

## Pipestone County Historical Society



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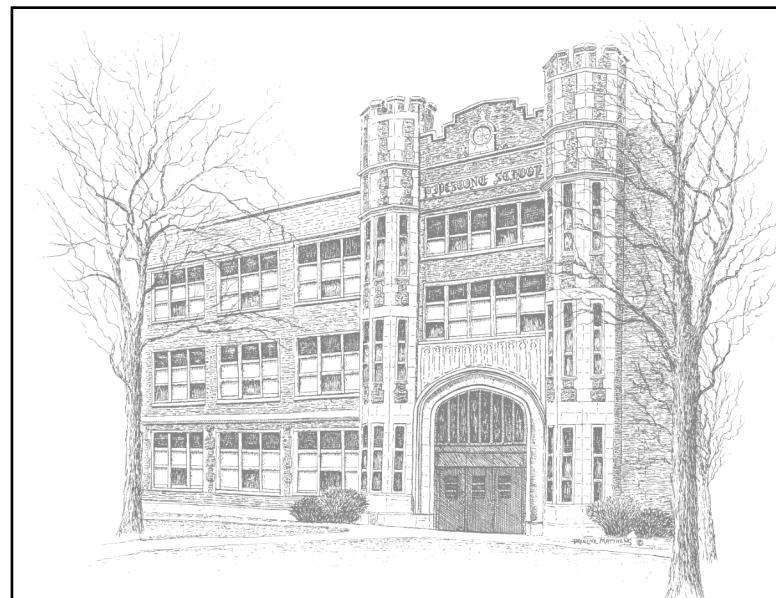
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### Central School Print

11x14 inch unframed print of Central School by local artist Pauline Matthews. The pen & ink style print shows the east entrance of the school featuring the twin quartzite towers flanking the main doors. ....\$15.00  
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# Prairie Traveler

## New Exhibit Space Opening Soon

This winter we have been readying the new Dining Room space for exhibits. After the doorway was knocked through the wall and the access steps and landing were completed, we began repairing the ceiling and walls (past water leaks). To freshen everything up the ceiling and walls have been painted, a heavy cabinet was relocated, some wiring rerouted and the heater was tuned up. Now with a thorough cleaning, staff will begin installing some new displays, bringing more of the Museum's collection out of storage and on display. The first to go up will be focused on music, with several musical instruments and other connected objects. The new exhibit space will be included in the regular Museum tour, although the Masonic Hall itself will still remain separate and available for guided tours upon request and as staffing allows.



## Community Collection:

Vicki Buffington is sharing a portion of her Fairy Collection at the Museum January–March, 2019.



She has been collecting fairies for over twenty years and has many more of them than would fit on display at the Museum. Normally she displays them all over her house and has also gotten into Fairy Gardens, so her collection extends outside in the summertime.

Vicki says that fairies are sometimes hard to find in stores, and some people mistake Angels for Fairies. (Look for the pointed ears!)

## Central School Time Capsule

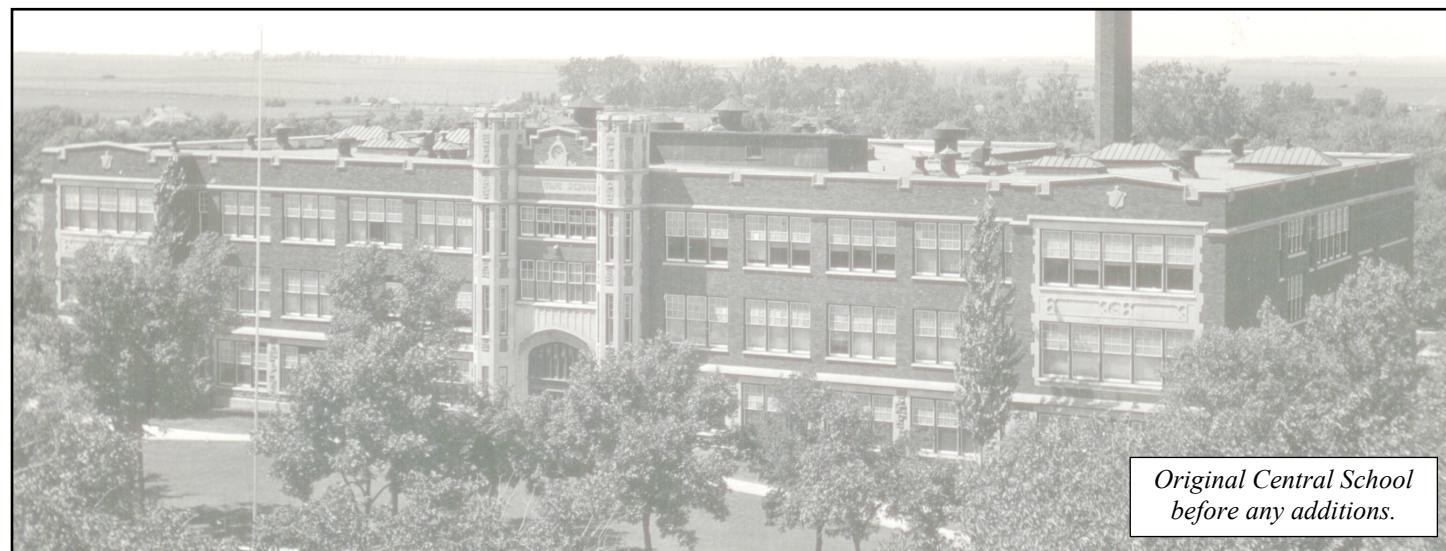


Temporary Time Capsule display at the Pipestone County Museum. A more permanent display is being planned.

within the stone itself, sealed with a tightly fitted piece of wood. The wood removed revealed the time capsule, a narrow box fitted into the tight space, as a safely guarded treasure for 100 years.

The box was not copper, as expected, and most surprisingly was not sealed. It appears to be a box of galvanized steel with a hinged lid. Nestled within the box initially appeared to be all paper items. It had been planned to remove each item at the ceremony and describe what it was, however with the very blustery weather, it was determined to be detrimental to remove the paper out-of-doors.

The time capsule box was taken back to the Pipestone County Museum where it was carefully unpacked and immediately placed on display so that those not able to brave the very cold morning, and as it turned out those who were there as well, could have a glimpse of what was inside on that very afternoon. It contained: four issues of newspapers- the Pipestone County Leader and three separate issues of the Pipestone County Star, one being the "fire" issue which reported on the burning of the previous school; a red cross lapel button; an American Flag pin; and several fragile sheets of paper on which were handwritten the faculty of the school, the names of the architect, contractor and supervisor, a list of the county and city officials, and the board of education.



Original Central School before any additions.

## Remember...



PCHS is able to redeem them for office supplies!



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For the Pipestone County Historical Society at  
[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

Use this search engine for Pipestone County Historical Society. With just a few participants we have raised over \$381 to date!

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## Pipestone County Historical Society

### Membership & Donation Form

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- Friend \$15-\$24
- Household \$25-\$49
- Supporting \$50-\$99
- Century \$100-\$249
- Patron \$250-499
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Membership Benefits include ...

Free Admission to Exhibit Galleries & Research Archives, 10% discount at Gift Shop, Subscription to the Prairie Traveler newsletter, Discounts on Research, Copies & Photo Reprints and Free Queries in the newsletter.

## 15th Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16 at the Pipestone Armory



- The 15th Annual Spring Fling craft & vendor show will be held Saturday, March 16 at the Pipestone Armory.
- This is one of the Museum's biggest fundraising events. Over 40 vendors will be setting up booths of craft and vendor items.
- Lunch will be served and proceeds will benefit the Pipestone County Museum.
- Many local and regional businesses have donated for the Silent Auction which will take bids throughout the day—proceeds to benefit the Pipestone County Museum.

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**Pipestone County Historical Society's  
Redesigned Website!**  
[www.pipestoneminnesota.com/museum](http://www.pipestoneminnesota.com/museum)  
With new databases, indexes  
and links to  
expanded newsletter articles!



The Pipestone County Historical Society now has a presence on the Give MN website for easy on-line donations.

Go to [givemn.org](http://givemn.org) and search for Pipestone. PCHS is the first to come up- look for the Museum Logo!

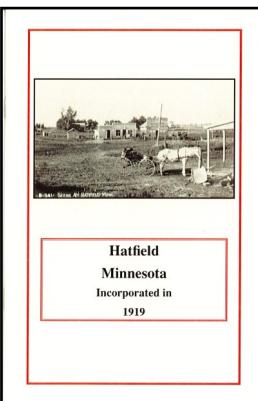


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**Hatfield, Minnesota**  
Brand new publication from the Pipestone County Historical Society. This softcover booklet is 26 pages featuring the history of Hatfield including plat map, photographs and early information on the town, railroads, school district, businesses and service groups.....\$5.00

## New in the Museum's Collection

By Noah Burris

Let's take a look at some more items that were recently added to the Museum's collection.



Donald Bisch and Myrna Posorske wedding, June 1951.

Pam Bisch and Sharon Redepenning donated a nice collection from the June 1951 wedding of their parents, Donald and Myrna (Posorske) Bisch. Don and Myrna were longtime residents of Pipestone and some might remember Don as the manager at Gambles. It is a rather complete look at their wedding as it includes the wedding dress with jacket, groom's suit, maid of honor's dress and wedding invitation. There is also a photograph of the bride and groom from the wedding. This donation makes a nice addition to the Museum's wedding dress collection as it includes a lot of information and so many items from the wedding.

The other donation we will look at are World War II uniforms. The uniforms belonged to Cecil Tobias and two were donated by his daughter Karen Hellie. According to information written down by Cecil's wife, Lucille, here is an account of his service; Cecil entered basic training in August of 1944, and by early January 1945 he was on the front lines in southern France sleeping in fox holes and barns. He served in the Third Division, Company B and fought in the major battle Colmar Pass. His company worked through several small towns with small arms and grenades to push out the German forces. Then on March 15, 1945 Company B, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division set out on attack at 1 am. The Company was now fighting SS troops as they moved closer towards crossing over into Germany. Cecil was the first scout and ended up in a mine field in a valley. He stepped on a mine and his rifle landed on another. He was stuck in the valley with one of his legs blown off by the mines, as there was artillery and tank crossfire across the valley. Cecil went in and out

of consciousness and woke up at dawn to see a tank battle had occurred thirty feet away. He continued laying in the valley until he was able to wave and signal an American plane that flew overhead around 12 pm. Finally, after 16 hours at around 5 pm, medics were able to get to him. He was taken to a field hospital, then a hospital ship, and finally to McCloskey General Hospital in Texas on May 22, 1945. For his service, Cecil Tobias was awarded several medals, including a Purple Heart. He was discharged under honorable conditions from the military in February 1946 and lived in Pipestone until his death.

Both sets of donations are great examples of the donor providing the information that the Collections Committee looks for when deciding whether to accept items or not. The Committee likes to know as much about the items as possible especially who it belonged to and how it is connected to Pipestone County. The donors in both cases were able to provide plenty of information about the objects and the people who owned them. Better yet, they each even provided a photograph of the items being worn.

Cecil Tobias, 7th Infantry, 3rd Division, World War II.



## The Fate of Bauman Hall



By Elicia Kortus of  
Reclaim Community

On December 27, 2018, Reclaim Community attended the Pipestone County tax-forfeited property auction, in the hopes of purchasing Bauman Hall, ensuring it would not meet a wrecking ball in the near future. We prepared by reaching out to the community, and raising just over \$3,000 in a matter of weeks. We intended to very quickly raise the rest of the \$4,500 needed for temporary wall stabilization to accomplish it soon after purchase, but when the dust settled and the auction ended, ownership was achieved at a much higher price than hoped, due to another bidder. Thanks to a donor who came forward to offer a loan, we were able to purchase the hall for \$10,500. We also received a generous offer from a donor for the remaining \$1,000 if we are able to raise \$3,500 towards the stabilization work. We will attempt to raise most of this at our annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction on January 27. Terry Skyberg of Skyberg Construction is ready to begin the wall supporting process as soon as we have that amount. We have begun preparing grant applications for the spring round of Minnesota State Historical Preservation [SHPO] grants, where we will make our case for funds for the necessary structural assessment that will dictate the Legacy grant application request for complete repairs. This process is long, has many steps, and will require care and dedication, and we will need to continue to raise funds for the overhead costs to preserve and maintain the structure in the meantime, things like taxes, heat, water, electricity, and minor repairs to prevent deterioration. We are quite encouraged by our communications with the SHPO office as the staff is very thrilled to hear of our continued work and progress, and are very helpful in advising and supporting us. In addition, we continue our relationship with Preservation Alliance of MN, who provides trainings and resources to support us. This year we plan to enlist as a Main Street Network community, which provides access to resources and networking opportunities for organizations interested in revitalizing their downtown or neighborhood commercial district. We are anxiously awaiting the approval of the Jasper School to the National Register of Historic Places in March, when we can move forward in the grant seeking and renovation process with it as well. We are busy planning a full year of fundraisers to continue our work, and we hope you will join us in this exciting endeavor.

To donate to Reclaim Community's Bauman Hall fund, you can go online at [www.paypal.me/reclaimcommunitymn](https://www.paypal.me/reclaimcommunitymn) or mail checks to Reclaim Community, PO Box 9, Jasper MN. We have an active Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ReclaimCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/ReclaimCommunity) with lots of videos, and are working to redo our website [www.reclaimcommunity.org](http://www.reclaimcommunity.org). Contact Elicia Kortus at [reclaimcommunitymn@gmail.com](mailto:reclaimcommunitymn@gmail.com) or 605-595-4693 with questions or to sign up to help with our facilities, outreach or fundraising committees.

### Friend

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Lilen Kuhlman– Tyler, MN  
Diane Orgler– Crystal Lake, IL  
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\*Paula Jacobson– Venice, FL  
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### Business

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Pipestone Indian Shrine Association  
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Pipestone County Medical Center  
Gehrel's Nursery & Taylor'd Landscapes  
Pipestone Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hartquist Funeral Home  
Pipestone  
Pipestone Publishing Co.  
Staci's Bar & Grill  
Tim Otto Construction  
Pipestone Dental Clinic  
Pipestone Subway  
Christensen Broadcasting

### Business Continued...

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Ludolph Bus Service  
Coborn's  
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Gary Olsen Electric, Inc.  
M&H Communications



## New Museum Aide

PCHS welcomes new part-time Museum Aide, Kathy Fritz to the staff. Kathy started her duties in November and has been taking a crash-course in Pipestone history. Kathy is a retired teacher from Worthington and she and her husband recently moved to this area to be near family. Her position will focus on programming and education, and will expand this area of service at the Museum. In her spare time, Kathy plans to work on remodeling her historic farmhouse and spend time with grandkids!

October– December

**Benefactor**

Jeff &amp; Debra Brockberg– Pipestone

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Julie Drengson– Medford, OR

Jim &amp; Cheri Jacobson– Pipestone

John &amp; Jean McCallum– Pipestone

Kathryn Williams– Thousand Oaks, CA

**New & Renewing Annual Members**

\* = new member

**Household**

Bob Ludolph– Pipestone  
 Virgil Bahn– Pipestone  
 Gerald Totman– Pipestone  
 Mary Ann Hustad– Pipestone  
 Pete & Betty Severeid– Pipestone  
 Ruth Kluis– Pipestone  
 Paul & Marian Everett– Pipestone  
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 Deb Melby– Pipestone  
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 \*Helen Stuckenbroker– Hardwick, MN  
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 Arlene Bloemendaal– Pipestone  
 Bernard denOuden– Rowe, MA  
 Tom & Avis Tourville– Spirit Lake, IA  
 Richard Colby– Washington, IA

**Donations**

October– December

PCHS relies on the generosity of our members not only to meet the general budget but especially to accomplish special projects. Thank you.

**Regular Donations:** Doug Theel; Dennis & Diane Hansen; Rosemarie Loose; Chuck Draper; Gail Hachmann; Joan Steitz; Barb Heyl; Mary McKeon Crockenberg; James & Ethel Baldwin; Sandra Beckering; Irmtraut Engmann; Doug Onan; Sparkle Car Wash; Scheels; BNSF Foundation

**Building Fund:** Alfred Page

**Masonic Building:** Verne Long

**Memorials****In Memory of Jack & Marie Rappe**

by Larry &amp; Mary Marquardt

**In Memory of Ednamae Natzke Beaty**

by Bonnie Jerde

**In Memory of Jim Folkerts**

by Maynard Winsel

**In Memory of Jim Folkerts**

by Lois Hansen

**In Memory of Jim Folkerts**

by Sylvia Grubb

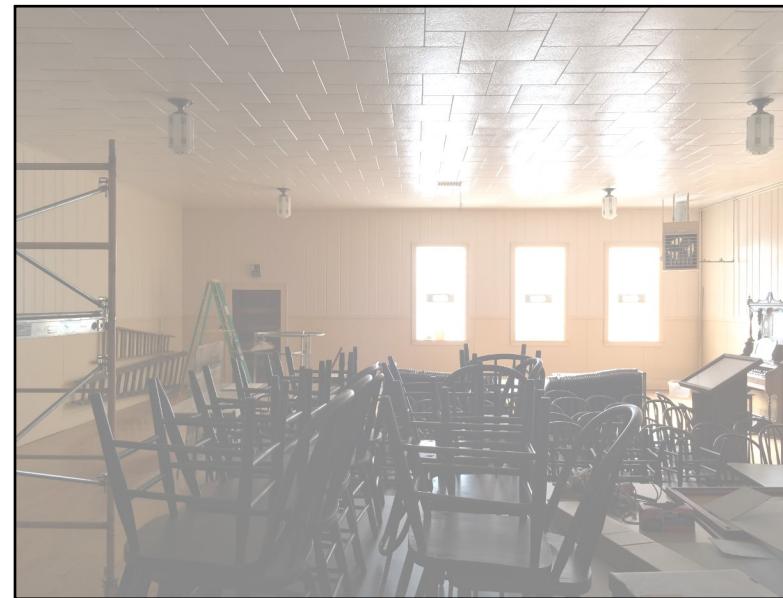
**In Memory of Gloria Ludolph**

by Bob Ludolph

Memorials are a special way of remembering a friend or loved one with your gift to PCHS.

This gift is given in their memory and a letter is sent to the family of the deceased noting your gift- but never its size. Memorials of \$100 or more will be registered on plaques in the Museum's lobby.

Let us know the person to be memorialized, the amount of the memorial and who to send the memorial letter to along with their mailing address.

**Donor Opportunity:  
Dining Room Exhibit Space**

The Masonic Dining Room has three very large glass block windows in the south facing wall, which lets A LOT of light into that space. Whereas natural light is very good for people, especially in the depths of winter, it is never good for Museum objects.

In order to protect the objects on display in this new exhibit space, we will install the same style roller shades that we had installed in other exhibit galleries after our rehabilitation project. In fact, they will be the exact same shades, same material, same color, same excellent light-blocking abilities.

Please consider donating toward this necessary project, working towards incorporating the Ferris Grand Block (Masonic Hall) into the Museum's mission. \$250 per roller shade, \$750 for all three roller shades. Checks can be accepted at the Museum, 113 S. Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, MN 56164 or visit [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org) and search for Pipestone County Historical Society.



Repaired exterior south wall of the historic Calumet Inn. Technically the "back" of the building, the south wall is visible from Hiawatha Avenue.

## Save the Calumet Inn!

The repairs to the exterior south wall of the historic Calumet Inn are complete! The façade stones were put back into place and a portion of the supporting wall was also repaired. Four windows were sealed with color-matched cement bricks. The Calumet received assistance from the City of Pipestone in an \$11,000 grant and \$13,000 loan as well as \$7,000 from the "Save the Calumet" fund created by generous public supporters. Additionally, circulating pumps for hot water, a boiler monitor and heat switches were replaced. According to owner/manager Tammy Grubbs, there are plans to work on the exterior east wall and windows in 2019. She is looking for grants and assistance with grants if possible. The proposal for repairs to the east wall and other needed tuck-pointing is \$48,000.

The Calumet Inn is privately owned, however a group of concerned citizens set up a "Save the Cal" fund at First Farmers & Merchants Bank for donations. Checks addressed to "Save the Cal" can be mailed there at 107 E. Main Street, Pipestone, MN 56164 and check out news of progress at their Facebook page "Save the Cal".

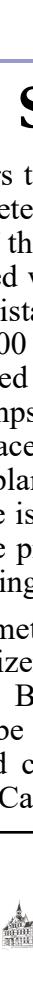
### 2019 PCHS Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 2019

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
221 4th Street SE, Pipestone

1pm Meet & Greet, 1:20pm Business Mtg

Followed by presentation



PCHS is looking for high school annuals from Ruthton, Jasper and Edgerton High Schools along with the following years from Pipestone High School: 1981, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2002– to the present: For the Museum Collection.

Patrons have requested the following Pipestone High School annuals for sale in the Gift Shop: 1940, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1969, 1979. Contact the Museum if you have one you would like to donate for resale.

Patrons have requested the following Pipestone County history books for sale in the Gift Shop: 1898 or 1914 Atlases; 1984 Pipestone County History book; Edgerton Centennial book. Also looking for a Historic Museum Ornament for resale.

### **2018 PCHS Board Members**

Bob Buffington– President, Curt Hess– Vice President, Judy Oldemeyer– Secretary, Steve Schulz– Treasurer. Paul Everett, Susie Otto, Mary Schroer, Linsey Prunty, Chuck Ness

### **Pipestone County Museum Staff**

Susan Hoskins– Executive Director, Trava Olivier– Museum Aide, Noah Burris– Museum Aide, Kathy Fritz, Museum Aide

## Gargoyles on the Moore Block

A popular sight for tourists in Pipestone is the Moore Block at 102 E. Main, which has gargoyle carvings embedded on the north and west facades. This building was built in 1896 of locally quarried Sioux quartzite by local real estate man, and artist, Leon H. Moore.

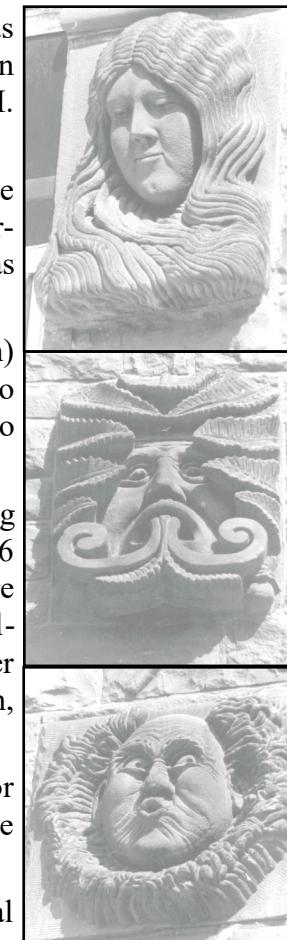
L.H. Moore was born in Illinois, he served in the Civil War and arrived in Pipestone County, Minnesota in 1883, via Cherokee County, Iowa. He was in turn a farmer, Cherokee County sheriff, a real estate man, and eventually an artist. He also served a term as Mayor of Pipestone.

In 1896, Moore had a building built in the center of town at the corner of Olive (Main) Street and Hiawatha Avenue. Originally meant to be one story, he expanded it to two stories with a store front on street level and three two-room suites on the second floor to house professional offices. The building was known as the Moore Block.

By the time this building was built, Moore had been "playing around" with his sculpting for some time. He decided to place some of his carvings on his building. In the end, 16 of his carvings ended up gracing the west and north walls of the Moore Block. They are all carved in sandstone, and each have an individual name: Guardian Angel, Eve, Bawlbaby, Man-in-the-Moon, Lion, Pensive Face, Disgust, Moses (said to be his masterpiece), Hiawatha Emerging From the Woods, Hiawatha, Court Jester, Baphonet, Mirth, Babe, Northwind and A Knowing Wink.

By 1898, Moore was devoting four hours per day to his sculpting. That year he left for Boston to enter under the tutelage of master sculptor Cyrus Cobb. During his stay, he was elected a member of the Arts and Crafts Club of Boston, Massachusetts.

After his artistic training, Moore returned to Pipestone where he was hired by the local G.A.R. Post to sculpt a Civil War memorial to be placed on the courthouse lawn. This he worked on for two years, it was dedicated in 1901. Immediately after completing the Civil War memorial, Leon H. Moore moved to Gentry, Arkansas, where he passed away in 1907. The Moore Block still stands today at the corner of Main Street and Hiawatha Avenue. The 16 gargoyles continue to keep watch over downtown Pipestone.



Three of the 16 gargoyles, from top: Pensive Face; Hiawatha Emerging From the Woods; Northwind.

