

THE PRAIRIE RAMBLER



YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED AT THE MUSEUM AND IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO SEE!



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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Greetings from the corner of the Director! I am the newest member of the YMCHS family. My name is Teather Lacy and I recently became the director at the YMCHS Museum. So you know a little about me, I was born and raised in northern Oklahoma. I have only lived in Minnesota for three short years even so the lovely Minnesotans have made me feel as if I have lived here my entire life. I currently reside outside of Canby in Osh Kosh Township.

On top of being the director, I am also employed at J&S One Stop in Clarkfield where I have been for three years. I have received my Associates from Minnesota West in Liberal Arts, as well as two Bachelor Degrees from Southwest Minnesota State in History and Political Science. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a place filled with so much history and I am looking forward to serving the community as the director. I hope and intend to bring excitement to the YMCHS Museum.

If you wish to renew your membership or know anyone that would like to become a member, please read the information that can be found on page five of the newsletter. We are excited to kick off the summer. Make sure to watch for information on exciting events happening at your museum! Please feel free to come and visit me at the museum!

MINNESOTA IS 157 YEARS OLD!

The land of 10,000 lakes, what the beautiful state of Minnesota is known for across the country. Nestled at the northern most terminal of the mighty Mississippi and right next to the Great Lakes, it is obvious why the first inhabitants of the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes chose

Minnesota to be home. It was not until 1820 did the first white inhabitants make their way to Minnesota to establish Fort Snelling, just 30 years later Minnesota would become a United States territory. The building of means of transportation such as railroads and water-

ways brought a land boom during the 1850s, creating a large population swell by 1857. In January President James Buchanan received Minnesota's application for statehood and on May 11th Minnesota entered the union as the 32nd state! Starting out as a small

farming state, Minnesota supported the Union in the Civil War and provided large quantities of wheat to the Northern Armies.

HAPPY 157TH BIRTHDAY, MINNESOTA!

Some information courtesy of the History Channel webpage

2015 Museum Hours:

*Tuesday through Thursday
2:00PM to 5:00PM*

*Friday & Saturday
10:00AM to 5:00PM*

The museum is also available for special events and tours outside of regular business

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YMCHS

Here at the Historical Society we will be working on upcoming events that will not only benefit but engage the community in the excitement that is history. Now that summer is close we will be putting together activities for the kids, be participating in local fairs and town celebrations throughout Yellow Medicine County, and will be finishing the summer off with a commemoration event for the 70th Anniversary end of World War II. We are also slowly doing revamping within our facility so make sure to stop in throughout the summer!

IN OUR BACKYARD

The Yellow Medicine County Historical Society opened up the museum to seventeen members of the Minnesota Masters Naturalist Club here on the 25th of April. They were spending their day traveling in route of the mighty Glacier Drift that flows through our county. They

stopped at the Blue Devils Reserve prior to visiting the museum, when they arrived at our Historical Society they made time to read up on the Bison Kill Site. They were very impressed with the magnitude of size of those creatures. Later they were on their way to the Upper

Sioux State Park and other reserves. Congratulations to the local Granite Falls Society in remembering and maintaining the history of a local legislator, Congressman Volstead. Also to the Minnesota Machinery Museum for their successful annual meeting.

We would also like to extended a huge salute to the community of Canby for the restoration of their theater, make sure to make a family night of it and go check out a flick on their new big screen! Last but not least, watch for the Fagan Air Show coming June 20th!

STORIES FROM YELLOW MEDICINE HISTORY

“This is about the third day of summer as calculated, the 23rd day of June, warm and mostly sunny. I woke from day sleep on the davenport, two hours or more of complete oblivion. Perhaps I needed it after a restless night. When fully awake I went out doors to look again at my tiny flower bed with its bright marigolds and velvet petunias jostling each other, shoulder to shoulder or as one should say—leaf to leaf—claiming each its share of turf and air.

June 28th, 1972— Yesterday I had a coffee party in honor of Alice’s birthday, I did not ask her which it was. She claimed she was not surprised, really, for I had been on a cleaning binge the day before, and of course she had noted that I brought angel food mix and frosting mix at the market in Montevideo the previous Saturday. I asked Less (sic) and Mrs. Peterson and my four neighbors. We had cake, ice cream, and coffee. “

From the journals of Mrs. William Lee, Judge Lee’s wife, of Granite Falls.

If you have any stories about Mrs. William Lee or others from Yellow Medicine County, feel free to let us know! We would love to not only record these stories but share them throughout the newsletter!

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

As you may know, 2015 is the 70th Anniversary of World War II. In commemoration of the event I have made contact with the American Rosie the Riveter Association about the project they are doing called “Rosies Rally ‘Round the Troops.” They are collecting letters, cards, pictures, etc. that you would like to write to those overseas. These letters of support and encouragement can be written by adults and children alike! If you would like to participate in this event that the ARRA is doing then you may drop off your letters or cards here at the YMCHS and we will mail them out. We are hoping to have them sent out near the end of July so that the Rosies can meet their deadline!

For more information on the ARRA or this project visit their website at

www.rosietheriveter.net

Join the Rosies in saying THANK YOU to our military for all they do!



KIDDO KORNERS



Can you identify us or where we are located at in the YMCHS Museum? Come visit so you can discover where we are and learn about our history!

JUNE 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 CURE Paddle
14	15	16 Women's Walk	17	18 ← Canby	19 Hat Days →	20 Fagen Airshow
21	22	23	24	25 Granite	26 Western	27 Fest
28	29	30				

COMING EVENTS

July & August don't miss.....
 Cottonwood Coming Home Days—July 10th and 11th
 Yellow Medicine County Fair—July 23 to 25th
 Clarkfield Cardinal Days—July 25th
 Hanley Falls Good Ole' Days & Threshing Show—August 1st & 2nd
 Wood Lake's 75th Celebration—August 22nd
 Wood Lake's 75th Fair—August 24th to 26th

The Annual meeting will be set for October. Look for more information on the date, time, and location. Make sure to set your calendars for September 26th. The YMCHS will be hosting the Wood Lake Battlefield Preservation Association Symposium — 10:00AM to Noon. There will be a speaker and information on what has been happening at the Wood Lake Battlefield, following a lunch break there will be a regrouping at the battlefield.

Y M C H S W A N T S Y O U !

Here at the Yellow Medicine County Historical Society we cherish the dedication of our sustaining memberships. As we continue into 2015, we will be doing more activities to bring the community back to the Historical Society and we invite you to be apart of that journey; whether it is in the form of a donation, a membership, volunteering your time, or stopping in for a friendly visit. We appreciate each and every one of you! As always we continue to extend our invitation to stop in and visit us during operation hours. The more the merrier! Make sure to watch for changes coming to the YMCHS webpage at www.co.ym.mn.gov including the addition of the newsletters!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Teather Lacy at (320)564-4479 or send an email to ymchs@co.ym.mn.gov.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to a great 2015!



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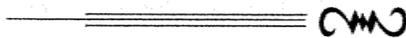
M E M B E R S H I P I N F O R M A T I O N

For those wanting to renew or start a new membership, please use the form printed below. Our address is PO Box 145, Granite Falls, MN 56241. If there are questions, please call Teather Lacy at (320)564-4479. Membership monies help to support events, collection of artifacts, and preservation of our county history. We appreciate your continued support of our mission and efforts to preserve the history of Yellow Medicine County. Thank you in advance and hope to see you soon! **As a reminder, our new E-Mail address is ymchs@co.ym.mn.gov**

YEAR _____

NAME _____

- Individual - \$15
- Couple - \$20
- Family - \$25
- Business - \$100



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PATRONAGE**

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