

## Museum Notes

for the week of February 22 – 28, 2026

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The village of La Farge will be the subject of our next history program. La Farge historian Brad Steinmetz will be the speaker on Tuesday, March 3, at 7PM, at the Vernon County Museum and History Center.

Brad is the author of a two-volume set of books called *La Farge: The Story of a Kickapoo River Town*. Volume 1 covers “the beginnings until the early 1960’s”, and volume 2 covers “the early 1960’s to 2017”, which is when volume 2 was published. He is also the author of *That Dam History: The Story of the La Farge Dam Project*. And he writes a weekly history column for the *La Farge Episcopope* newspaper.

Come learn about the village’s name, about its schools and churches, floods and dams, and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend. Programs are held in the first-floor, wheelchair-accessible conference room. To defray costs, we ask for a donation of \$2.50 per person.

To complement the program, a small exhibit about La Farge is now on display in the conference room. On exhibit are a few La Farge High School objects, including a diploma from 1934, and several business promotional items, including a cloth bag from Andrew’s Market.

A colorful quilt made by Garnet Stout’s 4<sup>th</sup>-grade class in 1985 is also part of the display, each square featuring a different aspect of Wisconsin history. Mrs. Stout taught in La Farge for many years. Each child’s name is written on the square that they made.

A black velvet cape with (fake) fur trim rounds out the exhibit. It was worn by Laura Slagle of La Farge in the early 1900’s. She probably bought it at the Chase store in downtown La Farge.

You can learn more about La Farge from the information we have in our archives, including books and articles and photographs. The archives includes a file for every community in Vernon County. Stop by to do some research during our regular winter hours of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11AM to 4PM.