



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

Monday—Friday 8 am— 4 pm and Saturday 10 am—4 pm

Summer 2023

In the Remick Gallery:

“Salmagundi: A Collection”

By Anna Johannsen

May 7—September 11, 2023

Anna Johannsen’s art show continues through the summer. It features over 50 works of art with a variety of themes that relate to animals, family, fashion and 3D works. An assortment of mediums are in this show and include textiles, pencil drawings, watercolors and mixed media.



Coming in September...

“Four Seasons: Art in Paper”

By Eva Lopez

September 17 – November 18, 2023

This artist transforms cardstock paper into beautiful flowers. Eva Lopez learned the art of making paper flowers by observing the craft on-line. Her inspiration comes from nature where all beauty begins. The opening reception will be Sunday, September 17th from 2-4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Come and meet the artist.

The motive for my art is to be able to transform paper into flowers and make it stand out with branches, wood and other materials.

- Eva Lopez



Save the Date

The Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held Monday evening, September 11th from 4:30—7:00 p.m. This year we will have both inside seating available along with the drive-thru on the south side of the building. Tickets are \$10 for adult, \$5 for children under 10 and can be picked up at the museum prior to the event or that evening. Supplemental funds are provided by Thrivent Financial. Join us for a delicious meal that includes roast beef on a bun, coleslaw, chips, baked beans and a cookie!



Update on our Summer Projects:

Out with the Old, In with the New



Jared Montagne, removing old units



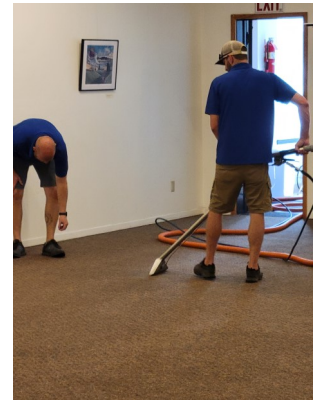
The crew from St. James Electric started removing the old HVAC units in the Remick Gallery storage and the Meeting Room storage on July 10th. It took only a few days before air conditioning was restored to these spaces. Luckily, the weather remained moderate that week so none of the staff, volunteers or visitors were overcome with heat stroke. The Remick Gallery unit has humidity control features which in the summer keeps the humidity below 50%. We are happy to have this project completed. A big thank you to our year-end donors who helped make this update possible. Looking to next year, we still have two more units to replace in the Exhibit Hall and Collections Storage.

Carpet & Tile Cleaning

A carpet stain from a recent rental made carpet cleaning necessary in our Meeting Room in July. While we had the workers here at the museum, the decision was made to clean the tile in the front entry and the men's & women's bathrooms. Wow! What a change that made. The tile looks like new! Thank you to Holt Carpet Cleaning for their quick response. We appreciate their professional staff and feel like we are ready for company!



Jay Keller



Riley VanWestern

Still to Come:

We will be replacing the flat roof membrane this fall on our old building. We hired the same company, Nohava Construction, who installed the first membrane roof over 20 years ago. In addition to the membrane, new 2" insulation and perimeter flashing will be installed at this time. This project is possible largely due to monetary support from Romelle Wojahn, Arlene Burbank Estate and the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation.

2023 Give It Your Best Shot Books Available

The 2023 photo show book "Give It Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County Celebrations" is now available in soft & hard cover. The book features 16 images submitted by local photographers and 3 from the museum collection. Stop by and pick up your copy today!

If you are wondering what our next theme for 2024 is, it will be **Parks of Cottonwood County**. Take a drive and enjoy our city and county parks. While there, take a photograph and submit it to our next "Give It Your Best Shot" to open in January of next year.

Give It Your Best Shot

Focus on Cottonwood County Celebrations

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Cottonwood County Fair



Did You Visit us at the County Fair?

Our theme for the Cottonwood County Fair was "Riding the Rails: Remembering the Currie Line". The south wall

had the Currie line from Bingham Lake to Westbrook showcasing the depots of Bingham Lake, Delft, Jeffers, Storden and Westbrook. In between the photographs were railroad tracks. On the east wall was an article regarding the last train to run on the Currie line in 1979 with photographs of the event. Abe & Gabe welcomed visitors as previous Currie line employees. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, volunteers and staff for sitting at the booth to answer questions and sell raffle tickets.



2023 Museum Raffle

The raffle item for 2023 is a numbered print by John Cartwright of Shoreview, MN. He is the brother of Lindsey Cartwright who currently serves on the CCHS Board. John Cartwright is an Upper Midwest railroad expert and artist. The print he donated is of the Mountain Lake Depot which was the second depot to be built in Mountain Lake around 1900 and used until 1972. It is now part of the Heritage Village in Mountain Lake. The lucky winner will be drawn in December. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Buy a ticket for a chance to win a part of our railroad history.



Number of tickets _____ @ \$5.00 each

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Send your checks to:

Cottonwood County Historical Society
812 Fourth Avenue, Windom, MN 56101

All proceeds benefit the museum!

Buy your raffle tickets today!

Amboy Township History by Wendy Meyer

Early History: A stockade, called “Head of the Little Cottonwood”, existed along the Little Cottonwood River in the center of Section 24 briefly in the aftermath of the 1862 Dakota Conflict with a small compliment of militia. It’s existence is documented by a St. Paul



Last train into Jeffers—October 16, 1979

Press advertisement dated July 18, 1865, requesting bids for hay to supply the garrisons on Minnesota’s western frontier. Artifacts have been found at the site including square nails, broken pottery and a saddle pommel. The stockade was likely abandoned in the fall of 1865. Amboy Township was organized on October 10, 1872. Its name came from homesteader, Moses DeWolf, who lived in Section 34 and was from Amboy, Otswego County, NY.

Board Minutes: With 40.7 miles of gravel roads, board minutes are filled with discussions of road to be graveled, bridges to be widened, graders to be fixed or replaced and the cost of business. Early meetings were held in homes until the City of Jeffers was founded in 1900 when the meetings moved to Jeffers. In 1961 a Quonset-type building in Jeffers was purchased for grader storage; in 1968 a building on main street was purchased and used as the town hall. Damage to the town hall in 2018 led to the construction of a new town hall/grader shed at the intersection of Peavey and Best Streets. Work was completed in 2020.

Rural Postal Delivery: From March 1878 to April 1900, the Red Rock Post Office served Amboy Township. Five farmers in turn were appointed postmaster. Consequently, the post office was located in five different farmhouses. Red Rock closed in September of 1900 when the post office in the new village of Jeffers opened.

Points of Interest: The intersection between Hwy 71 and Hwy 30 is known as Red Rock Corners, and for a time several businesses were located there. The Red Rock Quarry is located on 240 acres in the southern half of Section 12, from which ‘red rock’ or Class A Quartzite is quarried and used for many road projects in the area. Amboy Township is home to one church, the Jeffers Baptist Church, on Hwy 30, just east of ‘the corners’. It began in 1907 but was not formally organized until 1916.

Wendy Meyer is a museum volunteer who loves to research local history. She also serves as President of the Board of Trustees.



Tiling by hand in Amboy Township

General Fund Donations:

Donations made May 19, 2023 thru August 24, 2023

Tom & Karen Anderson in memory of Erma Johnson; Arlene Burbank Estate; Faye Turner, Kjell & Liz Turner & Joel & Samantha Turner in memory of David Reed; Tom & Karen Wickie in memory of Roberta Riebe; René & Ellen Perrance in memory of Lucy Madson; Grant & Dorothy Johnson; William & Marilyn Peterson in memory of Lucy Madson; Tom & Karen Wickie; John & Judy Holt; Anthony & Heather Smith in memory of John Folin; Tom & Karen Wickie in memory of Alan Anderson

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Thanks for direction of Thrivent Choice Dollars to CCHS: Rosalee Davis

Donations given for the roof project: Romelle Wojahn, Coralee & Jim Krueger

CCHS Membership

CCHS Welcomes New Members:

Lisa & Michael Smyth; Julia Bonneville; Pamela Pietz (Lifetime); Joseph Leonard; Heather Miller

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Fritzie Stemm; Harvey & Esther Buller; Terry & Jackie Jurgens; Joan Iverson; Martin & Anita Skow; Terri Moore; Dean & Kathy Kretsch; René Perrance; Ellen Perrance; Norma Loewen; Don & Carolyn Enstad; Patricia Holmes; Vay & Arleen Rodman; Michael & Jean Foley; Wes & Elaine Kroeker; Roxanne Potter; Laura Williams

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

Maria Fitzgerald; Vera Rachuy; Julie Fladgard; Nancy Saathoff; Judith Hintze; Judy Kielty; Beatty Muller

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewal:

Ernest & Judith Dellinger; Maria Schneider; Leon Hoyer



New Saturday Staff started in June

Please welcome to the museum staff Jackie Jurgens and Jazmyn Hietbrink who were hired in June to work on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. this summer. Soon they will be back to their regular jobs as paraprofessionals at school. Thank you for keeping the museum open on Saturdays during the summer!

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December 1 – 23, 2023
Festival of Trees