

12TH ANNUAL TONY WOIAK SUMMER History Festival

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HARBOR VIEW EVENT CENTER—WASHBURN
ALL EVENTS TUESDAYS 7:30 PM

\$5

TUES. JUNE 27

HOUGHTON POINT- HISTORY AND MEMORIES

MEMORIES AMONG THE
BROWNSTONE:
A SHORT HISTORY OF
HOUGHTON POINT



Join **Al House** as he presents his research on Washburn's favorite rock "Houghton Point."

TUES. JULY 11

BAYFIELD/LES VOIGT STATE FISH HATCHERY

The "Old Building", recently named "The R.D. Pike Building" is listed on the National and State Historic Registry. **Darren Miller**, Operations Supervisor, will share the facility's history from land acquisition to current production. Included



will be many pictures, some fish stocking numbers and names of early employees who have descendants still in the area today.

TUES. JULY 25

TRAIN WRECK AT PIKE'S CREEK

On an autumn day in 1884, little more than a year after the first train rolled through Washburn, nine railroaders lost their lives in a wreck just north of Pike's Creek. The trainwreck remains one of the worst disasters in this region's history, but the story has been almost completely forgotten; even its location became lost over the



years. Join **Bob Mackreth** in some historical detective work and rediscover the wreck at Pike's Creek.

TUES. AUG. 8

THE DOWNTOWN FIRE IN WASHBURN

On September 14, 1888, Washburn experienced the worst calamity in the community's short history. Washburn was a mere five years old when its principal business block burned to the ground during a fast-moving fire. The Great Fire of 1888 was not the town's finest hour. Instead of fighting the blaze, many of Washburn's residents used it as the occasion for wild celebration – drunks ruled the streets, victims of the fire had their businesses looted; residents had their possessions stolen; burglaries increased in town.



The fire did have a positive outcome. Several of the public services residents enjoy today were established as a result of the catastrophe. - **Pete Mann**

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