Christmas Silent Auction & Potluck Dinner Fundraiser

Silent Auction: December 8th thru December 15th
Potluck Dinner: Monday, December 15th from 5-7:30PM
Museum Educational Media Center

Santa came early to the McLeod County Historical Society! The Jolly old man has left some very generous gifts that can be yours! Just stop by the Museum to bid on some of the terrific gift items that have been donated to our Silent Auction Fundraiser. All items will be on display and open to bidding throughout the week of the 8th, with bidding ending on the 15th of December at our Potluck Dinner and live auction event at the Museum.

Our Christmas Potluck Dinner is filled with fun, good food and this year live music! The Crow River Singers will be stopping by to fill our ears and hearts with the gift of Christmas Music. Cost of admission is a potluck dish to pass and a wrapped gift for the live auction. Gifts can be gag or white elephant, or a re-gift of something that you do not need?!? It’s loads of fun to auction off these wrapped gifts and watch as guests open them up to find out if the one they picked is a gag or a really great! What will you get for Christmas this year on the auction? We invite you to join us and find out!

All proceeds from the Live and Silent Auctions go to support the operations of the McLeod County Historical Society and Museum, and we want to thank the many local businesses who have donated items this year. Please support the businesses that support McLeod County History!

Donor Business Gifts on Silent Auction:
Outdoor Motion, Gert & Erma’s Coffee Shop, John Cartwright Artwork, Ace Hardware, Dominoes Pizza, Genesis-Enso Spa, Village Shop, Walgreens, Hager Jewelry, Benny’s Meat Market, Hutch Liquor, Purse-a-nalities, Lillian’s, Amazing Grace, Dundee Floral, Hutch Café and KFC
**Mission Statement**
The McLeod County Historical Society is dedicated to connecting with the past, understanding the present and making informed choices about the future by finding, preserving, explaining and sharing McLeod County history.

**Membership Fees**
- Individual $20
- Family $35
- Business $200
- Individual Lifetime $500

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**Museum Hours**
Monday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 1 to 4 p.m.
Also available by appointment
Closed:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday

The McLeod County Historical Society Newsletter is published eleven times per year, monthly except for December/January.

**Board of Director’s Meeting**
Fourth Monday of each Month at 4 P.M

**Director’s Review:**
I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy and warm! I know I should be used to it by now, but I am amazed every year how generous our local business donors are to the Historical Society’s annual Christmas Silent Auction Fundraiser. This year we have a diamond necklace from Hager Jewelry-Wow! A spa package with sea salts and a massage from Enso Spa, Railroad Artwork from Historic Train and Depot Artist John Cartwright, great Christmas time gifts and keepsakes from the Village Shop, and so much more. The items will be up for Auction at the Museum through December 15th, so you can stop by anytime during our open hours to put in your bid. We tie our auction up in a bow that evening with our Potluck dinner, live auction and this year-the Crow River Singers Christmas Concert! You will not want to miss this event, or the great gifts on the auction, so stop by, take a tour, make a bid and let us wish you a Historical and Merry Christmas.

As you know, the Museum received our very first Arts grant to bring the historical woman play- “SINGING FOR THE COWS-Homesteading a Dream”, to McLeod County. Deborah Templin is currently finishing up her role in Mary Poppins in Philly, but will soon be working on “SINGING FOR THE COWS” to bring to the stage here for its theatrical debut! Tickets are on sale now and we hope you will help us in our promotion of this one-of-a-kind event that shares the history of growing up in rural McLeod County.

I want to thank Terry Davis for his wonderfully researched and insightful program, “McLeod’s Goods and People Moved by Rail”. Terry covered the unique way that the railroads in McLeod County opened up the world to the businesses and citizens of the early railroad era in our small communities. Terry has two railroad calendars and railroad pamphlets for sale at the Museum’s gift shop. They make a great gift for you or the railroad enthusiast on your Christmas list!

Left: Replica Trains of the ones that would have served parts of McLeod County

Top and Bottom Right: Terry Davis presenting at the Museum’s Educational Media Center.
Terry showed a huge collection of photos and information from the railroads and depots in the communities of McLeod County

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History of The Railroads of McLeod County:

McLeod County Historical Society & Museum 2014 Historical Theme:

The McLeod County Historical Society and Museum would like to introduce you to our 2014 Theme, “History of the Railroads of McLeod County!” The McLeod County Historical Society and Museum is filled with historical information about how the Railroads changed Minnesota and McLeod County forever, as well as artifacts and documents that show the progression of railroad technology and all the tools and schemes used to keep the rails running.

Taken from Hutchinson Leader, January 22nd, 1915

Winsted’s Big Railroad Day
Coming of Electric Short line to be fittingly Celebrated
Gov. Hammond is Invited
An event for which the village has yearned for 50 years is soon to be realized.

The Electric Short line track layers will reach Winsted town site next week and as soon as the track is ballasted to permit the running of passenger trains the live and hospitable citizens of that live and prosperous town will invite the world to come and help celebrate the fact that Winsted has shed her swaddling clothes and is henceforth to appear on the map of Minnesota as a railroad town.

Already preparations are making and committees are being appointed to shape up and embellish the affair which will probably be held about February 9. The program will be announced soon but one of its features, the presence of W. S. Hammond, Minnesota's new and brilliant governor, may this early be announced with reasonable certainty. He has been invited and his acceptance is confidently expected.

Special trains will bring hundreds of visitors from St. Paul and Minneapolis who will see for the first time the handsome little city by the pretty lake and participate in the jollification of its citizens. Numerous citizens of Hutchinson have announced their purpose to be there to give the Short line a welcome on its way to their own town and congratulate their Winsted friends on the realization of their ambition to become connected up by rail with the outside world and every burg within 50 miles may be depended on to send big delegations for Winsted is famous as an entertainer.

One indication of what the line will mean to the locality is the organization of a farmers’ elevator association which will proceed at once to build an elevator. A shipping association is also to be organized so that grain and livestock will need no longer to go long distances to other towns to find a market.

Verily, the coming of the Luce Line means much to Winsted and it is proper that she rise on her rear limbs an celebrate.
SINGING FOR THE COWS

“Homesteading a Dream”

Get Your Tickets Now:
Hutchinson Event Center
1005 MN Hwy 15 - Hutchinson, MN - 320-234-5656

McLeod County Historical Society & Museum
380 School Road NW - Hutchinson, MN - 320-587-2109

Hutchinson Center for the Arts
15 Franklin Street SW - Hutchinson, MN - 320-587-7278

Ticket Price: $10.00
Saturday, February 21st - 7pm & Sunday, February 22nd - 2PM

SINGING FOR THE COWS - “Homesteading a Dream”

- One Woman Historical Play - Special History Insert

THE TEMPLIN FAMILY

Taken from The 1978 History of McLeod County

Frederich Templin originated out of Hannover, Germany and immigrated to this country in the 1860s with his brother Henry. Frederich married Minnie Behrens and together homesteaded a farm east of Glencoe along the road to Arlington. Their two children were Marie, who married Henry Luehrs, and Adolph. After Frederich’s death she lived with her son Adolph who then took over the homestead.

Adolph, born October 19, 1873, married Minnie Proehl. They attended church at St. John’s Lutheran in Helen Township. Adolph died at the age of 40, leaving behind a young family to run the farm. In the early 1900s a new house and barn were erected on the homestead. Minnie spent her later years living with her children. She liked to make rugs and play cards. She died at the age of 95 on February 24th, 1969. Adolph and Minnie had 11 children. Two children were adopted, they were Ernest and Louis Longhenry. Their biological children were:


Edward, born February 26, 1892, married Matilda Biemann. They farmed near the home place. Alfred, who married Lydia Harnes. They farmed near the home place and later sold it to Alfred’s sister Florence. He then ran
“Templin’s Place”, a beer joint in Glencoe. Alfred and his wife traveled world wide. They had no children. Jerry, married Malinda Schuette. They had no children. Minnie married Albert Biermann. They farmed in Helen Township. Lydia married George Birkholz. They lived in Glencoe Township. Florence married William Winseman who took over the Alfred Templin farm.

The Henry Templin family: Henry Fred Templin, Bergen Township, was born a twin with a brother, Herbert. They were born at high noon with a threshing crew to be fed—the eventful day was August 12th, 1911. Brother Herbert passed away in June, 1969. Henry was a farm laborer in his home area from age 14 to age 29. He spoke of earning 50 cents a day. He was one of ten children of Henry F. and Magdelene (Kroppen) Templin. Magdelene was the youngest of six children and came to America with her parents from Germany at the age of six. She lived on her parents farm in Bergen Township her entire life except the last year, when she in Glenhaven at Glencoe. She lived to be 96 years old. Henry Sr. was born on the farm now owned by Henry. The farm was homesteaded in 1876 by his grandfather, Charles Templin and wife Maria Behning. Ownership was held by an uncle, Otto Templin and his wife Anna Drier. Henry purchased the 240 acre plat in Bergen Township from his uncle in 1949. He rented several farms in the Plato area for nine years until, at the age of 38 his dream of ownership came true and brought much happiness.

The next 20 years found Henry and wife preoccupied in farm improvements and herd increases. In April, 1969 an auction was held under a huge tent for the sale of mostly pure-bred herd of 120 head of cattle. Since then Henry has summer employment with Green Giant and winters are spent enjoying the fruits of his labors. Henry was married November 30, 1940 to Verda Graupmann at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe. This union was blessed with four daughters, all of whom attended First Lutheran Parochial School and all graduated from Glencoe High School. Beverly Ann was born November 28, 1941 and graduated from Macalester College, St. Paul in 1963. She was a teacher in Mombasa Boys School and Torro Girls School in Uganda, Africa, and in Minneapolis area schools. Jennifer Jane was born February 1, 1946 and is a 1968 graduate of the University of Minnesota. She has been a teacher for the past eight years in San Francisco, California. Deborah Jean was born January 22, 1951 and is a 1973 graduate *cum laude* of Gustavus Adolphus College. She is an actress and lives in New York City. Elizabeth Ellen was born July 24, 1956 and is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1978. She is employed as an associate home and 4-H agent in Stearns County and lives in St. Cloud.

Verda Templin is the daughter of Herman and Emma Behlers Graupmann. Emma was the daughter of John Behlers and Agusta Wandrie, both of whom were born in Germany. Herman Graupmann was the son of William Graupmann who was born in Germany and Maria Dittmer who was born in America. Herman did ditching in southern Minnesota and Canada, carpentering and ran the Farmer’s Co-op Elevator in Glencoe during World War I. He was an active member of the Holiday Association, the organization which, during the Depression saved many farms from mortgage foreclosures. He was an active organizer of the REA, was vice president and president for some years.

To be continued in our February Newsletter...
John Cartwright  
**Railroad Art**  
*Monday, January 12th 6-7 PM*  
*Museum Educational Media Center*

As we have explored the history of railroads in our county, we are happy to have award winning artist John Cartwright to give us another perspective on the railroad and the depots that once played such an important role in the lives of McLeod County communities. John’s life long love of trains and the history of the railroads can be seen in his extraordinarily detailed ink drawings. He captures a bygone era with all the accuracy a historian and a skilled artist could accomplish. In his own words:

“I have been exploring these subjects virtually my entire life. Railroads have always held a special fascination for me, as nearly all of the previous generations of my family depended on it for their livelihood. I could see the important role they once played in the social and economic fabric of our country, and that the traditions of that earlier era were being swept away forever. I chose to use the medium of ink drawing to evoke rich images of this previous era in the idealistic hope that people would someday opt to restore this more sensible method of moving people and goods with less harm to the environment than transportation modes of today afford. My images are created from photographs of the earlier era; either taken by myself 20–30 years ago or photos obtained from a variety of sources (books, museums, and individuals). I then create a composition that involves some minor rearrangement of the elements and leaving out of items such as autos and other extraneous items. Sometimes consultation with people familiar with the location in the era depicted has helped add certain details.”

John has many of McLeod County’s Depots available for purchase, as prints, that can be signed at the event. Mr. Cartwright has also been kind enough to donate three prints, two Hutchinson Depot and one Silver Lake Depot drawing to the Museum for our Christmas Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Make sure you mark your calendar for our last railroad program of our 2014 theme, you will not want to miss it!

John was awarded ‘Best of Show’ in Drawings and Pastels at the 2011 and 2012 Stone Arch Festival of the Arts in Minneapolis.
Donations & Memorials:

Log Cabin Home Fund:
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Archives Fund:
In memory of Jerry Jerabek from David & Jean Beach;
In memory of Marvin Westermann from Bill & Liz Schwarze
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In memory of Darrel Radtke from Anne & Vern Hahn
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Annual Support Drive:

Welcome New and Life Members:

Jeremy Winger, Sleepy Eye, Mn; Robert C. Rickeman, Lakeville, MN

Museum Artifact Donations: The Society thanks you for your donation!

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Artifact/s of the Month:

Donor: Unknown
Accession #’s:
2001-0178-0028

History:
Black and white photograph of a Great Northern train locomotive with a snow plow attachment in the front, in very deep snow. The notation that is written at the top of the photo reads: “Bucking snow between Silver Lake and Hutchinson, February 1st, 1917. 30 below zero”
MCLEOD COUNTY MUSEUM GIFT SHOP:

The Museum would like to help you scratch a few names off your gift giving list, by offering our **GIFT OF HISTORY DOUBLE DEAL**—For every person you give a Gift Membership to this Christmas, we will give you and the person you signed up, a free coupon for $5 off any item in our gift shop! Just visit the Museum and ask for the **GIFT OF HISTORY DOUBLE DEAL**!

Donations in someone’s Name or a Membership to the Historical Society make a wonderful gift. The Museum will send out a Holiday acknowledgement of your generous donation and/or gift that is tax deductible. The Museum also has many great gift ideas in our gift shop for the history buff on your list. Check out some of these great reads:

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