

VOICES FROM THE PAST: A DISCOVERY WALK THROUGH PINE GROVE CEMETERY



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Re-enactors tell stories from local history.

Tours running continuously starting at 11 a.m. with the last tour at 2 p.m.

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Wausau, Wisconsin**

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• THANK YOU •

- ◆ To Evie Johnson for her gift of an antique picture frame for our Woodson History Center Living Room Project.
- ◆ To Jane Janke Johnson for providing drone footage of Barker-Stewart Island.
- ◆ To Sun Printing for water-proof signs for our Barker-Stewart Island tour.
- ◆ To our volunteers who helped make our Barker-Stewart Island tour successful.
- ◆ All the Liberty Mutual employees for helping build the Neighbor's Place veggie garden beds on our 3rd Street property.
- ◆ To all our volunteers who helped out at our booth at the Wisconsin Valley Fair.
- ◆ To J R Brushert Jewelers for the repair of a necklace that was donated.
- ◆ To the Pine Tree Quilt Guild for bringing in a quilt frame & helping people tie quilts for charity

Misc...

Looking Ahead...

Hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner. Please note the following dates that the museum will be closed & enjoy that time with your families.

Thursday, November 23, 2017 for Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 24, 2017 for Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25, 2017 for Christmas Day

Sweet Dreams Bakery Open House

Thursday, November 16, 2017
11:00-2:00

Woodson History Center Lower Level

Check out all the goodies available at this fabulous bakery. Taste samples & get your order in for those Thanksgiving pies and Christmas cookies.



We Were Honored

The staff at the Historical Society was thrilled and honored to host the spouses of those service members who flew to Washington DC on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. They had lunch in our lower level, were treated to a fun program about the history of aprons by Anna Chilsen Straub, and the toured the Yawkey House with George Alafouzos and Anna as their tour guides. We are excited to be an ongoing part of this extraordinary program that recognizes service members and their spouses.

Thank you to those that served!



• GIFTS RECEIVED •

- ◆ A gift in memory of Nancy Frawley from Dorothy & Barry Maxfield and Bert & Leigh Tuckey
- ◆ A gift from Carol Jamieson in honor of Dr. John Hattenhauer's birthday
- ◆ A gift in memory of Donald Prehn from Garry Sack and Bret & Sarah Miller, John & Sally Hattenhauer, Habelman Families, Mary Clare & Dr. D.J. Freeman, and Laurie Ross
- ◆ A gift in support of the Yawkey House Museum from the Rothschild Garden Club
- ◆ A gift in memory of Brenda Janke from Carol Reitz and Bernice Kohlman
- ◆ A gift in support of our archives by the Wausau Woman's Club
- ◆ A gift in memory of Ellen Schuett from John & Joanne Powles
- ◆ The Wausau Area Garden Club (YWCA Club) donated this lovely planter. Ray and Jane Wery delivered it and Gary Walters helped Ray install it. The mums were donated by Jane Wery.



We could use your help...

Looking for dairy stories

Did you operate or grow up working on a Marathon County dairy farm, dairy, cheese factory or other dairy-related business prior to 1960? Have you heard stories from relatives who did? In conjunction with our upcoming exhibit about the history of dairy farming in Marathon County, we're seeking local residents with pre-1960 stories of dairy farming, milk hauling, butter and cheesemaking, everyday farm life and more. We have a team of volunteers trained to conduct recorded oral history interviews but we'll also accept your written memories or stories.

If you have stories to tell about pre-1960 Marathon County dairy farming, please contact us at 715 842-5750 or by email at curators@marathoncountyhistory.org with your name, phone number and basic information about your story and our exhibit research team will get back to you. If you prefer, you can share your memories in a letter addressed to Kathy Volkmann, Marathon County Historical Society, 410 McIndoe St, Wausau WI 54403

Looking for items for exhibit/archives

In conjunction with our upcoming exhibit about the history of dairy farming in Marathon County, we're seeking photos, information and objects related to dairy farming, dairies and cheesemaking.

Photos of Marathon County farms, dairies, cheese factories, both exterior/interior of buildings and of workers, from all eras, but especially pre-1960. Photos can be donated or loaned to us to be scanned and returned. Please include information to identify the farm including location, photo date (if known) and people in photo

- Written histories of Marathon County farms, dairies, cheese factories or related businesses
- Vintage milk cans with no or very little rust to be donated, or loaned for exhibit until mid-2020
- Pre-1960 cow stanchion that includes a stall separator, wall-mounted cow drinking cup, milking machine (non-Surge) and metal tractor seat in good condition to be donated or loaned for exhibit until mid-2020
- Other pre-1960 dairy-related items

We're also looking for someone to donate their time to sandblast several rusty objects.

Photos, histories and paper items for donation or loan can be brought to the Woodson History Center during our regular hours. Please contact us by phone or email (include a photo, if possible) before bringing in other items so we can determine if they're appropriate for our needs. If you have questions, give us a call at 715-842-5750.

Still searching for oval picture frames

We are still in need of some oval picture frames for our Woodson History Center Living Room wall project. If you or someone you know has any hanging around in the attic or basement, and they don't have to be perfect, please contact Sara. We could also use a few more ornate 8x10 or 11x17 wood frames. Sara can be reached at 715-842-5750 or events@marathoncountyhistory.org.

Upcoming Speakers



The Marathon County Historical Society continues its popular lecture series *History Speaks*, which includes a wide variety of topics, including several of our well-liked genealogy workshops, presented by local experts and history enthusiasts.

All lectures are presented at the Woodson History Center, have no admission fee, and no registration is required. However, donations are always appreciated. **All presentations begin at 2 pm, unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, October 14 *Wausau Grows Up: Industry, Culture and Change, 1890s to 1920s*

Gary Gisselman looks at the development of Wausau once the days of the logging boom were past. The talk covers the impact of the Wausau Group, the beginning of industry, and the growth of the women's groups, clubs, churches and theaters.

Saturday, October 21 *History of Forensic Imaging & Photography*

Bob Sanders will give an overview of the history of forensic photography, beginning with the camera obscura (used by artists), and through the development of photography from film to digital. Some myths related to altered photos will be covered, with examples of criminal use of ghost photographs and local examples of legitimate alterations for gag photos and adding a missing person to family portraits. There will also be a demonstration of infrared photography of gunshot residue with plenty of time for questions and answers. Bob retired as the Forensic Imaging Unit Leader in the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory in Wausau. He has 36 years of experience as a forensic photographer and imaging specialist.

Saturday, November 4 *Genealogy 102: Family History Resources in Marathon County*

A panel of experts, including Gary Gisselman, will discuss genealogy resources in Marathon County.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 6:30 pm Marathon Village Hall, 311 Walnut Street, Marathon City

History Speaks in Marathon: The Ice Ages in Wisconsin

What role did the Ice Ages play in shaping Wisconsin topography? When was the last cycle of Wisconsin glaciation? Find out the answers to these and other questions when the Marathon County Historical Society and the Continuing Education office of UW-Marathon County present "The Ice Ages in Wisconsin" at 6:30 pm Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the Marathon Village Hall, 311 Walnut Street, Marathon City. This presentation is part of the Marathon County Historical Society's "History Speaks In Your Town" series.

In this presentation, Dr. Keith Montgomery will outline the Ice Age in Wisconsin and its effects on our landscape and resources. He will also discuss Ice Ages in general, including the causes of such climates. Montgomery will explore what we can learn today from these ancient climate shifts.

Dr. Keith Montgomery is a Professor of Geography and Geology and is Regional Executive Officer and Dean at UW-Marathon County.

Upcoming Events

Vintage Board Game Nights

Game nights will run from 7 pm to 10 pm on the fourth Fridays each month at the Woodson History Center.

Note: November & December game nights will be the Third Friday due to holidays.

Join us for one or all of these nights of gaming fun for all ages. Bring your own board game or use one of ours. During the evening, you can test your knowledge with a “What's The Historic Artifact?” contest.

Among the games we already have are Mastermind, Connect 4, Twister, Aggravation, Go to the Head of the Class, Yahtzee, Labyrinth, PayDay, Cootie, Mille Bornes, Clue, Tiddly Winks, PassWord, Kerplunk, Nick at Night Classic TV, Rook, and Apples to Apples.

Watch our Facebook page for a longer list of games and future dates for Vintage Board Game Night!

2018 Civil War Book Club

7:00 pm at the Woodson History Center

Led by Prof. Brett Barker-University of Wisconsin Marathon County

On the 4th Thursday of the Month

The Civil War Book Club will meet on the following dates in 2018. Book titles to be announced.

January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25

Stories from the Staff...

George Alafouzos, C'58, Shares a Reunion Poem on the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Grand Forks Central High. First published in the “Red Cent”.

George Alafouzos, Class of 1958, was born in Athens, Greece in 1940. After a divorce from his mother, his father decided to start a new life in America. In 1953, arrangements were made to bring George to the U.S. He arrived in Grand Forks in June of 1954. His adjustment to his new environment, language, heritage, and, indeed, the weather, were challenging the first two years.

He recalls the wonderful stepmom who tutored him intensely during his first summer. His high regard for the teachers of Central was later influential in his decision to enter the teaching profession. Several good buddies came to his aid: Alan MacKichan, Jerry L. Moran, and others. But one particular friend, Gary Swanson, who had battled polio, became his best buddy and later the best man at his wedding.

He received his American citizenship in 1961 when he adopted his mother's maiden last name of Alafouzos. He and his wife taught in Wisconsin for 39 years, retiring in 2002. They now reside in Wausau and have two adult children.

“Fifty Years Come and Gone”

Moved by this noble occasion we try to create
Our stimulating lives bear an inspiring weight
Though poetic license we have none
Traversing through time experiences had more than some.

Fifty's joys again I ponder
Making new friends in my age of wonder
Singing of songs long since forgone
Their memories bring joys of youth now gone.

My painful pleasure of cultural change proclaimed
The rebirth of democracy old to new aflamed
Trial by fire so to speak
From war to peace for this Americanizing Greek.

From Greek to English a challenge met
Kindly teased about my slight accent yet.
The linguistic conversion an altering lift
Turned out to be a timely gift.

Stories from the Staff...

The four year struggle we all shared
Were a wonderment of life well fared
The shining future lay ahead
Looking forward new wings to spread.

Taught well by our teachers in the late fifties
Wisdom shared by many turned nifty
Hurried times and we could not be late
(Survived curiosity, virtuosity and puppy love)
But unlike today little treachery or hate.

What teachers taught in the fifties thence
We emulated to others their intelligence
Legacy of love of learning we aspired
Teaching youngsters we hope were inspired.

We were vagabonds of early life's wonder
Finally settled in mid-Wisconsin yonder
Finding a place in teaching world beyond
Five busy decades in a blink come and gone.

Some considered marginal living akin to a bum
Errors in Judgment just plain dumb
Employed by large firms and by others dismissed
Opportunities captured while others missed.

Some lost their shirts or so they said
Others made big bucks, slept in "a golden bed."
Some worshipped nature, some the occult
Consumed by life's tricks not always their fault.

The cruelty of wars too slow to realize
Presidents rise and fall, JFK's demise
Witnessed a plethora of races to space
Fought against oppression and for equality of race.
Of "police actions" we were told
Years of struggle to behold
Pain for all those nobly involved
We still rely for time and the ages to resolve.

We empathized with folks behind the high wall
Suffering under the heavy Bolshevik icon ball
Subjugating humanity was their goal
Labor camps and Gulags destroying mind, body, and soul.

Witnesses of history in a recent time frame
Tumbling down of the wall of Soviet shame
We fought inhumanity of their myopic view
And passed the torch of liberty to countries new.

Vietnam reverberations an honorable partaking
Results in disaster not always our making
War and peace come and gone
Security blown in 9/11's dawn.

Through later years we answered a similar call
Fought for causes large and small
Triumphed as markets rose and fell
And dumped fortunes down "the empty well."

Shortages of fuels we have seen
Citizens now going from oil to green
With hybrid cars we may survive
As fuel conservation we must revive.

Life comes full circle so it seems
Like builders we assemble its structural beams
When retiring expecting no applause
Hoping others take up the worthy cause.

As time marches on so does life here
Leaving legacies and memories on our blue sphere
Life comes full circle again to appear
For the next generation to lend an ear.

Midlife crises have long ago past
We make bones and muscles a bit longer last
We endeavor now to gracefully age
Later to be ready for that final page.

As old songs bring home a verse
Sad departures are now in reverse
With friendships here affirmed anew
As fifty years drift from view.

Life's parade of events seem long obscured
Items of value and worth procured
Seem nonsensical at our October's eve of time
Making lemonade from the bitterness of lime.

But we here now celebrate in one voice
Life's challenges and struggles to rejoice
Indeed to honor our Maker Supreme
His mission with all fulfills the dream.



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To collect, preserve, advance, and disseminate the knowledge of the history of Marathon County and the State of Wisconsin



LOCATIONS AND HOURS

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410 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403
Office: 715-842-5750 Library: 715-848-0378
Fax: 715-848-0576

Library Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Web site: www.marathoncountyhistory.org

YAWKEY HOUSE MUSEUM

403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403

Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Yawkey House tours are offered on the hour,
last tour starts at 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Holidays.