



# COTTONWOOD

## County Historical Society

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

Winter 2017

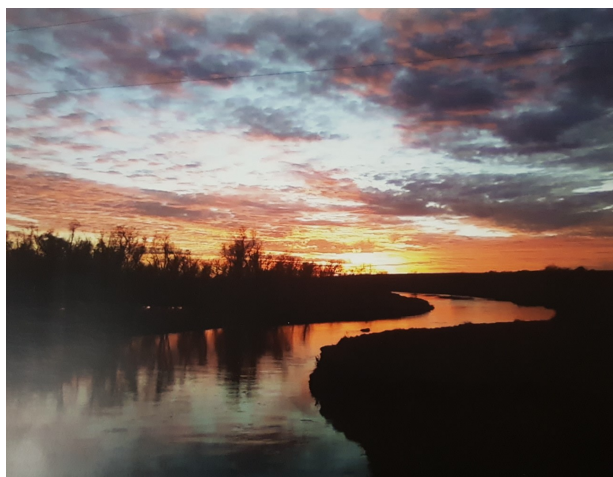
### Give It Your Best Shot:

Focus on Cottonwood County Reflections

2017 Photo Show

January 22 – March 25, 2017

The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery features over 20 photographs of Cottonwood County reflections taken by local photographers. Great shots from throughout the county! Stop by and vote for your favorite photograph!



"Sunset on the River"

Leann Johnson

### 2016 Raffle Winner Announced

The 2016 raffle was a wildlife print entitled "Wetland Wanderers" by Cynthia Fisher of Montana, donated by the Diemer Family. The raffle was drawn the Monday before the Christmas holiday. The lucky winner was Mike Cornelius from California.

**Congratulations!**



### Limited Edition Ornament Now Available

Third in a Series

Jeffers Petroglyphs

27160 Co. Road 2

Comfrey, MN

Back reads:

The Jeffers Petroglyphs State Historic Site features roughly 5,000 carvings made over 7,000 years ago by ancestors of today's American Indians. It is the largest concentration of carvings in Minnesota with both human and animal figures carved in outcroppings of Sioux quartzite. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970.

\$15



1st Place



Second Place



Third Place

## In the Remick Gallery:

### Festival of Trees – A Recap!

Throughout the month of December, visitors enjoyed an array of 20 beautifully decorated Christmas Trees in the Remick Gallery. The Windom Saddle Club was voted the winner this year with their barbed wire tree decorated with rope, toy horse ornaments and photos of club members in horseshoes. The second place winner was the Windom Cotton Quilters whose theme was “Angels Among Us”. They adorned their tree with handmade angels, hearts and stars. Third place was awarded to the Mickey D’s Red Hatters who dressed their white tree as a snowman or I should say a snowwoman with a red hat, red scarf, purple gloves and red socks. Each winner received Chamber Bucks with the remaining proceeds benefiting the museum.

Below is the list of the others who participated:

\*Marilyn Wahl \* Heritage Village of Mountain Lake \* Cottonwood County Animal Rescue \* Skilled Painting \* Prairie Arts Continuum \* Waldo & Geneva Stoesz \* Windom Service Club \* First United Methodist Church \* A.C.E. of SW Minnesota \* Relay for Life \* Windom Tourist Club \* Windom Area Girl Scouts \* Mountain Lake Christian School \* Compassionate Friends \* Robert Remick Tree \* Sons of Norway \* Windom FFA

Thank you to all who designed a tree, who visited the museum during December and who voted for their favorite.

### 2016 Scents of Christmas Fund-raiser Recap!

The museum’s fund-raiser for October/November was the *Scents of Christmas*. Board members and staff sold Christmas greenery made at the Hacker’s Tree Farm including wreaths, garland, swags, spruce tips and more. We raised \$700 for the office lighting project. Thank you to all who purchased greenery this year.

# Wrap-Up on “Living Legends” Project

By Janelle Kaye



Cost is \$20 - add \$5 for shipping

On Dec. 8, 2016, the Living Legends Project between veterans in Cottonwood County and the Junior class at Windom Area High School came to completion with a celebration at the school where everyone involved received their free copy of the book. This project was a result of a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Center through the Minnesota State Legacy Amendment Fund. The grant was written by Janelle Kaye of Windom with the fiscal agent being the Cottonwood County Historical Society. Two teachers, Lisa Letcher and Sheryl Hanefeld, worked with their students to create a book that told a story of 50 veterans who currently live in Cottonwood County. Cottonwood County is the only county in Minnesota to have been awarded a grant for a project like this.

Like with many first attempts, there were some pitfalls and a learning curve. Every pitfall was well worth the outcome, however. Multi-generations came together to share stories about history and ended making connections that will last well beyond a school project. Veterans became “friends” of the students and were invited to family events, a basketball game where they were again honored, and to other school events. The whole project seemed to touch the heart of community members and many expressed wishes to continue and enlarge the project. If you would like a copy of the book, you can pick one up at the Cottonwood County Historical Society.

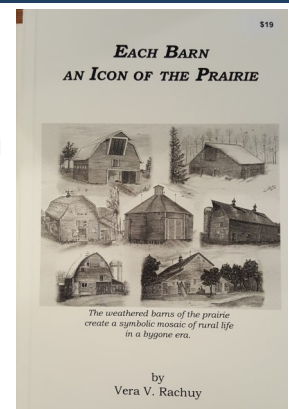
*This work is funded in part with money from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.*

## Vera Rachuy Barn Book Available at Museum



Just released prior to the holidays is a collection of barn sketches by Vera Rachuy of Westbrook. Known for her yesteryear drawings, this book features over 40 of her barn sketches and is entitled “Each Barn An Icon of the Prairie”.

Cost: \$19





Gale force winds on Christmas Day destroyed both museum banners. If you would like to help with the replacement of the museum banner, please contact the museum.



## Staff & Volunteers Field Trip

Volunteers and staff enjoy the Martin Luther exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts after a quick stop at "Ingebretsen's", a Norwegian Gift Shop, and a German lunch at the Blackforest Inn. The story of Martin Luther and the Reformation took us back 500 years ago showcasing artifacts and documents from Germany. A great way to spend a sunny November day.



## CCHS Membership

### CCHS Welcomes New Annual Members:

Marilyn Nickel; Denise Wolff; Cheryl Hanson; Diane Johnson

### CCHS Welcomes New Annual Family Members:

Lorin & Rebecca Epp, Dr. Michael R. & Patricia Fisher, Michael & Marjorie Eichner

### CCHS Welcomes New Sponsor Level Members:

Dr. James Miller & Dr. Mary Olson

### CCHS Welcomes New Lifetime Member:

Lorna Hunter

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Dallas & Joan Giese, Jane Ross; Mary Christenson; Ralph Sweigard; Don & Lee Ross; Mary Kellen; Dean Larsen; Richard & Dorothy Raverty; Melvin Wojahn; Joyce Nielsen, Yvonne Knutson; Margaret McDonald; Janelle Kaye; Ivan & Signe Pederson; Allen County Public Library; Marlene Smith; Bernice Dick; Sandy Peterson

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Business Renewal:

Five Star Realty Pros LLC

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

Judy Woizescke; Ruth Steinfeldt

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewals:

Ernest Woizeschke

## **General Fund Donations:**

### **Donations made between September 23, 2016 – January 12, 2017:**

Larry & Melody Goeman; Dallas & Joan Giese; Minnesota Alpha Sigma Chapter ADK; Pam Gahler; Anthony & M. Heather Smith in memory of Richard Menken; Doug & Priscilla Jacobson in memory of Jean Bolin; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Jean Bolin; Phyllis Miller in memory of Jean Bolin; Nancy Saathoff & Janice Saathoff in memory of Betty Krahm; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in honor of Ron & Jan Sampson's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in honor of Loy Storey's birthday; Grant & Dorothy Johnson in memory of Herbert Nagorske; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of C.O. "Doc" Castledine; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Herbert Nagorske; Wig & Wanda Turner in memory of Rodney Ring; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Herbert Nagorske; Thomas & Karen Wickie in memory of Lora Sacks; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Deloris Pigman; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Clara Bartosh; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Deloris Pigman; Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Veva Stevens; Anthony & M. Heather Smith in memory of Sandra Acton Engelhard

### **Office Lighting Project:**

Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Jean Bolin; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Doris Paulson; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Joyce Paulson; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Ruth Reid; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Bill Steinfeldt; Leland & Marilyn Erickson in memory of Nancy Steinke; David & Phyllis Werness; Marilyn Wahl; Melvin & Romelle Wojahn

### **Office Computer Update Project:**

David & Donna Sippel

### **Year-End Donations:**

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### **On-Line Newspaper Project:**

Carol Kissner

### **Choice Dollars through Thrivent Financial:**

Nancy Eike; Marlowe Nickel

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## 2017 Exhibits

### in the Remick Gallery:

#### \* Cottonwood County Student Art Show

April 2 - 29

#### \* "Hidden Nature" by Jessica Bak

May 7 – September 2

#### \* "Return" by Haley Rothstein

September 17 – November 18

#### \* Festival of Trees December 1-23

