

IMPRINTS

ON THE SANDS OF MARQUETTE COUNTY



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Grand Patriotic Rally
WEDNESDAY EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 5TH
Commencing at 8 o'clock
WESTFIELD, WIS.
Address By
HON. M. K. REILLY
Come and hear this most able speaker
and you will hear something interesting
and instructive.
ATTORNEY D. W. McNAMARA
of Montello, will also deliver an address.
REV. W. M. ELLIS
of Endeavor, will speak on patriotism
Band Concert and Other
Amusements.

It's political rally time and this ad from the Montello Express in 1917 advertises a patriotic rally that took place in Westfield. Who were the speakers that day? A little research tells us more about these men. The Honorable M. K. Reilly was from Fond du Lac and a member of Congress. He was also to become an expert on the League of Nations.

Attorney D. W. McNamara of Montello was appointed Post Master in Montello in August of 1916. He held numerous appointed positions including a committee membership to organize aid to China in 1920 and spoke around the state with Walter Ellis in support of a deep channel project from the Great Lakes to Portage in 1925. In 1915 D.W. McNamara argued a case before the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1920 he made the newspapers around the state for using an airplane to get to a meeting in Milwaukee.



Walter March Ellis shown in the photo above was the son of Joseph Loran Ellis and Theresa Margaret Trask. He married twice, first to Harriet M. Quatermass on 16 Jul 1890 and secondly to Lida Starr Hill in 1931. Walter served as the Principal at the Christian Endeavor Academy from 1902 — 1925.

Other accomplishments include:
Graduate B. A. Tabor College, 1882

**Airplane Used For Business
Trip by Montello Lawyer**
Atty. D. W. McNamara of Montello is some little hustler when he hustles, and one day last week he was in a hurry to get to Milwaukee so he hired an airplane and made the 120 mile trip in one hour and thirteen minutes. The plane passed over Beaver Dam. It sure is the ideal way to travel when you want to "get there."

Ordained Congregational Church, Howard, South Dakota 1884
Served as pastor there until 1885
Maryville, North Dakota 1887-1889
Wisconsin – Tomahawk, 1889-1892
• Elroy, 1892-1901
• Endeavor, 1901-1909--1920-1921--1925-1927
• Moundville, 1925-1927
• Ashland, 1927-1929
Instructor, Northland Academy, 1927-1929
Author of "Values," 1938
Editor of "Church Life of Wisconsin," 1901-1903
He's buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Endeavor.

You can look forward to our reopening after the COVID crisis is over. Come to see new and enhanced exhibits like this one on photography.



Camera Obscura was developed as long ago as the 11th century. It was developed in Iraq. It did not record images, though, the camera only projected upside down images through a pin hole onto a wall. The first known permanent camera photograph was taken in 1826 or 27 using a pewter plate coated with

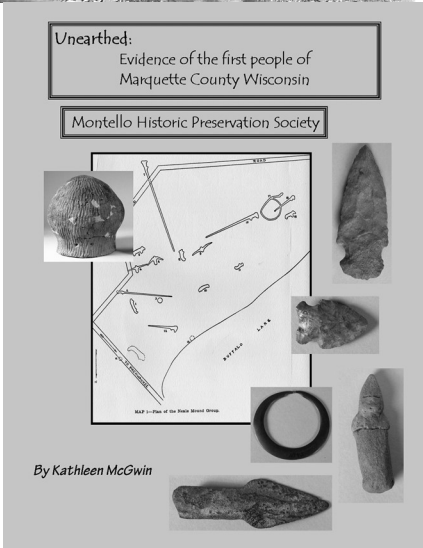
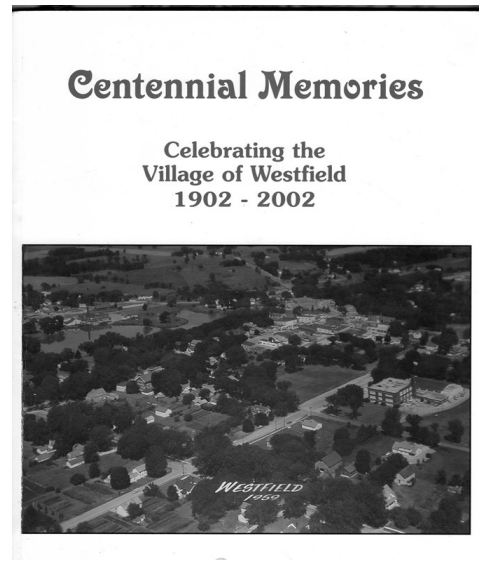
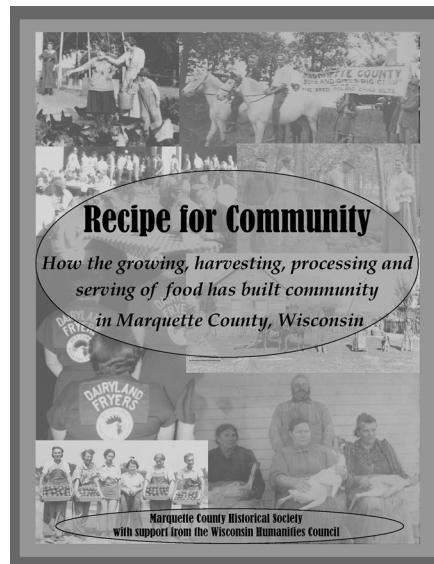
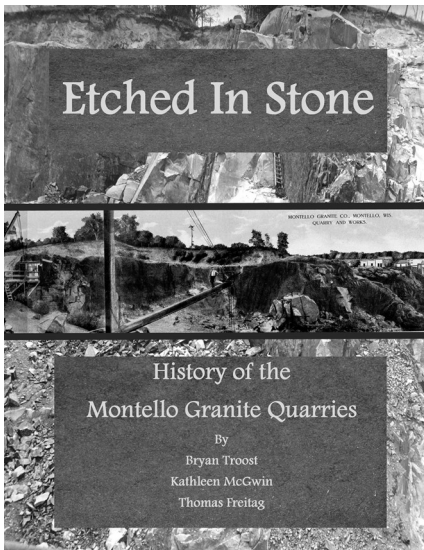
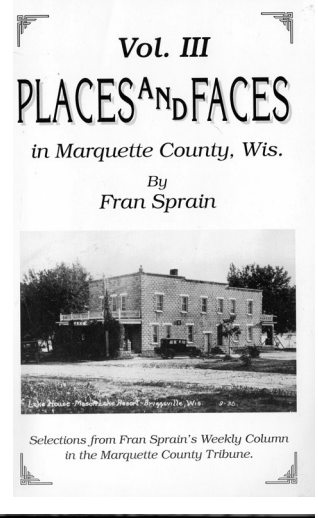
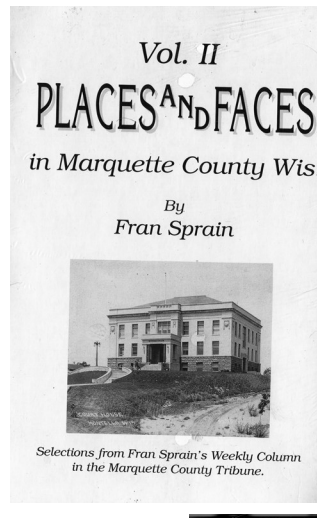
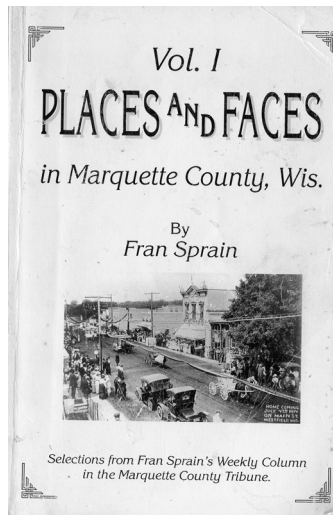
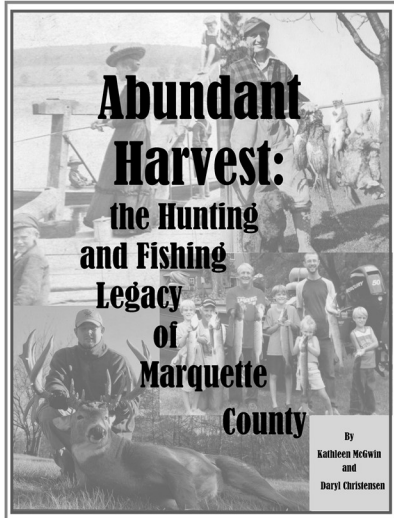
bitumen. In 1837 the Daguerreotype was invented. Frenchman Louis-Jacques-Mande Daguerre was co-inventor of the process of exposing a silver iodide coated copper plate to light and then exposing it to mercury vapor and a solution of salt to create a permanent image. Then came emulsion plates which were less expensive and required shorter exposure times. Both ambrotypes and tintypes use the emulsion or wet process. Ambrotypes use a glass plate and tintypes use tin. In 1870 dry gelatine plates were invented that allowed photographers much more freedom in their work and accommodated a mechanical shutter with shorter exposure time. In 1880 George Eastman developed a camera for everyone with flexible film.

Another updated exhibit is of fire departments in Marquette County. Marquette County has volunteer fire departments in

Newton,
Oxford,
Neshkoro,
Harrisville,
Springfield,
Montello,
Endeavor,
Briggsville
and
Westfield.



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At the present time, we are open by appointment only and only for one or two people at a time, no groups. Contact us through our website, Facebook or leave a message on our phone. You can also contact one of the board members. Contact information is in this newsletter page 4.

Upcoming events

We are so sorry to have had to cancel our scheduled programs. Watch our Facebook Page and the Marquette County Tribune for more information about future events
November 11 MCHS Annual Meeting will still be held. Masks required, social distancing practiced.

Come learn about history even if we're closed

You can learn about history even if we are closed. Take time this fall to learn about the buildings at the historical society by reading the informational signs that are located on the grounds and by using the Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route mobile app. You can scan the QR code on the John Muir sign or go to <http://muirboyhoodhome.toursphere.com>. Walk the museum grounds while using the app and learn more about the history there and even take a walking tour of historical Westfield.

Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route



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Look for these signs around Marquette County. Use your phone to scan the QR code on the left to learn more about Westfield and the museum grounds. Scan the code on the right to take you to the home page of the mobile app.

Marquette County John Muir Nature and History Route



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Marquette County school students tour the historical society each year. You can see the John Muir mobile app sign as well as a description of the Cochrane Nelson house that you can use to tour the grounds even when we aren't open in the photo on the left. Riverside School also has a sign outside of it that tells its history. You can learn about it and the small railroad tool shed, the millpond and more.



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