



Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum
Dedicated to Keeping History Alive in the
Cable/Namakagon Area!

Summer 2022

PREZ SEZ by Paul Jenkins

We opened this year on Saturday, May 28 with a new look. The Museum Exhibit Committee has been busy this winter and spring creating several new exhibits and rearranging, updating and refreshing our current exhibits. The new exhibits include:

- Native American First People Trails
- Cable Union Airport
- From Sheep to Socks

More information on these exhibits is included in this newsletter. In addition we have created a research area with local old plat maps, photo albums, family stories, school year books and other historical documents available for viewing.

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, our school visits program has resumed. This is a program we share with the Cable Natural History Museum. Elementary students visit both Museums, spending a half day at each one. This year, over two days, we welcomed 100 second graders from Hayward. They learned about our local early history, viewed the exhibits, made an old style craft item and even played a few games.

On a very sad note, one of our long time Board Members, Nova Kane, passed away this spring. Please see the memorial article on the next page.



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST Some of our members are receiving this newsletter by email. If you would like to join them and receive our newsletters and announcements by email, just let us know by contacting us at

info@cablehistorymuseum.com.

We'll be happy to put you on our email list. And do not worry...., WE WILL NOT SHARE ANY EMAIL ADDRESS

IN MEMORIAM



Nova Kane served on the museum's board and was our Youth Coordinator for many years. Sadly, she passed away in April. Nova had sparkling dark eyes, a ready smile, and an infectious chuckle. As a retired elementary school teacher, she enthusiastically created the role of "Elementary Historian" for herself and oversaw all school visits at the Museum in

costume! One special reminder of Nova's creativity in working with the children who visited the museum is a picture book she constructed with them that was made out of small paper bags and illustrated to show the history of Cable and the surrounding area (pictured below). We will miss Nova. The school children will miss Nova. She will be long remembered.

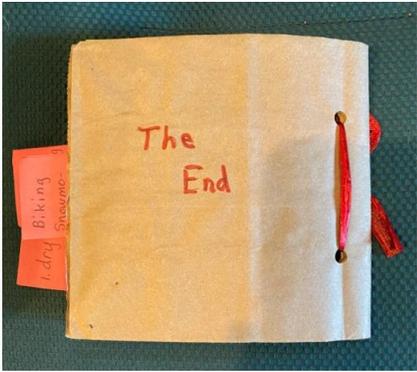
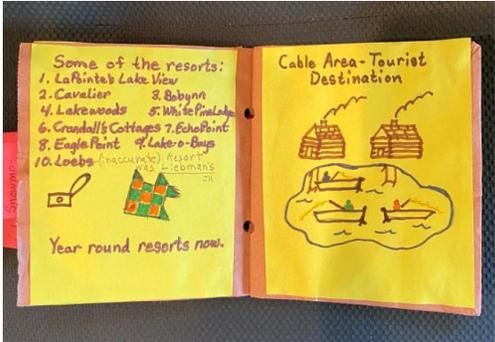
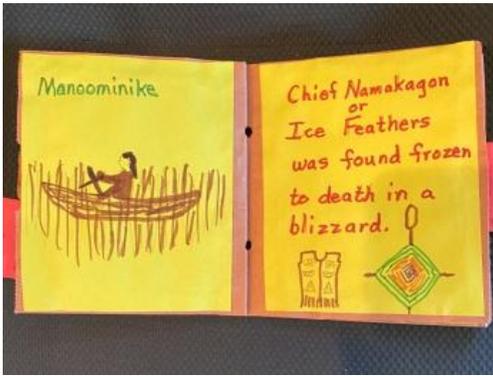
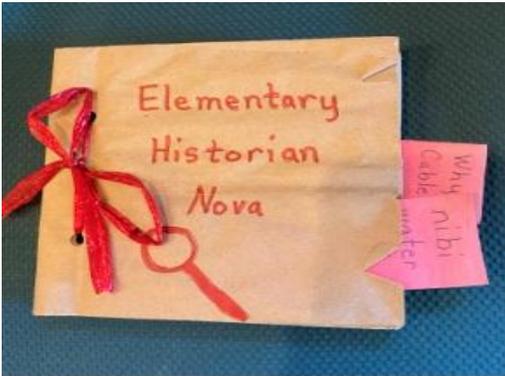


EXHIBIT NEWS

As described in the Prez Sez message, we have added some new exhibits and have a new look. In addition, we have refurbished the existing Schools and Founding Families exhibits and rearranged other items for easier viewing. Continue reading for a description of some of our new exhibits.

FIRST PEOPLE TRAILS AND POWWOW EXHIBIT

Boozhoo! Hello! This year the Museum is excited to dedicate the “First People” exhibit with large Ojibwe – Anishinaabe trail maps, and images from the traditional *Honor the Earth* Powwow, Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation, Hayward. The First People trail maps illustrate the phenomenal centuries-old trail system the Ojibwe developed throughout northwest Wisconsin. To this day, the trails are utilized as highways, roads, and paths through the Chequamegon - Nicolet Forests and northwest counties in Wisconsin.

Dr. Rod Olson of Rice Lake led the team that documented the trail maps on exhibit at the Cable Historical Museum. According to Dr. Olson, “Trails were formed to connect families and food sources. The trails helped to move wild rice, animal furs, copper, and pipestone for trade.” This region was a productive vibrant area of commerce around the 1500’s. Dr. Olson explains, “Without a network of trails, people could not move during winter, floods or droughts. The trails we see on these maps are the main arteries of travel. They were surrounded by many tiny trails, acting as a web connecting families and communities.” As this region was settled these trails became roads which are still traveled today. Dr. Olson wants us to remember that many of the descendants of “Trail Makers” still live with us in our communities, counties and states.

The Powwow photo panels on display celebrate the Native American people's way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting with family, renewing old friendships, and making new ones.

Powwows are a public celebration that demonstrate community pride, and preserve the rich heritage of the Native American Indian culture.

Powwows are open to the general public

RESEARCH SECTION---PLAT MAPS NEEDED

Would you like to know more about the history of your property? Who were some of the past owners? These questions and more can be answered by using historic plat books of Bayfield County. The Museum has recently made copies of most of the 29 published plat book pages for the Cable and Namakagon townships, 1906 to 2016-2017. They are available for viewing in our new reference area which has local nonfiction books, family histories, school yearbooks, genealogy and more.

We are missing 4 years, 1961, 1963, 1982 and 1992. If you have any of these Bayfield County plat books, may we borrow yours to make copies of the pages for Cable and Namakagon townships?

Please contact: Jean at 715-794-4608

CABLE UNION AIRPORT EXHIBIT AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETS AT MUSEUM



The Cable Union Airport Commission held its May meeting at the museum. The exhibit at the Cable Namakagon History Museum on the Cable Union Airport (3CU) is wonderful! It leads one through how the airport came into existence, the incredible legacy of Libby Parod, (Airport Manager for many years) notable people who have flown into Cable Union (a princess, an astronaut, several Wisconsin Governors), and more. The airport has been, and continues to be, an important part of the history of this area. Please visit the Cable Namakagon History Museum for this and the many other fantastic exhibits. On behalf the Cable Union Airport Commission, thank you to the History Museum for what you do.

Doug Rowe,
3CU Commission Chair



SHEEP TO SOCKS EXHIBIT



An unusual & creative exhibit is our new Sheep to Socks exhibit. The entire process from shearing the wool to the final knitted product is shown step by step. There is even a chance to feel the difference in the quality of the wool at its various stages – sheared, carded and spun. Believe it or not, sheep were a part of our history. Our own Dr. Kate Kelsey raised sheep. As told in the Cable Cullings, “Dr. Kate had originally come into this region as a vacationer, but the lure of the land caused her to take a 160 acre homestead west of Cable Lake and try sheep farming. In 1904 she reported purchasing eight sheep, and the following year increased the flock to nineteen. That year her clipped wool sold for \$17.85, and six lambs sold for \$25.25.”

ANNUAL MEETING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – LIZ ARBUCKLE

This year’s annual meeting will take place on Saturday, August 13 and will be held at the Cable Community Center. We will begin with a social time including coffee and sweets at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

We are pleased to have Liz Arbuckle our Northern Representative from the Wisconsin State Historical Society be our guest speaker. She will talk on Ojibwe Culture.

It is at this meeting that the membership elects the Board of Directors and approves the minutes of the last year’s meeting. The Slate of Directors is listed below. You can view the minutes at our website at: www.cablehistorymuseum.com. It is listed under memberships/newsletters.

You can indicate your choices for Directors, and minutes in two ways.

1. Return the enclosed postcard if this newsletter was sent by regular mail; or
2. Email us your choices at info@cablehistorymuseum.com. Simply indicate a yes or no for Directors and minutes

Please return your choices by August 8.

SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION

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WHAT'S IN A NAME

Cable wasn't always Cable as you will see by the information below taken from the "Cable Cullings". And speaking of names, there is also a whimsical poem about the curious difference in the spelling of the town of Namakagon and the Namekagon River.

CABLE? GUNDERSON? CABLE?

The railroad company took title to all land adjoining the right-of-way by right of the land grant act. The Railway Company named their newest station and surrounding town, "Cable," in honor of R.R. Cable, a director and major stockholder in the company.

March 18, 1881: Town Plat of Village of Cable certified by T.A. Lang, Surveyor and H.H. Porter, President of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha Railway. Accepted by State of Wisconsin, St. Croix County, T.H. Harvey Notary Public and recorded April 4, 1881. But the U.S. Postal Service had another idea. The new post office was officially registered on November 18, 1880, as "Gunderson," in honor of L.L. Gunderson, Post Master of Cumberland and owner of a new store in Gunderson at the time.

Regional Newspapers picked up on the subject of the town name: December 11, 1880: Gunderson is already published in the official list of new offices established in the state. *Hudson Star and Times.*

December 18, 1880: *Bayfield County Press* writes: "Hurrah for Gunderson! But it does seem that a better name might have been given to the village out at Long Lake." (Lake Owen previously Long Lake.)

January 15, 1881: *The Clear Lake News* writes: "Stinchfield, of the *Bayfield Press* don't seem to like the name Gunderson for that burg at the end of the line. Perhaps "Stinchfield" would suit him better." That brought a retort from the *Bayfield County Press*: "Ahem! We are not ambitious to be honored in that way. But you ought not poke fun at a fellow's name like that; for you know Stinchfield is anything but an improvement on Gunderson. Think how it would make the citizens of the new town feel to have some blunderer write to "Stenchfield"! We have been there, and know how it is ourselves. But we understand that the Railroad Co. has named the new station "Cable," and the name of the Post Office, Gunderson, will probably soon be changed." (And it was.)

NAMAKAGON/NAMEKAGON??

As the saying goes, "What's in a name?"
Why are the town and river not spelled the same

We certainly get that question enough,
But finding an answer is really tough.

So we decided to be like Sherlock the sleuth
And see if we could get to the truth

After much asking and research, this is our take.
Possibly it was just a grammatical mistake!

Sometimes an "e" is pronounced like an "a",
And it would be easy to write it down that way.

So, let's blame that poor surveyor, whatever
the name,
As to why the town and river spelling is not
the same.

If you have more information, please let
us know
Because that is how we learn and grow.

More to come on Namakagon history in the next newsletter



ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We hope you will join us on **Sunday, July 31 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for our Annual Ice Cream Social**. We will again have it at the Cable Lumber building across from the Museum, so no need to worry about rain as we will be “under cover”! As in past socials, we will be serving **root beer floats, sundaes with homemade chocolate and strawberry sauces and ice cream cones, and again have a homemade pie raffle**. Come and enjoy a treat and relax listening to **the music of “Friday in the Gazebo”**. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



As you know, we are a completely volunteer organization. Thanks to the following individuals listed below who have helped us out with docent duty, creating exhibits, organizing, cleaning and all the other activities that make our museum run smoothly.

Gary Crandall	Ron Gran	Mike Most	Shelly Wilson
Roger Dreher	Carl Lippert	Tom Rondeau	Mike Well
Maggie Flowers	Dan Malesevich	Kathy Uffenbeck	Renee Young

We thank our wonderful friends and neighbors at Cable Lumber who are always willing to lend a hand when needed. If we have forgotten someone, let us know so that they too can be recognized!

If you are interested in becoming a docent or helping in any other way, just call Carol Elliker at 715-798-3706. We would love to have your join our team.

Current Board Members

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

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Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum

*Come visit us to take a step back
in time and explore the area's
rich and exciting history*

Open:

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 11 am - 3 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

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