



# COTTONWOOD

## County Historical Society

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

Fall 2021



### Cottonwood County Historical Society 120th Annual Meeting

**“Pat’s Grove:**

**The Legacy Continues”**

Sunday, November 7, 2021

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Members and guests are invited to attend the 120th Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood County Historical Society. A short business meeting will begin the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. followed by our presentation on Pat’s Grove from Leann Johnson, Ashley Soleta, Shawn Colbert and Mark Titus. Leann and Ashley were instrumental in preserving the stone house at Pat’s Grove. Their fundraising efforts in 2019 provided tuck pointing and a new roof. They will provide a brief history of the site, photographs before and after the renovations and updates on the site.

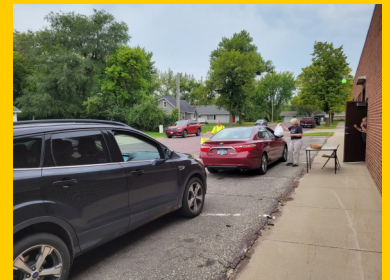
Shawn Colbert will share his part in preserving the roof beams of the stone house followed by Mark Titus, a woodworker from Jackson, who turned the white oak into an assortment of one-of-a-kind items. The legacy continues....

### Fall Fundraiser:

#### Drive-Thru a Success!

The Cottonwood County Annual Fall Fundraiser once again was a success with over 180 meals served on September 13. The drive-thru on the south side of the building worked wonderfully.

**Thank you** to all the museum supporters who came to the event and to the Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers who worked the event. Money raised will go toward museum projects.



### New Ornament Arriving in November



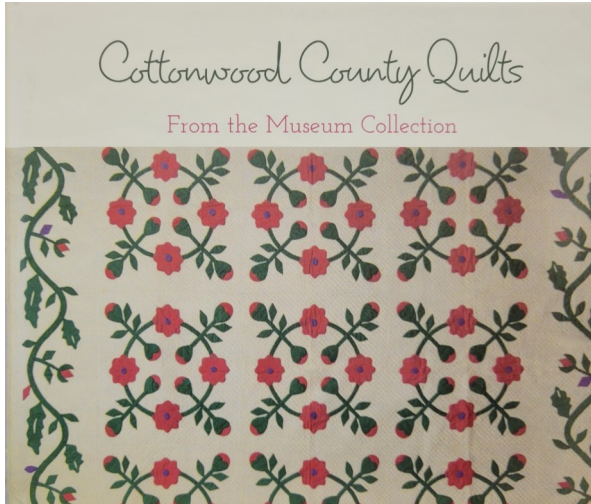
The ornament this year celebrates Old Westbrook Lutheran Church, the first congregation in Cottonwood County. In 1870, thirty families from the northern part of the county organized as the Norwegian Lutheran Congregation. The church was built at its present site in Ann Township in 1883. Several improvements were made over the years including a basement in 1917, education unit in 1959, a pipe organ built by Pastor A.O. Aadland in 1970, a front entry in 1980 and an elevator in 2014. An engraved field rock was installed to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. Thank you to Joan Iverson for her help with the history and the photograph of the church as it stands today.

## In the Remick Gallery:

### “Stitched by Hand: Cottonwood County Quilts”

From the Museum Collection

Through November 20, 2021



The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled ***Stitched by Hand: Cottonwood County Quilts*** showcases 20 quilts from the museum collection. The quilts display a variety of familiar patterns and colors with the earliest documented quilt dating back to 1897. The majority were made in the first half of the 20th century when attention was paid to small even stitches. Stop in and view these beautiful works of art!

If you are planning a visit to the gallery, our hours are Monday – Fridays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A limited edition book of the quilts included in the exhibit is available in our Gift Shop for \$40.

## Coming in the Remick Gallery

### “Festival of Trees”: December 1-23, 2021



The Festival of Trees opens December 1st in the Remick Gallery. We encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to decorate a tree in the theme of their choice. Visitors vote for their favorite tree throughout the month of December. If you would like to decorate a tree or have questions, please contact the museum at 831-1134 or e-mail us at [cchs@windomnet.com](mailto:cchs@windomnet.com).

### “2022 Photo Show...Give it your Best Shot!”

We are looking for local photographers to participate in the upcoming photo show. The theme this year is country roads...think Cottonwood County! Where can your camera take you? With the beautiful fall colors, now is the time to travel the county!

#### The Details...

Pick up a registration form at the museum. We ask for two 8" x 10" images of the same photo. One will be in the photo show and one will become part of the photograph collection at the museum. Maximum of one entry per photographer may be brought to the museum until January 10. No matting, framing or mounting of the photo! The goal of the show is to promote Cottonwood County and our local photographers. The opening reception is on January 16, 2022.





## Snippets From the Newspaper

### “Muskrat Dainty Dish for the Table”

*The enormous number of carcasses of muskrats which are thrown away after the pelts have been removed is a waste of food. The muskrat is an animal of most cleanly habits is most discriminating in choice of food, and is a very acceptable addition to the table.*

*The writer can speak from personal experience to the effect that when cooked as rabbits are cooked, the meat of the muskrat is extremely palatable. As a matter of fact, muskrats are sold for food in some of the eastern markets and some hunting clubs in the east have annual banquets in which the muskrat forms the chief dish. In some places this animal is known as the ‘marsh rabbit’.*

*It is to be hoped that this means of reducing the cost of living altho slight, may not be overlooked. - - - F. L. Washburn, Minnesota Experiment Station*

*Windom Reporter, December 28, 1917*



### “Only 30 Seconds Old But She Put Windom on Map”

*Windom was very much on the map last week all because of a little tyke who arrived in this city and on this earth only last Friday morning. She is little Mary Gene Redding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gladden Redding.....*

*Mary Gene’s name was broadcast by radio and through the printed word all over the United States when she became the world’s youngest owner of a United States war bond purchased for her by her grandfather, C.M. Hanson. She got the bond when she was 30 seconds of age.*

*The purchase was made of Harry Greene, proprietor of the State Theatre, Mr. Hanson making arrangements for the bond purchase and having the bond on hand before the little lady’s arrival. This was made possible through the provision that a bond may be made out payable to one or more persons. Mr. & Mrs. Redding didn’t know whether the little bundle of joy, consigned to them, would be male or female, but they had a boy’s and a girl’s name picked, Mary Gene and Henry Eugene, so the application was made out for both of them.*

*The story was broadcast over the air on WCCO and other stations, and was printed in the Minneapolis Star Journal and sent out over the Associated Press wires.*



## What's Happening at CCHS

### New Window Installed

In August, a new energy efficient window was installed on the south side of our building by Royal Glass of Windom. Thanks to a strong year of donations, the museum was able to undergo this much needed improvement. A big thank you to all our donors!



Chris Omtvedt of Royal Glass

**A BIG thank you**

### Volunteer

### Appreciation Coffee



The museum invited the volunteers to gather at the museum to thank them for choosing the museum as a place to volunteer their time and talents.

Everyone shared what they do at the museum --- data entry, research, filing, photography, artifact handling, etc. It was also a chance to mention areas where help is still needed.

Director Fransen and Assistant Peterson provided homemade coffee cake. Thank you to all our volunteers!

### Any Cemetery Stories Out There?

Doug Ohman contacted the museum looking for any personal interest stories regarding the cemeteries of Cottonwood County. He is doing a PBS program on cemeteries next year and is searching for a lost cemetery, a unique monument, or any interesting history regarding a cemetery. Please contact the museum if you have any suggestions to pass along.





## General Fund Donations:

### Donations made between August 19th, 2021 - October 22nd, 2021

Family of Jan Wassenaar in memory of Jan; Mary Small; Pat Winters; Larry & Melody Goeman in memory of Alice Marsh; Anthony & Heather Smith in memory of Brian Bjornsen; Phyllis Kuehl; René Perrance in memory of Marilyn Flatgard; Adrian Flatgard

## CCHS Membership

### CCHS Welcomes New Members:

Janice Pomerence; Frances Swenson; Klay & Jen Walinga; Pat McConnell; Adrian Flatgard

### CCHS Welcomes New Lifetime Members:

Clarice Gregg; Timothy Fast

### CCHS Thanks Members Upgraded to Lifetime:

Jim Guddal

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Zola Wood; Dorothy Fundahn; Judy Kielty; Herman & Lylas Eigenberg; Don & Jean Hoppe; Sharon Evers; Mary Lou Walinga; Lou Masters; Richard & Dorothy Raverty; Doris Curry; Ralph Sweigard; Mary Christenson



### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

LaVern & Carol Christianson; Rosemary Isackson

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewal:

Leon Hoyer



**Hy-Vee**



**Cottonwood County Historical Society** has been selected by local Hy-Vee store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Reusable Bag Program!

***For the month of December 2021, Cottonwood County Historical Society will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 192 10th Street, Windom MN.***



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### Upcoming Events at the CCHS museum:

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