



**NORTH WOOD COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

NEWS

Marshfield, Wisconsin

Summer

From the President

Is it really summer yet?

As many families find themselves in the hustle and bustle of summer, here at the house, we do too. May was of course History Month, during which we saw lots of activities both big and small.

Before touching on a few of the fun activities, I want to thank the numerous people who stepped up to help with the many needs we have to complete at the House and throughout the city as part of the North Wood County Historical Society specifically for History Month, but throughout the year.



Tom Witzel



Upham House

I had the distinct opportunity to again represent the NWCHS in viewing and selecting a picture created by a middle schooler which I believed best represented the organization. It is always a pleasure to look at the submitted art, as it is fun to see how these artists view our city from the past, the present, and the future.

We again hosted school tours at the house during the month, providing information and engaging activities for the kids. We also had the cemetery tours, which I had the opportunity to attend. I wish I could have stayed longer and seen more, but my day job was calling me back to work.

Don Schnitzler held an incredible guided tour of the clock display in May. If you did not attend, perhaps we can convince him to have another this summer. It was a great event! The biggest event, of course, was our Pie and Ice Cream Social on May 31. I wish I could have spent more time at the house, as there was so much fun, between the raffle, the silent auction, the live music, and of course the pie and ice cream! I did have the opportunity to pop into the house during the event and was so happy to see Monie Upham talking with people on a tour. She had a group fully mesmerized as she discussed the house and her grandfather, William H. Upham. This, for me, was the highlight of the day.

As many of you have likely noticed, we have lost a couple of trees over the past year or two. As a result, we are finding less shade in the front yard. I would like to personally thank Kris and Mike Coleman for securing several new trees and planting them prior to our Dairyfest events. I look forward to watching those trees grow over the next 10-15 years as they establish themselves for future generations.

As always, I am so thankful for all who provide help. No matter how big or small that help seems to be, every little bit helps. I want to especially thank Kim Krueger for coordinating and leading the school tours and Don and Vickie Schnitzler for coordinating the guided tour of the clocks, including providing the treats for those who attended. I want to thank the garden group for making the property look beautiful. I've heard several positive comments about the gardens. There are so many others who continue to help the NWCHS, I can't possibly list them all, but rest assured, your help is greatly appreciated.

Have a great summer!

Tom

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Community Connections



Dear Members & Friends of NWCHS,

One of the ways we would like to have more timely communication regarding up-coming events with our membership is via an email format which will allow us to share more information with you. That is why we launched a mailer called **Community Connections** which will give our email subscribers the upcoming events happening each month at the Upham House. If you do not see it in your inbox, check your spam folder (as it is a new platform). If you chose not to receive further information from us, there is an unsubscribe option at the bottom of the email. Thank you, and we look forward to sharing the rest of our exciting news with you each month! If you wish to subscribe the link is: io/7yndF4.

SAVE THE DATE • July - August - September

Hub City Days - Horse Power at the Upham House • July 26

The North Wood County Historical Society Presents "Horse Power"

Featuring Horse Drawn Vehicles • Saturday, July 26 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Gov. WH Upham House 212 W. 3rd Street, Marshfield

Join us on the Saturday of Hub City Days for an exhibit of pre-motor vehicles, and featuring panels containing more than 250 photographs of local Marshfield area history.

\$5 Hot Dog/ \$6 Brat Lunch: • Chips • Cookie • Drink

Blacksmith Demonstrations by John Berg and Evan Rausch

Timeless Clock Exhibit in the Upham House



Monday, August 25 - North Wood County Historical Society Picnic

All NWCHS members and volunteers are invited to the annual potluck picnic starting at 6 pm on August 25 at the Upham House. Bring a dish to pass and your own refreshments. Water, plates and eating utensils will be provided.

There will be a membership meeting to consider changes proposed and presented to the by-laws during our Dec. 2024 annual meeting.



Central Wisconsin State Fair - August 19 -24

Join your friends and family at the Central Wisconsin State Fair - Across from the Exhibit Building.

NWCHS will be there featuring panels containing more than 250 photographs of local Marshfield area history. The display is a collaborative effort of the City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Commission, Marshfield Historic Preservation Association and the North Wood County Historical Society with the support of the Central Wisconsin State Fair and Marshfield History Project funds through the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

September 23 -24

Dine to Donate Night at J-Rolls .Watch for more details.

46th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social: Celebrating Community and History



Saturday, May 31 marked a delightful day for the community as the North Wood County Historical Society hosted its 46th annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on the front lawn of the historic Governor Upham House. With perfect weather and a lively atmosphere, the event was a sweet celebration of both local history and the joy of summer treats.

An estimated 400 guests gathered throughout the afternoon to indulge in an assortment of homemade pies and creamy vanilla ice cream, graciously donated by Hub City Ice Cream Company. The delicious offerings were enjoyed under the shade of the lush trees surrounding the lawn, allowing visitors to relax and unwind while taking in the lively atmosphere. Live acoustic music by local musician Will Elmhorst filled the air, offering a perfect soundtrack for the afternoon. Meanwhile, the Kid's Fun Zone kept younger attendees entertained, with children eagerly creating giant bubbles that floated above the crowd, adding to the whimsical charm of the day.



Inside the Governor Upham House, guests had the rare opportunity to meet Monie Upham, the granddaughter of Governor W.H. Upham. Monie shared personal stories and memories from her childhood, recalling visits to Marshfield from Milwaukee to spend time with her grandmother, Grace Hambright. Her anecdotes added a special, personal connection to the historical significance of the house.



Additionally, visitors were treated to the fascinating exhibit *"Timeless Treasures: A Journey Through American Clocks,"* which showcased nearly 200 antique and vintage timepieces. This exhibit, available for viewing through August, provided an impressive look at the artistry and craftsmanship behind American clock-making over the centuries.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the generous support of local businesses, organizations, and volunteers. Special thanks go out to Hub City Ice Cream Co., Perkins Restaurant, Melody Gardens Restaurant, The Kitchen Table, Calvary Bible Church, High Street by Jodi, Marshfield Country Club, Blue Heron Brew Pub, Pour Choices, Hop & Grape, Lumberyard Bar & Grill, Will Elmhorst, Kris & Mike Coleman, The Garden Group, the NWCHS Board, and all the volunteers and pie donors who made the day possible.

The Pie & Ice Cream Social was not only a day of delicious food and live music but also a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate local history, and create new memories. As the warm summer months roll on, the North Wood County Historical Society looks forward to continuing its tradition of bringing people together to honor and preserve the rich history of the region. (Photos by Bruce Felix)



Historic Preservation Month in Marshfield



On May 1st, Marshfield Mayor Lois TeStrake officially proclaimed the month of May as Historic Preservation Month in Marshfield during a ceremony at the W.H. Upham House. About 20 members and friends of the North Wood County Historical Society attended the dual event, which included the mayor's proclamation and the opening reception for *Timeless Treasures: A Journey Through American Clocks*, a special exhibit available through August.

Historic Preservation Month originated as National Preservation Week in 1973 and was expanded to a full month in 2005 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The purpose of this celebration is to raise public awareness about the importance of preserving historic places. In her remarks, Mayor TeStrake encouraged the citizens of Marshfield to "recognize and participate in the special observations" of Historic Preservation Month.

School Tours

Each year, third-grade students from local public and parochial schools participate in educational tours that highlight Marshfield's

rich history. At the historic Upham House, community volunteers guide students through a series of engaging, hands-on activities that reflect life as it was 100 years ago. At the Heritage Museum in the 2nd Street Community Center, volunteers from the Historic Preservation Association and American Legion Post 54 lead tours of the Lest We Forget and Marshfield History exhibits. The annual Hillside Cemetery reenactments, where students meet costumed interpreters portraying prominent figures from Marshfield's past, bring preservation month activities to an end.

Historic Preservation Month is coordinated through a collaborative effort involving the City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Commission, Marshfield Historic Preservation Association, North Wood County Historical Society, Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, Marshfield School District, and the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library.



Exhibit Opening

As mentioned above, May 1 also included a reception for the opening of the "*Timeless Treasures: A Journey Through American Clocks*" exhibit which will be available for viewing until the end of August. The reception was well attended and refreshments were served. t!



Timeless Treasures Tour

On Thursday, May 22, Don Schnitzler led a curated tour of the "*Timeless Treasures: A Journey Through American Clocks*" clock display at the Upham Mansion. About a dozen people were in attendance as Don walked through various parts of the display and explained much of the history behind various timepieces, from pocket watches to household clocks. Don did a wonderful job discussing the evolution of the timepiece industry and the pieces themselves, as well as providing history of some of the local businesses that were involved in making, selling, and now restoring these treasures of our past. There may be an opportunity again this summer for another such tour. Stay tuned to event information for possible dates.



An End of An Era: Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary - 62 Years of Giving

Submitted by JoAnn Gougeon - former Auxillary President/Partners member

Final of a five part series - Continued from 2025 Spring Newsletter

As many of you know or heard that the Gift and Floral Shoppe at Marshfield Medical Center Hospital (formerly Saint Joseph's Hospital) closed its doors in January 2024. The SJH Hospital Auxillary, which began in 1962, started the Gift Shoppe as part of its fundraising efforts for special projects at Saint Joseph's Hospital. It was owned and operated by the Auxillary and rented space in the Hospital Lobby until 2024. Its name was changed to Partners in 1997. This is the final story in a series of articles that traces the 62 year history of the Auxillary and its service to Saint Joseph's Hospital and the Community. If you missed some of the articles or have some questions please call the Upham House for more information.



In this final article, I would like to recognize all our faithful volunteer members and the great leadership from our numerous presidents throughout the years. It is rare to find a volunteer organization that has continued successfully for 62 years. I am certain the longevity of Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxillary is the result of effective, committed leadership, a sound mission, and a membership that understands the mission and knows its part in achieving it.

Johnnetta B. Cole, a Director at the Smithsonian Institute once said, "The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are."

In recognition of our Charter Members - 1962

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Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the past 62 years

“Bring on Spring” Food Drive a great success

The Bring-On-Spring food drive was deemed another success this year. Parents watched as their children got to choose from the 2,000 stuffed eggs filled with candy or other small treasures. The event was held at the Upham Mansion on April 12 from 2 - 4 pm, and in that short period, our amazing community raised 196 pieces of food along with monetary donations. The pieces of food were distributed locally to the United Way's NOW program, St. Vincent de Paul, and Soup or Socks food pantries. The NWCHS would like to thank our volunteers who helped organize this event, along with our great community sponsors: Forward Bank, Culver's, Valley Communities, Vandehey Waters, Hub City Ice Cream Company, Weinbrenners, and Libbey McNeil's.



Congratulations to Amy Kampstra and her family for winning the Jelly Bean raffle.



Five minutes until guess the number of jelly beans in the jar closes. Only \$1 a guess.



Food delivery day to United Way's NOW program, St. Vincent de Paul, and Soup or Socks food pantries.



Thanks to the Marshfield Health Systems Print Shop, we are now able to send all our newsletters in color. They have graciously agreed to print Our quarterly newsletter as a donation to the North Wood County Historical Society.

Now accepting memberships for Year 2025

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Fill out form below and mail or apply online using Historical Society Web Site.



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Membership and Donation Form for the Year 20__

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Acknowledgement of monetary donations will be emailed for those who provide an email address.
End of year receipts will be mailed out in January the subsequent year.

I/We wish to support the North Wood County Historical Society

☐ Individual \$35 ☐ Student \$10 (High School & College) ☐ General Gift \$ _____

☐ Family \$50 ☐ Business \$100 ☐ House Restoration \$ _____

Memorial—In Memory of _____ \$ _____

All memorials will count as General gifts unless otherwise designated:

Membership includes a quarterly newsletter and monthly event updates. I would prefer

☐ Emailed copy ☐ Paper copy

Spoken History Series

Those interested in learning more about the area's rich history are invited to attend the monthly Spoken History presentations in person in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library. These monthly presentations are offered the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. (Unless stated other The presentations are **FREE and open to the general public**. *(There is no presentation for August and the September presentation is TBD)*

Wednesday, July 9 • 6:30 pm

Presenter: Local historian Don Schnitzler

Program: *Keeping Time: The Watchmakers and Jewelers of Marshfield*

Description: Join Don for a fascinating look into the history of Marshfield's watchmakers and jewelers—from the city's early days to the present. This presentation highlights the skilled artisans who not only sold fine timepieces and jewelry but also mastered the intricate craft of repair and maintenance. Discover the legacy of these dedicated professionals whose precision and artistry helped keep Marshfield on time for more than a century.



Zweck's Jewelry Circa 1941

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NWCHS Upcoming Community Events

Now Until End of August - “*Timeless Treasures*” display. Stop by the House, Wednesday 1-3 pm and Saturday 1- 3:30 pm.

July 9 - Wednesday- Spoken History Series • 6:30 pm *Keeping Time: The Watchmakers and Jewelers of Marshfield*, Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library.

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