

Transcending Time

CARVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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New Fair Walking Tour

Look for the new Historical Walking tour at the Carver County Fair in Waconia, August 8th-12th.

Get your map at the fair entrance and visit all 10 stops.

New Chaska Display



The Chaska Herald's Sesquicentennial:

Reporting and Recording Chaska's Culture for 150 Years

Originating during the Civil War era, the *Chaska Herald* was one of the few weekly newspapers that defied the odds and survived. Today, 150 years later, we celebrate this birth with the *Herald* staff and publishers.

Visit the Chaska History Center for a closer look at

- *Copies of the first *Herald* published in 1862
- *Photographs and timelines of *Herald* publishers, editors, and staff
- *Highlights of earlier newspapers
- *A proof press and small press on loan from The Landing
- *Brief explanations of the technology and tools used in the printing trade
- *2012 Christmas ornaments featuring the Herald building available now!

...And, as always, LaVonne Barac's reading corner and bound copies of each year of the *Herald* for your perusal.

On display now through November 15th at the

Chaska History Center
112 West 4th Street

The Herald at various times in its history covered Norwood, Cologne, Victoria, Carver, Laketown, Benton, Chanhassen, Waconia, etc. Reading these Carver County community news pages in their original Heralds is fun reading!!

The Chaska History Center is open each week Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Special River City Days hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday July 27th and Saturday July 28th.

SNIPPETS

Wendy Petersen Biorn

Please Join Us in Remembering...

This is the guest Snippets writer for this issue, Education Coordinator Heidi, just helping get things done, so Wendy can enjoy a nice hiking vacation, in Glacier National Park (trying not to get eaten by bears!). And my, is there a lot happening!

Coming this October, we will open a new exhibit in our upstairs temporary gallery space, all about death, dying and mourning practices. Entitled “Please Join Us in Remembering. . .”, this exhibit will pull from a wide array of artifacts, photos, and research. The 13th and 20th of October will see related events. Mark your calendars!



This year at the fair, take the chance to learn a bit of the wild and crazy history of the fair. The CCHS, working closely with the Carver County Fair Board, has designed a fair walking tour, featuring 10 free-standing or wall-mounted signs on the history of the fair, and its people, places, and events. Maps for this tour may be picked up at the fair entrances.

While at the fair, visit us in the granary for photos of the Barn Quit project and its history. Wednesday visit with the CCHS researcher, Marlene Magnuson, who has forgotten more about genealogy than I'll ever know. Thursday it is time to meet the new curator, Eve Weipert. See if you can stump her by brining in an unknown item. Friday and Saturday, I'll be focusing on the varieties of corn, sorghum, the super food potatoes and fun and games. Try your hand at hoops and sticks, gunny sack races and much more. If Wendy hasn't been eaten by the bears, she will be in on Sunday to talk about what is happening at the Historic Peterson Farm.

The Library at the CCHS has something new to offer its genealogy researchers. Coming the end of July, the CCHS will offer access to Ancestry.com. With the limited number of computers in the library, access will be first come, with first priority going to CCHS members. Stop in and check out what you can find!

In the works for late August or early September, the CCHS is designing a Barn Quilt tour of both last year's and this year's barn quilts, ending with a BBQ and wine tasting at Parley Lake Winery off Hwy. 5. More information and sign-ups will be available for this event at the fair. Also consider liking us on Facebook to get the most up to the minute news!

We are continuing with our photo indexing project, housing the last couple hundred photos in mylar sleeves with backing boards, then storing in acid-free boxes on new shelving units. The final step, which we have gotten a start on, is to get our entire photo collection scanned/digitized. This way, prints can be made from digital copies, allowing for less handling and copying/light damage to the originals.

And last but not least, the Arts Consortium of Carver County is no longer offering the opt-in option for members of the CCHS. We will however, still be working closely with them on a wide variety of projects.

Whew! Enough information. Look for Wendy back in the next issue. . .

News from Around the County

Chanhasen Historical Society Chaska Historical Society

Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America

Watertown Area Historical Society

WATERTOWN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

“YESTERDAY’S MUSIC EXHIBIT,
1856 to 2011”

JULY 20 AND 21,
WATERTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

1 P.M. TO 8 P.M. JULY 20
NOON TO 4 P.M. JULY 21



Evelyne West Swanson

Evelyne played piano background music for silent movies in the Watertown movie theatre.

Donald Olson, local lifelong Watertown resident and very talented rhythm musician has captured with his professional photography skills spectacular pictures of Watertown area’s local bands, musicians, and Watertown-Mayer High School musical productions.

Just seeing Olson’s pictures would be sufficient reason to view the Watertown Area Historical Society’s musical exhibit—**YESTERDAY’S MUSIC, 1856 TO 2012**, but there is much more. Music has always played a very prominent role in the lives of our citizens from its very early history up to the present time. You will be amazed at the Society’s vast musical historical display.

The exhibit includes **live music, 250 photos, musical artifacts, two original Watertown Ladies Band uniforms, and refreshments**. Visitors will enjoy seeing pictures of many of their relatives, school mates, church members, friends, and maybe pictures of themselves.



John Eklund pictured, at left, in 1951. He played accordion and keyboard in various bands, including the Mid-Westerners Sound Show from ca 1950-2000.

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Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood
Young America

Heritage Highlights

In 1909, Elizabeth Effertz, wife of Peter Effertz, made a hand stitched quilt. Peter Effertz was a prominent citizen of Norwood and he served as a Representative in the MN Legislature. Elizabeth entered the quilt in the 1910 Carver County Fair and won 1st place. The Blue tag award is with the quilt. After the Fair, she donated it to a church bazaar at the Church of the Ascension in Norwood. The quilt was won by Carl Klobe, her Grandson, upon his death it was given to his daughter, Christina Klobe Ettel of Freeport, MN. In 1970 she gave it to Tom Klobe, Carl's grandson. Tom was actually related to both sides, he then took it to his home in Hawaii, where it has been until this Spring. In April, Tom donated it to the Carver County Historical Society, and it is now on loan to the Willkommen Historical Society. The quilt has made a full circle, and will be on display thru Stifgunsfest. The Willkommen Heritage Center is open Thurs.- Sat. 10:00 – 2:00.

Other items currently on display highlight Bongards Creamery, Oak Grove Dairy, Oak Grove Center, Military, and various ball items.

The Heritage Center will be open on July 24th, the night of the Chamber Taste of NYA - 6:00 - 9:00pm.



Danielle Forner

My name is Danielle Forner and I am currently interning under the guidance of Curator Eve Weipert. My project for this summer is to finish a display that is part of the First Peoples and Dakota exhibit, the goal being to fill five drawers with prehistoric Native American tools and other artifacts. I have recently graduated from North Dakota State University, in May 2012, with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and a minor in Sociology. I came to the Carver County Historical Society because I enjoy learning about other cultures and my own, and the museum is a great way to continue my learning while informing others of the cultural history of the county.



Vanessa Frank

I decided to look into the interning program at the historical society because I have always been interested in history. Stories, real and fiction, have captivated me for as long as I can remember and quite by accident I became a history junky. Because of that love, I decided to try and pursue a career in something museum related and chose to intern at the Carver County Historical Society to gain experience and observe how things are run. I am very thankful for this chance to learn and interact with the people here.

Drew Dent



Hello, my name is Drew Dent. This summer, I am an intern at Carver County Historical Society. For my internship, I am tasked with locating and studying information regarding New Germany. The information I find will be used along the Dakota Rail Trail in the New Germany area. I am a student at Augsburg College, and will be starting my senior year this coming fall. For my studies, I am majoring in history, and desire to someday have a full-time job in the field. Hopefully, the experience that I gain from this internship will help take me even further towards those dreams.