretty common for the Dakota and Ojibwe to wear jewelry fashioned from coins, medals, and medallions.

While many questions about this artifact go unanswered, the ones we do know paint a tantalizing picture of life here two hundred years ago.
Nicollet Residents Get Free Pass

Lots of museums give free admission coupons to advertise their facilities. We’re not sure any have ever offered them to a whole city before. NCHS has teamed up with Nicollet businesses and organizations to make this possible. Families of students from Immanuel Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and Nicollet Public Schools received their passes the last week of school. Nicollet residents interested in receiving a free pass should contact the City. The Site/Event passes will allow owners and their families to visit any Society site and virtually every program free for a whole year.

We’d like to especially thank the Nicollet Chamber of Commerce (made possible through the Sesquicentennial Book, Painting & Memorabilia sales fund), Nicollet Conservation Club, New Sweden Mutual Insurance, ProGrowth Bank and Schmidts’ Meat Market. This wouldn’t have happened without their generous support.

If you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact us at 507-934-2160 or museum@nchsmn.org.

NCHS Welcomes Summer Intern

David Reagles is a senior at Bethany Lutheran College, where he is pursuing a history degree with a minor in Western Philosophy. Future plans include graduate school and marriage this summer to his fiancée, Karla. David is excited at the opportunity with the Nicollet County Historical Society, where he is currently researching the family legacy of E. St. Julien Cox.

Parades this Summer

NCHS and our historic St. Peter bandwagon will see you at area parades this summer!

- June 27th  Nicellet Friendship Days
- July 4th  St. Peter
- July 10th  North Mankato Fun Days

A Bit of Bandwagon History

- The original bandwagon was worked on by the last member of the Civil War’s Union Army, Albert Woolson, who lived in St. Peter and Mankato after his service, working as a railroad fireman, wood turner, and grain miller. Woolson moved to Duluth at age 58, retired at 86 years of age, and died there in 1956 at the age of 109.
- Clifford Nutter, grandson of the blacksmith who built the wagon says almost everything on the vehicle is the same as originally used by the St. Peter Cornet Band. Wheels and spokes are oak, the rims hickory, and framework is ash.
- In March 1999 the bandwagon was restored by the Society and the dedicated craftsmanship of Herb Poncin, Carl Aanonson, Don Olmanson, and Tray Nelson. The wheels were sent to Iowa for repair at an Amish Colony with expertise in wheeled vehicles and the wagon received a new coat of bright red paint and new gilded letters.
Christine Johnson from Minnesota State University–Mankato has been spending a lot of her free time over the past year in Nicollet County. Kristine has been working on an update to Fred Wetherill’s 1976 book, *Nicollet County Bicentennial Historical Markers*. Fred Wetherill, longtime St. Peter resident, was a 30-year county employee and chair of the Nicollet County Bicentennial Commission. Kristine has worked with Wetherill’s 1976 book, added new photographs, places, and extras like GPS coordinates. As you can see by this sample page she’s done a lot of work. More work remains. Kristine will try to wrap up her efforts before she leaves for graduate school at the University of Indiana later this summer. We have been very fortunate to have her work with the Society. She’s done pretty amazing things.

**A History Trivia Quiz**

a: Q: When did Minnesota become the thirty-second state?

b: Q: What was Minnesota’s original state motto, rather than the present L’Étoile du Nord”?

c: Q: Based on the definition that a Minnesota lake must be 10 acres or more, how many lakes does Minnesota actually have?

d: Q: Name the St. Peter family who operated a furniture factory on the banks of the Minnesota River near Broadway and whose home still stands in St. Peter?

e: Q: What is the Minnesota Gemstone?

f: Q: The coin pendant found at the Traverse des Sioux townsite was minted in what country?

g: Q: What is Thomas Cullen known for in Nicollet Co.?

h: Q: What year did the last steam boat, the Henrietta, dock at the St. Peter levee?
The Department of Natural Resources approached the Minnesota Historical Society about a plan to share the Commissary building at Fort Ridgely State Historic Site. As the contracted site manager, NCHS has met extensively with DNR and MHS staff. All three entities feel the project will better preserve the historic site, improve visitor access, and more efficiently utilize general operating budgets going forward.

An appropriation to the DNR supporting the project was included in the 2010 bonding bill signed by the Governor. The purpose of the project is to provide adequate facilities for use of the Fort Ridgely Commissary to accommodate a shared administrative center for Fort Ridgely State Park, the Minnesota Historical Society and the Nicollet County Historical Society.

This will include remodeling the Commissary Building, providing a new septic system and enhanced parking facilities. There is a high priority to maintain the historic appearance and integrity of the commissary, the site and the landscape. Currently in discussion/planning phase; final decisions about design and construction after all significant operational and logistical issues are resolved.

- It is anticipated the project will include:
  - Reshingling the roof and tuckpointing the chimney
  - Expanded and improved parking facilities.
  - New offices, reception counter and work space for park staff.
  - New HVAC system with zone controls and other energy saving features and equipment.
  - Insulate part of the building for year-around use.
  - Replace the septic systems serving the Commissary and park shop and residence.
  - Upgrade communication land lines.
  - Incorporate energy saving designs, features and equipment
  - Improve accessibility and ensure ADA compliance.

Fort Monies would be wisely spent. It’s important to consider that building repairs and modifications to the Commissary and the park office are necessary whether there is a consolidation of facilities or not. The existing park office, nearly 20 years old, was intended to be a temporary facility. It’s likely, that replacing the building, would cost more than that of the proposed facilities improvements and changes. Parking at the current park office is extremely limited, and would be expanded at the Commissary site.

As for NCHS, sharing the facility would free up a significant portion of our budget. That flexibility would allow us to do more programming and direct visitor interpretation at the site.

“That’s something we’re very excited about” said NCHS Director Ben Leonard. “The site would be open seven days a week instead of two or three under a shared plan.” Half of the building would still be used for exhibits and interpretation as is now, and NCHS would retain our office, retail, and storage space.

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Ben Leonard at 507-934-2160 or ben@nchsmn.org.
Applications are now being accepted for a new local leadership program called Connecting Nicollet County. This county-wide program offers community members an opportunity to network, develop leadership skills and gain an increased awareness of the assets of Nicollet County.

Participants will gather one day each month, September through May, in each of the communities throughout the county. Each day will include leadership activities, meeting with local community leaders, and tours of businesses, municipal facilities, agricultural industries, natural resources and historic sites.

The program will accommodate a maximum of 25 participants. Applicants should either live or work in Nicollet County. Both current leaders and people who do not consider themselves leaders in their communities or workplace are encouraged to apply.

Employers will benefit from sponsoring employees in the program as professional development. Not only do employers gain exposure for their business, but trainings on leadership topics will help employees hone their skills in working with people as they build stronger links throughout the county. Topics include: Developing Personal Leadership, Communication Skills, Working with the Media, Managing Conflict, Visionary Leadership, and Leading Effective Meetings and Boards.

The cost for all nine sessions is only $250 which helps offset the cost of meals, refreshments, bus tours and leadership trainings. A grant from the Blandin Foundation is making this program possible at such a low cost (less than $28 a day!) Scholarship assistance is also available to qualifying participants.

Connecting Nicollet County is an initiative of a local group of citizens from around the county who represent the various communities and interests of the local area, including NCHS Executive Director Ben Leonard. The program is sponsored in partnership with Nicollet County and University of Minnesota Extension.

For more information or to apply, contact any of the Steering Committee members, or contact Katie Rasmussen, University of Minnesota Extension, 320-234-0437, or rasmu035@umn.edu. Brochures and application forms are also available at www.connectingnicolletcounty.org. Applications are due by July 30.
2010 Calendar of Events:

Event/Program information:

Harkin Store: Time: 1 to 4 p.m. / Fee: $3 adults, $2 seniors and children 6–17. Free for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Fort Ridgely: Time: Programs start at noon each day / Fee: A State Park Vehicle Permit is required unless otherwise noted below.

TSHC: Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless noted below / Fee: $4 adults, $2 children 6–18, $10 family max. Free for children age 5 and under, NCHS and MHS members.

Cox House: Time: 1 to 4 p.m. Friday–Sunday. Fee: $4 adults, $2 children 6–18, $10 family max. Free for children age 5 and under, NCHS and MHS members.

Now Open Tales of the Territory Exhibit
Be sure to visit this exciting new NCHS exhibit

June 6 4-H and Dairy Day
4-H information and displays and honoring the dairy industry with dairy samples.

June 6 Film Series: Buyer Be Fair
See details on page 3 of this newsletter. 2 p.m. Free and open to the public.

June 13 Parlour Music at the Cox House
Come to the parlor of the Cox House for a summer afternoon of turn-of-the-century popular music. Paul McDaniel and Becky Grabow will be our soloists, and the audience will have a chance to sing along on some great old tunes with the accompaniment of the grand piano.

June 13 Old Tymes Games Day
Fun games for all ages. 1 p.m.

June 20 Father's Day
Area men will have their hobbies on display. 1 p.m.

June 24 Film Series: America's Lost Landscape
See details on page 3 of this newsletter. 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

June 27 Early 4th of July
New Ulm Battery will be firing their 1870's cannon also serving lemonade and watermelon.

July 4 Independence Day
A display of flags and ice cold lemonade and watermelon. 1:00 pm

July 11 Local Painter
A local painter from LeSueur, Rick Stockwell, displaying his work. 1:00 pm

July 18 Old time music
Old time music by Arnie and Marilyn Anderson from St James, bring a lawn chair or enjoy the porch. 1 p.m.

July 25 Harkin's Christmas in July
Christmas in July with Scottish treats and Christmas gift ideas in the gift shop. 1 p.m.

August 1–31 Annual West Newton Days
Inviting relatives and anyone with information about the area or anyone wanting information about the area to come. 1 p.m.

August 8 Booksigning
Books signing by Gail Ann Wood, author of the Lizzie series. 1 p.m.

August 14 1860's Baseball Game
Lund Park, Lafayette
Field is located at Lafayette Avenue and Eighth Street, just north of 350th. 2 p.m. Free.

August 15 Anne Ispen Book Reading
Treaty Site History Center
Running before the Prairie Wind, an historical novel of Southwestern Minnesota.

August 15 Musical Group
Harkin Store
The music group “The Misfits” playing old time favorites. 1 p.m.

August 22 Booksigning
Harkin Store
Author, Doug Ohman, booksigning his picture book series. 1 p.m.

August 22 Norseland Harvest Fest
Scandian Grove Church Park
A noon meal

August 29 Old Schools Day
Harkin Store
Displays of books and other school items. 1 p.m.
NCHS Membership Application

Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
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Phone (_______ ) _________________________________
E-mail ____________________________________________

My check is enclosed □ Please debit my credit card □

Acct. Number _______________________________________
Expiration Date _________________________________
Authorized Signature ________________________________

Yes! I would like to support my Nicollet County Historical Society in 2010 at the following level (please check one).

□ Individual $30
□ Family $45
□ Sustaining $75
□ Patron $100
□ Supporter $200
□ Benefactor $500
□ Life Member $1,000

Business Memberships call or e-mail for info

Please make checks payable to:
Nicollet County Historical Society

Membership applications should be mailed to:
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