



# Winnebago Museum Newsletter

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## President's Corner



It's that time of year where days are getting shorter, school has started and cooler temperatures. Hard to believe summer is coming to an end. We did have a busy summer, Bago Fest root beer floats, the Viking Age presentation, summer school field trip, July Jello Jubilee, Artist Reception, and Annual Meeting. Between all that we have a new display, Basey Church.

The July Jello Jubilee on July 24th was a new event for the museum. We had ten Jellos in three categories, savory, fruity, and dessert. A big thank you to the ten plus people who made Jellos! They were all amazing! All attendees got a voting ballot to pick their favorites and a recipe book of all the Jellos. The recipes were from local historic cookbooks with home town names. Not only did this event bring in new people to the museum it also excited people's taste buds and provided a great social experience. We decided to try it again next year with some additional activities along with the Jello tasting. The winning Fruity Jello was Peach Ritter's Pineapple Rhu-

barb. Dessert was Chocolate-Lime Swirl made by Liza Woitas and friends from the Covenant Community Church of Huntley cookbook and was Mrs. Elmer Hohenstein's recipe. The Savory was Corned Beef Salad made by Peggy Germain, a recipe by Clarice Stauffer from First Presbyterian cookbook Golden Years of Cooking. Most people were so surprised by every Jello especially the Corned Beef Salad. We are sharing the recipe and thought you might want to try for yourself!

### Corned Beef Salad

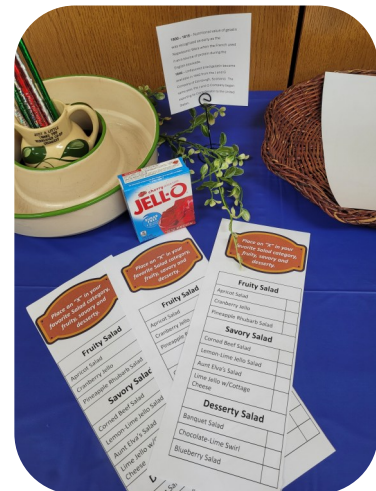
#### First Presbyterian Church - Clarice Stauffer

- 1 package lemon Jello
- 1 ¼ cup boiling water
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 cup Miracle Whip
- 1 can corned beef, shredded or in chunks
- ½ cup diced celery
- 2 Tablespoon onion, minced
- 2 Tablespoon green pepper
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Accent
- Pepper, to taste

Mix lemon Jello with water. When cool, add lemon juice and Miracle Whip. Stir until well mixed and let set until partially thick. Then stir in the rest of the ingredients and pour into a mold or pan. Let stand several hours before serving. Serve on lettuce.

Enjoy!

Merodee Grannis, President



## Basey Church



Our most recent exhibit is on the Basey Church including the pump organ and pulpit and other items from the historic building. It seems appropriate therefore to take a look at the history of that area where Martin, Faribault and Blue Earth counties come together that we know as Basey.

After the Civil War many people looked forward to a new way of life. Settlers were rushing to build homes on the prairies. With unknown hardships, sod shanties and log cabins were built and trees were planted. After homes and a school, a house of worship was needed. The first Sunday school classes were held in the home of a Mr. Colton who lived on

the 'old Hemingway farm'. Later services were held in a log school on the SW corner of the Lyle Terhune farm. In the spring of 1864 Sunday meetings were moved to another log school on property later owned by Frank Hemingway.

The first United Brethren Church was organized in a school on Dar Hall's west farm (where Andrey Hartman lives). This began the church that functioned for many decades. At first they shared a minister with Vernon Center until a parsonage was built in 1898. Rev. Edmund Clow was the first regular appointed pastor. The land was given by a Mr. Edmond Basey and his wife for a church and cemetery. The deed dated 1872 is for the property to be given to the trustees of Pleasant Prairie United Brethren in Christ Church. (Pleasant Prairie was a common name for the area.). However, the first burial in the cemetery was in 1863 and the church was probably existing when the deed was made for mortgage purposes. In 1899 or 1900 the west addition was built.

Women organized a library club to purchase books for the Sunday school. Later they reorganized into a Ladies Aid group. From then on they worked to raise money for a church organ and pulpit.

In 1916 a new parsonage was built and the Rev. C.B. Canon family (great-grandfather of Steve and David Krause) was the first to live in it. Around 1922-23 the church was raised and put on a new foundation adding a basement with room for a kitchen, dining room and furnace room. From 1946-1950 that area was remodeled with rest rooms and oil burning furnace. In the spring of 1950 new pulpit furniture was added when the sanctuary was redecorated.

The Lord's Acre was a project by the Men's Group that helped finance improvements. In 1947 each active family of the church membership pledged the income of one acre from their farm. This financed the basement renovations.

A singing school was an active part of the early church years as well as easier songs for the Sunday school population. A W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union) group was started in the early 1900's as was popular in much of America at that time. The W.C.T.U. held speaking contest for children. The terrified youngsters had to memorize a temperance piece and speak their lines in front of a large group. Other organizations active were Christian Endeavor for the whole family and Girls Guild and a Y.M.C.A.

Christmas was, of course, a special time with a children's program of songs and recitations in a beautifully decorated church. Memorial Day was observed with a service in the cemetery. For many years Basey Cemetery

## Basey Church

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held more soldiers than any other cemetery in the county. People gathered from far and wide for the potluck dinner, the 'Gettysburg Address' and singing of 'America'.

In 1951 the United Brethren Church formed a union with the Evangelical Church becoming the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Basey continued under that organization from 1951 to 1968 when they joined the United Methodist denomination.

In more recent years the population of the Basey area became smaller and the numbers at the church were not enough to support it financially and otherwise. The decision was made to close. The final regular service was December 28, 2008. Over 100 people attended a farewell service on January 18, 2009 when the choir performed for the last time, and several former pastors attended. The building has been burned rather than let it slowly deteriorate or be vandalized.

This little country church undoubtedly helped many generations from settlers to present day to face with faith grasshoppers, drought, Indian raids, blizzards, and disease as well as celebrating their joys and victories. Undaunted the area has prospered.

Hazel McCrury

***Fun and Games from a book titled "F in Exams—the very best totally wrong test answers"***

Question: What happens during a Census?

Answer: During the Census a man goes door to door and increases the population.

## Annual Meeting

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***The Winnebago Area Museum held their annual meeting Monday, August 11.***

The museum board president called the meeting to order with a welcome and everyone join in for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board chairs gave reports and Kevin Poole was voted in as a new board member. After the board meeting members heard about a local solar project from two guest speakers with Invenergy. Afterwards everyone socialized around brownies and carrot cake.



## Sights and Events at the Museum



Arn Kind, Jim and Pete dressed as Vikings



Local Artist Display—Barbara Brose



Peggy and Sally voting on Jello salads



Jello tasting



Salad display for the Jello in July Jubilee

## Main Street Memories



This building was built by John Knutson who opened it as the City Drug Store in January of 1889. We have a copy of an advertisement telling they have Lion brand mixed paint, 'our perfumes and toilet articles are the best in the market', imported and domestic cigars, bring in your prescriptions. Other pharmacists which occupied this building were Charles Moulton, and later, Edgar Enders. This building was the Ace Hardware warehouse and presently an empty lot.

We had a popsicle building contest where you picked a main street building picture to build. An out of town visitor from Moorhead, Miss Knutson, chose this building and returned the finish display. Everyone has commented on what a great representation she created!

### Time Travel

From the Winnebago Enterprise  
Wednesday, September 17th 1975

*Why are we time traveling? Look for more information about this on our Facebook page and our new monthly email (see below).*

### Craft night planned

Main street will be turned into a craft gallery next week as Winnebago retailers will sponsor a Community Craft Night Thursday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Community artists and all groups who make handicrafts or any other objects suitable for display and-or sale should personally contact Winnebago

merchants and arrange to have these crafts displayed in any participating store. School classes should also consider displays.

In addition to the craft display, bargain prices will be offered by Winnebago merchants that Thursday night. Stores will be closed from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



The Museum is getting ready to send out a monthly email with current events, fun local history, info about our displays, and more. You can go to our web page to sign up or just scan the QR Code.

[www.winnebagoareamuseum.org](http://www.winnebagoareamuseum.org)



## Winnebago Area Museum—Back Page

The mission of the Winnebago Area Museum is to conserve research, interpret, and exhibit the artifacts and historical items from the area and share them with the public for the purpose of study, education and enjoyment.



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The Museum has a PayPal account for on-line donations. Please support your local Winnebago Area Museum.



### Be a Volunteer—

Fall is often a good time to begin a new activity. We invite you to join us to do the background work of a museum— keeping records straight (archiving), designing exhibits, or publicity. Whatever your interests may be, we can find a place for you! Just come in on a Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon or call about another time.

### Renew your Membership this Fall

If you haven't done it recently. Basic membership is \$35.00. We are almost 100 % supported by our community and members who live further away also. We are grateful for your support at any level you choose.

### The Heritage Room

A Meeting/Conference Room is Available for Family Reunions, Birthdays, Class Reunions, Clubs and Organizations., Graduations

A big screen TV is available with Zoom meeting capability.

### Upcoming Events

October: New Artist

November: Soup Supper

December: Frosty Fest

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