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GIVE TO THE MAX FOR NICOLLET COUNTY HISTORY



The Nicollet County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing Nicollet County's rich and varied history. On **Give to the Max Day on November 21**, we aim to raise \$5,000 to support our ongoing efforts.

Why Give?

Your support is vital to our mission of:

- Collecting and safeguarding historical artifacts, documents, and photographs.
- Researching and sharing untold stories of Nicollet County's past.
- Inspiring Education: Developing engaging exhibits and educational programs for all ages.

Early Giving Starts November 1:

Don't wait until Give to the Max Day! Early giving starts on November 1st. By donating early, you can help us reach our fundraising goal and ensure the future of our community's history.

Matching Gift Challenge:

To maximize the impact of your donation, we are excited to announce a matching gift challenge. Our generous Board of Directors will match the first \$1,500 donated on November 21, so your contribution stretches further to help us reach our goal.

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ORGANIZATION INFO

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NCHS Sites information

Treaty Site History Center

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 St. Peter, MN 56082
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 Hours: Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 E-mail: info@nchsmn.org

E. St. Julien Cox House

500 N. Washington Ave.
 St. Peter, MN 56082
 Phone: 507-934-2160
 E-mail: cox@nchsmn.org

Traverse des Sioux

Adjacent to the Treaty Site History Center
 1851 N. Minnesota Ave.
 St. Peter, MN 56082
 Open dawn to dusk year-round

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



Jessica Becker

As we enter the season of giving, we reflect on the importance of our mission at the Nicollet County Historical Society (NCHS) and the generosity that makes it possible. Small historical societies like ours depend on community support to preserve local stories, honor family legacies, and create meaningful connections between our past and future generations. This season, we are especially thankful for our members and donors, whose contributions keep our doors open; our passionate volunteers, who give freely of their time and expertise; and our dedicated board and staff, who guide us with commitment and care.

Like many small organizations, NCHS is facing financial challenges this year. Inflation and rising costs have increased pressure on our budget, affecting everything from exhibit planning to site maintenance. Income from admissions, memberships, and gift shop sales is not enough to sustain our operations. That's why support from donors like you is crucial—it ensures NCHS continues to serve as the keeper of our shared history.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. A donation of \$10 provides a high-quality storage box to keep items safe; \$50 helps cover a Nicollet County school field trip to the museum; and \$100 pays for one roll of tissue paper to protect stored artifacts.

Can we count on you to keep supporting NCHS? Your donation helps us meet our current needs and invests in the future of Nicollet County's rich history. Thank you for your support and commitment to keeping our history alive.

With gratitude,

Jessica Becker

Executive Director

Now you can purchase or renew memberships online!
 Visit nchsmn.org/support/membership for details.

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Monthly Giving Option:

If a one-time donation is too much right now, consider monthly giving. By making regular contributions, you can support our mission while spreading out the cost.

Visit our website to set up monthly giving.

How to Donate:

- **Online:** Visit nchsmn.org and click the gold "Donate" button in the upper right. On your phone open the menu and choose "Support" then "Donate."
- **Phone:** Call 507-934-2160 to donate by credit card
- **Mail:** Send a check payable to NCHS to NCHS
1851 N. Minnesota Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082

As members of NCHS, you are already part of a community dedicated to preserving our history. By donating on Give to the Max Day, you can help ensure that our past is remembered and cared for for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fall is my personal favorite season of the year, with change so visible! Students are back at school, the trees have displayed their magnificent colors, and we all look both back and forward. Back on a unique summer with the weather patterns, floods, and our community activities, and forward to a winter of unknown weather patterns, an election year, and more community engagement. NCHS has the same reflection and outlook.

Since our last newsletter, the Board has continued looking at our 100th anniversary. At the end of June, we worked with a facilitator who helped us work through answers to some questions. What does our future look like in 25, 50, 75, and 100 years? Reflecting on what is to come, what things are constant? As work moves forward, who are our key partners? What skills will be needed as we look to the future, or what gaps do we need to fill? How can we mitigate risks that may arise?

In the meantime, we continue focusing on the here and now. As we head further into fall, our end-of-the-year giving season begins. As you're making year-end giving decisions, please remember that Give to the Max Day is November 21, but early giving starts November 1, and any 2024 donations need to be received or postmarked by December 31.

As always, we are grateful to our faithful members and welcome those just joining us. Watch for information about applying to join our Board of Directors, and elections will be in early 2025. We are particularly looking for those from "greater" Nicollet County, those with financial backgrounds, those with great community connections, and, as always, enthusiastic history "geeks." We hope to attract younger members and a diverse representation of our county residents—those with energy!

Kate Martens

NCHS President



Kate Martens, President
NCHS Board of Directors

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SITE REPORTS

Cox House Corner

It was an exciting summer at the Cox House as we tried something new to bring in more visitors and add variety to the experience! With diminishing attendance over the past couple of years, we decided to try



New lighting in our theater room.

something new: instead of our usual guided tours, we offered self-guided tours alongside a special art display. To make the experience even more accessible, we asked for free-will donations instead of a set admission fee.

Over seven Saturday afternoons, we welcomed 157 guests and received \$296 in donations—compared to 51 visitors and \$534 in donations for all of 2023. This positive trend makes us optimistic about what's coming at the Cox House.

We also want to thank Larry and Judy Biederman for their generous donation toward Cox House projects and programming. We are wholeheartedly grateful for their support and commitment to preserving this historic gem.

And, of course, our sincere thanks to everyone who visited this summer! We hope you enjoyed the display and the chance to explore the house at your own pace.

While we're closed for the season, we're already planning for next year's tours and programs, and we'd love your input! If you have ideas for future programs or displays, please reach out to us at cox@nchsmn.org or 507-934-2160. We can't wait to welcome you back!

History Center Report

by James Ihrke,
Operations Coordinator



James Ihrke
Operations Coordinator



A beautiful time for a walk on the prairie

Fall was a beautiful time here at the

History Center. The prairie was in full bloom, with tall grasses, beautiful wildflowers, and butterflies fluttering amongst the milkweed. Our fox snake friends were once again peering in the windows, wishing they could be inside.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, we were able to accomplish two large projects this summer. First, we installed new lighting in our theater room to



A visit from our snake friend.



New lighting in our theater room, courtesy of the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation.

improve the visitor experience. Second, our roof was repaired to fix issues causing water to enter the building.



Doing an inventory of our library collection.

We have also had many other projects going on at the History Center, including building a new workbench and new storage shelving and conducting a full inventory of our library to make more space for treasures. Special thanks to our volunteers who lend us their expertise.

We are also setting up two new exhibits that we are excited to share with the public. I can't think of a better time to visit the History Center!

ARCHIVES DONATIONS

Artifact & Archival Donations as of September 18, 2024:

Kristin M. Anderson, Hebron Cemetery Association: Hebron Cemetery Association records.

Joan Brey Berdan: Ledger, Goblirsch & Brey Store, Lafayette, 1905-1906.

Becky Briggs: Wedding photo of Henning W. Johnson and Alice Mabel Isenberg Johnson; digital photo of Earl (Shorty) Lund and Ardis Johnson Lund on their wedding day.

Pam Caron: Staff photo, St. Peter State Hospital, 1948.

Terri J. Cooney: Swedberg Drugs wooden nickel commemorating the Minnesota Centennial.

Mark Fiemeyer: Photographs and digital scans relating to Courtland.

Jeff Giefer: Items relating to Zins Hardware & Implement of Nicollet, including uniforms belonging to George Zins, and promotional items.

Bruce Gray: Materials relating to the St. Peter Chapter of S P E. B. S. Q. S. A., Inc.; and the Singing Saints Chorus and barbershop quartets.

Andy Hopp: Nicollet Hatchery ash tray, buttons and flag from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School; Christmas ornament made by Elmer Bode; postcard of the Cox House.

Muriel Wagner Horner: North Mankato School District #60 Viking Log yearbooks, 1950-1955; St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Mankato, 50th Anniversary publication, 1922-1972.

Pat Kienlen: Photo of Franz and Regina Kienlen, digital photo of Gregoire (Gregory) Kienlen.

Mary Menk: Promotional wood tray from Swenson's, also known as Norseland General Store.

Jared Mlaker: Resource documenting individuals interred at Green Lawn Cemetery.

Nicollet County Farm Bureau: Documentation concerning century and sesquicentennial farms in Nicollet County.

Nicollet County Government: Publication "The County Line".

Marlin Peterson: Organizational records, St. Peter Last Man's Club of the World War II era; programs, Last Man's Club, 1973-1989, 1992.

Steven Poncin: Genealogical writings and a reproduction of a photograph of John E. Poncin.

Redwood County Historical Society: Photographs and objects relating to the Currier family and to Nicollet, Minn.

Sharon Shimota: Genealogical material relating to Ed Wentzlaff, who served on the USS Arizona and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Lynette Smith: Photos of the 1951 flood of North Mankato, including the home of the Arthur and Muriel Berndt family at 710 Range Street.

Marlene Willson: Promotional items relating to St. Peter-area businesses; Marlene's SPHS gym class romper; newspapers, newsletters and ephemera primarily relating to St. Peter High School.

Rick Wright: James R. (Jim) Wright's overcoat worn during his service in Kodiak, Alaska, 1941; his World War II-era garrison cap; garrison caps and key chain signifying membership in the VFW post in St. Peter and status as Commander in American Legion Post 37; Don Webster's VFW jacket; Herb Filler's American Legion Post 37 garrison cap with 50-year patch.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Ruth Einstein

Research Coordinator



Ruth Einstein
Research Coordinator

Jared Mlaker has been doing some remarkable restoration work at Green Lawn Cemetery, also known as Traverse Cemetery. Jared volunteered to do substantive cleaning in the cemetery above and beyond the usual mowing. There had been no formal caretaker for years, so Jared stepped in to remove debris and beautify the cemetery. While doing so, and while probing the ground where he believed there were unmarked burials, Jared has found over thirty-five subsided or hidden markers, so far.

Green Lawn, established in 1856, is the resting place of some of this area's earliest settlers. Jared wanted to know more about the individuals buried there, so he embarked on a research project. Accessing the microfilmed newspaper collection at NCHS and other resources, he collected 251 obituaries and other documentation relating to the lives of 111 people out of the approximately 170 interred at Green Lawn. This collection can be perused in the Research Library at the Historical Society.

Jared has also used his skills at Woodlawn Cemetery east of St. Peter, and has uncovered, literally, the answer to a mystery. Dr. Philander Humphrey, who appears with his family on the 1860 census of St. Peter, took a position as government physician at the Lower Sioux Agency. He, his wife, and two of their children were killed shortly after the onset of the US-Dakota War in August 1862. John Humphrey, who was a young teenager, was the only family member who survived. The slain Humphrey family members were initially buried near where they were killed, but their remains were later reinterred at Green Lawn.



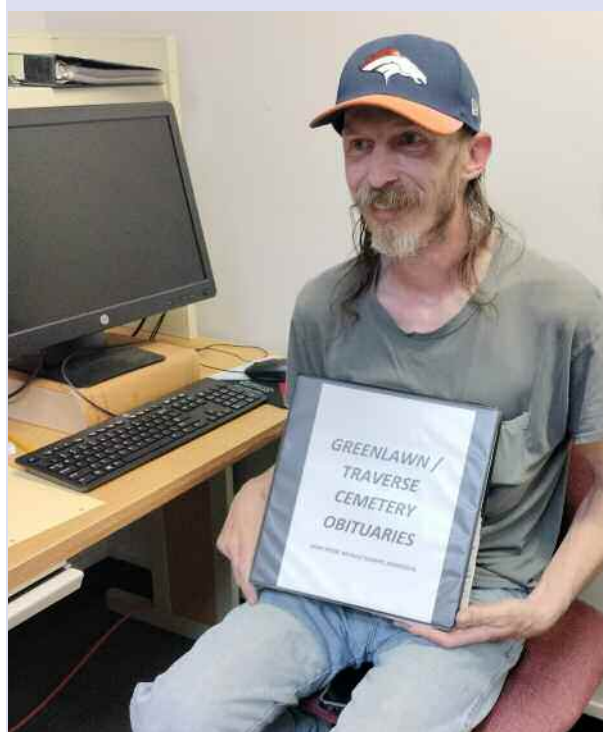
John Humphrey's marker uncovered.

John Humphrey's obituary, published in 1921, stated that he had been buried near the memorial to his family in Woodlawn, but there were no apparent markers. Jared probed the area and incredibly, was able to locate the long-subsided footstones of John and his wife, Mary. After contacting the cemetery and gaining permission, Jared dug up both footstones, and cleaned and reset them. Jared has expertise in cleaning and restoring old, fragile gravestones in a way that won't damage them, so please don't try this at home!

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John's and Mary's markers cleaned and reset.



Jared Mlaker with the binder of Green Lawn obituaries.

We owe Jared a debt of gratitude for spending untold volunteer hours researching these individuals and restoring their gravesites. As Bob Sandeen has remarked, "We believe that the work that Jared has been doing is of considerable importance to anyone who has an interest in the history of this area. Although we have always had cemetery records in the [NCHS] archives, he has helped us to better understand who is buried in the cemeteries and where their burial sites are located within the cemeteries."

Preserving the memories of those who have gone before us is at the heart of the mission of the Nicollet County Historical Society. We are grateful to all those who help us in that effort.

Thank-You to Our Research Center Volunteers!

Nita Aasen, Lynn Hanson, Eileen Holz, Jennifer Monke, Margo O'Brien, Brian Oviatt, Marlin Peterson, Bob Sandeen, Steve Sayre, and Victoria Steinhaus.



photo credit: Denise Rowan on Findagrave

DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES FOR 2024

The Nicollet County Historical Society and Saint Peter Community and Family Education present our fall lineup of documentary films. These documentaries inform, challenge ideas, and create conversation. Films are shown at the Treaty Site History Center and are free to the public.

Films at 2 p.m. in the afternoon—free and open to the public but please note there is an admission fee to view the exhibits. Mark your calendars!



***The First Silent Night* | December 5 @ 2 p.m. | History Center | 60 min.**

Join renowned actor Simon Callow as he uncovers the moving origins of Silent Night. Simon journeys to the Austrian village of Oberndorf as well as the city of Salzburg, where the story of the world's favorite carol had its origins. *The First Silent Night* introduces us to two impoverished children—Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber—who grew up in Austria's cobbled streets and wooded villages. The hard years that shaped them would also destined them to meet one day in a poor country church to unite Gruber's music and Mohr's text into this classic carol about the birth of a third poor boy on a quiet night in ancient Palestine.

JOIN THE NCHS BOARD

The Nominating Committee is seeking applications for new Society Board of Directors members who will begin their roles in 2025.

As an NCHS Board member, you'll have a unique opportunity to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our organization. While providing crucial oversight and financial leadership, we encourage our board members to contribute to the growth and thriving of our society.

Board members are expected to:

- Attend monthly board meetings.
- Actively engage in planning, governance, and fundraising efforts.
- Be willing to serve on committees if requested.
- Volunteer your time and talents at our historic sites or within our communities as ambassadors.

The best candidates are those who:

- Have a passion for history.
- Possess connections that can help promote NCHS.
- Have previous Board experience
- Are determined to make a positive impact in the community.

The application deadline is February 7, 2025.

To apply or for more information, visit our website at <https://www.nchsmn.org/about-us/staff-and-board-of-directors>. For inquiries, please contact NCHS Board President Kate Martens at board@nchsmn.org or call 507-934-2160.

Become a part of preserving and sharing our local history. Your involvement can make a significant difference!



NCHS Board of Directors retreat, 2022.

NCHS EXHIBITS

Nicollet County Townships

Explore the Nicollet County Room, featuring displays filled with artifacts and stories from each of Nicollet County's 13 townships.



Artifacts representing items brought by Swedish immigrants, telling the story of early settlers like the Lundeen family in Oshawa Township. Through maps, photographs, and personal items, the **Nicollet County Townships** display highlights the experiences and heritage of the Swedish community that helped shape Nicollet County.

Sketches of Frank Blackwell Mayer

In 1851, 23-year-old Baltimore native Frank Blackwell Mayer embarked on a 5,903-mile journey to document the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, recording the lives of Indigenous Minnesotans through detailed sketches. Despite not securing a government role in the treaty negotiations, Mayer's commitment to capturing these historical moments left a lasting legacy, rivaling Seth Eastman's work and surpassing George Catlin's contributions in Minnesota. Though he intended to finish all 63 sketches in watercolor, Mayer completed only 31 before he died in 1899, preserving a unique visual record of this pivotal moment in history.

Seasons of Nicollet County (in progress)

See seasonal vignettes from early Nicollet County. Each display features different modes of transportation, textiles, and artifacts, offering a seasonal glimpse into our past.

1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux

The History Center's permanent exhibit interprets the **1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux** as a watershed moment in Minnesota history for the Dakota people and Euro-Americans through large graphic panels, hands-on activities, artifacts, and a portion of Twin City Public Television's documentary, Dakota Conflict.



The **Seasons of Nicollet County** exhibit displays Ida Hermel's 1918 wedding suit. It features a navy wool coat with intricate button detailing and a high buckled collar paired with a matching skirt and a chiffon lace blouse. Displayed alongside the Society's 1908 Studebaker Surrey, this vignette highlights the elegance of early 20th-century wedding attire and transportation.

NCHS EVENTS

hiSTORY hangout

November 21 @ 10:00 AM, History Center

Join us for our free monthly history chat, where we'll engage in lively conversation, share stories, and enjoy light refreshments.

Community Affairs on KNUJ Radio

November 26 @ 9:15-9:35 a.m. on KNUJ Radio AM 860 or FM 107.3

Get the latest updates from NCHS on Community Affairs. Listen to KNUJ Radio every fourth Tuesday at 9:15 am to stay informed.

Our Landscape as a Time Machine:

St. Peter's Geologic Past

December 6 @ 2:00 PM, History Center

This presentation will introduce participants to St. Peter's geologic history through the lens of geologic maps. You'll learn how maps help us reconstruct the past and how they help us locate natural resources. You'll learn about some places nearby that reveal the evidence of our geologic past.

CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK

December 22, 2024 - January 6, 2025

Our museums and offices are closed for winter break from December 22, 2024-January 6, 2025.

MEMORIALS

received by NCHS between 6/22/2024 and 11/13/2024.

In Memory of **Herb Poncin**

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| Ann & Nick Guetter | Dean & Jane Wahlund |

We remember

with honor the following friends

and members whom we lost

between 6/22/2024 and 11/13/2024.

- ◆ Windy Block (friend)
- ◆ Gary Gintner (friend)
- ◆ Greg Kaster (friend)
- ◆ Jan Olmanson (Life member)
- ◆ Dick Muesing (friend, archives volunteer, member)
- ◆ Herb Poncin (Life member)



Our dear friend, Herb Poncin, passed away on October 7. Herb was a cherished friend to many at the Society, and his loss weighs heavily on our hearts. He is a lifetime member of the Society, dedicated 18 years to serving on our Board, and contributed thousands of volunteer hours at the Cox House, Traverse des Sioux, and the History Center. His absence will be keenly felt, not only for his remarkable volunteer service but also for his compassionate nature, warm smile, quick wit, and generous spirit. Our deepest sympathies go out to Louise and the Poncin family.

NCHS will place a memorial paver in front of the History Center in Herb's honor.

DONATIONS

MONETARY

Eric Annexstad
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Judy Voss

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Thank you to the following renewing and new members of NCHS from 6/22/2024 to 11/13/2024.

Renewed

Business Benefactor Member:

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Renewed

Business Advocate Members:

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Linda Vogel
Judy Voss

New Individual Members:

Seth Carstenson

New Senior Individual Members:

Margaret Brinkman
Carol Dranttel
Dennis Henry
Brenda Kotasek
Dean Oman

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.

DISCOVER UNIQUE GIFTS AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Looking for one-of-a-kind gifts this holiday season? The History Museum Gift Shop offers a curated selection of unique items celebrating history and culture.

Minnesota Valley Memories II / Presented by The Free Press Media
\$44.95, Hardcover, 136 pages

This heirloom-quality coffee-table book offers a glimpse of Mankato, North Mankato, Blue Earth, and Nicollet counties from 1940–1969 with a brief reprise of the early years through stunning and historic photos.

Hidden History of the Minnesota River Valley / by Elizabeth Johanneck
\$21.99, Paperback, 160 pages

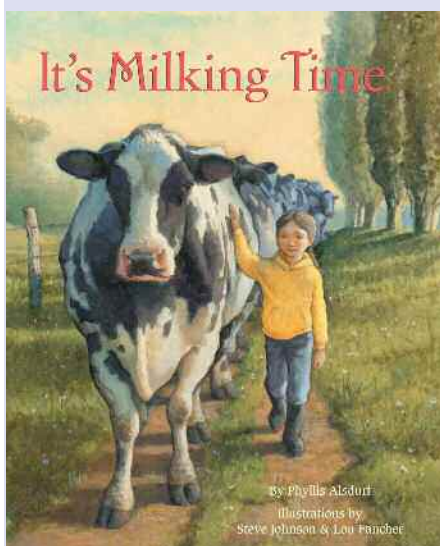
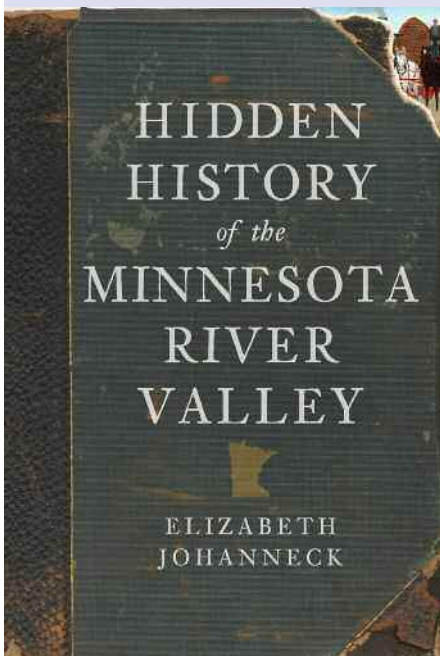
Traveled by mammoth hunters and motorcyclists alike, the Minnesota River Valley shows the traces of a unique legacy: where else will you find a political party with ideals based on honest conversation and gymnastics? Not all of it is as lovely as the natural scenery it accompanies--Mankato was the site of the largest mass execution in United States history--but its heritage demands contemplation. Discover the valley's most enterprising characters, from Fort Snelling bootleggers like Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant to the Granite Falls lawyer behind Prohibition, Andrew Volstead. With a guide like Johanneck, you might meet some familiar figures in surprising circumstances as she steals up behind Dr. Mayo at the grave he was robbing for medical research or catches FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in a moment of unguarded correspondence.

It's Milking Time / by Phyllis Alsdurf (Author),
Steve Johnson (Illustrator), Lou Fancher (Illustrator)
\$17.95, Hardcover picture book, 32 pages

As the sun sets over the fields, a little girl and her father begin the evening milking. The girl gathers the cows--a "Holstein parade"--and guides them to the barn. Father and daughter work side by side, piling up the grain for feeding, fanning out beds of straw, and hooking up the milkers. In the corner pen, the girl feeds the calves all by herself.

Soon they've filled milk can after milk can for the creamery truck that will arrive in the morning. The fresh dairy product isn't just for them--other families will buy their milk, butter, and cheese at stores and farmers markets near and far, connecting the little girl's farm to the world beyond.

Phyllis Alsdurf's poetic story lovingly depicts the special bond between a child and her father and the relationship between a young farmer and her animals. With Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher's exquisite illustrations, *It's Milking Time* is a lyrical and visual treasure--perfect for reading aloud every morning, every night, to anyone who's ever asked: Where does milk come from?



Members Only: Early Bird Calendar Deal!

Reserve your 2025 History Museum Calendar by November 29th and enjoy an additional 5% off your member discount! That's a total of 15% off the regular price of \$21.99. Don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of history and support NCHS! 507-934-2160.

2024-2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Event/Program information:

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

See exhibits on display on page 8

History Center

Nov. 21 **GIVE TO THE MAX DAY**

Online

Nov. 21 hiSTORY hangout, 10:00 a.m., FREE

History Center

Nov. 26 **Community Affairs** 9:14-9:45 a.m., KNUJ Radio AM 860 or FM 107.3

Nov. 28-Dec. 2 Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 5 **Documentary Film Series** | *The First Silent Night*, 2 p.m., details on page 8, FREE

History Center

Dec. 6 Program: **Our Landscape as a Time Machine**, 2 p.m., details on page 8, FREE

History Center

Dec. 21 Last day the History Center is open for 2024

Dec. 22-Jan. 6 NCHS offices and sites are closed for winter break

Dec. 31 Last day for mail to be postmarked for 2024 business

Feb. 7, 2025 Board of Directors candidate applications due. Details on page 7.

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



to you and yours from all of us at the Nicollet County Historical Society

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Treaty Site History Center

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Yes! I would like to support my Nicollet County Historical Society in 2024–25 at the following level (please check one).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$ 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$ 50 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$ 200 |
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