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ON THE COVER: *The Woodville Cemetery gravesite of George R. Buckman, a soldier of the famous First Minnesota, Company G. He survived many Civil War battles including the Battle of Gettysburg to come home to Waseca, Minnesota.*

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Events Calendar

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June 13-17—Janesville's Hay Daze

July 6—Chautauqua American Roots Music Festival

At Historic Maplewood Park, see poster insert for more information.

July 10—WCHS Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

July 12-14—New Richland's Farm/City Days

July 17-21—Waseca County Free Fair / Collecting Helters

See the Waseca County Historical Society at Hodgson Hall on the corner of 8th and 3rd N.E. Browse the Used Books Sale, Concessions Stand, the best value at the Fair!

August 4-30—Stitchers-in-Time 25th Anniversary Quilt Exhibit, Open House on August 4

Two great events on one day—Stop in the museum during the Quilt Exhibit Open House, then walk across the street to the Bailey-Lewer Library lawn, have some lemonade, pick up a map, and get going on the Waseca Garden Tour. Both events are FREE!

August 14—WCHS Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

September 11—WCHS Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

September 19—SROC's Centennial Open House

The Southern Research and Outreach Center celebrates with an even grander open house than before on the SROC grounds. *And WCHS will be there! See our display of WCHS's 75th!*

September 21—Waseca Marching Classic

Waseca High School and the community host a band festival with parade and field competition. The whole town greets visitors to this 26th annual community-wide event! WCHS will be in the parade!

Questions? Call 507-835-7700 or email:
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From the Co-Executive Directors . . .

Most people think that museums are quiet, maybe unexciting places to work and visit. NOT! I even thought this before I came to work at WCHS. Some days are quiet, blissfully quiet days to write and plan and research; but many more days come with unexpected visitors and events. This spring brought many happenings with old and new friends of WCHS. And then there's Minnesota weather! No comment, except to say, this spring snow reminds me of a Minnesota Daily cartoon from the 1960s, where a snowbound person standing up to his thighs in snow is looking up at the sky saying, "Okay, Lord, I'm impressed!" With the late start, I'm hoping the rest of the growing season is good for our county's farmers.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

We finally scheduled a spontaneous evening on April 30 to feature MSU's Dr. Ron Schirmer, Ph.D., Anthropology Department and two of his grad students, Jason Reichel and Andy Brown, to talk about potential and known archaeology sites in Waseca County and the region. Local residents and WCHS members were invited to bring in what they have found in the area or beyond. Dr. Schirmer said he has been anxious to get out in the region to see what people have found and in particular *where*. Joan Mooney has been aware that many sites exist and that many of our WCHS members have found curious objects.

Not knowing just what to expect, about 30-35 people attended, each bringing various objects. Dr. Schirmer and his graduate assistants helped with the identification and mapping of site origins. Many Native American objects from



long ago daily life were shown—arrowheads, tools, mallets, grinding stones, pottery shards. Their visit to Waseca County was the first of many other planned visits around the region.

A few weeks later we received a note from Jason Reichel with an answer about an object found in the wall of a farmhouse during renovation. It was not a natural object, but a man-made item of wood and string. The professor had no idea. Two other people present suggested it was part of a loom. Jason Reichel was able to identify that object, upon further research, determining that it was indeed, a loom's handle or leash rod, used to beat in each (horizontal) weft thread of a shuttle.

SPRING LUNCHEONS SELL-OUT

Our Spring Luncheon-Lecture Series are always well received. There is a core group of member-luncheon go-ers that attend annually, but this year those numbers grew. This year we presented FOUR speakers, simply because we had to. The theme of Waseca County Boys (and a Girl) Come Home resonated with residents and members, plus the success of each of our speakers in their individual life pursuits certainly promoted increased interest. We're grateful to our cast of speakers—David Welna, Newell Searle, Rachael Hanel and Larry Hofmann for appearing and providing wonderful discussions and insights. Thanks to the Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council for making this series possible.

BAILEY SIGN INSTALLED

The beautiful new and very sturdy sign in front of our Bailey-Lewer Research Library, in the historical P.C. Bailey House, is finally installed. Work was halted when we received a hefty snowfall the day after the post holes were dug. So the sign was laid on the lawn to wait for the spring thaw. The light was just attached last week. Please join the Board of Directors and Staff in thanking Henry and Phyllis Lewer for supporting the cost of the entire project. Henry Lewer, who is retired from his life-long business, Lewer Auto, grew up in the house. Henry's father Ewald Lewer was the last person to live in the house.



COLLECTING HERTERS HISTORY AT THE WASECA COUNTY FREE FAIR

The County Fair starts on July 17-21, and we'll be at Hodgson Hall, collecting and exhibiting what we have so far, of Herters of Waseca larger artifacts. Please contact us if you have Herter items to share for the County Fair display. We are also planning on a main floor exhibit at the museum in June 2014.



Dr. Ron Schirmer, below with WCHS members and visitors



In this 75th year of the Waseca County Historical Society we are examining our own history. To pick up where we left off in the previous issue of History Notes, let us say that the early years were spent collecting pioneer artifacts and stories from the early settlers, the schools, newspapers, and the organizations of the county.

1960s | a museum

The Society existed in the concrete block building next to the county courthouse. Volunteers had created a settler's log cabin from the logs of two donated log cabins. Eventually the log cabin was moved to the county fairgrounds and Hodgson Hall was built to encase it and to provide storage for oversize artifacts like carriages, farm implements, furniture, and vehicle artifacts. In 1963 the growing need was for a nicer, permanent home with more storage, display and office space. When the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church decided to build a new church on the shores of Clear Lake, their 1917 church building became available. With the financial support of the Edgar, Marvin and Everett Johnson families—the elegant, domed church building at 315 Second Avenue N.E. was converted into a museum for the Waseca County Historical Society. Sloping sanctuary floors on the main and balcony levels were made level, and storage shelves were installed. Display cases were donated from various retail sources, and the pipe organ was removed.

Over the years, the building has evolved into an inspiring space to contemplate our precious history with artifacts, programs, events, and genealogical records and resources. The 1960s was the heyday of Bob Hodgson and Herman Peterson, among others. During the late 1950s and the 1960s were centennial celebrations of the beginnings of Waseca County, the townships and the cities. Bob Hodgson and Herman Peterson wrote and published newspaper articles about the settling of Waseca County. Hodgson wrote about the beginnings of WCHS. He wrote several pageants with re-enactors of those early days. These were community wide celebrations. All the while, the



Edgar and Ethel Johnson



Bob Hodgson



Herman Peterson



1970s | a paid director

Society continued with events, openings, research, and the quiet processing of donated artifacts. And until 1979 the Society and its facilities were managed and operated by its member volunteers, a volunteer board of directors, and donations from the public. Peggy Korsmo-Kennon was hired as the Society's first paid executive director. During her tenure, eight of Waseca County's buildings were designated to the National Register of Historic Sites. Membership was promoted, fees increased, and grant opportunities increased. Also the book, *The Streets Are Wider Now* by Carol Rutledge was published with the research assistance of many volunteers.

NEXT ISSUE: A genealogy research library; the museum runs out of room; WCHS goes online; and endowments are created.



Pat Beckmann, Carol Rutledge, and Peggy Korsmo-Kennon



WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

Chautauqua

AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC REVIVAL

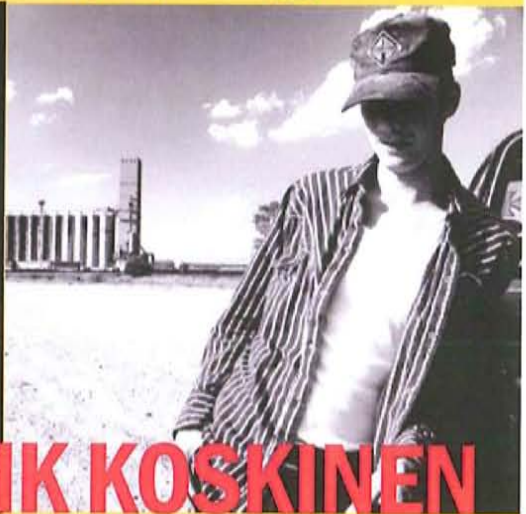
AT HISTORIC
MAPLEWOOD PARK
11-4:30 IN WASECA

JULY 6



From Real Phonic Radio ...

FRANKIE LEE & ERIK KOSKINEN



In the Big Tent

AL BATT / On Stage & In the Woods

MAGIC ZACK / On stage

SACRED HARP SINGERS / In Pavilion

SHIRLEY & ALVIN / On stage

FLAT TOPS & FIDDLES / On Stage

AMY ROEMHILDT / On the Tram

CHRISTOPHER LUTTER-GARDELLA with PUPPET FARM ARTS / All Day

FAMILY CRAFTS / All Day

HOT DOGS, POP, ICE CREAM & POPCORN / All Day

ADMISSION BY DONATION / KIDS FREE / RIDE THE TRAM

ACROSS FROM KIESLERS KAMPGROUND ON HWY 14 EAST ON CLEAR LAKE

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund; and also, with support by the E.F. Johnson Foundation advised by the Waseca Area Foundation.

Chautauqua 2013 Entertainment Schedule

| Time | Stage/Tent | Woods | Pavilion | On site |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
| 11 am | Good Morning Sing Along with Shirley & Alvin Groskreutz 11-12 noon | | | ALL DAY On the Tram: Amy Roemhildt, Song-lorist, Puppet Farm Arts Eco-friendly, large scale puppets made from recycled materials ! ! PLUS! Arts & Crafts Coffee Ice Cream Pop Popcorn Hot Dogs |
| 11:30 | | | | |
| 12:00 | Sacred Harp Singing 12 Noon-12:30 | Sacred Harp Singing | The oldest form of American singing! | |
| 12:30 | Al Batt 12:30-1 pm | | | |
| 1:00 | Flattops and fiddles 1-2 pm | WALK IN WOODS AL BATT To follow | Magic Zach 12:15-12:45 | |
| 1:30 | | | | |
| 2:00 | Frankie Lee 2:00-3:00 | | | |
| 2:30 | | | | |
| 3:00 | Erik Koskinen 3:00- 4:00 | | | |
| 4:00 | | | | |
| 4:30 | | |  CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT | |

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George R. Buckman and the First Minnesota in the Civil War

By Sheila Morris

The Buckman House, our neighbor

I've worked at WCHS for 13 years and knew the brick Italianate house situated diagonally across the intersection from the museum as the "Buckman house," never knowing anything about the Buckmans. We had created a Waseca Historic Tour brochure with 15 homes and buildings that did not include the Buckman house. I assumed that there just wasn't much known. I did know that a couple from Minneapolis had purchased it

about five years ago and were renovating it themselves on summer weekends. Thankfully, they are restoring the house back to a single dwelling.

A Request from the Minneapolis Star Tribune

In early April WCHS was contacted by Kate Parry, editor at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. She was doing some preliminary research on several of Minnesota's Civil War veterans, looking for the most interesting one on which to write a full article. My first comment to



An older George Buckman

her was that I didn't think we had much about George R. Buckman. There were no artifacts, no archives, no portrait, but he is buried in Woodville Cemetery, and so is his father. In James Child's *History of Waseca County*, there was a brief biography. I emailed that page to the inquiring editor. She thanked me and told me that the Minnesota Historical Society had George R. Buckman's Civil War journal in their collection.

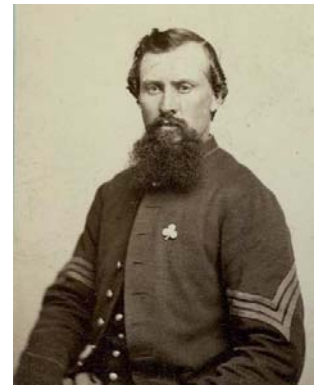
A few weeks later I received an email from Curt Brown, a writer informing me that the newspaper was focusing on George Buckman for their feature story. He talked to our own Linda Taylor, ace researcher, who was able to track down several Buckman descendants, including one living in Minneapolis. Later that week

Curt Brown and the great, great grandson of George Buckman came to Waseca to visit the grave at Woodville Cemetery. It was buried under several inches of snow with only the military star showing. The writer said he would send a photographer later in the spring. On May 22 the photographer, Jeff Wheeler arrived in Waseca to photograph the Buckman house and the grave at Woodville Cemetery. He was very interested in taking the photograph while the VFW volunteers decorated the graves for Memorial Day. At the VFW Post 1642 we talked to Ron Fuchs who said the volunteers would be decorating the graves on Friday. Wheeler said he'd be back then.

(Since then I discovered that Buckman's grave went unmarked for over 70 years. The Memorial Day Association paid for the marker back in the late 1970s. Veteran Lyle Cromer signed the paperwork as no relatives were known at that time.) Sharon Allen and Deb Dobberstein have worked to be sure that all county veteran graves are marked and decorated on Memorial Day.)

Buckman comes to Waseca

Who was George Buckman? George R. Buckman was born in Crown Point, New York on December 23, 1832, the son of Silas and Huldah Buckman. He learned carpentry and worked with his uncle in the hardware business in New Hampshire. In 1855 at the age of 23 he traveled west to Winona, Minnesota, then to St. Mary in Waseca County. At the age of 28 he enlisted in the Union Army.



Sgt. George Buckman in 1862

Buckman joins the First Minnesota

After the attack on Fort Sumter, Lincoln called for volunteers. Governor Alexander Ramsey, wanting to make an impression in Washington, was the first governor to ask for volunteers to fight the rebels. George Buckman was assigned to Company G. Governor Ramsey told the volunteers that he thought they would be needed for one month, thinking that the Rebellion would be suppressed by then.

The First Minnesota fought many battles valiantly including the Battle at Gettysburg. The First Minnesota played a key part in turning the tide in favor of the Union Army. According to his own writings, George Buckman survived battle after battle, and watched his comrades fall. He witnessed untold carnage as did so many. He was mustered out in 1864 and came home to

Waseca. He founded the People's State Bank. He served as County Treasurer. In 1867 he married Isadora Wood. Of his war experiences, he wrote, "The past seems like a dream. Three years of active service in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and a citizen again. Truly I have something to remember. The terrible battlefield, the dusty weary march, the long nights when on pickets in storm and cold—can I forget?" He died April 17, 1899 of neuralgia of the heart at age 66. He left his wife, a daughter Marion, and son Royal.



The Buckman home at 402 Second Avenue N.E., Waseca, MN

Minnesota History Center Exhibit—Minnesota and the Civil War

I recently visited the Minnesota History Center to see the "Minnesota and the Civil War" exhibit. The many 150-year-old artifacts are so meaningful. A few of the fragile daguerreotypes, were incredibly enlarged to become focal points of the exhibit. My favorite item was the beautiful black silk widow's dress, recreating the stylish silhouette of women of the 1860s. The dress offered contrast to the battle gear, and the letters and journals describing the horrors of this war. Watch for the June 30 *Minneapolis Star Tribune* article about Waseca's George R. Buckman and the First Minnesota. It will be a story that came from Waseca County, facilitated by the Waseca County Historical Society staff. The story of George R. Buckman is a proud one. END

Of course, we'll also have our donated Used Book Sale--\$1 for hardcovers, \$.50 for softcovers; and our very affordable Concessions—pop, ice cream, popcorn, pickles. On Saturday, July 20, join us from 1-4 p.m. for free birthday cake to celebrate WCHS's 75th Anniversary. See you at the Fair!

QUILT SHOW IN AUGUST

Every other year the museum is happy to host the Stitchers in Time Quilt Exhibit. This year the quilt guild celebrate 25 years of creating beautiful quilts. The exhibit opens on Sunday, August 4, on the same day as the Waseca Garden Club Garden-Walk. Incredibly, both events are free and open to the public. Put on your garden bonnet, pick up your Garden Walk Map on the lawn of the Bailey-Lewer Library, have some lemonade and a cookie, and be sure to see the Stitchers in Time Quilt Guild show in the museum building. The exhibit runs through August.

PRESERVATION MONTH OF MAY

Waseca Heritage Preservation Chair Les Tlougan has been submitting photos and history of Waseca downtown buildings to celebrate Preservation Month. The information comes from the completed Comprehensive Survey of Waseca's Historic Central Business District. The summary of the study can be viewed on the City of Waseca website. The complete study can be viewed at the Waseca County Historical Society Bailey Research Library.

Waseca City Planner Kim Johnson has submitted two grants for the creation of the Downtown Historic Design Guidelines. The HPC is waiting for funding approval from the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Trowbridge Bandstand Restoration Project is getting a work plan in order thanks to a grant from the Waseca Area Foundation. Goodrich Construction will provide a detailed "how to" and "what to use" scope of work needed for proper restoration of the historic structure.

HONEY FARM PROGRESS

Thomas Zahn and Associates have made their visit to the Hofmann Honey Farm and are currently working on the evaluation study. The Hofmann family is looking for any of the honey processing equipment that was sold when Charlie Hofmann retired. Larry Hofmann hopes to bring back this activity to the farm for demonstration and education purposes. The Hofmann Honey Farm may be the first apiary on the National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota!

CHAUTAUQUA JULY 6—THE TALENT

Plans for Chautauqua 2013 have emphasis on "American Roots Music." We're very proud of the talent line-up featuring Frankie Lee and Erik Koskinen, backed up by our local favorites. [Check out the event poster and schedule insert is this newsletter.](#) Remember to park where directed and ride the tram up the hill to the festivities. As in the 1880s, "Five Cents, Children and Servants Free," but we will be very grateful for donations. At this writing, volunteers are needed to help out in the Concession stand—call 507-835-7700.

The Chautauqua at Maplewood Park is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council funded in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. Also with support by the E.F. Johnson Foundation advised by the Waseca Area Foundation.



March Luncheon speaker Newell Searle and his father, WCHS board member Rod Searle



April Luncheon speaker David Welna with his parents



May 30 Luncheon speaker Larry Hofmann



May 23 Luncheon speaker Rachel Hager Hanel with fans

Dr. Wesley Rethwill Jr. dies June 15

Just as we were about to print this issue, we received word that our good friend, member and benefactor, Dr. Wesley Rethwill, Jr. passed away early June 15 at ISJ Mankato. Dr. Rethwill had been suffering from Parkinson's disease. He was a Lifetime Member of WCHS, as well as an important contributor to the 150th Birthday Capital Campaign in 2007-2009. That contribution created the Wes and Carol Rethwill History Endowment Fund. He donated artifacts from the dental practice he shared with his father, plus many family photographs. Dr. Rethwill often visited the museum to bring flowers from the garden he tended at the Waseca Masonic Temple across the street from his home. The next *History Notes* will feature a story and photographs of Dr. Rethwill's life in our Waseca community which he dearly loved.



Thanks to so many—WCHS couldn't exist without you!

As of 3/15/2012 to 06/14/13

These are quarterly new/renewed members, donations, acknowledgments. See the WCHS Annual Report for a list of all members.

MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime Members

\$1,000 Donations to the WCHS

Lifetime Endowment Fund providing ongoing interest support for Operations.

* New in 2013, + Deceased

Allen, Mary
Britton, Joe and Marjorie
Brown Printing
+Brown, Wayne "Bumps"
Brynildson, Gladys
Cooper, Gus
Corchran, Liz
Dahl, Robert M.
Fette, Leo J. and Shirley
First National Bank
Fischer, Larry and Marian
Fitzsimmons, Francis M.
Fostveit, Donna
*Fox, Jim and Elaine
Fuller, Boyd
Gerding, Dr. James and Josephine
Gores, Marjorie L.
Haley, Sharon L.
+Hecht, Sigr
Homer, Margaret
Johnson, Ronald J.
*Kastner, Bonnie
Kopischke, Gerald and Barbara
Lewer, Henry & Phyllis
Markus, Richard
McCarthy, George B. and Jean M.
+Moriarty, Dorothy
Oelke, Neta
*Peterson, Arlene
*Pommerenke, Gloria/Lori
+Rethwill, W.H., Jr.
Roundbank
Rutledge, Jerry and Linda
Searle, Rod and Ruth
Sheeran, Betty and Bob
Smith, Keith and Wilda
Strand, Mel
Swenson, Virginia
Tippy, Jim and Moira
+Wendland, Ken
Wendland, Helen
Webber, Wendy
Wick, Bruce and Lorraine
Winegar, Sharlene and George
Wynnemer, Don and Margaret

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Aitken, Robert (WA)
Baker, Dale (MN)
Berger, Doris (MN)
Bodine, Kelly (MO)
Buscho, Gwen (MN)
Byron, Jean (MN)
Carlson, Arthur (MN)
Carlson, Brad and Colleen (MN)
Dunn, Dave and Melissa (MN)
Eckert, Susan (SD)
Eichorst, Fred (MN)
Elsner, Arlene (MN)
Fuller, Becky (CA)
Goblirsch, Jennifer and Michael (MN)
Goldman, Julie (IA)
Gray, Dr. Mark and Janet (MN)
Groskreutz, Dale (MN)
Habein, Harold (MT)
Hager, Ruth Ann (MN)
Hintz, Joanne (MN)
Holman, Thomas (NM)
Johnson, Bradley (NY)
Kroeger, Lester and Jane (MN)
Kramer, Merila and Butch (MN)
Kastner, Bonnie (MN)
Kelly, George (FL)
Kurkoski, Thomas and Cheryl (MN)
Larson, Tink (MN)
Lewer, Cindy (MN)
Lundquist, Jean and Ole (MN)
Mackey, Lisa (MN)
Nelson, John (MN)
Nelson, Richard and Carolyn (OR)
Peterson, Arlene (MN)
Proechel, Bonnie (MN)
Purcell, Ron and Pat (MN)
Rampanelli, Jessica (MN)
Rausch, Bill and Cookie (MN)
Roesler, Robert (MN)
Rogers, Clinton and Trista (MN)
Routh, Warren (MN)
Salmon, Juliet (MN)
Tetzloff, James (MN)
Thompson, Cindy (MI)
Vogler, William (MN)
Wendland, Brad and Monica (MN)
White, Millie (MN)
Wildgrube, Bev (MN)
Witt, Norma (MN)
Zwach, Don and Fran (MN)

New Members

Adams, Jean (PA)
Ahlfors, Richard and Shirley (MN)
Applen, Chanise (WI)
Bluhm, Jane (MN)
Brown, Kevin (MN)

Christiansen, Mark and SkiAnn (MN)
Class, Richard and Kristi (MN)
DeLaitsch, Steve and MaryJo (MN)
Evenson, Ellsworth (WI)
Flitsch, Kathleen (MN)
Good, Russell (MN)
Harkness, Jim (MI)
Hoelmer, Jeff (MN)
Hogan, James (MN)
Kaul, Jim and Julie (WI)
Kenward, Bob and Ann
Praxl, Phoebe (MN)
Raetz, Shirley (MN)
Robertson, James (MD)
Sandrick, Arleen (IN)
Sewell, Ann (IA)
Snow, John and Kris (MN)
Thompson, Jeanie (MN)
Winegar, Cheri (MN)
Zimmerman, Julie (MN)

New Sustainer \$100

These \$100 gifts help with the Operating Budget
Thompson, Jeanie
Dunn, Dave and Melissa

New Lifetime \$1,000

Fox, Jim and Elaine
Kastner, Bonnie
Peterson, Arlene

MEMORIALS

Memorials, Unrestricted

In memory of Sigr Hecht
by Donna Fostveit
by Neta Oelke
by Daryl and Debbie Draheim
In memory of Richard Dufault
by Donna Fostveit
by Henry and Phyllis Lewer
In memory of Gene Lamont
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Ray Pommerenke
by Janette Larson and JoAnn Sutlief
In memory of Bob Connors
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Jeri Bluhm
by Bonnie Gifford Lucas
In memory of LaVonne Matz
by Donna Fostveit

Memorials, Restricted

In memory of Bob Connors
by Bob and Janette Larson
for the Bailey-Lewer Library
In memory of Frances Larson
by Bob and Janette Larson
for the Bailey-Lewer Library

GRANTS

Grants Received, Restricted

For Museum Lighting Replacement Project:
\$1,500 from the Roy and Jeannette Tollefson Fund of the Waseca Area Foundation;
\$1,500 from Waseca VFW Post 1642;
Approved: \$1,500 from Alliance Pipeline Foundation
Still needed: \$4,000

For Chautauqua July 6, 2013:

\$3,900, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
\$6,000, E.F. Johnson Foundation, advised by the Waseca Area Foundation

DONATIONS

\$150, to honor the retirement of Dallas McColley from Brown Printing

3 two-drawer file cabinets and vertical display case from IRIS House, Faribault, MN

Purcell, Ron and Pat
Goehring, Larry and Pam
Welna, Dr. Donald and Harriet

Museum Gumball Machine, \$53.50

Belated Annual Fund Gift

McIntire, Betty

Artifact Donations

Bob Amiot, information and documents copies regarding I.O.O.F in Waseca County

VOLUNTEERS

Rod and Ruth Searle
Don Siems
Don Wynnemer
Brad Wendland

Kastelle, George
Taylor, Gary
Prange, Randy-Waseca Glass

Waseca-LeSueur County STS team with Greg Klingerman, move furniture and artifacts
Suburban Furniture movers: Aaron Lemieux, David Lewer, and Tim Whiteford

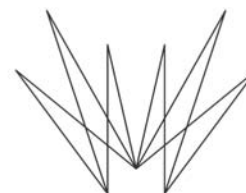
Waseca Co. Hwy. Dept. crew installed Bailey-Lewer Library sign

Gary Mittelsteadt
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Membership Renewal Date



Museum Shop open Tues-Fri, 9-5

So did you know that our gift shop is open during our regular hours and over your lunch hour? Come in and browse through our Used Bookshelf, history books, and our lovely vintage gifts—including toys, jewelry, linens, and those nostalgic personalized signs and posters. See for yourself, bring your sandwich, yogurt or coffee and visit with us.

BELOW LEFT: We have several copies of Rachel Hanel's popular first memoir. BELOW RIGHT: Our display of personalized vintage signs and posters.



LEFT: This is "Sophie" a squeezey, bouncy toy decorated with non-toxic colors—very popular, and we have her!

BELOW: Some of our colorful, vintage tablecloths, towels and aprons.

