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SAVE THE DATES!

August 9-13

NICOLLET COUNTY FAIR 2023

For over 150 years, the Nicollet County Fair has been a staple in our community, bringing together generations of families to celebrate agriculture and rural life. From its humble beginnings in 1871 to its modern-day incarnation, the Fair has remained a beloved tradition for all ages.

Come visit us in our **new location** in the Ag Education Building! In conjunction with our new exhibit, "Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future," on display at the History Center, we want to continue telling the story of Nicollet County's farming heritage at the fair.



Courtesy: Mankato Free Press

MYSTERY OF THE VEITH BREWERY

by Bob Sandeen

Archives Volunteer

This article is about the brewery operated by Fred A. Veith (1816–1886) in St. Peter. Fred was an ancestor of Clarence Veith, who operated the Veith bakery on South Third Street that many of us fondly remember.

It has been a challenge trying to find information about the brewery. Few references to it have been found in the *St. Peter Tribune*, which is the only St. Peter newspaper available during the years the brewery was in operation.

Fred's death certificate states that he arrived in Minnesota on November 8, 1856, but efforts to find him on the 1857 Minnesota Territorial census have so far been unsuccessful. Fred Veith and his family appear on the 1860 census immediately following the entry for Matthew Engesser, who founded and operated St. Peter's best-known brewery in the 1850s. Did Veith work in Engesser's brewery before starting one of his own?

Land purchase records show that Veith purchased property in 1862 on Block 198 near the southwest corner of the intersection of Front and Walnut Streets. The April 4, 1863 *St. Peter Tribune* refers to F. A. Vitt as the manager of a brewery, most likely meaning F. A. Veith. The April 27, 1864 *St. Peter Tribune* is among issues from that year that contain the following ad:

Cave Brewery.
F. A. VEITH, Proprietor.
ST. PETER, MINN.

HOTELS, Saloons and Restaurants supplied with superior article.

Beer of my manufacture is highly recommended by physicians. I warrant it free from deleterious drugs. No pains will be spared to manufacture the best—always.

F. A. VEITH.

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Bob Sandeen
Archives Volunteer

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ORGANIZATION INFO

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Traverse des Sioux

Adjacent to the Treaty Site History Center

1851 N Minnesota Ave.

Saint Peter, MN 56082

Open dawn to dusk year-round

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Dear NCHS Members and Supporters,

I am thrilled to report that the past few months have been incredibly successful for our organization. Thanks to the hard work of our team and the support of our community, we have been able to raise awareness and generate interest in our exhibits, events, and activities.

One of the most exciting highlights of the past few months was the opening of our new exhibit, "Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future." This exhibit highlights the important role that agriculture has played in the history of Nicollet County and features Centennial and Sesquicentennial farms and families. We were thrilled to collaborate with the Nicollet County Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation to bring this exhibit to life, and we are grateful to everyone who donated their time, talents, and financial support to make it happen.

In addition to our new exhibit, we have also been actively engaging with the media to promote our organization and its activities. We were thrilled to be featured in a recent article in the *Mankato Free Press*, which highlighted our exhibition of Adelaide Magner's "ashcan" art. In addition, Denny Schmidt and I were on KEYC promoting our ag exhibit. The staff and I have also been regularly posting updates and news on our Facebook and Instagram accounts, which have been steadily growing in popularity and engagement.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:15 a.m. I'm on KNUJ Radio's Community Affairs reaching thousands of listeners across Southern Minnesota, providing us with a valuable platform to promote our exhibits, events, and other activities.

We were nominated for awards in the "Best of the Best" competition by the *St. Peter Herald*. We were named the Best Place to Take Your Kids and a finalist for Best Local Attraction. Our team is grateful for the community's support and recognition.

Finally, I am thrilled to report that our membership has increased by 16.5% over the past few months! We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for their investment in our organization, and we look forward to continuing to provide them with engaging exhibits, events, and activities.

I am incredibly proud of all that our team at the Nicollet County Historical Society has accomplished over the past few months. We are grateful for the support and recognition of our members, donors, and friends, and we look forward to continuing to promote the history and heritage of Nicollet County through our exhibits, events, and activities.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see you soon!

Jessica Becker



Executive Director



Jessica Becker

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 Visit nchsmn.org/support/membership for details.

MEMORIALS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 3-2023.

In Memory of **Butch Dranttel**

Given by Richard & Janet Wettergren

In Memory of **Janet Hoffmann**

Given by Theresa Bjorklund
Melanie Covell
Duane & Brenda DeDlieck
Hattiet Mason
Ken & Patsy Rossow
Doug & Judy Schultz

In Memory of **Eunice Holz**

Given by Eileen Holz

In Memory of **Doniver Lund**

Given by Elgene Lund

In Memory of **Don & Barb Olmanson**

Given by Elsa Cornell

We remember...

with honor the following friends and members whom we lost since our last newsletter.

- ◆ Albert "Al" Annexstad (friend)
- ◆ John H. "Butch" Dranttel (friend)
- ◆ Willis "Willie" Lindquist
- ◆ Beatrice E. Martinson
- ◆ Glenn Stryker, former staff member and volunteer at Harkin Store

DONATIONS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 3-2023.

HONORARIUM

In Honor of **Ruth Einstein**

Given by Tib Shaw

Dag HenriksbÅ

Honorarium/Undesignated

Given by Evie Swenson

Maria Lokensgard

Sharon Monnot

Debra Nelson

Nicollet County Farm Bureau

Patrick's on Third

Bill & Durene Pedersen

Marlin Peterson

Herbert & Louise Poncin

Karen Richter

Marvin Robinson

Ken & Patsy Rossow

Judy Scholl

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Jennifer Spradling

Agnes Stensby

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Loren & Roxane Sundboom

Roland & Edi Thorstensson

Robert Weber

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Karen Brinkman

Tom Brown

Marie Dranttel

Audrey Gatchell

Julie & Sam Gault

Donald & Rhonda Hermanson

Elaine Hermanson

Mary Lou Ihrke

Leona Isenberg

Clifford Johnson

Sarah Kelley

Lori Ann Lahlum

Emilie Lokensgard

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been an interesting season since our last newsletter. The Board has been busy, holding monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly to make progress on our goals set during our retreats. We have a mid-year budget review coming up at our next meeting, and we're always focused on fulfilling our Mission (to gather, preserve, and share the history of Nicollet County) and our Vision (to be a community asset and leader promoting an appreciation of Nicollet County History).

Collecting and preserving our history are two of the three prongs of our mission. As Jessica is fond of saying, we're in the business of storage and business is good. Accepting donations and conducting research are prime functions of the how we execute that mission. Donations keep coming in and our research requests are in demand and going strong. However, since business is so good in these departments, we now have to address the quandary of limited storage space and the continuing needs of our growing collection. The Historical Society is entrusted with protecting these donations, but is challenging when storage space is at a premium and the cost associated with inflation has caught up with preservation supplies too. The Board is optimizing our resources and working with staff to explore every option to ensure we're fulfilling our mission and working toward our vision.

Membership offers the opportunity to participate in our organization, and the Board welcomes your contributions. Thank you to everyone who participated in our membership survey. Based on those results, the Board and staff are reviewing our membership services and recruitment to ensure NCHS membership is something everyone takes pride in.

We're excited to see our members at the Preview Reception for the **Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future** exhibit. Don't forget that the **Brewers and Bottlers: A Refreshing History of Beer & Soda Making in Nicollet County and Adelaide Wagner ... landscape, portrait, ashcan artist exhibits** are still available to view. There's a lot of Nicollet County history to explore!

Besides being Board President, I am also a tour guide at the History Center. History Center tours are popular lately and a great way to educate the public and we're always looking for tour guides to assist with field trips and group tours. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Steve Hogberg for his 14 years of volunteer tour guide service as he steps down.

The Cox House is also open for the summer. Be sure to check out Kate Roberts' article for more information about events and tours this summer.

Thank you for your continued support of the Nicollet County Historical Society.

Kate Martens

Kate Martens
NCHS President



Kate Martens, President
NCHS Board of Directors

ARCHIVES DONATION

Andy Hopp

Eric Fetterolf

Kathleen Tirpak

SITE REPORTS

History Center Report

by James Ihrke,
Operations Coordinator

As I approach one year of working here at the Treaty Site History Center, I think of all the things I have learned.

Over 200+ students and visitors have taken a guided tour of our museum and the

Traverse des Sioux trails in the past month alone. Thanks to our wonderful docents, I can now hear the indigo buntings singing in the lilac bushes, know the sweet smell of bergamot, and know that the cottonwood tree at the crossing requires fourteen 4th graders to wrap around.

I've learned how much work goes into setting up new exhibits. We have seen tremendous support and turnout for our exhibit on local artist Adelaide Wagner, as well as our upcoming agricultural exhibit *Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future*, which opened on June 30th.



James Ihrke
Operations Coordinator



At the *Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future* preview event

Most of all, I've learned how much our community values its history. We have started our "History Hangout," a group that meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month to share memories and reminisce. We also have many new volunteers helping us organize the library, run the front desk, set up exhibits, and do other projects that need doing. We couldn't get by without their help and are always looking for more volunteers!

Come by and see the museum, walk the trails, and see the new and exciting things we have in the works here at the Treaty Site History Center!

Cox House Corner

by Kate Roberts,
Cox House Manager

Summer at the Cox House

On June 17th, the Cox House hosted the Past Pastimes event, featuring various craftspeople showcasing historical skills. This event was enjoyable for people of all ages.

On July 15th, we had another special day called *Changing Times: The Cox Daughters and the Progressive Era*. This program covered a range of topics such as fashion, prohibition, flappers, politics, and more from that era. The younger Cox girls played an important role in shaping history during the time of changing roles for women.

Don't miss out on the chance to uncover the secrets of **Love, Courtship & Marriage!** Our upcoming event on August 19th is the perfect opportunity for every young lady and gentleman to learn about the fascinating Language of Flowers, Fan Signals, Flirtation, and Marriage customs of the turn of the century. Whether you're single or in a relationship, this event is a must-attend! So mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable day of discovery. We can't wait to see you there!

You're invited to help preserve the Cox House's legacy. We're open one weekend per month with special events on Saturdays and regular tours on Sundays. Your support is vital to keeping this historic landmark running. Let's work together to ensure its rich history lives on for generations to come.

Make your reservations now by using our FareHarbor link:
<https://bit.ly/tour-cox-house>



Kate Roberts
Cox House Manager



Takara Olson demonstrating blacksmithing at the Past Pastimes event.

ARCHIVES DONATIONS

Artifact & Archival Donations as of 6-2023:

Rachel Anthony: Facsimile, poster of Peter Olson [Olsen] auction, Lake Prairie; digital images of the interior of the Mathias and Martha Olsen home and of a family gathering celebrating the Olsen's 50th anniversary.

John Berbrich: Reproduction of an illustrated promotional calendar from the Beyer & Berbrich Saloon and Hotel, Courtland, 1907; two digital scans of photos of the interior of the saloon.

Maggie Bolstad: Youth St. Peter baseball uniform of Tom Bolstad, c.1951; photo of the Minnesota River League Champions and Class A state champions, 1956.

Garfield Eckberg: Digital photos of the Webster and Eckberg families of New Sweden.

Mark Fiemeyer: Photographs of Unverworn, Ginkel, Ulrich, and other Courtland-area individuals; reproductions of photos of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church groups, 1949 and 1959.

Jerry Forsythe: Stock certificate, Nicollet County Agricultural Society (Nicollet County Fair Board), 1980.

Jeff Giefer: Invoice ledger from the John C. Zins Hardware Store, Nicollet, 1901; documents, correspondence, and clippings regarding the reorganization and sale of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company to J. P. Morgan and Company.

Scott Hermanson: Digital photo of customers of the New Sweden Creamery gathered in front of butter maker John Solle's home, c.1903.

Eileen Holz: Promotional give-aways from St. Peter businesses.

Andy Hopp: Items from the estate of Melba Gieseke Hopp, including promotional items from Nicollet County businesses, rug making supplies, and confirmation certificates.

Clifford Johnson: Commemorative plates, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Nicollet, 1869-1959, 1869-1994.

Sarah Geoline "Sally" Kelley: Materials relating to the Aaron and Geoline Dahl Pearson family of Lake Prairie Township.

Judy Luker: Double ring pattern quilt made by Susan Mans Michels in 1935 for the wedding of her son, Henry Michels, and his bride, Cecelia (Cece) Scheurer.

Judy Malmberg: Book, "Victimized: Swedish Immigrants Labor on a Southern Plantation," by Judith Thomas Malmberg

Patricia Muesing Mead: Implements from the Muesing farm in Nicollet; photo of the double wedding of Hazel Bohlen to Herbert Kuehn, and Margaret Bohlen to Arthur Muesing, 1935.

Dick Muesing: Digital file of "Friederich and Elizabeth (Pehling) Kastens in America, 1851 to 2022," compiled by Dick Muesing.

Nicollet County Office of Public Services: Reproductions of Nicollet County plat maps.

Diane Lesnar Noyd: Lesnar family baby buggy, 1949.

Andru Peters: "History of Camp Lakeview National Guard Training Camp 1881-1931, Lake City, Minnesota," compiled by Andru Peters.

Marlin Peterson: Photographs collected by the donor's parents, Marlin and Florence Henning Peterson; toys made by Eric and Inez Peterson of St. Peter; leather marbles pouch; Cold War identity bracelet; Veteran's Day program, Saint Peter High School, 2022.

Sandra Pettis: Pillowcases that belonged to Esther Wright decorated with drawn-thread embroidery.

Steven Poncin: Digital photos and biographies relating to the Andrew W. Bergstrom and Caroline Halverson Bergstrom family, c.1904.

Yvonne Splettstoesser: St. Peter Speedway 25th anniversary publication, 1976.

Robert Weber: Parkview Manor scrapbook, 1971-1996.

Warren Wilking: Haystack cutter used on the farm of Fred and Erna Compart Wilking in Nicollet.

Rick Wright: Colt revolver used by Andrew A. Lind during his service in the Civil War.

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seized by Collector Hall, for alleged frauds in their Income Returns..." A series of land purchases from 1862 through 1867 made Veith the owner of the entire southeast quarter of Block 198. In 1868, he bought the south 1/3 of the northwest quarter of Block 221. That block is on the east side of Front Street, across from his property on Block 198.

In 1871 and 1873, Veith bought land in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 in T110N, R26W. This land was a short distance south of the St. Peter State Hospital, on the west side of the road that went between St. Peter and Mankato on the west side of the Minnesota River. Those of us who are old enough to remember the caves that were dug into the hillside in that location will probably not be surprised to read that the caves were dug by Fred Veith and a man named Springer, apparently, Wenzel Springer, who was listed as a beer brewer on the 1870 St. Peter census immediately after the Veith family. As will be shown below, the locations of the land described in the purchase records match the location of the caves and of other land near the caves.

The May 7, 1873 *St. Peter Tribune* mentions a request for proposals to fill the gulch on Front Street near Veith's brewery. Another Tribune article contains the following information: "On Front street, near Veith's brewery, the ravine has been filled up and a good road made there." The April 14, 1955 Saint Peter Herald states that the Veith brewery was "across from where Hughey Brogan lived." The 1920 St. Peter census shows Hugh Brogan living at 713 South Front Street, which is across Front Street from the property that Veith purchased on Block 198. These pieces of information make it clear that the brewery was on Block 198 on the west side of South Front Street. However, there is more to the story about where the brewery was located.

The June 3, 1874 *St. Peter Tribune* states that Emil Dick drowned in the Minnesota River "near Mr. Veith's upper brewery," meaning a brewery upriver from St. Peter. The October 9, 1874 *St. Peter Tribune* describes a trip to Veith's NEW brewery. "We visited the brewery of Mr. Veith, about two miles up the river, and think he has the best in the states as far as location is concerned. The rock overhead is of the very hardest kind of flint, while beneath it is a pure white sand which yields readily to the pick and shovel. Mr. Veith has penetrated into the bowels of the earth nearly a thousand feet, and his Malt cellar has a floor as hard and smooth as marble. He will have one of the largest breweries in the State, which is rendered necessary to meet the demands of his justly celebrated beer." From all of this, it seems to be clear that Veith had opened another brewery by 1874 where the caves were located south of the State Hospital. It is assumed that the brewery on South Front Street ceased production when the new brewery was ready to begin operations, but no such information has yet been found.

The January 1, 1879 *St. Peter Tribune* refers to a fight between Fred Veith and Peter Battis at Veith's brewery. This shows that the brewery near the State Hospital was apparently still in operation at that time. However, on January 10, 1880, Sheriff Thomas Downs sold the Veith brewery property to Jared Lewis in a mortgage foreclosure sale. That property description refers to the land Veith had purchased in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 in T110N, R26W.

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Mystery of the Veith Brewery continued from page 5

John Glans bought the land from Lewis in 1883, and John Noyd bought land, apparently including the land on which the brewery was located, from Glans in 1891. Although there are some slight discrepancies, this is supported by information in the booklet *Lower Oshawa* by Florence and Amelia Turner that states: "John Glantz bought the brewery from Fred Veith, Sr., and lived there for a time before selling to Noyd's in 1888. They tore it down and built a house. Mr. and Mrs. Noyd had two sons, Charles and August." Look for "J.P. Nojd" and the three small parcels of land, each of 2.5 acres, that he purchased on the map from the 1899 plat book. The land is where sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 meet.

Anything additional concerning the Veith brewery would be greatly appreciated. We are also interested in information, documents, and photos concerning the Veith family and their bakery.



Look for "J.P. Nojd" and the three small parcels of land, each of 2.5 acres, that he purchased on the map from the 1899 plat book

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Thank you to the following renewing and new members of NCHS through 7-7-2023 .

Renewed Business Advocate Members

Brighton Township
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Renewed Crossing Circle Life Member

Eileen Holz

Renewed Supporter Members:

Nita & Paul Aasen
Bill & Deb Dixon
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Ryan Kupcho
Kate Martens
Bill & Durene Pedersen
Gene Retka

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Patty & Darryl Breitenfeldt

Renewed Family Members:

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Kemmie Hebensperger

New Sustaining Member:

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Debra Nelson
Sam Plunkett
Jamie Schmidt
Julie Turtle

New Individual Members:

Lynn Hanson
Mark Wellner

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Nancy Bruch
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Lou Ann Mayhew
Jennifer Monke
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Paul Schumann
Jenniver Spradling
Warren Wilking
Barbara Van Zee

We make every effort to provide an accurate listing of membership renewals and donors. If we have made an error please contact us at 507-934-2160 or info@nchsmn.org and we'll make corrections.

HISTORY BITS

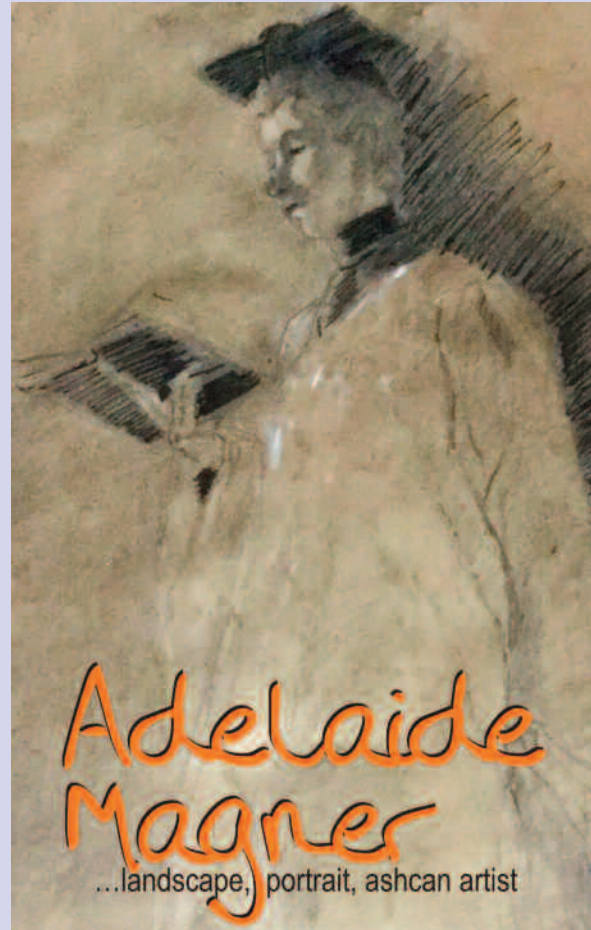
Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, Steve Hogberg!



It is with pride that we look back on your incredible volunteer contribution to NCHS, starting with your very first History Center tour on September 30th, 2009, with 22 eager learners from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Flash forward to your final tour on June 3rd, 2023, and we find you leading 23 attendees from Gustavus Reunion Weekend through the History Center exhibits. By the time of your retirement, you delivered almost 250 tours, leaving a lasting impression on over 3,800 curious minds. You have truly made a difference and we thank you for it!



ON DISPLAY AT TSHC



through October 20, 2023

BREWERS AND BOTTLERS:

A REFRESHING HISTORY OF BEER & SODA MAKING IN NICOLLET COUNTY



held over through December 20, 2023

Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future

AN EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTING THE LEGACY OF AGRICULTURE IN NICOLLET COUNTY

through December 20, 2023

NEW EXHIBIT AT TSHC



A Century and Sesquicentennial Farm Exhibit Opens at the History Center

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the world of farming in Nicollet County. Discover the tools and techniques used by the county's earliest settlers, and learn about the deep impact of agriculture on local communities.

Uncover the triumphs and challenges faced by farmers, including the enduring effects of droughts, floods, and grasshopper plagues. Marvel at the remarkable contributions of women in shaping the farming landscape.

Learn more about Nicollet County's Century and Sesquicentennial Farms that are featured in and alongside each township case. Join us in celebrating the lasting legacy of these historic farms.

Admission is just \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors 55+. Children and members enjoy free entry!

Mark your calendars and head over to the History Center by December 20. Discover a vital part of our history at this special exhibition.

This exhibition is proudly presented in collaboration with the Nicollet County Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation. Together, we aim to celebrate agriculture and showcase our county's sustainable farming practices since 1853.

MONETARY DONATIONS

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Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future Item loans/donations

Anderson Family
(Neal, Karri, & Kelsey)
Rolf & Jean Annexstad
Rachel Anthony
Karen Brinkman
Karen Burg
Melanie Covell
Ellie Depuydt
Garfield Eckberg
Rosemary Franta
Marv Gieseke
Gary & Deb Gintner
Dennis Hagen
Tom Hagen
Tom & Patti Hayes
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Jason & Michelle Schroeder
John & Bev Schroder
David & Louise & Chad Tweit
Bill & Glenys Zins



DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES

The Nicollet County Historical Society and Saint Peter Community and Family Education present our fifteenth season of documentary films! The public is welcome to join us for these free films at the Treaty Site History Center.



Ruthless—Monopoly's Secret History

Thu., Sept. 14, 2 p.m., Treaty Site History Center | FREE | 75 minutes | NR

For generations, Monopoly has been America's favorite board game, a love letter to unbridled capitalism and—for better or worse—the impulses that make our free-market society tick. But behind the myth of the game's creation is an untold tale of theft, obsession and corporate double-dealing.



Choctaw Code Talkers

Thu., Nov. 2, 2 p.m., Treaty Site History Center | FREE | 60 minutes | NR

In 1918, not considered citizens of the U.S., Choctaw members of the U.S. American Expeditionary Forces were asked to use their native language as a powerful tool against the German Forces in World War I, setting a precedent for code talking as an effective military weapon and establishing them as America's original Code Talkers.



JFK & LBJ: A Time for Greatness

Thu., Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Treaty Site History Center | FREE | 60 minutes | NR

In many ways, President Lyndon B. Johnson was the most unlikely champion of Civil Rights. But his actions in the White House told a different story when he dared to champion two laws that changed America and the world - the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Now, fifty years later, JFK & LBJ: A Time for Greatness sheds light on the fascinating story of a president who knew how to harness the nation's grief over John F. Kennedy's assassination, twist arms, and get his way. The film includes rarely-seen footage, secret White House tapes, and personal testimony from LBJ's advisors, biographers, friends, and family.

HISTORY CENTER EVENTS

hiSTORY hangout

Monthly on the third Thursday of each month
July 20, August 17, September 21 | 10:00 a.m. | History Center

Saving Your Stuff: how to care for art, heirlooms, and personal collections

Thu., August 24 | 2:00 p.m. | History Center | FREE

Learn about the "ten agents of deterioration" and how to preserve and protect the things you value. There will be a presentation followed by an open question and answer period. Recommendations for how to find additional resources will be provided at the event.

About the presenter: Megan Narvey is the Outreach Conservator at the Minnesota Historical Society, where she provides guidance to individuals and local historical organizations on caring for collections big and small across the state of Minnesota. Before coming to MNHS, Megan worked as an Objects Conservator at the Western Archaeological Conservation Center in Tucson, Arizona, and as the Objects Conservation Fellow at the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa, Ontario. Megan received a B.A. in chemistry from Carleton College and an M.A. in Principles of Conservation, and an M.Sc. in Conservation for Archaeology and Museums from University College London.



Courtesy: Library of Congress

The Grange: A Fraternity of Farmers that Championed Rural America

Thu., Sept. 7 | 2:00 p.m. | History Center |

\$10/adults, \$7/members, \$5/children



"I feed you all!" lithograph by American Oleograph Co., Milwaukee, 1875. (Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division). Courtesy: <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/grange-movement-1875>

Join us as agricultural historian T.J. Malaskee delves into the long-forgotten history of America's first fraternity of farmers, the Grange. The Grange was a radical post-Civil War Era movement that pushed for progressive measures to heal the nation through agriculture, education, equality, and social interaction as the United States saw growing tension between western rural farmers and eastern urban industrialists. The Grange—more formally known as the Patrons of Husbandry—was founded by Minnesota Farmer Oliver H. Kelley in 1867, and the rural movement took off here in his home state, eventually reaching a membership of over one million men and women across the country. Find out more about this intriguing history and learn how the Grange has played a role in your life today!

Shadows at the Crossing: Spirits of Old Traverse des Sioux

Treaty Site History Center & Traverse des Sioux Historic Site |

Fri., October 6 & Sat., October 7 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. |

\$10/adult, \$5/child, \$20/family, NCHS/MNHS members -20%

Experience history come to life on our Shadows at the Crossing walking tour! Accompany guides as they introduce you to the fascinating personalities who once called Traverse des Sioux home, with talented local actors reenacting their stories. This tour is great for families with children eight years and older, and tickets are available for \$10/adult, \$5/child, and \$20/family. Nicollet County and Minnesota Historical Societies members receive a special 20% discount. Don't miss out—tours depart every hour from 6:00–8:00 p.m., but space is limited, so book in advance! Walk-ins are welcome if space allows.

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: All events are subject to public health recommendation

Event/Program information:

TSHC: Treaty Site History Center events are free for NCHS members unless stated otherwise.

continuing on display

	<i>Brewers & Bottlers: A Refreshing History of Beer and Soda Making in Nicollet County,</i> through December 20	History Center
	<i>Adelaide Wagner, landscape, portrait, ashcan artist</i> through October 20	History Center
	<i>Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future</i> through December 20	History Center
July 20	HiSTORY hangout, 10:00 a.m., FREE	History Center
Aug. 9-13	Nicollet County Fair, find us in the Ag Education Building	Nicollet County Fair Grounds
Aug. 17	HiSTORY hangout, 10:00 a.m., FREE	History Center
Aug. 19	Love, Courtship & Marriage , see story on page 4 Reservations: https://bit.ly/tour-cox-house Programs are <i>usually</i> \$10/adult, \$7/members, and \$5/children	Cox House
Aug. 20	Book a tour of the Cox House , 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 p.m., see details on page 4 Reservations: https://bit.ly/tour-cox-house Tours are \$7/adult, \$6/senior 55+, and free for members and children	Cox House
Aug. 24	Saving Your Stuff with Megan Narvey , see story on page 10, FREE	History Center
Sept. 7	The Grange with T.J. Malaskee , 2:00 p.m., \$10/adults, \$7/members, \$5/children	History Center
Sept. 14	Documentary Film Series Ruthless-Monopoly's Secret History , 2 p.m., see details on page 9, FREE	History Center
Sept. 21	HiSTORY hangout, 10:00 a.m., FREE	History Center
Oct. 6	Shadows at the Crossing , 6:00-8:00 p.m., \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$20/family, NCHS/MNHS members -20%, see story on page 10	Traverse des Sioux
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Nov. 2	Documentary Film Series Choctaw Code Talkers , 2 p.m., see details on page 9, FREE	History Center
Nov. 17	GIVE TO THE MAX DAY	Online
Dec. 2	Documentary Film Series JFK & LBJ: A Time for Greatness , 2 p.m., see details on page 9, FREE	History Center

Please watch the NCHS website, Facebook & Twitter for further events and details for additional programming.



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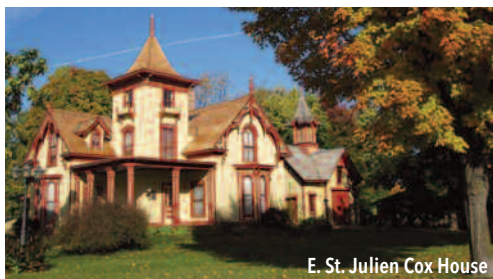
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