

# *CHAMBER CHATTER*



## *December 2021*

### *Part 2 of 2*

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup> – Jingle Bell Ticket Promotion**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup> – Jingle Bell Ticket Promotion**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Lighting Contest**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – Jingle Bell Ticket & "A Few of Our Favorite Things"  
Chamber Bucks Drawing**

**December 20<sup>th</sup> – Spirit of Springfield/Business of the Year Banquet**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> – 2022 Annual Meeting **SAVE THE DATE****

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# December 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 ASIAN ENTREES COUNTRY FRIED STEAK BBQ MEATBALLS CHICKEN TENDER MELT BEEF STEW	2 PASTA ENTREES ROAST BEEF DINNER GRILLED HAM & CHEESE COUNTRY BOWLS CHILI	3 ASSORTED BURGERS SWEDISH MEATBALLS CHICKEN & STUFFING BAKE SHRIMP & FISH DINNERS CALIFORNIA MEDLEY SOUP	4
5 BONE-IN & BONELESS WING SPECIAL IN THE DELI! 8 SAUCES TO CHOOSE FROM!	6 TURKEY SUPREME MEATLOAF DINNER ASSORTED ENTREES CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP	7 WALKING TACOS PHILLY SANDWICHES TURKEY & DRESSING MINI TACOS CHEDDAR BROCCOLI SOUP	8 ASIAN ENTREES CHILI DOGS BEEF & CHICKEN FAJITAS SALISBURY STEAK BEEF STEW	9 PASTA ENTREES ROAST BEEF DINNER GRILLED HAM & CHEESE COUNTRY BOWLS CHILI	10 ASSORTED BURGERS TATER TOT HOTDISH HOT SANDWICHES SHRIMP & FISH DINNERS CALIFORNIA MEDLEY SOUP	11
12 BONE-IN & BONELESS WING SPECIAL IN THE DELI! 8 SAUCES TO CHOOSE FROM!	13 BEEF TIPS & GRAVY SLOPPY JOES ASSORTED ENTREES CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP	14 WALKING TACOS PHILLY SANDWICHES FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES MINI TACOS CHEDDAR BROCCOLI SOUP	15 ASIAN ENTREES COUNTRY FRIED STEAK BBQ MEATBALLS CHICKEN TENDER MELT BEEF STEW	16 PASTA ENTREES ROAST BEEF DINNER GRILLED HAM & CHEESE COUNTRY BOWLS CHILI	17 ASSORTED BURGERS SWEDISH MEATBALLS CHICKEN & STUFFING BAKE SHRIMP & FISH DINNERS CALIFORNIA MEDLEY SOUP	18
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## Morgan Harpenau Hired as Executive Director

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(New Ulm, MN) – United Way of the Brown County Area announced Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> that Morgan Harpenau has been hired as the Executive Director for the organization.

Harpenau comes to Brown County from Sioux City, IA where she held the position of Community Impact & Communications Associate within the United Way of Siouxland for the last 5 years.

“I’m excited to bring my United Way knowledge to Brown County and become a member of this community,” says Harpenau. “I firmly believe in our mission and the work that United Way does every day.”

Harpenau graduated Briar Cliff University with degrees in Journalism & Mass Communications and Business Administration. After graduating she worked for two years at KTIV News 4 in Sioux City as Assignment Editor and Producer. She is a Minnesota native having grown up northwest of the Twin Cities and says she is ready to be back to her home state.

“It’s true what they say in that there is no place like home,” says Harpenau.

More information on United Way of the Brown County Area can be found at [www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org](http://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org) or by calling 507-354-6512.





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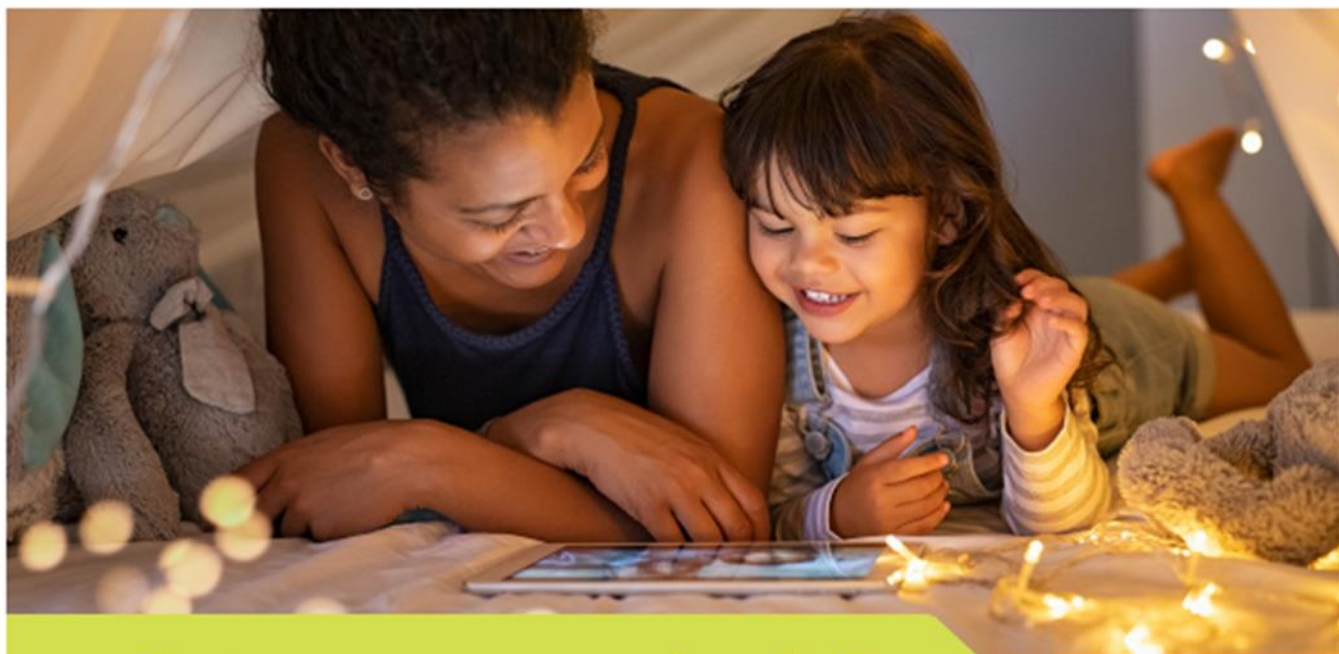
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Santa Experience

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# **BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

2 North Broadway Street, New Ulm, MN 56073

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: 12/1/2021**

**Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway Street, New Ulm, MN 56073**

**Contact: Kathleen L. Backer, [director@browncountyhistorymn.org](mailto:director@browncountyhistorymn.org) – 507-233-2618**

### **Brown County Historical Society Exhibit: *Menzel Christmas Village and Holiday Display***

The public is invited to visit the Brown County Museum at 2 North Broadway Street in New Ulm to view the Menzel Christmas Village and Holiday Display.

In addition to the Menzel Christmas Village, other holiday items are on display, including historic children's toys from the museum's artifact collection, White House Christmas ornaments, and Secret Service Christmas ornaments loaned from the collections of Julie (Weldy) Ferrell and the late John Weldy, and holiday postcards loaned by Opal (Havermeier) Dewanz.

In 1981, Nancy Reagan began the tradition of issuing an official White House Christmas ornament. Since then, the White House Historical Association has designed a new ornament each year. Also displayed are several Secret Service Christmas ornaments. These ornaments have been created by the Uniformed Division Benefit Fund of the United States Secret Service since 1991.

The holiday postcards on loan from Opal Dewanz were sent to members of the Havermeier family by their friends and family. The postcards demonstrate the varieties of greeting cards sent during the early and mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

This exhibit will be on display through December 2021 on the second floor of the Brown County Museum. For more information, call: 507-233-2621 or email: [education@browncountyhistorymn.org](mailto:education@browncountyhistorymn.org).

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# BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

**Date: November 22, 2021**

**Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073**

**Contact: Kathleen L. Backer [director@browncountyhistorymn.org](mailto:director@browncountyhistorymn.org) – 507-233-2618**

### **Brown County Historical Society Hosts Holiday Open House Featuring the Menzel Village Display**

In conjunction with the New Ulm Parade of Lights, the Brown County Historical Society is hosting a Holiday Open House on Friday, November 26, from 10:00am to 8:00pm at the Brown County Museum at 2 North Broadway, New Ulm. Admission is free. Enjoy live music and holiday treats from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

The museum will feature the special holiday favorite “The Menzel Village Display” which will be on display until December 30. The public is invited to visit the museum to view this extensive historic collection of miniatures that comprise this village. Visiting the museum to view this display has become a tradition for many families during the holiday season.

The village was originally the collection of Louise Fritsche Menzel, a New Ulm native. Louise and her husband Walter started collecting in 1937 while traveling and continued to add pieces for many years. They would place the village in their home under a tree and invite the neighborhood children in every Christmas to see the display. The exhibit has also been on display at the Minneapolis Institute of Art and some of the larger banks in the Twin Cities area.

The collection has over 1,000 pieces which includes a 100-year-old clay village, three other village sets, small dolls dressed in crocheted outfits, dolls with ceramic heads and wool wrapped legs and arms, snow babies, angels, monks, wood village people and animals, farm people, skiers, skaters, deer, cows, donkeys, geese, chickens, ducks, goats, sheep, lambs, dogs, pigs, horses, bears, elves, bridges, many different trees, street signs, mirrors for ponds, fences and even an outhouse.

The scene pieces are from Germany, West Germany, Japan, England, and Czechoslovakia and are of the following materials: glass, wool, metal, wood, cardboard, porcelain, wax, papier-mache, and plaster.

Enjoy holiday treats and music from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Admission is free all day. For more information email: [education@browncountyhistorymn.org](mailto:education@browncountyhistorymn.org) or call 507-233-2621.

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PHOTO: Louis Fritsche Menzel in her home with the display

PHOTO: Menzel Village





# BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

## PRESS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: November 8, 2021**

**Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073**

**Contact: Kathleen Backer: [director@browncountyhistorymn.org](mailto:director@browncountyhistorymn.org) – 507-233-2618**

### MARKING TIME - *A Book that Documents Historic Markers in Brown County*

*Marking Time*, a book published by the Brown County Historical Society, is a guide to over 120 historical markers placed in Brown County. The BCHS erected 25 of the historic markers found in Brown County. The book can be purchased in the BCHS Museum Store.

*Marking Time – An Illustrated Guide to Brown County's Site of Historical Interest* helps promote tourism in Brown County and create fact finding routes for tourists to explore the history of the area. The markers memorialize landmarks like Lake Hanska and the Waraju Distillery; towns like Comfrey, Evan and Golden Gate; people like Chief Sleepy Eyes and events like the 1862 Leavenworth Rescue Expedition.

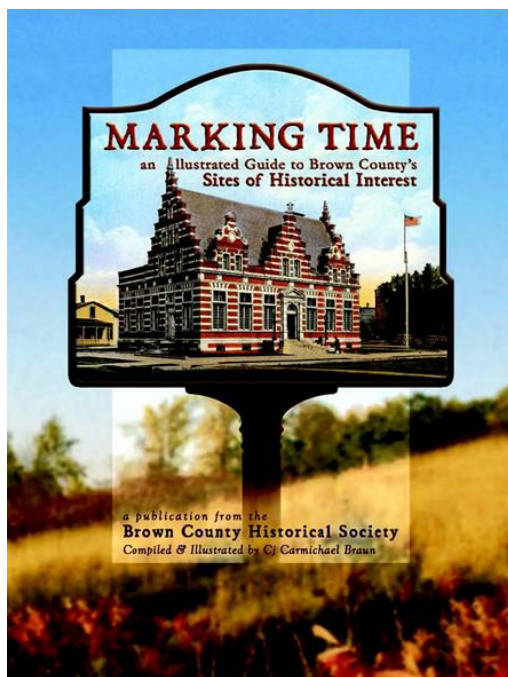
The BCHS has a long-standing marker program starting with the erection of the Brown County Territorial Marker on the Courthouse lawn in 1949 to its most recent marker dedicated in 2019 for the ghost town of Dotson. The marker program reflects the BCHS commitment to reach out to all areas of the county and recognize the historical landmarks, people and events that reflect the rich history of Brown County.

In addition to the BCHS marker program, markers are placed by individuals, families, businesses, organizations like the Junior Pioneers & the German-Bohemian Heritage Society and towns and cities in Brown County.

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Photo: Marking Time book





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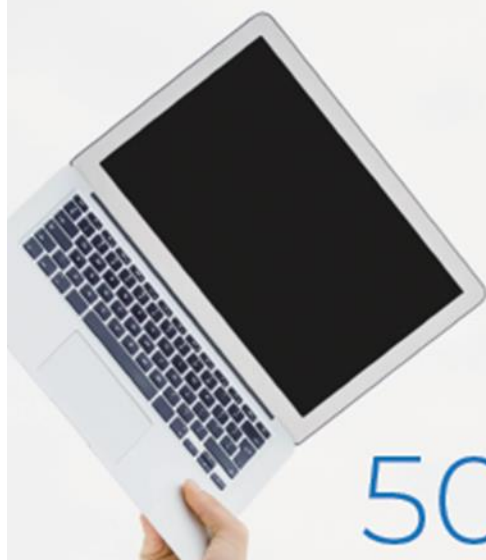
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Chamber Chatter is a publication of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of events, activities and programs in and around the community.

**Mission Statement** – The mission of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB is to strengthen the business community and take a leadership role in promoting economic growth in a spirit of cooperation and team work.

**Vision Statement** – Promote economic growth through the recruitment and retention of quality businesses and industries that will contribute to the overall economic health of the community.

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