Treaty Site Exterior Seeks Facelift

The Treaty Site opened in 1994. Since then thousands of people have strolled through its doors, and left with a better understanding and appreciation for our history. Over that time the building has weathered snowstorms, 100-degree days, floods, and everything in between. Weather, time, and use have all taken their toll on the exterior. Today it’s still in good shape, but could use some TLC. Sidewalks are cracked, and the prairie plants that once bloomed have faded through neglect. We’ve been working with Paulsen Architects to help us re-envision the entry. We’d like something that is inviting, interpretive, and easy to maintain. We also see the chance to improve energy efficiency inside through shade and less concrete outside.

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Saint Peter to Donate Fire Truck

The City of Saint Peter will soon donate a fire truck to its Sister City, Petatlán, Mexico. The truck, which has served St. Peter since the 1970s, will no longer be needed once a newly purchased truck arrives this spring. Petatlán is a beautiful and welcoming community, but they lack the resources to provide the level of services we enjoy in Nicollet County. This truck will fill a big need.

The St. Peter Sister City committee is currently raising funds to facilitate transfer of the truck and training to Petatlán. While this isn’t an NCHS project, we support it, and the great work of the Sister City committee. If you’d like to help out, donate, or join the committee—contact Ben Leonard at ben@nchsmn.org.
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Thank you to the following new and renewing members of NCHS since the beginning of 2013.

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Harkin Store Phone: (507) 354-8666

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Executive Director Ben Leonard can be a tricky
guy to get a hold of in the office. It will be
easier now with a new cell phone. Don’t hesitate
to call or text 507-340-7463. It’s probably the
easiest way to find him these days. You can
always drop him an e-mail as well.

There are a lot of those kind of conversations
happening these days. I wish I could talk about
all the possibilities being discussed. It’s really
exciting stuff. Hopefully in future newsletters
we’ll be doing that. The busy season will start
soon. Of course we hope you’ll come for a pro-
gram or a tour soon. We’ve got a great summer
ahead. But it’s the behind-the-scenes conversations
happening now that will drive the Society
forward in the years to come. That’s really exciting
to think about.

Ben Leonard on vacation in the Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve near Alamosa, Colorado.
We still have some great films left before we take a summer break. Come to the Treaty Site History Center the first Thursday of the month through June.

Thurs., Apr. 4, 7 p.m.: Sweetgrass
101 minutes. Not Rated. An unsentimental elegy to the American West, Sweetgrass follows the last modern-day cowboys to lead their flocks of sheep up into Montana’s breathtaking and often dangerous Absaroka-Beartooth mountains for summer pasture. This astonishingly beautiful yet unsparing film reveals a world in which nature and culture, animals and humans, vulnerability and violence are all intimately meshed.

Thurs., May 2, 7 p.m.: Brother Towns
58 minutes. Not Rated. Brother Towns is a story of two towns linked by immigration, family, and work. It chronicles a story of how and why people migrate across borders, how people make and remake their communities when they travel thousands of miles from home, and how people maintain families despite their travel. Because we are all immigrants, this is a universal human story.

Thurs., June 6, 7 p.m.: Garbo the Spy
88 minutes. Not Rated. Although he never fired a single shot, Garbo helped to save thousands of lives, most notably by misinforming the Germans about the timing and location of the Normandy D-Day invasion of WWII. In this documentary thriller, director Edmon Roch artfully interweaves propaganda footage, interviews with intelligence experts and key players in Garbo’s life, and clips from Hollywood films to conjure forgotten and living memories, heroes and spies, secrets and lies.
We actually had a real winter in Nicollet County. It’s been a few years. I think it’s safe to say we’re all ready for spring. If you’re not, keep quiet, the rest of us don’t want to hear from you. The Cox House Plant Sale has been kicking off the growing season for years now. This year we’re especially excited for the May sale on Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The plant sale is a really important fundraiser for the Society. It significantly supports the maintenance of the house throughout the year. We rely on donated plants and volunteers to make the sale a success each year.

If you’re a gardener and would like to donate flowers, perennials, annuals, vegetables, or any other plants, please contact us. If you’d like to help us collect, pot, prep, and sell the plants please let us know. Give us a call at 507-934-2160 or e-mail kristina@nchsmn.org.

Do you love Fort Ridgely or Harkin Store? Have some flexibility and want to earn a little extra money this summer? NCHS may be looking for you. Please contact Ben Leonard via mail or e-mail (ben@nchsmn.org) if you’re interested in being an interpreter at Harkin or Ridgely this summer. Please include a letter of interest and a resume or list of experiences.

The Society has contracted with Susie Carlin to do additional programs. Susie has worked with residents all over through MSU-Mankato and the St. Peter City Council. She’ll be helping us with the Cox House Plant Sale, and some new programs for Nicollet and North Mankato. We’re really excited to have Susie on board!

The Nicollet County Historical Society is offering the $1,000 Ted Moline Scholarship for post-secondary education. Graduating high school seniors to incoming college seniors are eligible.

Ted Moline was born July 21, 1915 in St. Paul and soon after his family moved to Baldwin Wisconsin. Ted received an amateur radio operator license in 1934 and was an avid operator the rest of his life. Ted moved to St. Peter in 1937 to work for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Railroad. Ted also served in the United States Army. He retired in 1971 as a Colonel. Ted passed away in August of 2005. He was an extremely generous man who loved local history. This scholarship honors Ted and his commitment to our mission.

The scholarship winner will complete a 100-hour summer research project centered on the Lac Qui Parle historic site for an upcoming exhibit. The project will be based out of the Treaty Site History Center in St. Peter.

The deadline to apply is April 5, 2013. Applicants are asked to provide a resume or description of past experience, and a personal statement, not to exceed 500 words, on why they are interested in the research scholarship.

For more information please contact Ben Leonard at 507-934-2160 or ben@nchsmn.org.
Commemorating Controversy: The Dakota-U.S. War of 1862 Update

The collaborative exhibit created by Gustavus Adolphus College students is still traveling. Currently copies are on display in Plymouth and Blue Earth County Historical Society. The Mankato exhibit will move to the Anoka County Historical Society after April 1st. A copy has returned home to the Treaty Site History Center and will remain on exhibit.

NCHS director Ben Leonard and Gustavus’s Dr. Elizabeth Baer, joined by a student, will present a session on the project at the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) national conference in Birmingham, Alabama later this year. The exhibit has also been nominated for an AASLH national award of merit.

In support of that nomination Mark Hirsch, historian with the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, said, “I believe Commemorating Controversy is an extremely well-researched, engaging, and innovative exhibition that invites visitors to think critically about an important and exceedingly divisive episode in Minnesota history.” We look forward to the conference, and hope the award nomination is successful.

New Board Faces

The Society gained two new board members after the January Annual Meeting. We are lucky and honored Abbi and Matt agreed to serve.

Abbi Carleton lives near Nicollet. She is married to Daniel and has four children. Abbi directs the Nicollet Early Childhood Center, and has been there since it first opened in 2006.

Matt Horak has lived near Norseland for five years. He married Kathy (Graupman) in 2003. They have two sons and another child on the way. Matt has worked for Wells Fargo for 10 years, most recently in risk management.

We were sad to lose Patti Kelly and Gary Schmidt. We know they are doing well, and likely enjoying their third Tuesday of every month evenings back. We sincerely appreciate their service!

Augmenting Our Online Presence

Greetings friends! My name is Matthew Windett, and I am happy to be working with the Nicollet County Historical Society this Spring. I am a Master’s student in Communication Studies at Minnesota State University in Mankato, and during my time so far I have focused on digital media awareness for our nonprofit organization. We have been working on a new Facebook page, a Twitter account, and other exciting initiatives with the aim of increasing our online presence. I invite you to come and follow us! We have shared local, state, and national history through updates, photographs, and virtual partnering with other historical societies to share a common goal. There are always the chance to learn something new, and help spread our mission.

As we continue to grow with this technology, there are new explorations and possibilities that you can help us with. Thank you for taking an active interest with us on this new endeavor!

Best, Matt.
History Center Events...

May 9th at 7 p.m.

Canoeing with the Cree

Join us on May 9th at 7 p.m. at the Treaty Site, when DNR Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka brings the history of an epic journey to life. Eric Sevareid and Walter Port paddled the entire length of the Minnesota River on the way to Hudson Bay in the summer of 1930 for a total of 2,250 miles. These two teenagers pushed themselves and their canoe over sixty portages in fourteen weeks or 98 days arriving at the York Factory at the end of September. Their story is told in the book Canoeing with the Cree by Eric Sevareid. This program will focus on what they experienced on the Minnesota River.

June 20th, July 11th, and August 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Minnesota River Paddle

Here is a perfect chance to learn about paddling a canoe and some of the history, culture and natural world of the Minnesota River. We’ll be departing from Seven Mile Creek Park at 5:30 p.m. on June 20th, July 11th, and August 1st and canoeing to St. Peter. Each trip will feature a different river expert.

This opportunity is made possible through the Minnesota DNR and the Legacy Amendment. It’s totally free! All the equipment (canoes, paddles, and life jackets) and an experienced guide are provided.

Space is very limited and pre-registration is required. Please contact Ben Leonard at ben@nchsmn.org for registration and other information.

June 30th and July 14th at 2 p.m.

Learn How to Canoe!

Always wanted to get in a canoe but didn’t have the opportunity? Want your kids to learn? Whatever the reason, there’s never been a better time to learn how to canoe than now. Join Scott Kudelka, Area Naturalist for the Department of Natural Resources, at Swan Lake this summer for a free lesson, June 30th and July 14th at 2 p.m.

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Walt Bachman will present his new book on Joseph Godfrey at the Nicollet County Health and Human Services building on Howard Drive in North Mankato on Thursday, April 4th at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Born a slave in free territory, Joseph Godfrey died widely reviled for his controversial role in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. Separated from his mother at age five when their master sold her, Joseph Godfrey was kept in bondage, serving Minnesota’s fur-trade elite. To escape his masters’ beatings and abuse, Godfrey sought refuge among the Dakota people he’d befriended as a child slave. Godfrey married a Dakota woman and was living with his family on the Lower Sioux Reservation in 1862. Conscripted to join Dakota warriors in the opening days of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862, he became the first of hundreds of men tried by a military court when the six-week war ended in late September. Commander Henry Sibley, who created the court, was one of his former masters. Sibley approved death sentences for Godfrey and 302 other Dakota soldiers.

In this riveting, first-ever biography, historian and retired trial lawyer Walt Bachman untangles the thorny questions that haunt Godfrey’s story to this day: How was he enslaved in free territory? Did he murder the frontier settlers for which the Dakota dubbed him “Many Kills”? Did he turn traitor on his Dakota kinsmen to save his own skin? Did his testimony during the post-war trials send 38 Dakota men—including his father-in-law—to the gallows? Why did President Abraham Lincoln remove Godfrey’s name from the execution list?

The Nicollet County Health and Human Services Building is located at 2070 Howard Drive W, North Mankato. It’s just east of the Howard Drive–Lookout Drive intersection. Please contact Ben at 934-2160 or ben@nchsmn.org for more information.

Walt Bachman was born and raised in Minneapolis and is a 1966 Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of the University of Minnesota. As a Rhodes Scholar, Bachman received an English law degree from Oxford University in 1968; he subsequently earned a J.D. from Stanford University. For more than 20 years, he was a trial lawyer in Minneapolis, pursuing a widely varying career that ranged from practice in large and small private law firms to criminal prosecution for Hennepin County (Minneapolis and suburbs) to the instigation of disarmament and other legal ethics proceedings. Minnesota readers, in particular, will be familiar with his family: Bachman’s, Inc., now the nation’s largest retail florist, was founded by his great-grandfather Henry Bachman, who married Hattie Dietrich, the daughter of uprising victim Ernst Dietrich. (The story of Dietrich’s death is the opening scene in the book.) Bachman retired from Minnesota to New York City, where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth.

“...I cannot overstate the important contribution that Northern Slave, Black Dakota makes to our understanding of race and class in the key formative period of Minnesota history.

Through meticulous and wide-ranging research, Mr. Bachman has reconstructed the life of Joseph Godfrey, a little known slave-turned-Dakota Indian who fought with the Dakota in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The result is a fascinating biography, but it is also much more than one man’s story. Godfrey’s unfixed racial identity in his youth and the extreme vitriolic animus he faced after 1862 vividly illustrate the changing definition and perception of race in Minnesota in the years between 1849 (when Minnesota became a territory) and the Civil War...Northern Slave, Black Dakota, more than any other single source I have found, illuminates that process in vivid and persuasive detail.
In Memory of Richard Compart  by Ben Leonard

Staff at the Society work really hard. We like to think we do the best job we can. But sometimes we make mistakes. I wanted to take this opportunity to apologize. I screwed up.

About a year ago Bonnie Compart was thoughtful and generous enough to present us with memorial donations for her husband. Richard Compart passed away on March 16, 2012. Many of you knew him well. He was a wonderful man who poured his entire life into Nicollet County. We were, and still are, honored and grateful to receive support in his name.

My record keeping wasn’t what it should be, and I failed to include the memorials to Richard Compart in the subsequent newsletter. Acknowledging them here doesn’t correct my mistake. But I hope that it helps us avoid a future one. Thank you Bonnie for your support and friendship—I am truly sorry.

Facelift continued from page 1

We’re excited about the preliminary drawings you see here. As with virtually all projects we do here at NCHS, the vision and creativity is not usually the issue—it’s funding. This project has a price tag of $63,000. We think it’s important. We will be working very hard to find ways to make this project a reality. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact NCHS Director Ben Leonard.

Dedicated Funds for Future Norseland Project

The Norseland Sesquicentennial Committee is transferring their remaining funds to the Society for a future Norseland project. Two CDs, approximately $12,000 will be set aside as a restricted fund. We don’t know what the project will be, but it is certain to have a big impact in Norseland.

“We are really honored the 150th Committee has faith in the Historical Society,” says director Ben Leonard. “We will continue to work with committee members, as well as Norseland residents to make sure that down the road, when this money is spent, it does the most good and is leveraged the best way.”

Thanks so much to the 50th Committee and the people of Norseland for setting aside these dollars to benefit their community!
St. Peter Book Festival

Calling all Authors and Readers, the second annual St. Peter Book Festival is scheduled for April 6th in the St. Peter Community Center. The Festival is free and features a variety of authors and publishers.

William Kent Krueger, author of the Cork O’Connor mystery series, will introduce his new stand-alone novel, Ordinary Grace as the keynote speaker at a sold-out brunch in addition to being present during the 1 to 5 p.m. afternoon Book Festival.

About Ordinary Grace [from the publisher Atria Books]:

All the dying that summer began with the death of a child...

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson’s Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family, which includes his Methodist minister father, his passionate, artistic mother, Juilliard-bound older sister, and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.

Join the St. Peter Reads committee in welcoming over Minnesota 40 authors to St. Peter to talk about their most recent works.

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

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**Collection Spotlight**

When I tell people I work in a museum they seem genuinely interested and ask what I do there. When I tell them I catalog and store items that are donated to a county museum, their eyes glaze over because I do not work with something exciting like dinosaur bones or sunken treasure. Instead I work with items like military artifacts.

Our collection of military gear is broad; and each item has seen its share of wear. The men who owned these items were stationed all over the world and the stories those uniforms or gear can tell us are incredible and each is unique. These pieces of history are just as exciting and interesting as any dinosaur bone, and for our little part of the world, I think they are a much more important part of our history.

One such collection belongs to SFC Marlin Peterson. Peterson served with the Army Reserve and National Guard between 1971 and 2006 and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We have many interesting pieces in this particular collection including combat fatigues, boots and even eyewear. Thank you SFC Peterson for this exceptional collection and thank you for your service.

Shown are several donated pieces of SFC Marlin Peterson’s uniforms currently in our collection.

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**Artifact & Archival Donations**

accepted into our collections since the Dec. 2012 Crossing:

- George L. Glotzbach: four reproductions of photographs of members of the Kuske family and assorted genealogical documents.
- Cary B. Olson: 1919 commemorative plate from the New Sweden store marking the victory in World War One; J.C. Penney sign, hat stretcher, and the cash cup and its handle from store J.C. Penney store number 1556 in St. Peter; brass door lock and handle from the Johnson & Olson store in New Sweden.
- Steve Peterson: RIDQUAN 1934–1935 booklet by the members of Company 2712 of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Fort Ridgely, Old Traverse des Sioux by Thomas Hughes; Verse After All’ booklet by Mary Salinda Foster.
- Marilyn J. Robertz: photograph of Ted Knoll and wife (with another couple); assorted paper items.
- St. Peter Chamber of Commerce: 2013 Winterfest Medallion.
- Kenneth Colakovic: Gustavus Adolphus College, Kingdom of Identity and Gustavus Adolphus College. Celebrating 125 Years.
- Blue Earth County Historical Society: research paper by Curtis Hatfield, May 1977. Veith’s Cave and the Jesse James Legend.
- Rick Kisor: St. Peter High School laboratory notebook of Agnes Holmberg from her senior year.
- Elizabeth Koenig: family history. Our Family History through Michael Koenig.

**Minnesota Food Share March Campaign**

**Food Shelf Donations**

In conjunction with Minnesota Food Share Month, and the St. Peter Food Co-op, the Treaty Site History Center is accepting food and cash donations during March 2013. All proceeds will benefit the local food shelf in each community.

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Fort Ridgely: Time: Please check NCHS and MHS websites for program times / Fee: A valid State Park Vehicle Permit is required unless otherwise noted below. Fee: $5 adults (18–64), $3 seniors (65+) and children 6–17. Free for children age 5 and under, NCHS and MHS members. Programs and events are sponsored by NCHS, Friends of Fort Ridgely, CFW Community Education and MNDNR. Continue to watch area papers and NCHS and DNR websites for more information and events to be added in Sept. and Oct. State Park Contact Station: 507-426-7840; Historic Site: 507-426-7888

TSHC: See program times below / Fee: $5 adults, $4 seniors (65+), $3 children 6–17, free for children under age 5, and NCHS members.

Apr. 4 Walt Bachman,
Northern Slave, Black Dakota:
The Life and Times of Joseph Godfrey, 7 p.m., Nicollet County building on Howard Drive, North Mankato

Apr. 4 Documentary Film: Sweetgrass 7 p.m., FREE (see synopsis on page 3) Treaty Site History Center

Apr. 6 St. Peter Reads 2013 Book Festival, 1–5 p.m. (see details on page 9) St. Peter Community Center

May 2 Documentary Film: Brother Towns, 7 p.m., FREE (see synopsis on page 3) Treaty Site History Center

May 2 DNR Area Naturalist Scott Kudelka,
Canoeing with the Cree, 7 p.m. (see details on page 6) Treaty Site History Center

May 11 Cox House Plant Sale, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. (see story on page 4) E. St. Julien Cox House

June 6 Documentary Film: Garbo the Spy, 7 p.m., FREE (see synopsis on page 3) Treaty Site History Center

June 15 Walt Bachman, Slavery at Fort Ridgely, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Fort Ridgely

June 20 Minnesota River Paddle, 5:30 p.m. (see details on page 6) Seven Mile Creek

June 22 John LaBatte discusses the causes for the U.S.-Dakota War and leads a battlefield tour, program 1 p.m., tour 2:30 Fort Ridgely

June 30 Learn to Canoe with Scott Kudelka, 2 p.m. (see details on page 6) Swan Lake

July 11 Minnesota River Paddle, 5:30 p.m. (see details on page 6) Seven Mile Creek

July 14 Learn to Canoe with Scott Kudelka, 2 p.m. (see details on page 6) Swan Lake

July 20 John LaBatte discusses the causes for the U.S.-Dakota War and leads a battlefield tour, program 1 p.m., tour 2:30 Fort Ridgely

Aug. 1 Minnesota River Paddle, 5:30 p.m. (see details on page 6) Seven Mile Creek

Aug. 17 John LaBatte discusses the causes for the U.S.-Dakota War and leads a battlefield tour, program 1 p.m., tour 2:30 Fort Ridgely

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