

Directory of Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums in the Northern Lights Library Network Region

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Northern Lights Library Network is a cooperative network of two hundred and eighty libraries and collections in academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties of North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota who work at the grassroots level to bring together all types of libraries and collections in the region to discover, enhance, and share resources through administrative, technological, and educational support.

Counties in the Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) region include:

Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin

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Becker County Historical Society and Museum

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Executive Director: Amy Degerstrom,

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www.beckercountyhistory.org

Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and for the remainder of the year: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment.

Admission: Children aged 1-18: \$6.00, Adults: \$11.00, Seniors: 60+: \$10, Veterans: \$10

The Becker County Historical Society and Museum was founded in 1882 and holds an extensive historical and genealogical collection. This collection includes family histories, plat maps, and indexes to Becker County courthouse records, which are available for access at any time. As well, the Becker County Historical Society is a repository for Becker County Property Tax records going back to 1880. Their permanent exhibits include prehistoric and Native American history, turn of the century pharmacy, military displays and the “World’s Smallest Gas Station.”

Beltrami County Historical Society

130 Minnesota Avenue Southwest

Bemidji, MN 56601

(218) 444-3376

Director: Emily Thabes

depot@beltramihistory.org

www.beltramihistory.org

Museum & Gift Shop Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Marchand Library & Archives: Wednesday - Saturday noon – 4:00 p.m. and by appointment. Admission for Adults is \$7, Seniors, Veterans/Active Military, & Tribal Members, \$7, K-College \$3, Children 5 and under are free; BCHS Members free; SNAP beneficiaries free.

Housed in a historic Great Northern Depot built in 1912, the Beltrami County Historical Society serves as the county’s historical society of record, history museum, research library, and gift shop. Exhibits span pre-history through the mid-twentieth century, with a special focus on Anishinaabe history and the region’s railroad heritage.

Visitors are encouraged to explore our 1948 steel cupola caboose and spend time in our special exhibits, the Marchand Library & Archives, and our distinctive gift shop featuring local history books and one-of-a-kind items not available elsewhere. There’s something here for all ages. Visit our website for research assistance, digital collections, space rental, programs, and upcoming events.

Blackduck Area History and Arts Center

P.O. Box 223

133 Main Street NE, Suite B

Blackduck, MN 56630

Contact: Laurie Joy Turner

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www.blackduckhistoryart.org

Hours: Thursday and Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Donations appreciated.

The Blackduck Area History and Arts Center was formed to preserve local history and showcase local artists. The Center houses the Tin Pan Gallery, an art display area that holds work by local artists with ties to the area, showcasing talent in photography, painting, and various other creative mediums. The Center's library contains a collection of documents including, but not limited to, township oral histories, family histories, scrapbooks, obituary records, and high school yearbooks. Other exhibits within the Center include a school room with a collection of memorabilia, one of outdoor sports equipment as well as a trapping display, and a dental office. The General Store features items that would've been available in that business and leads into a banking area and a blacksmith and shoe repair area. There is a display of original switchboards operated in Blackduck and Hines by the Blackduck Telephone Company. A railroad display and logging equipment focus on the importance of logging in the area, as do the items used in farming. A one-room house encapsulates what a resident would've had for their family, all in one space. Also, they have a military display, which contains a large number of artifacts, including historical pictures, uniforms, and recorded stories from proud local veterans. The ethnic display also contains a replica of a Native American wigwam. The Center is in a constant positive flux of acquiring new artifacts and offering different exhibits on a regular basis that will help promote a historical experience and education for all ages.

Browns Valley Historical Society

P.O. Box 334

Browns Valley, MN 56219

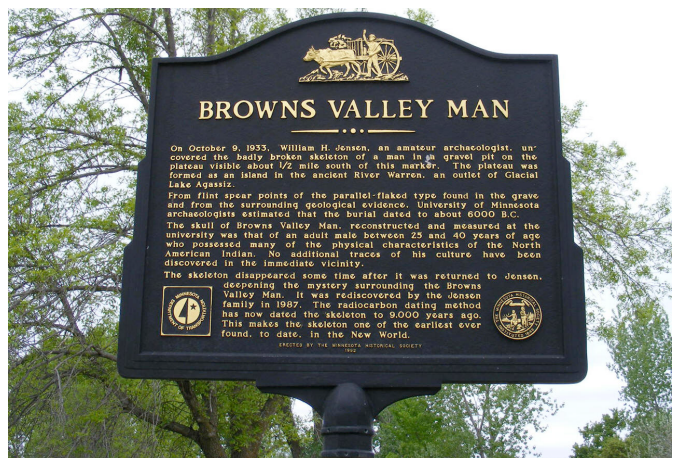
(320) 695-2110

President: Janet Biewer

janbiewer@live.com

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. After hours, please call 320-695-2110.

Admission: Donations appreciated



The Browns Valley Historical Society holds the log cabin home of former resident and city founders, Samuel J. Brown and his father, Major Joseph R. Brown, located on a strip of land between the source of the Red River and the Minnesota River. The first floor of the cabin is filled with Brown family memorabilia, while the second is a re-creation of a portion of the Brown family home. An old

schoolhouse holds items that would be seen in the late 1800s to early 1900s, the Carnegie Library, which holds past photographs and artifacts from the town's past, including a wall dedicated to its past high school and a scale from a past grocery store, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church are also included within the Society.

Cass County, Minnesota Museum and Historical Society

PO Box 505
201 Minnesota Avenue W.
Walker, MN 56484
(218) 547-7251

Director: Tim Andersen

casscountymuseum@gmail.com

<http://www.casscountymuseum.org/>

Hours: Early May through late September, Tuesday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Admission: Free will donation

The Cass County, MN Museum & Historical Society provides an extensive American Indian collection that highlights the strong connection with Leech Lake Reservation. This includes information and exhibits on cultural practices such as canoe building, maple sap harvesting, and wild ricing. Primary exhibits feature about Ojibwe Indians, fur traders, as well as "hands-on" exhibits in their pioneer Huset School. Within their researching center, they offer a wide variety of information including indexes of obituaries (1898-1904), county newspapers ranging from 1894 to the present, village histories, and photography, with a requirement fee of ten dollars. Recently, the museum has compiled a new list of past postmasters, early county divorces (1898-1906), box holders at Ah-Gwah-Ching and family histories in the Longville Centennial book. Other available publications they have access to are local history books about Boy River, Federal Dam, Remer and Sugar Point. They too have access to finding a grave site based on their compiled cemetery data within their county.

Cass Lake Museum & Lyle's Logging Camp

325 Lyle Chisholm Dr. NW

Cass Lake, MN 56633

(218) 335-8865

casslake@krls.org

<https://ci.casslake.mn.us/city-sites.html>

Hours: Thursday – Sunday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Self-Guided Tours \$5 per person

The Cass Lake Museum & Lyle's Logging Camp are two sites holding past pioneer logging artifacts. Within Lyle's Logging Camp, it includes replicas of old equipment used by passed loggers as well as six building sites made by retired forester, Lyle Chisholm, that contain past used tools and photographs. Next to the Camp, the Cass Lake Museum is held in the formerly used railroad depot. There they hold numerous amounts of historical artifacts on the Ojibwe tribe as well as photos and displays of the daily pioneer lifestyle during the 1800s.

Clearwater County Historical Society

PO box 241 Bagley 56621

(218) 785-2000

Director: Tamara Anderson-Edevold

tedevold@me.com

www.mnhistoricnw.org

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. all year, Summer - also open Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Admission: Donation appreciated

The Clearwater County Historical Society operates the History Center, which is located in the 115-year-old Shevlin School. The Museum has many historical documents, including over 25,000 past county photos and more than 20,000 artifacts including past newspapers and obituary records, starting in the early 1900s. The Society also provides research assistance year-round at no charge. There are, on the grounds, an old log school, a railroad depot, and several buildings of historic importance in the county. These sites also hold preserved past artifacts including educational tools and agriculture objects

Crosslake Area Historical Society

35404 Cty Rd 3,

Crosslake, MN 56442

(218) 692-5400

Contact: Mary Dischinger

info@crosslakelogvillage.com

crosslakelogvillage.com

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

The Historic Log Village is located at 35404 County Rd 3 in Crosslake, MN across from the Pine River Dam and the Crosslake Recreation Area Campground. The Village awaits your presence as you step back in time amongst our preserved, well-loved buildings that reflect the rich history of our area. Come and visit our beautiful, quaint village and experience first-hand how people lived and worked in this area years ago! Handicap Accessible. We offer a self-guided tour that visitors can use with their cell phones.

Crow Wing County Historical Society

P.O. Box 722

320 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

(218) 829-3268

Executive Director: Hillary Swanson

history@crowwing.gov

http://www.crowwinghistory.org/contact_us.html

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Closed on holidays. \$3.00 per adult, children free.

The Crow Wing County Historical Society holds both a museum and library for its county. The museum is located in a former Sheriff's Residence and Jail within Brainerd, MN. It holds a vast amount of authentic pioneer logging and tools, photos and artifacts from the period of the Northern Pacific Railway, and history regarding the mining profession that took place in the late 1800s. The museum also offers a viewing of an old jail cell and a tour through the sheriff's old home that was during the late 19th century. The library portion offers an extensive amount of research material available to the public. Among that is 1,500 county resident biographies, county and township histories by Anna Himrod, oral histories from the 1980s to the 1990s, Brainerd City Directories, the Crow Wing County Naturalization Index, past yearbooks, as well as information on past obituaries. All of these resources are free to use and they offer a list of online web sources for more genealogy work.

**Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network & Soo Line
Depot Museum**

P.O. Box 272
101 1st St NE
Crosby, MN 56441
(218) 546-6178

President: Tim Leonard

cchps@crosbyironton.net

<https://www.cuyunahistory.org/museum.html>



Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day, Tuesday -
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network & Soo Line Depot Museum is now built within the old railroad depot from 1910 and holds a number of artifacts including past photos, maps, and relics, telling the history of the Cuyuna Iron Range. Exhibits include photos and short histories on the Milford Mine Disaster, 100 year old logging tools, and the ability to search through past high school yearbooks and directories from the Miners Hospital. One other exhibit of particular interest highlights the first man in space, Dr. David Simons, who went up in a hot air balloon-like capsule, from the Portsmouth Mine. The Soo Line Depot Museum has an exact replica of the capsule on display. In collaboration with the Cuyuna Lakes Recreation Area, the Network has produced bike trails around the mine lakes for the public to use and access. The Network is also involved with the Crosby Heritage Days, which is on the third weekend in August.

Douglas County Historical Society

1219 Nokomis Street
Alexandria, MN 56308-3712
(320) 762-0382

Executive Director: Brittany Johnson

historic@dchsmn.org

www.dchsmn.org

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Admission: Free (suggested \$5.00 donation).

The Douglas County Historical Society is Douglas County's oldest museum and archive, dating back to the 1920s with a formal reorganization in 1976. Located in the historic Knute Nelson House in Alexandria, MN, DCHS is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with three full-time employees and a dedicated roster of volunteers. The society's collection features a robust library of historical and genealogical resources, including more than 10,000 individual family and business files; 125 years of area newspapers; marriage, census, and cemetery records; birth and obituary files; records of county schools, businesses, and churches; a large collection of plat maps and thousands of historic photos; and more. The first floor exhibit spaces are free and open to the public (suggested \$5 donation), and fee-based research appointments are available by request. The society also provides community-based education programs, preservation workshops, and seasonal walking tours.

East Grand Forks Heritage Foundation & Heritage Village

P.O. Box 281
219 20th Street NE
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
(218) 773-3952
Contact: Teri Hammarback
Heritage.VillageEGF@gmail.com
www.egfheritage.com

Hours: Call Teri Hammarback at (218) 773-3190 to set up a tour.

The Heritage Foundation serves as an instrument preserving the history of the Northern Red River Valley. The Heritage Foundation Village brings history to life with tours of pioneer buildings, hands-on learning educational programs and presentations representing the Upper Midwest in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's. Exhibits include a log cabin farmstead, the boiler from a the Fram steamship, a saw mill, a World War I&II Victory garden, a Military Room, a Town Hall that holds historic old photos and past newspapers, a working printing press, a one-room school house and other pioneer domestic and agricultural artifacts. Every August, the East Grand Forks Heritage Foundation hosts Heritage Days, which includes displays such as steam engine machines, antique tractors, and other farm implements of historical interest. Heritage Days are celebrated within the Heritage Village during the third weekend in August.

East Polk Heritage Center

PO Box 4
Highway 2 East
Fosston, MN 56542
218-435-6136
President: Jeff Lee
eastpolkheritagecenter@gmail.com
eastpolkheritage.org

Hours: March – November: Tuesday's Noon - 4; Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The East Polk Heritage Center campus is located in Melland Park and consists of four historic buildings - the L.W. Larson House, Moen School, Pioneer Cabin, and Stardig Homestead Cabin, along with a picnic shelter. Collections range from furnishings, artifacts, photographs, books, textiles, and farm equipment. On the first weekend after Labor Day, EPHC hosts its annual Heritage Days with traditional art exhibits, concerts, food demonstrations, and more.

Evansville Historical Foundation

P.O. Box 337
304 Grant Street South
Evansville, MN 56326
(218) 948-2010
Manager: Candace Steer
ehf@gctel.com
<https://evansvillehistory.org/>

Hours: Summer Hours Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Winter Hours Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Evansville Historical Foundation contains both an array of buildings housing historical artifacts and availability to perform genealogy research. Some of the buildings include past homes, a sod and log house, a country school, a church, a military house, and town hall. They exhibit wedding gowns from various eras, old schoolbooks, memorabilia from past Evansville organizations and businesses, an old-fashioned buggy, a loom, military garments, and items from everyday pioneer life. In regard to their genealogy research, the Evansville Historical Foundation has free access to online genealogy websites, census records, plat books and family histories starting from the late 1800s.

Finn Creek Open Air Museum

P.O. Box 134
55422 340th St
New York Mills, MN 56567
218-457-0844
President: Shirley Quist
Email: squist4407@aol.com
www.finncreek.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100028732555782#>

Hours: Open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in June, July, and August., from 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. or by appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

Finn Creek Open Air Museum is an 18-acre interpretive site, devoted to preserving the heritage of the Finnish Culture and those people who immigrated to the area in the early 1900's. We are located 6 miles SE of New York Mills, Minnesota.

Finn Creek Open Air Museum is open throughout the summer and it features a 1900 original farmstead, Savu smoke sauna, log barns, a sawmill, and its own gift shop. The Museum also hosts the Finn Creek

Festival during the last weekend of August. It is an annual celebration that features entertainment, demonstrations, and food.

Grant County Museum and Historical Society

Box 1002

15 Second Street NE

Elbow Lake, MN 56531

(218) 685-4864

Director: Patricia Benson

gcmnhist@runestone.net

www.gchsmn.org

<https://www.facebook.com/Grant-County-Historical-Society-Museum-146908008710867>

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day, dependent on available volunteers). Admission: Donations appreciated

The Grant County Museum and Historical Society collects, preserves and disseminates the history of Grant County from prehistoric times to the present through the collection of three-dimensional objects and archival materials. Our oldest artifacts are fossilized remains of a mammoth and several Native American spear points, arrowheads, and pottery shards. Our Native American artifacts reflect the Dakota and Ojibwe tribes who lived in this area. The 1880s to about 1940 are particularly well represented in our collections. The period of pioneer settlement (1870s-1900) is our primary focus with artifacts ranging from household goods and textiles to transportation and farm implements. Our military collection represents all wars and conflicts from the Civil War through Iraq/Afghanistan and is displayed in our Veterans Hall. Our collection includes Minnesota's oldest known oxcart, a stage coach and a fully furnished log cabin and one-room schoolhouse. A number of artifacts represent the Scandinavian heritage of our early settlers. Our research archives include over 6000 photographs, atlases, family files and microfilmed newspapers (dating back to 1883), census, church and naturalization records. Visit our website at gchsmn.org for more information.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

P.O. Box 157

202 1st Avenue North

Moorhead, MN 56561

(218) 299-551

Director: Laura Forde

laura.forde@hcsmuseum.org

<https://www.hcscconline.org/>

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (April - December only), and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$12, Seniors \$11, College Students \$9, Youth ranging from 5 to 17 \$8, free for Children 4 & under.

The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County's (HCSCC) mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and share the history and culture of Clay County. Located inside the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, MN, HCSCC interprets the county's most important landmarks, objects and documents. The Hjemkomst Center was built to house the Viking ship by the same name, which was built by a local teacher, Bob Asp, and sailed in Norway. Besides a gallery for the ship, HCSCC has three other galleries that share Clay County and regional history and culture. The archives are open to the public for people wanting to learn more about the rich history of the county. HCSCC also interprets that replica Hopperstad Stave church, which is an exact replica of the medieval church in Vic, Norway. This church was hand crafted by a local crafts man, Guy Paulson. Though there is much about Scandinavian history and settlement, HCSCC also collects and interprets the history of all people from the county from its origins up to the present.

History and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County

230 1st Avenue North

Perham, MN 56573

(218) 346-7676

Contact: Sue Delaney

suedelaney@historymuseumeot.com

www.historymuseumeot.com

Hours: Open Tuesday - Friday September - April 11-3 and May 1 - Labor Day 10am - 4pm, and Saturdays 9am - 1pm.

The History and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County is the main society based out of Perham, MN that holds both the History Museum of East Otter Tail County and the ITOW Veterans Museum. They also have access to Perham's Pioneer Grounds, which includes 25 acres of land available for weddings and other gatherings.

History Museum of East Otter Tail County

230 First Avenue North

Perham, MN 56573

(218) 346-7676

Director: Shirley Davidson

mary@historymuseumeot.com

www.historymuseumeot.com

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Under the History and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County, the History Museum of East Otter Tail County was established in 1998. Housed in a church built in 1887, the museum displays exhibits on Paul Miller, Perham's past mayor for more than 30 years, the work on photographer Nick Jahn, a series of motion picture clips from the 1920s, information on the job of logging during the late 19th century, the early days of medicine, and histories on past East Otter Tail County musicians and famous athletes. They also feature information on the famous Otter Tail River, the early usage of the Railroad, and the early start of the Perham Telephone Company. The History Museum of East Otter Tail County also offers an extensive amount of help with genealogy research. They include within their

research an index of the Perham Enterprise Bulletin Newspaper beginning in 1883, Perham Birth and Death Records from 1882 to 1900, the New York Mills Newspaper Index, a History of the Finns in Minnesota Book, and a Historical Photograph Search.

Hubbard County Historical Society

P.O. Box 327
Old Country Courthouse 301 Court Avenue
Park Rapids, MN 56470-6127
(218) 732-5237
Contact: Virginia Cameron
historicalmuseum@arvig.net
www.hubbardcountymuseum.org

Hours: May through September: Thursday - Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Hubbard County Historical Society and Museum is situated in the county's first courthouse, with each room featuring a different aspect of early life in Hubbard County. In the Ira Benham Resource Center, located on the first floor of the museum, it hosts as the site for all of the Society's archives, photos, and information on genealogy research. Some of the information that they have include birth and death records, censuses from 1885 to 1905, enterprise newspapers from 1882 to 1890, funeral home and cemetery records, naturalization records, marriage and obituary records, plat books, and WWII Military scrapbooks. They also hold information on the Ojibwe tribe including information on their past treaties, a Chippewa Half-Breed Scrip, a White Earth Land Lists of 1911 and Indian Allotment List and Numbers. Among their exhibits, the Society and Museum include other sites such as a Pioneer cabin, a one-room School House, a room on High School Memory featuring past year books, a Communication Room featuring old typewriters and switchboards, farming tools, Native American artifacts, and vintage textiles.

In Their Own Words (ITOW) Veterans Museum and Cultural Events Center

805 West Main
Perham, MN 56573
(218) 346-7678
Director: Shirley Davidson
shirley@itowmuseum.org
http://www.historymuseumet.com/itow_new/index.asp

Hours: Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday - Friday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The ITOW Veterans Museum is a branch off of the History and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County and has a goal of showing the impact of war on citizens and families, both those at war and those at home, from veterans that have gone through it. Within their space, they have different sections featuring the journey one would take in the military and how they and their families dealt with it. This includes video documentaries, audio commentaries, and interactive activities on leaving home, basic

training, and the experience within each War that the U.S. has undertaken. They also include a prisoner of war movie and a replica of a bunker.

Kensington Area Heritage Society

P.O. Box 54
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Kensington, MN 56343
(612) 810-3253
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kaahs@runestone.net
<http://www.kaahs.org/>



Hours: By appointment. Admission: Donation appreciated.

The Kensington Area Heritage Society includes their museum, which is famous for their Kensington rune stone. This inscribed stone was left in 1362, later was found on a local farm, and was then recognized as their featured monument from then on out. Now the museum features the stone in their exhibit named, “Kensington – a Town & its Stone,” giving a detailed background on its history. The museum also focuses on the cultural and historical heritage of the Kensington area. This includes displays on Swedish furnishings and domestic tools. Outside this museum, there is also Fort Alexandria, which has log buildings, an 1880 country schoolhouse, and a view of the forty-foot Viking ship, the “Snorri.”

Kittson County Historical Society

332 East Main Street
Lake Bronson, MN 56734
Director: Cindy Adams
(218) 754-4100
history@wikel.com
<http://www.mnhistoricnw.org>

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; weekends and holidays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Winter Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays. (January - April: Closed Mondays, weekends, and holidays.)
Admission: Donations appreciated.

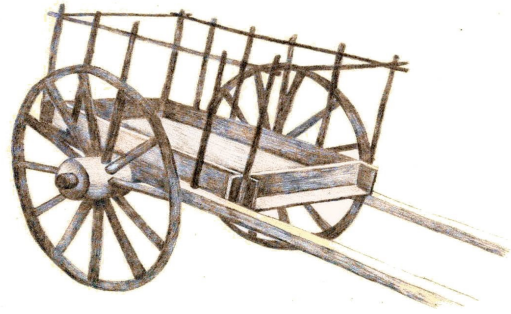
The Kittson County Historical Society holds the Kittson County Museum & History Center within Lake Bronson, MN. They include a variety of vintage agriculture equipment, a Red River ox cart, a 1904 Rambler, and a 1929 Harley Davidson. They also include several historic buildings on the grounds including a depot, caboose, schoolhouse, log cabin and a church. Along with their different exhibits that they have, the Kittson County Museum & History Center have access to the county’s past documents. Such documents include a microfilm library on the county’s past newspapers dating back to the late 1880s to the present, as well as state and federal census records from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers

16914 N Entrance Dr,
Park Rapids, MN 56470
701-730-2390

President: Bryan Mesich

www.itascapioneerfarmers.com



Hours: 2026 Show - August 21, 22 & 23 2026

Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history of rural and logging life through historic buildings, antique machinery, demonstrations, and educational exhibits. Located adjacent to the north entrance of Itasca State Park, the organization has hosted its annual three-day Pioneer Farmers Show each August since 1990. Set on more than 80 acres with 40 historic buildings, the grounds come alive with daily demonstrations of logging, threshing, blacksmithing, lumber sawing, and other traditional crafts, along with parades, live music, family activities, train rides, and special events. Made possible by the dedication of volunteers, the event offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience Minnesota's agricultural and logging heritage in a welcoming, family-friendly setting.

Lake Park Area Historical Society

P.O. Box 193

Lake Park, MN 56554-0045

(218) 205-5381

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hand@prtel.com

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064845964999>

Hours: Call for an appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Lake Park Area Historical Society has the desire to preserve the historic importance of the Lake Park, MN Area. Under their care, the Society looks over two main properties. The first is the historic Nelson Drugstore building, where their main headquarters and displays are located. The other is the Old Country School House, one of the few remaining schoolhouses in Becker County. Within the schoolhouse, the society has antique desks on display as well as some other historical school items. The Lake Park Area Historical Society is continuing on in their journey to preserving the city's history by creating more collections that are accessible to the community. Join them at a regular monthly meeting. Call to get their meeting schedule. They also have a Facebook page called "Lake Park Area Historical Society."

Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Association

120 Threshermen
Dr, Dalton, MN 56324
(218) 589-8918
Contact: Dori Knutson
dadok1@live.com
<https://threshers.org/>

Hours: Annual event is the weekend after Labor Day. Membership for adults is \$20.00, and membership for children 12 and under is \$4.00. A season pass is \$20 for the weekend or \$15 for a day pass. Children 12 and under are free.

The Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Association holds an extensive amount of history on their past's recreational activities. The museum holds different building sites that feature unique artifacts. Some of these sites include an old gas station showing old restored cars, a town hall that holds early 1900s attire, a railroad train depot with a working train, a print shop with platen press and folder that operates, a blacksmith shop with a blow torch display, steam room with a variety of steam engines, a church, Lavern's General Store with old items, and a wash house room with an antique washing machine. Other places that exhibit their artifacts on display include their Agriculture Museum, Heritage Museum, Memorial building and their recently built Duck Hunting Heritage Building, which displays their pioneer's past in duck hunting. The Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Association holds an Annual Show during the weekend after Labor Day in September.

McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center

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McIntosh, MN 56556
(218) 563-2040
Contact: Toni Epema, Collection Manager
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www.McIntoshHAC.com
www.facebook.com/McIntoshHAC

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., or by appointment. Memberships and donations appreciated.

The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center was founded in 2010 and has a collection of historical records, artifacts, pictures, letters, church and cemetery records from East Polk County and the towns of McIntosh, Fosston, Lengby, Erskine, and Winger. All of the items are of historical value to this area and have a connection to a resident who lives, or has lived, in this area. Every item in the collection has a local story attached to it. We collect and research all items for historical significance and encourage people to contact us and stop in to take a look at the collection, as we may be able to help those interested in their family history track down family information that may be in the collection or provide additional resources.

Mahnomen County Historical Society

106 N Main, PO Box 123

Mahnomen, MN 56557

(218) 936-5083

mahnomenhistory@gmail.com

<http://mahnomencountyhistory.org/>

Hours: Open in summer only or by appointment from Wednesday - Friday. Admission is \$2.00.

The Mahnomen County Historical Society Museum collects the history of the county communities. Our museum on Main Street has many interesting exhibits including Country School, Military, Schermerhorn Bonanza Farms, Native American, and many more. We maintain newspaper archives and can do research for members or a fee.

Marshall County Historical Society

P.O. Box 103

808 East Johnson Avenue

Warren, MN 56762

(218) 745-4803

Director: Mag Melgard

mchs@wikel.com

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day: Wednesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and weekends by appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Marshall County Historical Society includes Settler's Square, which consists of numerous amounts of historic buildings that represent the county during the late 1800s. Included in the historic buildings are a Local Bank, Saloon, Photographer's Studio, Barbershop, General Store, Millinery Store, Newspaper Office, and Hotel. As well, they also include a depot station, the Alma Church, and other cabins and shops. Within these sites, they offer exhibits featuring military uniforms and artifacts, vintage children's toys, old agricultural machinery and tools, and vintage vehicles, including the famous UFO car. Throughout the year, the Marshall County Historical Society offer special events including, the Marshall County Fair at the end of July and Grinding Days at the Old Mill in late August.

Menahga Area Historical Society and Museum

320 Helsinki Boulevard NE

Menahga, MN 56464

(218) 564-5063

menahgamuseum@wcta.net

Hours: 12:00pm - 4:00pm Sunday, 10:00am - 4:00pm Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat. Admission: free will donations are accepted, free parking.

The Menahga Area Historical Society and Museum preserves the cultural heritage and history of the Menahga area. Within their exhibits they include, tools and equipment in logging and farming from the late 1800s to early 1900s. They also have an early 1900s replica of a kitchen, parlor, and school setting and a restored 1925 model T. buggy.

**Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum
Dba Legacy of the Lakes Museum**

205 3rd Avenue West
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 759-1114

Contact: Andy Balendy
museum@legacyofthelakes.org
<https://legacyofthelakes.org/>

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Closed holidays

Museum Visitor Hours: May 22, 2026 - October 31, 2026

Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission Adults: \$12, Seniors, Students, Teachers: \$10, Youth (5-17): \$7

Veterans/Active Military: \$5, Family (2 adults/2 seniors & kids 17 & under): \$25, Kids under 5 are FREE with paying adult. Members always FREE!

The Legacy of the Lakes Museum and Gardens is a nonprofit museum dedicated to celebrating and preserving the shared memories and traditions of lake life in Minnesota. Founded in 1995 as the Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society, the Museum inspires appreciation for freshwater boating, watercraft, and native lake landscapes through high-quality exhibits and educational programming.

Located in Alexandria, the Museum opened to the public in 2004 and expanded to its current facility in 2006. The campus includes the North Gallery, Legacy Gardens, and the BoatHouse event center, offering exhibits, community events, and educational opportunities. The Legacy of the Lakes Museum and Gardens is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by donors, members, and volunteers.

Moorhead- Heritage Education Commission

P.O. Box 292
Moorhead, MN 56561-0292
Contact: Trista Raezer-Stursa

info@heritageed.com
www.heritageed.com

Hours: Email for more information.

The Heritage Education Commission is an independent, non-profit commission developed for the purpose of creating, initiating, and conducting programs and projects, which aid in the preservation or restoration of the cultural heritage of the Upper Midwest region. Their major activities are an annual Family History Workshop and presenting the Family History Research Awards at the annual workshop.

Nisswa Area Historical Society

P.O. Box 896
25605 Main Street
Nisswa, MN 56468
(218) 963-3570

Contact: Susan Mathison-Young
nisswaareahistoricalociety@gmail.com

Hours: Memorial Weekend: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Labor Day Weekend: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and September only: Saturdays 10:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Nisswa Area Historical Society holds the Pioneer Village and History Center, located on old Highway 371. It contains local artifacts and photographs from Nisswa's pioneer days, as well as the county's first railroad depot and caboose. Within the Village, the Society also includes the Nisswa Stamman Festival that is held in late June.

Norman County Historical Society

P.O. Box 201
Highway 200 West
Ada, MN 56510-1519
(218) 556-0122

Contact: Solveig Kitchell
nchgs@arvig.net

<https://www.mnhistoricnw.org/museums/county-museums/norman-county/>

Hours: Vary. Admission: Donations appreciated

Within the Norman County Historical Society, there are two separate sites that it contains. This include the Prairie Village in Ada, MN, which is dedicated in telling the story of the county's founding and the early settlers that created it. The village contains 12 historic buildings, holding photos, past artifacts and tools that that the pioneers used. Throughout the year, the Prairie Village holds both the Norman County Fair in June and Pioneer Days after Labor Day weekend.

Otter Tail County Historical Society

1110 Lincoln Avenue West
Fergus Falls, MN 56357
(218) 736-6038

Director: Chris Schuelke
otchs@prtel.com
www.otchs.org
lnleib@otchs.org

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Research Library: Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$6.00 (12 to adult) \$2.00 (5-11) Under 5 – free.

The Otter Tail County Historical Society holds a museum, research library and educational resource facility for the community of Otter Tail County. Their museum holds permanent exhibits that include information on the environment, the fur trade, immigration, Native American history, agricultural lifestyle and past recreation in the Otter Tail County during the late 1800s to early 1900s. Within its library, the Otter Tail County Historical Society has available the following indexes: birth records from 1871 to 1901, marriage licenses from 1869 to 1991, death records from 1869 to 1918, cemetery records from 1865 to the present, obituaries from 1871 to the present, naturalization records from 1870 to 1919, a history of the county published in 196, and plat books in the years 1884, 1902, 1912, 1925, and 1933. They also have extensive research on military history, past townships, multiple other online databases for extended research. Performing research does cost six dollars per day and any photocopies made are 25 cents each. Within their educational resource facility, the Society holds numerous amounts of kits and lessons for students to participate in and have hands on experience with. These include usage of photographs, artifacts, historical documents and live demonstrations.

Paul Bunyan Historical Society

Hwy. 34 NW
Akeley, MN 56433
218-652-2885

Contact: Mary Muller

fdlambsr@eot.com

<https://www.akeleymn.com/pbhs/>

Hours: Sunday - Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

The goal of the museum is to preserve and share the early days of Akeley, when the area was known for having the largest sawmill in the state. It contains a wide collection of artifacts photos and documents pertaining to the region, including the Akeley census for 1895 as well as a 1900 Akeley Township record. The statue of Paul Bunyan is located directly in front of the museum itself.

Pennington County Historical Society

P.O. Box 127
Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village
Oakland Park Road
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218) 681-5767

President: Seth Nelson

pchstrf@mncable.net

<http://pchs.org/>

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day: Sunday - Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 (12 and under free)

The Pennington County Historical Society includes a pioneer village, which has a collection of 19 historical buildings, showing what life was like in Pennington County a hundred years ago. Many people enjoy viewing the past recreational and sporting goods, including tractors and snowmobiles that the

society has on hand. As well, the museum maintains research materials, including cemetery records, obituary records, and an online collection of more than 7,000 photographs from the late 19th century to early 20th century. They also include the Thief River Falls Times newspapers from 1920 to 1966 within their past information. The pioneer village is used for the special Goodridge Bicentennial, as well as local weddings and events

Pequot Lakes Historical Society

P.O. Box 493
4285 Tower Square
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(218) 568- 2199
President: Jane Ness
pequothistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day, Saturday 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and by request.

The Pequot Lakes Historical Society's primary focus is to preserve the life within the Pequot Lake area. Within the society, they hold the Pequot Lakes Area Historical Society Museum, which is located in the restored Cole Memorial Building. The areas of coverage that the Museum exhibits are lifestyle memorabilia from the early 1930s to 1940s. They also contain different site buildings including an old schoolhouse, a general store, and an old theater. A military section that contains past artifacts from both the First and Second World Wars is also exhibited. Among other information within their collection, the Pequot Lakes Area Historical Society Museum also has collections of family scrapbooks and photos from the early 1900s.

Polk County Historical Society

Box 214
U.S. Highway 2 East
Crookston, MN 56716-0214
(218) 281-1038
Contact: **Jerry Wentzel**
polkhistorical@gmail.com

Hours: 2:00 noon - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays) from the Tuesday after Memorial Day to the second weekend of September. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Polk County Historical Society features the Polk County Museum, which focuses on the lives of local residents since its early days. Their exhibits primarily show how the pioneers lived, including tools, vintage attire, furnishings and utensils. They have an assortment of past accounts including cemetery locations and old newspapers dating back to the mid 1800s. They also include genealogy work for a fee of 10.00 dollars an hour.

Pope County Historical Society

809 S. Lakeshore Drive

Glenwood, MN 56334

(320) 634-3293

Contact: Emma Skaret

popecountymuseum@gmail.com

www.popecountymuseum.wordpress.com

mncollections.org

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: Donation appreciated

The Pope County Historical Society holds the Pope County Museum and is dedicated to the preservation of stories and journals of early residents. The museum gives access to a genealogy library including past histories on families and business ranging from the late 1800s to the present day. Among that information the museum includes census records from 1870 to 1920, cemetery indexes and maps, manuscripts, articles and books from local authors, photo collections, newspapers dating to 1871 and other church records.

Prospect House and Civil War Museum

403 Lake Avenue North

Highway 78

Battle Lake, MN 56515

(218) 864-4008

Contact: Jay Johnson

contact@prospecthousemuseum.org

www.prospecthousemuseum.org

Hours: 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:30 p.m.

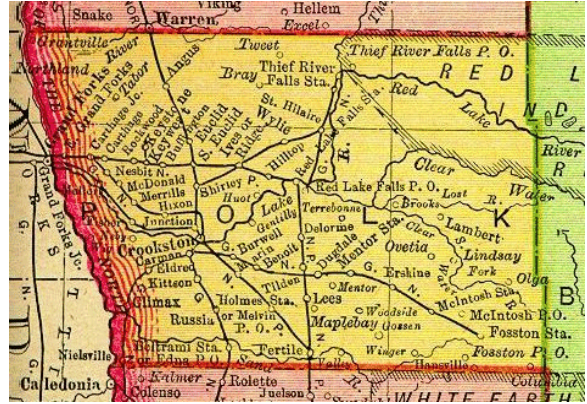
Admission for adults is \$10; students, \$5 (6-18 years); children 5 and under, FREE (when accompanied by an adult)

The historic Prospect House is an 18-room Georgian-style home built in 1886 by James Allison “Cap” Colehour, Civil War Veteran. The home boasts of treasures from early days as the area’s first tourist hotel to its later days as a family home. It was lavishly remodeled in 1929 and looks much today as it did then. The Prospect House became a museum in 2010. In 2013, the Prospect House was listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Red Lake County Historical Society

P. O. Box 385
18779 115th Avenue
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
815-861-7265
Contact: Mark Healy
mhealyski@gmail.com

Hours: Call to make an appointment. Admission:
Donations appreciated



The Red Lake County Historical Society works to preserve the history of Red Lake County, starting with the first settlers and their earliest settlements. Much of the information can be found on a CD entitled, *A History of Red Lake County*, produced by the Historical Society and available for sale. Some of the histories that they Society includes within its research is the formation of the county, histories on past settlers from the townships, information on the prohibition period within the county, and early lifestyles of the pioneer settlers.

Roseau County Historical Society

121 Center Street E. Suite 101
Roseau, MN 56751
(218) 463-1918
President: Glenn Holm
rchsroseau@gmail.com

www.roseaucohistoricalsociety.org

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Roseau County Historical Society has been in existence for more than 95 years, and the museum portrays the past as well as the present. They include, within their museum, old photos and artifacts on the county's past development such as information on agriculture, manufacturing and trade. As well, they also have artifacts and histories on the Native American settlements and a Military Service file that holds photographs and biographies on past military personnel. Alongside their exhibits, the Roseau County Historical Society also includes an extensive amount of research material for genealogy information. This feature does cost five dollars for one-on-one help; however, they still include cemetery, obituary, and death indexes, starting from the late 1800s, within and the surrounding counties of Roseau. Other information they include are school and county tax records, marriage and naturalization indexes from 1904 to 1915, files on past businesses and churches, past high school yearbooks and past Roseau county newspapers from the late 1880s to present.

Roseau Pioneer Farm and Village

409 11th Avenue SE

Roseau, MN 56751

218 463-2667

<https://roseaupioneerfarm.com/index.php>

Contact: Dennis and Barb

Hours: The village is currently open as self-guided attraction. Walk right in. If you would like to schedule a private or group showing or event call Dennis and Barb at 218 463-2667. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Roseau Pioneer Farm and Village serves as historical sites to represent and display the agriculture and past pioneer way of living in that area. Within their grounds, they have a post office with old switchboards, a general store, a print shop featuring old Roseau newspapers from the late 1800s to early 1940s, an old school house from the Wannaska area, a church featuring records on past members, a blacksmith shop, a log cabin, and amphitheater. They also serve a fall festival, pioneer school days, Scandinavian days, car shows, and holiday lighting all throughout the year.

Sand Hill Settlement Historical Society

P.O. Box 6

415 Riverside Avenue

Climax, MN 56523

President: Ervin Vigness

Sandhillshs@gmail.com

www.shshs.org

Hours: Call for an appointment. Admission: Donation appreciated

The Sand Hill Settlement Historical Society supplies collection of historical buildings that provide visitors with a look at life in an earlier time. The society is establishing a “working pioneer farmstead” by maintaining the 1871 homestead of Ole O. Estenson, a pioneer in the Red River Valley. The homestead includes the Estenson’s barn and cabin that the Estenson’s lived in during the pioneer days.

Saum Historic School & Museum

12956 Twin Oaks Rd NE

Saum, MN 56650

(218) 749-9833

Contact: Eva Stengel

ejrichardsfarm@yahoo.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SaumHistoricSchool>

Hours: Call for an appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

The museum is located in a school erected in 1912 and functions as both a museum and a community center. Within the school, one of the old classrooms remains, exhibiting artifacts from an original school

day during the pioneer years. Also, the grounds also hold a pioneer log home that displays living tools and furnishings from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

Sebeka Historical Society

62529 County Highway 8

Sebeka Park

Sebeka, MN 56477

(218) 837-5322

Contact: Betty Lake

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073149083431>

Hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Sebeka Area Historical Society oversees three historic buildings located in Sebeka City Park. Each of the log structures were built by early Finnish settlers. The Pioneer Schoolhouse was the first school built in Red Eye Township, 1887-88, by August and Fred Mattila. In 1958 Red Eye Township gifted the Historical Society with the building and with the help of the Lions Club, the Finnish log school was moved to its present location in the city park. The horse barn was built by Jacob Salmela, also a Finnish pioneer of Red Eye Township, in the early 1900s. It was in use as barn until 1986 when it was donated to the Historical Society and moved to the city park near the schoolhouse. The third historic building is a Finnish sauna, also constructed of log. It was added to the historic collection of buildings in 1997.

Starbuck Depot Society

401 North Main St.

Starbuck, MN 56381

(320) 239-2742

Contact: Blaine Pederson

starbuckdepotmuseum@gmail.com

blainemp@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1625206744390453>

<https://www.starbuckdepotmuseums.org/#!>

Hours: Call for an appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Starbuck Depot Society preserves and has restored the historic building of the Starbuck Northern Pacific Depot. The depot includes authentic Northern Pacific tools, the original caboose made in 1909, a Railway Express Agency baggage cart and original depot items including agent's chair, safe, cabinets and ticket dater. The Society also holds an annual Lefse Dagen in May, which celebrates the restoration of the historic landmark, as well as holds the record for setting the world's largest lefse.

Stevens County Historical Society & Museum

116 West 6th Street

Morris, MN 56267

(320) 589-1719

Executive Director: Gary Wahl

Events@stevenshistorymuseum.com

www.stevenshistorymuseum.com

Hours: Tuesday– Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Thursday Late hours, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Admission: Free - Donation appreciated

The Stevens County Historical Society & Museum holds numerous artifacts and information that depict life on the prairie from just before the county was formed in 1871 to the present day. Not only does it include historic exhibits on homemaking and agriculture of that time, but it also includes information on past cemetery records, censuses, photographs, manuscripts, and indexes on Stevens County from the late 1800s up until the early 1940s, allowing a vast amount of help with genealogy work. Other resources include high school indexes and yearbooks, military records, and plat map indexes for the county. The museum also includes a collection of county newspapers published since its start. Programs include the historic District #63 Schoolhouse at the Stevens County Fairgrounds and walking tours of the county's five incorporated cities.

Terrace Mill Foundation

27165 Old Mill Pond Road

Glenwood, MN 56334

(320) 278-3728

President: Julie Lloyd

Terrace.Mill.Foundation@gmail.com

www.terracemill.org

Hours: June – August, Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Friday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. After hours tours and visits can be arranged by appointment.

This society maintains the first original Terrace Mill, an 1870 building used to process flour, in Pope County, as well as the Keystone Arch Bridge and several historic houses. These historic homes house Scandinavian artifacts including Norwegian furnishings and folk art, such as rosemaling and hardanger stitchery. They also include the Wheeler Gallery, which features different art exhibits every year as well as the Lee Paulson Pioneer Playhouse, featuring theater art.

Traverse County Historical Society

1201 Broadway

Wheaton, MN 56296

(320) 563-4338

President: Orville Vollmers

traversecountyhistory@gmail.com

Hours: Museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Traverse County Historical Society includes a museum, which is located in the old Milwaukee Railroad depot and portrays life in the early 20th century from both personal and economic perspectives. Collections include old sewing machines, farm equipment, and merchandise from old stores. The society also has access to online resources for a guide to genealogy, including birth and death records, marriage records and census records, all starting from the early 1880s. Among other records, the museum includes probate records, taxation records and county maps, all from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Ulen Historical Museum

P.O. Box 403

35 1st St NW

Ulen, MN 56585

(218) 596-8884

visitor@ulenmuseum.com

www.ulenmuseum.com

Hours: May - September, Saturday - Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$5, Senior \$4, Students \$3 and preschoolers are free when accompanied by an adult.

The Ulen Historical Museum helps preserve the history and culture of Ulen, MN. Of its exhibits, it includes an extensive doll collection, a replica of a pioneer home, a sports memorabilia wall with signed autographed artifacts from Minnesota's best known athletes, a military exhibit that features photos and past uniforms and a monthly traveling exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society.

Verndale Museum

202 North Farwell Street

Verndale, MN 56482

(218) 445-5745

President: Bill Hess

verndalehistory@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VerndaleHistoricalSociety/>

Hours: Call for an appointment. Admission: Donations appreciated

Verdale was founded in 1878, and the museum, hosted by the Verndale Historical Society, "shows just how much history and intrigue can be found in the small towns of northern Minnesota." The photo collection contains pictures of local families over the years, war heroes, and Minnesota's volunteer infantry unit in the Civil War. From exhibits on Verndale's most famous citizen, General Lesley S. McNair, a four-star general, the town's historic grist mill, and photos from Verndale's annual 4th of July celebration, there is a wide variety of history to see. The museum also gives the public access to five of the old Wadena County newspapers, including the Wadena County Tribune, the Verndale Journal, the Wadena Journal, the Wadena Pioneer Journal, and the Verndale Sun, all ranging from the 1870s to the present. Among the other research the museum holds, it also includes old pictures and histories of the

first settlement of the town, maps of the old business districts from the late 1800s, and maps of Green Lawn Cemetery.

Wadena County Historical Society

603 North Jefferson

Wadena, MN 56482

(218) 631-9079

Director: Jebb Willis

603wchs@arvig.net

www.wadenacountyhistory.org

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Admission: Donations appreciated

At the Wadena County Historical Society our mission is to preserve local history by way of artifacts and information from yesteryear. Our museum displays those artifacts of interest and significance in our museum's theme rooms. Our theme rooms include one room devoted to military artifacts while another displays old country schoolroom items. Our research capabilities are made possible because of our collection of significant local history including local newspapers, county, city, and township records and more. We also house the photo negatives from the former Rex McDonald Photography Studio. Our collection includes pictures taken from 1932-2011. If you can tell us the year of your wedding or any other special event, and the name on account, we should be able to locate your negatives. Contact us for more details. In addition to our museum theme rooms our lobby includes permanent displays honoring the Ojibwe Nation and our Wadena namesake, the great Chief Wadena as well as the settler immigrants. We also rotate temporary artifacts to display in our lobby to celebrate many different occasions throughout the year.

Warroad Heritage Center and Museum (Warroad Historical Society)

P.O. Box 688

202 Main Avenue NE

Warroad, MN 56763

218-386-2500

Museum Manager: Brady Swanson

warroadheritagecenter@gmail.com

Website: warroadmuseum.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarroadHeritageCenter/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/warroadheritagecenter/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKhpZURiIqT1Sk0BY0TeqKQ>

Hours: Monday - Friday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: Free admission.

The mission of the Warroad Historical Society is to record the history past and present of the city of Warroad and its surrounding area and to make this history available to all interested individuals and organizations."

Wilkin County Historical Society

704 Nebraska Avenue
Breckenridge, MN 56520
(218) 643-1303
Contact: Sylvie Peterson
sylviawchs@hotmail.com

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and closed November - April. Admission: Donations appreciated

The Wilkin County Historical Society instills a necessity of preserving the county's historical meaning. The museum holds a wide variety of tools and artifacts depicting life in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Among the historical displays, the museum also offers research in past Wilkin county newspapers, obituaries and past townspeople's biographies from the years 1881 to 1991.

Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is mandated by Minnesota Statute 134.351 and funded by the Minnesota State Legislature through the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

