



From the President

These past few months have been very exciting! We had cemetery tours, art contests, spring yard work, activities at the house, activities in partnership with other organizations, and of course, Dairyfest Pie and Ice Cream Social.

Dairyfest was lots of fun, in spite of the overcast (and slightly rainy) weather. We had a new musician donate his time to entertain the Pie and Ice Cream participants. I would personally like to thank Will Elmhorst for donating several hours of his time and his talents to help us out. Another fun part of the Dairyfest activities was having a member of the Upham family join us for the day. Monie Upham, the granddaughter of William H. Upham, joined us for the day. What a wonderful treat it was to have her there. I personally enjoyed getting the chance to meet her.

This spring also brought storms and one of those storms brought down a large portion of an old tree in the front yard of the property. I would like to thank all who rolled up their sleeves and helped clean that up in time for Dairyfest. We had help with sawing the brush and branches, hauling away the brush and wood, and raking the lawn. It is fun being a part of an organization that can quickly mobilize help.

On a sad note, we also saw the passing of some people important to this organization. I want to share my condolences to the Wiskerchen family as Ron and Joyce Wiskerchen have passed. Ron and Joyce have been huge supporters of the organization. I also wish to pass along my condolences to the Topp family, as Patricia has passed. Patricia and Clarence have been long time members and supporters of NWCHS. Additionally, Joe Finamore, who provided music for many years for our Pie and Ice Cream Social, passed away this month. My condolences go out to his family. I want to express my gratitude for him sharing his time and talents playing for every Pie and Ice Cream Social we have held at the House since 2016.

I again want to thank the volunteers who continue to help, especially with all that has occurred these past few months. I can't possibly name them all and am afraid if I begin to try, I will leave out important names. We had people here cleaning up from winter and prepare the gardens in the spring. We had people working hard to compile baskets for the Pie and Ice Cream Social. There were many who baked pies and cupcakes, and many who cut and packaged the pie slices for the event. And there were so many who assisted, not only with that event, but with the cemetery tours, the traveling trunks, and the weekly open house hours. There is so much that happens each week, and much more that occurs preparing and running large events. It almost seems we have an army of volunteers! I would encourage anyone who is not helping to jump in and start. These dedicated people are great people with whom to spend time, and I personally have enjoyed getting to know many of them when I have been around helping.



Tom Witzel



Upham House

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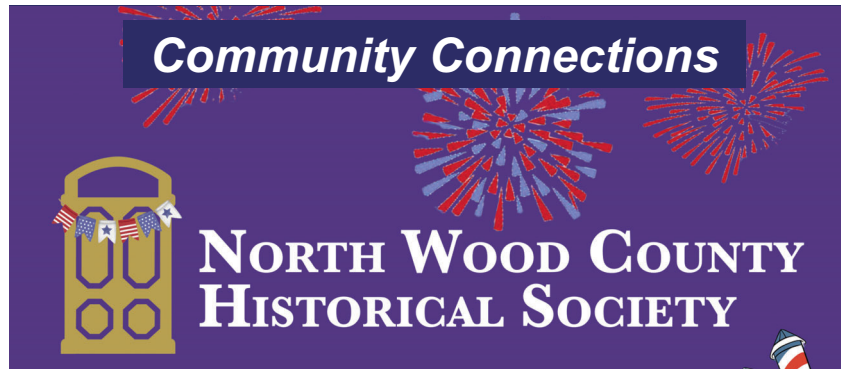
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Tom

Look what's brewing at the North Wood County Historical Society



Dear Members & Friends of NWCHS,
 One of the ways we would like to have better communication with our membership is via an email format which will allow us to share more information with you. Early this year we launched our mailer called *Community Connections* which will give our email subscribers the upcoming events 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.

July - August 2024 - Save the Date

NWCHS HUB CITY DAYS
 212 W. 3rd Street
 July 27, 2024
 10 - 3 pm

CELEBRATING OUR UPHAM DISTRICT SWEET 16th

- 1.00 Summer Fun Raffle
- \$6 Brat Meal
- Tour the Upham District & Home
- BLACKSMITHING JOHN BERG
- FREE Sweet 16th Cake
- THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: Visit Marshfield, Hiller's True Value, Central Wisconsin State Fair, Walters, Rivers Edge Golf Course, Juristic Park, Victory Apparel, Associated Sales and Leasing, Napa Auto Parts, Advanced Auto, Howard Properties and Rentals, Mojo's, 2 1/2 Cups, and many more great local businesses.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
COMMUNITY IMPACT
 FUNDRAISING EVENT
TO BENEFIT
 North Wood County Historical Society
 Date: August 1
 Time: 4:00 -8:00 pm
 Location: Marshfield Pizza Ranch

This applies to dine in only
 PIZZA RANCH WILL DONATE 10%
 OF YOUR GUEST CHECK TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION.

You are invited to the NWCHS Annual Potluck SUMMER PICNIC

AUGUST 26 • UPHAM HOUSE
SERVING AT 6PM

July 27

Join us for the Hub City Days, Upham Style! This year we will be celebrating Hub City Days along with the Upham Historic District's 'Sweet 16th' anniversary of being on the National Register of Historical Places. Free cake will be offered to the first 200 \$6/\$5 Brat/Hotdog lover plates. A downtown silent auction, featuring Milwaukee Tools from Hiller's True Value, along with other items donated by our great local businesses. There will also be a \$1/Ticket Summer Fun Raffle basket held at the Upham house, at 212 West 3rd St.



It's A Painting Party

Come and enjoy a starry night paint party on the porch at the Upham House. Painting supplies will be provided. Limit: 15 People
 Location: 212 West 3rd Street
 Cost: \$15/person (8yrs & up) OR \$10/person for MEMBERS. To reserve your spot: email nwchs@uphamman-sion.com or call 715.387.3322

NWCHS Community events welcome spring



The North Wood County Historical Society is proud to present Traveling Trunks

The Traveling Trunk program includes a group of volunteers who donate their time to bring the trunk that is filled to the brim with artifacts from the past, to visit senior residents in nursing homes or other facilities to make connections to their memories. Photos above were taken when the group had the privilege of presenting at Wesley Methodist Church's Memory Care Cafe sharing items that sparked lively conversations throughout the day. Telephone books, yearbooks, and magazines were the hot conversation in this great group of people. We will be showing items from various years, as well have fun interacting with the residents who are willing to share their personal stories of the past.



Making music at the Upham House during Marshfield Music Day

Make music Marshfield Day is a city wide, free, outdoor event held on summer solstice. A number of children and adults attended the event at the Upham House outside to enjoy the music filled air and create your own spin drum.



A rainy start to the Pie and Ice Cream Social ends in sunshine

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the people who helped make the NWCHS' 45th Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social a big success! Thank you to the faithful volunteers, tireless Board members and thier families, pie donors (including some from Melody Gardens, The Kitchen Table, and Perkin's Restaurant), and to all the people who came to the Upham House to enjoy the day with us! Thank you to Will Elmhurst for providing music on short notice! Thank you to Hub City Ice Cream for donating the ice cream! Attendees also had the pleasure to meet and chat with Monie Upham granddaughter of Governor Upham who visited the event from Milwaukee.

A Mother's Day Charcuterie Class



Just in time for Mother's Day, NWCHS sponsored a unique class on how to prepare a Charcuterie Board. Hosted by Carey, from Annbell's Kitchen, attendees learned what ingredients can be used to construct a delicious charcuterie board for any special occasion. The food and the boards were supplied for the class. (cheese donated by Webers Store)

Things were growing at the Upham House to celebrate trees



This past spring, a community class featured not one, but two awesome presenters talking about the importance of trees. Jeff Sorenson, a forestry expert and Janell Wehr, a horticulture Educator at UW-Madison Division of Extension Marathon County & Wood County. Jeff shared his family history in the forestry world, and Jenell wowed the group with her explanation of the exponential impacts we can take that can help our environment. The group planted and took home their own red pine tree to watch it grow. The trees were donated by the DNR and grown in the Griffith Nursery. On the same day the Upham House got a new tree to replace the one that was damaged in a recent spring storm.

Our Garden Group "*Plant, Pray, Enjoy Amis*" is amazing!



Our Upham Garden Group, "*Plant, Pray, Enjoy Amis*", consisting of Barb Strupp, Gail Buttler, Judy Moen, Laura & Tom Ptak, Nan Kohlbeck, Rhonda Hosley, Karyn & Rick Buttke, Rick Keller, and Barb Strupp, sprung into action as they prepared the House grounds and the Rose Garden for the DairyFest Pie & Ice Cream Social. The public is cordially invited to view the beautiful Upham Gardens at any time not just during events. It's not necessary to make an appointment. If you would like to join the Garden Group and help out just give the House a call.

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

Submitted by JoAnn Gougeon - former Auxillary /Partners member

Editor's Note: *As many of you know or heard that the Gift and Floral Shoppe at Marshfield Medical Center Hospital (formerly Saint Joseph's Hospital) has closed its doors. The Gift Shoppe was owned and operated by SJH Hospital Auxillary which began in 1962. Its name was changed to Partners in 1997. This is the first in a series of articles that traces the history of the Auxillary and its service to our Hospital and the Community.*



Partners with Saint Joseph's Hospital (1962 - 2024)

(Formerly Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary)

Partners Mission Statement

Partners is an organization that is committed to supporting the mission of Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital and the community it serves through volunteerism, financial assistance and educational programs.

On June 8, 1962 a group of interested Marshfield area women and Hospital personnel met to discuss the possibility of forming a Hospital Auxiliary for Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Later that year on October 7, the same group held another meeting where the Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital was chartered and officers were elected. During the past 50 years, many services to the Hospital and its patients have been carried out by numerous volunteer members of this organization.

In 1997 a name change was made from Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary to Partners with Saint Joseph's Hospital. Whether it was performed by an Auxiliary member or a Partners member, the service and dedication was the same and will continue to be that way well into the future.

On that day in October, eight service areas were initially approved: Library Cart, Medical/Surgical, Pediatrics, Maternity, Nurses Home, Sewing, Hospitality Cart, Ways and Means with three more areas added the next year: TV Rentals (a main source of income for the Auxiliary), Psychiatry, and a Volunteer Program. Today the number of services projects and programs has increased to more than 20.

During its first few years, in addition to the service areas, the Auxiliary provided patient tray favors; acted as hostesses for several Hospital Week activities; acted as tour guides; sponsored Silver Teas; sponsored bake sales; provided magazines for waiting rooms, patient rooms and the library cart; held rummage sales; gave a kitchen shower for the Psychiatric Unit; donated toys to the Pediatric Unit; sponsored benefit card parties; had annual Christmas bazaars; sponsored parties for the student nurses; shampooed patients' hair; and sponsored career days for the local Junior and Senior High School students.

Today, because the patient population is so much greater, Partners projects and programs are of a much larger scale with most of their income being generated by the Gift Shop and Coffee Café, both of which were owned and operated by this organization.

Executive Officers are elected for one term of three years in your position president, president-elect, past president, and three years for secretary and treasurer Directors are elected to the Board for one three year term and may be re-elected for two additional terms for a total of nine years, after which they must leave the Board for one year before they can serve again.

Check our next newsletter for Part 2 of the Auxillary's History

FW Thuss Scroll-saw Clock Restored

In June of 1972 Edward Thuss donated to the North Wood County Historical Society his brother, Fred's scroll-saw clock. Fred had been engineer and machinist at the Upham Manufacturing Company's power plant from 1889 to 1927. As many of the men employed at the company, Fred enjoyed woodworking and did projects in his spare time. The clock, called "The Chimes of Normandy" was a pattern that had been featured in the 1880s John Wilkinson Co. Bowman's Famous Scroll-saw Designs. (The catalog can still be seen online: <http://www.finescrollsaw.com/bowmanrussellwild/bowmanrussellwild.htm>)

According to Edward, it took Fred two years to build the clock using a treadle-powered scroll saw. In 1972 the historical society was in the process of building its museum at 2111 S Central Ave, in Praschak Park. (The building which is now the Alano Club). This is where the clock was first on display until the NWCHS moved its collection to the Upham House in 1977.

Over the course of years, time was not a friend to Fred's clock. The glue dried out, pieces dropped off and the weight of the building itself caused the foundation to sag. Its restoration was something this coordinator had been hoping to see happen for a long while! In November, while in conversation with Deb Felix, one of the NWCHS' faithful volunteers, she said that her husband Bruce was quite handy with woodwork and would enjoy the challenge of bringing the Chimes back into their glory. Bruce spent around 10 hours to research and work on restoring Fred's scroll-saw piece. The Chimes now has its pieces re-glued, and rests on a firm foundation. We thank both Bruce and Deb for volunteering their time and talents to restoring this beautiful, and historic clock brought back to life!



Bruce and Deb Felix pose with Fred Thuss' Chimes of Normandy" scroll-saw clock.

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. The presentations are **FREE and open to the general public.**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:30 pm

Program: Camp Victory

Speaker: Jeffrey LeCount

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:30 pm

Program: September 11 Attack - *A Remembrance*

Speaker(s): Marshfield Fire Dept. Personnel

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 • 6:30 pm

Program: If Walls Could Talk - Finding out the history of a house.

Speaker(s): Vickie Schnitzler



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 2024



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

I/We wish to support the NWCHS –Governor W.H. Upham House for the year 20__

- 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:

I/We also wish to contribute by helping with one or more of the following:

- Bake cookies/pies for Dairyfest, Christmas Event
- Guide at Upham House- *occasional Saturday afternoons (We will train you!)*
- Garden and yard care - *seasonal work*
- Help with Special Events - *Dairyfest, Hub City Days– Carriage Exhibit, Christmas Open House*
- Identify and Classify Photographs - *meet one Saturday afternoon a month*
- Artifact Care & Accessioning - *Wednesday or Saturday afternoons*
- School Partner - *work with projects with Education Liaison and students at Upham Mansion*
- Research Exhibits - *develop exhibit material and historical data for the Exhibit Committee*
- Help Design Exhibits - *layout and display of artifacts with the Exhibit Committee*
- Sponsor an Exhibit - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- Sponsor an Event - *ideal for businesses, groups of members, families*
- Speakers or Topic for “Spoken History” lecture series
- Take a Leadership role- *Board, Committee Member, Publicity, Fundraiser*

The North Wood County Historical Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible.

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NWCHS Upcoming Community Events



- July 24 - Stary Night Paint Party 1:30 - 4 pm - Upham Porch
- July 27 - NWCHS "Horse Power" at Marshfield's Hub City Days
- August 1 - Community Impact Dinner Night at Pizza Ranch
- August 14 - Spoken History - 6:30 pm
Program: Camp Victory
Speaker: Jeffrey LeCount
- August 20-25 - See you at the Central Wisconsin State Fair - Across from the Exhibit Building
- August 26 - Pot Luck Annual Picnic • Upham House • Serving at 6 pm
- September 11 - Spoken History
Program: September 11 Attack - *A Remembrance*
Speaker(s): Marshfield Fire Dept. Personnel
- December 2 - Annual membership potluck meeting
Upham House • 6pm