

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,
Mahnommen, 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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admin@beckercountyhistory.org
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. \$5.00 admission for Adults and children under 18 are free.

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: Gary Rozman

depot@beltramihistory.org
www.beltramihistory.org

Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$5, Seniors \$4, Children from 6-12 \$1, and Children 5 and under are free.

The Beltrami Historical Society was founded in 1952. Our first location was adjacent to the present-day Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in downtown Bemidji, next to the famous statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. Here, the BCHS operated a museum, offered research assistance and pursued its mission of preserving Beltrami County history for more than twenty years. In 1993, the BCHS moved to a building located at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds and operated as a research center with no exhibit space or museum. In 1999, a collaborative vision to bring the BCHS and museum back to downtown Bemidji became a community-wide priority. Minnesota State Legislative appropriations, investments by local units of government, area businesses and countless individuals achieved an ambitious goal of restoring the James J. Hill railroad depot. The exterior of the depot has been fully restored, and while maintaining the historical integrity of the interior, it was rehabilitated for adaptive reuse and opened as the new Beltrami County History Center, at 130 Minnesota Ave. SW Bemidji, MN on April 30, 2001.

Blackduck Area History and Arts Center

P.O. Box 223
133 Main Street NE, Suite B
Blackduck, MN 56630
(218) 835-4478

www.blackduckhistoryart.org

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

The Blackduck Area History and Arts Center was formed to preserve local history and showcase local artists. The Center holds the Tin Pan Gallery, a gallery and shop that mostly holds work by local artists with talent in woodcarving, quilting, and other creative work. The Center's library contains a collection of past documents including, township oral histories, past scrapbooks, obituary records, and past high school yearbooks. The sites that are held within the Center, hold collections of past school tools, as well as outdoors sports equipment. Their General Store hold a display of original switchboards operated in Blackduck and Hines by Blackduck Telephone Company. As well, they have a Military display, which contains a numerous amount of artifacts including past pictures, uniforms, and recorded stories from local veterans. Their Ethnic display also contains a replica of a real Indian wigwam. The Center is in constant flux of acquiring new artifacts and offering different exhibits at a regular basis that will help promote a historical experience and education for all ages.

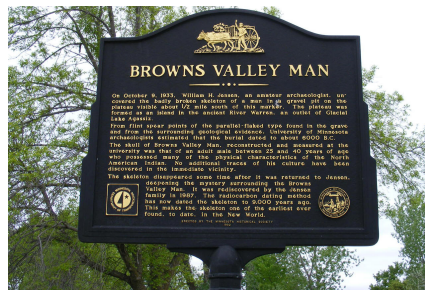
Browns Valley Historical Society

P.O. Box 134
Browns Valley, MN 56219
(320) 695-2312

President: Shirley Ecker

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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

P.O. Box 505
205 Minnesota Avenue West
Walker, MN 56484
(218) 547-7251

casscountymuseum@gmail.com

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

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$4, Children \$1 and Families \$9.

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

P.O. Box 548
U.S. Highway 2 & Birch Street
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-6723

Contact: Lyle Chisholm

www.casslake.com/history.html

Hours: May 26 – October 1, hours vary. Free Admission.

The Cass Lake Museum & Lyle’s Logging Camp are two sites holding the 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 amount 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

P.O. Box 241
264 First Street West (U.S. Highway 2)
Bagley, MN 56621
(218) 785-2000

Director: Tamara Anderson-Edevold

cchshist@gvtel.com

www.mnhistoricnw.org

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Summer – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. & last Sunday of the month from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30p.m. Free Admission.

The Clearwater County Historical Society holds Clearwater County Museum, which is located in the 100-year-old Shevlin School. The Museum has many historical documents, including over 15,000 past county photos, past newspapers and obituary record, starting in the late 1800s. 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

P.O. Box 134
Crosslake, MN 56442
(218) 692-5400

jmbCLAHS@gmail.com

www.crosslakehistoricalsociety.org

Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The Crosslake Area Historical Society maintains an historic log village, which includes eight buildings, each equipped with a listening system to provide information on the displays and the history it uncovers. Most of the eight buildings were past homesteads of some of the first pioneers of the Crosslake Area. The other sites consist of a saloon, a schoolhouse, a tourist cabin, a livery, a town hall, and a Crosslake store. All eight sites focus on the pioneer life in the Crosslake County during the late 1800s to early 1900s by displaying antique furnishings and other daily used tools.

Crow Wing County Historical Society

P.O. Box 722
320 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 829-3268

Executive Director: Pamela Nelson

history@co.crow-wing.mn.us

www.crowwinghistory.org

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Closed on holidays. Free Admission.

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: Myrna Nelson

cchps@crosbyironton.net

<http://cuyunahistory.org/>

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

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: Kim Dillon

kim.dillon@dchsmn.org

www.dchsmn.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free Admission.

Located in the former house of U.S. Senator and Minnesota Governor Knute Nelson, the Douglas County Historical Society holds an extensive amount of history on the Douglas County. The society holds a number of different history files from the late 1800s to early 1900s for those seeking genealogy information, including marriage records, census records, cemetery records, homestead records, birth and obituary files, files on schools and businesses, 125 years of area newspapers, and a wide variety of plat maps. This feature does cost 10 dollars per day for any research that you may have, or 20 dollars per day for a research librarian to do it. They also have access to 5,000 archival photos of different past Douglas County events that they are able to scan and put on CDs for the public. Among their other exhibits, the Society has a large collection of educational resources, including oral histories, and pioneer dress and uniforms.

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. Admission for Adults and Children is \$5 and Children under 12 are free with a parent.

The East Grand Forks Heritage Foundation consists of 21 buildings, serving as an instrument for preservation and education. Included within their exhibits, they display an old steam boiler from a Fram ship from the late 1800s and early 1900s, an old bonanza Saw Mill, a home gardening station, a Military Room, a Town Hall that holds historic old photos and past newspapers, a working printing press 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 threshing 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

P.O. Box 4
Highway 2 East
Fosston, MN 56542
(218) 435-6119

President: Bonnie Stewart

dvikan@gvtel.com

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Friday and Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The East Polk Heritage Center is held within a historic home donated by the Potvin family in Melland Park. The site now holds a vast amount of past culture including old furnishings, books, and photographs from the late 1800s to early 1900s during the time of their first settlers. Some displays include old garments, cooking utensils, and historic tools. During the fourth week in August, the East Polk Heritage Center holds both Heritage Day and the Classic Car show for the community.

Evansville Historical Foundation

P.O. Box 337
304 Grant Street South
Evansville, MN 56326
(218) 948-2010

Manager: Pat Nitz

ehf@gctel.com

www.evansvillemn.net

Hours: April 1 – October 31, Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; November 1 – March 31, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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 house, a church, a chapel and town hall. They exhibit wedding gowns from various eras, old school books, memorabilia from past Evansville organizations and businesses, an old-fashioned buggy, a loom and past military garments and souvenirs. In regards 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) 385-2233

http://www.explorenewyorkmills.com/html/finn_creek.html

Hours: Memorial Day through Labor Day: Thursday – Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The Finn Creek Open Air Museum captures the culture and lifestyle of the strong Finnish influence in the New York Mills area. It includes 18 acres of several log barns, an original farmstead, a smoke sauna, a saw mill, and a gift shop. Each site contains artifacts including clothing, domestic tools, and agricultural tools from the late 1800s that successfully illustrate the Finnish history. The Finn Creek Open Air Museum is also the location of the Finn Creek Festival, which celebrates local heritage with food, music, dancing, and theater at the summer's end.

Goodridge Area Historical Society

21625 330th Avenue NE
Goodridge, MN 56725-8860
(218) 378-4380
Contact: Norma Hanson

<http://www.visitrf.com/Location/goodridge-area-historical-society-inc>

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission.

The Goodridge Area Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Pennington County. Within its lifetime, the Goodridge Area Historical Society has been able to restore seven of its historical buildings. This has included a log house, a barn, an old railway depot, a telephone building, and a schoolhouse. Within these buildings the Society has included historic memorabilia, photos, and both domestic and agricultural tools from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Grant County Museum and Historical Society

Box 1002
115 Second Street NE
Elbow Lake, MN 56531
(218) 685-4864
Director: Patricia Benson

gcmnhist@runestone.net

www.rootsweb.com/~mngrant/hist.htm

Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm (Summers only). Free Admission.

The Grant County Museum and Historical Society goes as far back as exhibiting the prehistoric roots of the Grant County area by including fossilized mammoth bones. Other exhibits reflect the Sioux and Chippewa heritage, along with preserved tools and other artifacts from the past. There is also a display on the early European settlers, culminating in a walk down an early 20th century street. Some other artifacts on display include an old ox car, a stagecoach, a furnished log cabin, and a schoolhouse. As well, the Museum and Historical Society also offer genealogical study for the public. The types of the material available for research include past censuses, indexed obituary and marriage records, naturalization records from 1883 to 1943, past Grant County newspapers, plat books, and unique histories on the community itself. This research does cost five dollars per hour and any addition charge on photocopying.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County

P.O. Box 157
202 1st Avenue North
Moorhead, MN 56561
(218) 299-5520

Director: Maureen Kelly Jonason

maureen.jonason@ci.moorhead.mn.us

www.info.co.clay.mn.us/history/

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 \$8, Seniors \$7, College Students \$7, Youth ranging from 5 to 17 \$6, free for Children 4 & under.

The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County holds the Hjemkomst museum in Moorhead, MN. It is named the Hjemkomst after the Viking ship, which was built by a local teacher and sailed in Norway. The ship is now on display, along with a film about its construction and the sea journey. Emphasis of the collection is the Norse roots of the Clay Country, and a recently built, historically accurate Stave church is located behind the museum. Along with these permanent displays, the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County also have seasonal and changing exhibits as well as an extensive amount of information on genealogy work and past community families. Some of the information that they carry include Clay County newspapers ranging from 1872 to the present, census records from the late 1800s to early 1900s, death and marriage indexes, naturalization records from 1872 to 1954, plat books, tax records, local community histories, and past manuscripts. Other unique information that the Society holds includes photography collections from Ollie E. Flaten and S.P. Wang, displaying early street scenes from the Clay County.

History and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County

230 1st Avenue North
Perham, MN 56573
(218) 346-7676

Contact: Karen Crabtree

museum@eot.com

www.historymuseumeot.com

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Contact: Karen Crabtree

museum@eot.com

www.historymuseumeot.com

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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

www.hubbardcountyhistory.org

Hours: May through September: Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free Admission.

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

info@itowmuseum.org
www.ITOWmuseum.org

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$4 and Children \$3.

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
10 Central Avenue South
Kensington, MN 56343
(320) 965-2573

Contact: Mel Conrad

kahs@runestone.net
<http://www.kahsoc.org/>

Hours: By appointment. Free Admission.

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@wiktel.com

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Weekends and Holidays, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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 present, as well as state and federal census records from the late 1800s to early 1900s. A website is also accessible for the community post photos, document or other family treasures of their families or that they have found, to others.

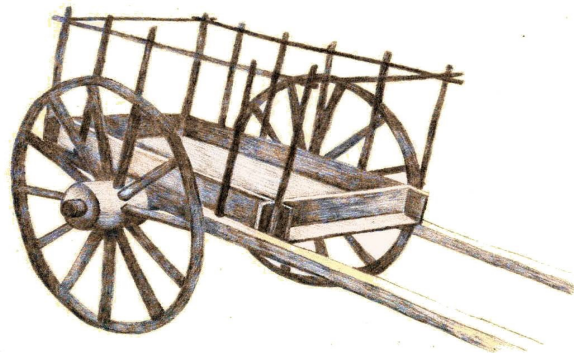
Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers

25387 Stockyard Road
Bagley, MN 56621
(218) 657-2233
Contact: Bob Bildin

www.itascapioneerfarmers.com

Hours: June – August: Saturdays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Free Admission.

The Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers organization has preserved historic rural within their community in Bagley, MN. The main attractions that they promote include logging memorabilia, a 95-year-old sawmill, and historic lumber tools from the late 1800s to early 1900s. As well, they also have a 100 year old schoolhouse, an auditorium picture gallery featuring pictures from the early 1900s, and other creative events including shingle, lath, and broom making. The Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers also have an annual three-day reunion event during the third weekend in August and a County Old-time music show on Saturday nights.



Lake Park Area Historical Society

P.O. Box 193
Lake Park, MN 56554-0045
(218) 205-5381
Contact: Stephen Handegaard
hand@prtel.com

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission.

The Lake Park Area Historical Society has the desire to preserve the historic importance of Lake Park, MN. Under their care, the Society looks over two main properties. The first is the Amdal House, where their main headquarters are located and 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 past photos of the students who attended the school. 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 on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lake Park City Center, to attend their monthly meeting.

Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Association

416 Everett Avenue East
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
(218) 589-8717
President: Richard Akerman
lrptadalt@ymail.com
www.lrpta-dalton.org

Hours: Friday – Sunday following Labor Day weekend. A single season pass is \$12 or for the Annual Show and regular admission for Adults and Children 12 and up is \$8.

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

240 Cleveland Avenue
McIntosh, MN 56556
(218) 563-2040

Contact: Robin D. Shimpa

mcintoshheritageandartscenter@gmail.com

www.13towns.org

Hours: April 1 – October 31, Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and November 1 – March 31, Tuesday –Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center was founded in 2010 and wants to stimulate interest in the history of McIntosh as the hub of the original Thirteen Towns, known today as the communities of Erskine, Fosston, Lengby, McIntosh, and Mentor. Through this, they provide collection and preservation on past artifacts and photos that have been passed down by the lifelong residents of McIntosh and the surrounding area. They also promote future artistic creativity for all ages, within their communities. Exhibits include the Peterson Cabin and the memorial marker, as well as the McIntosh’s Old school, which is being restored in order to function as the primary site of the history of the Thirteen Towns of eastern Polk County. Festivals that the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center involves in include the Memorial Day “Tunes on the Lawn” and October Old Settlers Festival.

Mahnomen County Historical Society

P.O. Box 123
Mahnomen, MN 56557
(218) 936-5083

Contact: Joanie Kramer

jkramer45@arvig.net

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day: Friday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.

The Mahnomen County Historical Society holds the B.C. Ness Mahnomen County Historical Museum, which is home to collecting the history of the Mahnomen County. Within their site, they have a country school, an old kitchen, and agricultural artifacts, dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. In addition, the society maintains the Schermerborn Farms, the Mahnomen County bonanza farms dating from the early 1900s. There, they display the pioneer’s farm life in the past. Another interesting exhibit that the museum holds is their Moonshine exhibit. This will illustrate with histories, artifacts, and photos of the Mahnoment County during the years of the Prohibition.

Marshall County Historical Society

P.O. Box 103
808 East Johnson Avenue
Warren, MN 56762
(218) 745-4803

Contact: Sherlyn Meiers

mchs@wiktel.com

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day: Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Weekends by appointment. Free Admission.

The Marshall County Historical Society includes the 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, a Saloon, a Photographer’s Studio, a Barbershop, a General Store, and a Millinery Store. 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

P.O. Box 364
320 Helsinki Boulevard NE
Menahga, MN 56464
(218) 564-5063
Contact: Sharon Tate

menahgamuseum@wcta.net

Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission fee for Adults is \$1, 12-17 years old \$.50, and 11 year olds and under are free.

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

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

bruce@mnlakesmaritime.org

www.mnlakesmaritime.org

Hours: May 15th – October 15th: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum is dedicated to the lakes, boats, boat builders, and the history of different boats within the Alexandria area. The museum features a historic look into the boat making business, going back to 1885 and includes artifacts such as boat making tools and machinery that people used during that time period. They also include vintage replicas of the first boats ever made, as well as past photos and histories about the first builders, themselves. They also have access to the Grand Hotels & Resorts, which holds past information on what the accommodations used to host for people in the early 1900s. They also have the Missouri Club’s Summer Porch, which was built by a conjoined club to better improve the social culture

of its members. Featured on the grounds are a variety of boat shows, community educational programs, and musical events in the garden.

Moorhead- Heritage Education Commission

P.O. Box 292
Moorhead, MN 56561-0292
Contact: Jim Soderberg
info@heritageed.com
www.heritageed.com

Hours: Email for more information or Register at their website.

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 three major activities are an annual Family History Workshop, on the MSUM campus, and ongoing Veteran's Oral History Project, and making 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: Judy Anderson
cullen@uslink.net

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. Free Admission.

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
nissensol@yahoo.com

Hours: Vary. Free Admission.

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. The second site is the Red River Museum, located in 211 3rd St., Shelley, MN, and contains a replica of a 1930's school house, featuring a usable Loom Room and an extensive military collection.

Osakis Area Heritage Center

P.O. Box 8
11 East Main Street
Osakis, MN 56360
(320) 859-3777

Contact: Stella Bender

osakis@midwestinfo.com

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The focus of the Osakis Area Heritage Center is in its research collection of family files, cemetery maps, town maps, country histories, photo files, scrapbooks, high school charters, and high school yearbooks, ranging from the late 1800s to early 1900s. The Osakis Review newspaper, from 1891 to 2005, is also available on microfilm for people to look at. All research is at a cost of \$20 per hour.

Otter Tail County Historical Society

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

Director: Chris Schuelke

otchs@prtcl.com

www.otchs.org

Hours: September – May, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., June – August, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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

P.O. Box 118
West Broadway
Akeley, MN 56433
(218) 653-2574
Contact: Frank Lamb Sr.

fdlambsr@eot.com

<http://www.akeleymn.com/organizations/museum/museum.html>

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day, Sunday - Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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

Director: Bill Kennel

pchstrf@mncable.net

<http://pvillage.org>

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day: Sunday – Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday open till 8:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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) 568-4808

President: Karen Bye

plareahs@gmail.com

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day, Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 per person.

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: Ann Muir
polkcounty@q.com

Hours: Day after Memorial Day to the second week of September, Tuesday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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
Administrator: Merlin Peterson
popecountymuseum@gmail.com

www.popecountymuseum.wordpress.com

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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 early 1900s. 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: Abby Bizzett-Johnson

prospecthouse2@arvig.net

www.prospecthousemuseum.org

Hours: May 2 – Labor Day: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., After Labor Day to May 1st: Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Admission for Adults is \$5, Students 13-18 years old \$3 and free for any Children 12 and under.

The Prospect House is a Georgian-style mansion, the former home of the Civil War veteran “Cap” Colehour and contains a wide variety of Civil War artifacts and personal belongings of the Colehour family. Both the house and the grounds are open to visitors.

Red Lake County Historical Society

18779 115th Avenue

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

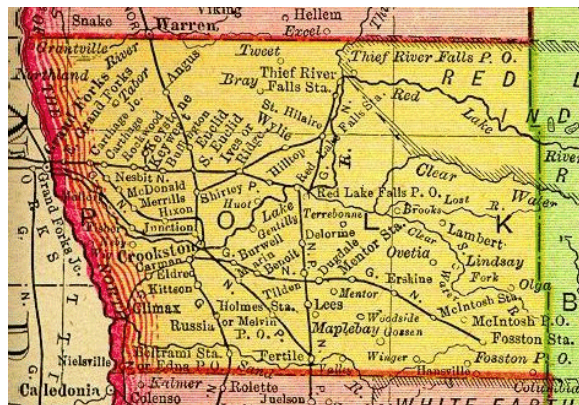
(218) 253-2237

Contact: John Thibert, President

3thibert@gvtel.com

Hours: Call to make an appointment. Free Admission.

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@mncable.net

www.roseaucohistoricalsociety.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission.

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) 463-1704

President: Reverend Larry Severson

Hours: June – August, Monday – Friday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and available for tours and appointments. Free Admission.

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 166
415 Riverside Avenue
Climax, MN 56523
President: John Vraa
phil@gerla.us
www.shshs.org

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission.

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) 647-8531
Contact: Eva Stengel

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission

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. As well, the grounds also holds a pioneer log home, that displays other living tools and furnishings from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Sebeka Historical Society

62529 County Highway 8
Sebeka Park
Sebeka, MN 56477
(218) 837-5322
Contact: Betty Lake

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day. Free Admission.

The Sebeka Historical Society holds a city museum, which is dedicated to the preservation of early Finnish settlers. It is housed in an historic cabin, and collections include vintage clothing, antique furnishings, early radios and cameras, and other family memorabilia from the late 1800s to early 1900s. The other buildings on site include the Anderson Pioneer Store, the first store in Sebeka, and Jefferson Highway, which used to be the essential highway for travelers, reaching from New Orleans, Louisiana to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The society’s vision is to “recycle the town’s history, taking things that may no longer have a functional use, but provide a rich context of the area’s heritage.”

Starbuck Depot Society

706 West 6th Street

Starbuck, MN 56381

(320) 239-4868

Contact: Jeannie Pladsen

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission.

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 cabooses 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: Randee Hokanson

carnegiemus@hometownsolutions.net

www.stevenshistorymuseum.com

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm & Summer hours, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Free Admission.

The Stevens County Historical Society & Museum holds numerous amounts of artifacts and information that displays what life on the prairie was like during the late 19th century. Not only does it include the historic exhibits on homemaking and agriculture of that time, but it also includes information on past cemetery records, censuses, photographs, manuscripts and indexes on Steven county from the late 1800s up until the early 1940s, allowing a vast amount of help on genealogy work. Other resources include high school indexes and yearbooks, military records and plat map indexes on the county. The Museum also includes past newspapers and magazines such as the Great Northwest Magazine.

Terrace Mill Foundation

27165 Old Mill Pond Road

Terrace, MN 56334

(320) 278-3728

President: Richard Grella

dremrivinn@aol.com

www.terracemill.org

Hours: June – August, Wednesday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.

September weekends: Saturday – Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

601 First Avenue South

Corner of Broadway Ave. and Trail Street

Wheaton, MN 56296

(320) 563-8520

Contact: Clarence Juelich

cjuelich@frontiernet.net

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day, Wednesday – Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Holidays: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$1 and Children \$.25.

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 – October, Friday – Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission for Adults is \$3, Senior \$2, Students \$1 and Children 12 and under are free.

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
www.verndalemn.com

Hours: Call for an appointment. Free Admission.

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, they also include old pictures and histories on the first settlement of the town, maps on the old business districts during the late 1800s and maps on the Green Lawn Cemetery.

Wadena County Historical Society
603 North Jefferson
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-9079
Director: Lina Belar
603wchs@arvig.net
www.wadenacountyhistory.org

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission.

The Wadena County Historical Society helps “preserve the kinds of historical items that one might find in their very homes, creating an intimate and personal history of the county.” Some of the museum's exhibits include the Great Northern Railroad with oral histories and pictures during its building in the late 1800s, a spinning wheel exhibit, including the process of making yarn and fabric from spinning wheels during the pioneer days, and an Ojibwe exhibit highlighting an Indian mural that is a replica of a wigwam. Another resource that the society includes is the county's historical placement, such as maps and old photographs of the agriculture and living of the past. As well, they have a priced resource to do research on genealogy. Research material includes, obituaries, town newspapers and business townships all ranging from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Warroad Heritage Center and Museum

P.O. Box 688
202 Main Avenue NE
Warroad, MN 56763
218-386-2500
President: Ruth Stukel

WHC@wiktel.com

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

The Warroad Heritage Center and Museum holds the essence of the history the city has to offer. The main exhibits include artifacts from local commercial fishing, lumber, and mine ranching industries. They also have displays of artifacts depicting the early pioneer settling, military duties and the work of the fur trade. Among their other functions, they include info on the long time company, Marvin Windows and Doors, as well as the Christian Brothers Hockey Stock factory.

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. Free Admission.

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.

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