

Museum Notes

for the week of December 21 – 27, 2025
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The Vernon County Museum and History Center will be closed the week of Christmas (Dec. 23-25) and the week of New Year's (Dec. 30-Jan. 1). We will open again at 11AM on Tuesday, January 6, ready for a new year! Regular winter hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11AM to 4PM, or by appointment. Call us at 608-637-7396 to make an appointment.

Thank you to everyone who supported us this year by buying sweepstakes tickets. This is an important annual fundraiser for us. The sweepstakes drawing was held on December 17, and congratulations are due to the winners: Khloe Frie of Winona, Duffy Hoffland of Viroqua, Steve Willis of Viroqua, Sharon Burchardt of Sparta, and Jan Sime of Readstown.

In November, the Vernon County Historical Society elected Board members for 2026, and the Board members have just chosen their officers. Here are the officers for next year: Dian Krause, president; Brian Ekern, vice president; Cindy Guist, secretary; Carl Lindquist, treasurer. And here are the directors: Kevin Alderson, Kim Cade, Eddy Nix, Nathan Popp, and Rondi Solverson. These board members are all volunteers who work hard to serve the whole county.

Thank you to Leila Holen, who went off the board this year, and welcome to new board member Nathan Popp. Nathan runs Popp Funeral and Cremation Services in Viroqua. He has a PhD in Art History, plus museum experience, so he is a great addition!

The Holiday History Tour 2025 is just a memory now. Thank you to everyone who participated, from those who decorated, baked cookies, cleaned, shoveled snow, provided music, greeted visitors, and so much more, to those who bought tickets and went on the tour. It was a bitterly cold day, but everyone still had a good time.

Happy Holidays!