

Paddlewheel Press

Grand Forks County Historical Society, Grand Forks, ND Summer 2012

City Band

The City Band will perform three more concerts Myra Pavilion this summer: June 28 and July 12 and 26.

The City Band performs at 7:30. We look forward to another great summer concert series with our own GF City Band.

Preceding the first concert on Flag Day, a new flag was raised over the Myra Museum by members of VFW Post 1876 and its Auxiliary.

Thank you!

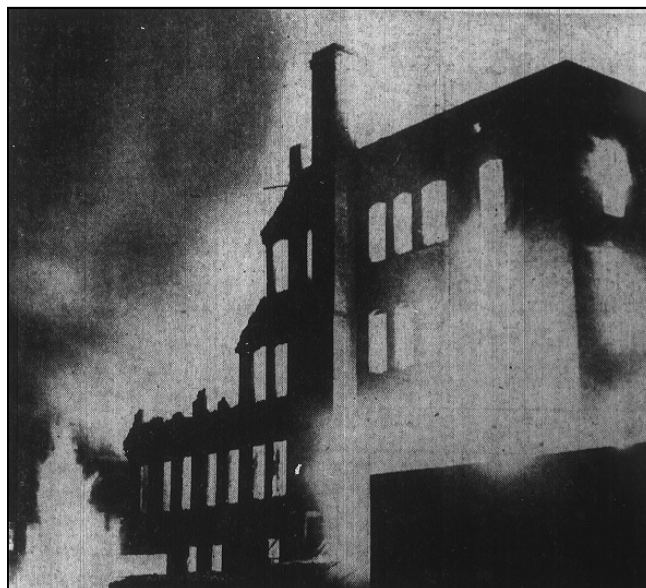
Patrol Car

Our 1965 Patrol Car was painted over the winter thanks to a generous gift from the Grand Forks Police Reserves. The paint job will help to preserve the car from rust for many more years to come. Watch for it at community events throughout the summer!

Summer Exhibit: Historic Fires in Grand Forks

This year's feature exhibit will focus on major fires in Grand Forks' history and the history of the Grand Forks Fire Department.

Beginning with the fire that destroyed Grand Forks' first multi-use commercial building, the Syndicate Block, and ending with the 1997 fire that began in the Security Building, the exhibit will include dramatic photographs, newspaper accounts and show how the fire department has evolved since our pioneer days.



Dakota Hotel Fire 1943

In Memory

Myron Denbrook was one of our City's most influential architects, designing the Chester Fritz Auditorium and many other important public buildings. At the Historical Society, he supervised the refurbishment of the Campbell House in 1971 before going on to design the Myra Museum, Myra Carriage House and our new site plan following the 1997 flood.

Catherine Olson was a faithful member of the Craft Guild, serving as Guild Treasurer for many years and brightening our mornings here at the museum with her laugh and wonderful smile. We wish to express our deepest sympathies to Myron and Catherine's families for their loss.



Grants

The Myra Foundation approved a \$9,5300.00 grant for erecting a bronze marker describing the Red River Oxcart Trails and developing a new master plan for the Myra Museum's main floor.



The Nash Foundation donated \$2,500.00 for General Operating Expenses.



The State Historical Society of North Dakota approved a \$6000 grant for the new master plan for the Myra Museum's main floor.



The North Valley Arts Council approved a \$1,500.00 grant to fund actors' stipends for our popular *Legends of Terror and Half Pint Haunt* Halloween events.



The Craft Guild generously contributed \$3,000.00 to replace the security camera system.

Increasingly, incidents of minor vandalism have been occurring on the museum's property. Better monitoring will help to curb this activity and reduce costs to repair damages.



Thank you!

New Design Being Prepared for Main Floor of Myra Museum



Designers Bart Hayes and Mathew Cox, of Split Rock Studios in St. Paul, MN are working to develop a new layout for the main floor display area of the Myra Museum. The plan's theme is "movement," reflecting the movement of people through the Red River Valley through time.

Beginning with the native peoples, and European explorers to the pioneer era, museum visitors will experience life in the valley through the eyes of each of these inhabitants.

The designers were hired with grant funds from the State Historical Society of ND and the Myra Foundation. Split Rock Studios has created museum displays for the Heritage Center

in Bismarck, the Chateau de Mores in Medora and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn, ND as well as many other outstanding museums throughout the United States.

Copies of the finalized plan will be available for viewing in the Myra Museum later this summer. Completing the plan is only the first step, however. The actual remodeling will require a major fundraising campaign in order to make the plan a reality.

The time has come to bring the best modern interpretive methods to our museum, giving our visitors a first class museum experience when they visit Grand Forks, our "Destination City."

The Big Event

On Saturday, April 21st, members of the UND Women's hockey team helped with spring clean-up around the museum grounds as part of the Big Event student volunteer day.



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Lowes Paints School

Lowes employees have volunteered to paint our one room school house as part of the company's "Lowes Heroes" program. The project will be completed later this month. Thank you Lowes!

Lustron House Update

The Lustron Home's restoration continues as we complete the addition of finishing touches throughout the house. Work remains to be completed on several cabinets, but bathroom fixtures were added over the winter and many "new" 1950s artifacts have found their way inside as well.

The home has attracted a lot of interest throughout our community for its unique construction and for all of the wonderful artifacts that have been donated to complete its décor. Every visitor remarks on the great memories the home brings back to them.

A blonde coffee table remains at the top of our "wish list" for the living room. If you have one to donate, or even if you see one at a local rummage sale, please notify our office.

Ice Cream Social July 8th

Our 37th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 8th from 1-4 p.m.

Jazz on Tap will highlight the musical entertainment. There will be cake and Ice Cream from Hugo's served along with coffee and lemonade.

School House Days August 13th and 20th

Developed for kids in grades 3-6, School House Days provides a unique learning experience for kids that is fun as well as educational. Pre-registration is required. Please call or stop by the museum for a registration form.

History Rocks August 26th



Our 8th Annual History Rocks event will be held on Sunday, August 26th. Vehicle registration will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Musical entertainment will begin at 1:00 with the doo-wop harmonies of Fallcreek, followed by Kenny and the Classics at 2:00.

Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, pop and root beer floats will be served in the afternoon.

History Rocks has become one of the Society's most popular summer events. In 2011, nearly 100 cars and motorcycles registered for door prizes. Mark the date on your calendar, so you won't miss this trip down memory lane.



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Members receive free admission, our organizational newsletter, museum shop discounts and reduced rates on facility rentals.

Please make checks payable to the Grand Forks County Historical Society. Membership is fully deductible as allowed by law.

Membership runs for one year from receipt of dues.

The Grand Forks County Historical Society is a registered
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