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What's New at the Carlton County Recorder's Office? Preserving the Past and Embracing the Future

By Kris Basilici

The Carlton County Recorder's Office, working with ARCASearch Digital Archiving Services, has completed the digitization of the county's legacy Deed and Miscellaneous Land Record books. When completely processed these land record books will become researchable within the ARCASearch System, on computer at the County Recorder's Office at the Courthouse in Carlton County.

The books cover the early days of county land records, beginning in the 1870's to the early 1960's.

Why is the Carlton County Recorder's Office preserving the legacy land record books?

The reasons are multiple. Land records keep order in the county. The duty of maintaining accurate records and access to land record transactions is one of the chief responsibilities of the County Recorder's Office. These records are cumulative and must be permanently maintained as required by law; all Minnesota

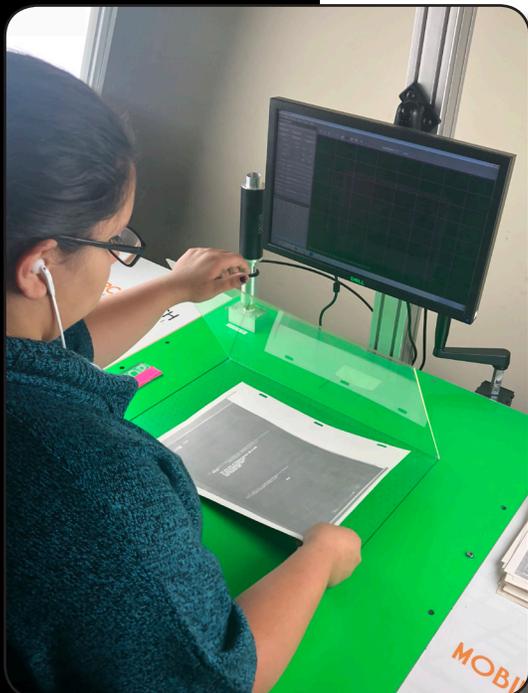
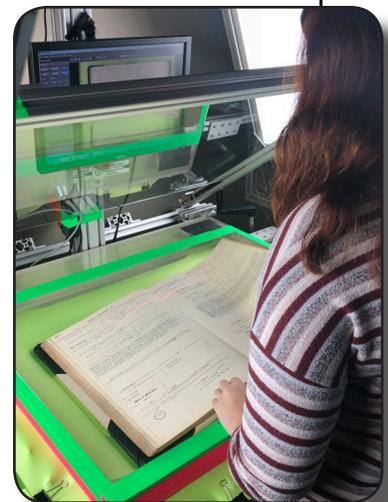
Recorder's Offices are required to permanently preserve land records. Paper and microfilm records must now be captured digitally for disaster recovery purposes. Digital records require less physical storage space. Digital documentation prepares for the future since staff has become increasingly well versed in digital work environments. Staff safety is improved as the need for access to large heavy record books decreases as the digitizing process occurs. Digitizing improves efficient retrieval for staff and others who require quick and easy access to the public land records.

The Carlton County Vital Records Department has also digitized the following records for staff utilization:

- Birth - 1870 - 1935
- Death - 1870-1996
- Marriage - 1871 - 1962

Additionally, on January 2, 2019, the Carlton County Recorder's Office, Vital Records Department (Local Registrar), will now accept credit cards for payment for all vital records transactions. A service fee is required when using a credit or debit card. Information regarding the service fee is available at the County Recorder's Office.

The entire Carlton County Recorder's Office staff is committed to using technology advancements to improve our office in order to provide superior service to our residents. Digital record preservation and implementing credit/debit card processing are just a few of the ways this department has both protected the public record and advanced public service for our county residents. Achieving superior service for our residents remains the ultimate goal of the Carlton County Recorder's Office.



A Letter of Thanks

By Dennis Genereau

As this is written, we find ourselves at day 28 of the longest Federal Government shutdown in our great nation's history. Federal workers are working without pay, or not working at all. Services are not being provided to millions of people, most of whom cannot afford to be without those services for any length of time. And despite the depth of this adverse impact, our "leaders" refuse to compromise. And things get worse.

Back home in Minnesota, the new legislative year begins with Minnesota having a new Governor and the nation's only split legislature, with what some pundits are calling a "built-in conflict" on any number of issues, including health insurance and changes in the gas tax to support highway construction. Add to that a projected budget surplus (a good thing) with no consensus on what to do with it (not a good thing) and all of a sudden Washington and Minnesota don't feel all that far apart.

But there is hope. A well respected educator once said that democracy is most effective and positively impactful when it is being practiced at a local level. Local county, city, township, and school officials often have a more complete and realistic understanding of what their constituents need than their state and federal counterparts. They appear to be the most skilled at balancing what is right with what is popular when the two are not one in the same. And most importantly they are often not just willing, but also able, to listen closely to the myriad of voices in their communities and still make sense of it all.

In these trying political times it is probably more necessary than ever to acknowledge and honor those who are willing to step up and take on the challenges that come with local governance, and who do so with grace. Carlton County is fortunate to be served by a very hardworking, forward thinking, and fiscally responsible county board that prides itself in taking all reasonable steps to fully understand an issue before deciding what is in the best interests of Carlton County's communities and its residents. There is no doubt that the five county commissioners on that board will continue to lead our county well, even as the challenges become more complex and the solutions become less clear.

It is against this backdrop that a simple but sincere expression of thanks be passed not just to those who currently serve on our county board, but to Past Commissioner Susan Zmyslony, for the hard work and efforts she made to improve the state of our county and conditions under which we live. Susan approached every challenge with a high degree of professionalism and a belief that there is no problem that cannot be resolved. She shows a great deal of respect for others, and, while strong in her convictions, is equally strong in her willingness to consider compromise when appropriate or necessary. As a commissioner and a visionary, it was her hope to make Carlton County a better place to live, and in so many ways, she did. Thank you, Past Commissioner Zmyslony, for four years of outstanding service to Carlton County, and for serving with such grace and dedication!



Employee Service Awards



Janet Robinson
(Zoning)
20 Years

Meghann Levitt
(PHHS)
10 Years

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First Ever Carlton County Local Food Fair



The first ever Carlton County Local Food Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd from 1-3 p.m. at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. Carlton County Extension, the Carlton County Food & Nutrition Network and the United Way are collaborating to host this new kid friendly event to showcase our local food producers. Join us to meet local producers and vendors including CSA (community supported agriculture) farms & learn more about summer and winter veggie shares, berry farms, beef, pork, honey, wild rice, and others including community garden and farmers market representatives to learn more about local food options.

Wayne Martin of the MN Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA) will do a brief presentation on local foods and answer questions for both producers and the general public. Please call the Extension Office at (218)384-3511, email the Extension Office at mnext-carlton@umn.edu or check out the [Facebook Event](#) if you would like to have a table or would like to request more information.

2nd Annual Carlton County Communitywide Bike Ride

Once again, Carlton County Extension, the United Way, and a number of other local groups are banding together to encourage a great day out on the Munger Trail from Carlton to Moose Lake and beyond. We would like to invite other community groups to join in the event. Please consider helping us support this ride by volunteering and rallying your friends and neighbors to come out and participate. All communities within the County area are encouraged to add their own local flair. This is a great community building event. Get outside and enjoy our beautiful surroundings on June 9th! Please call or email the Extension Office at (218)384-3511 or mnext-carlton@umn.edu if you'd like to get involved or would like additional information.



Veteran's Garden Project



The Carlton County Master Gardeners are putting together a teaching vegetable garden at the Thomson Township Hall for local veterans. The group is inviting veterans to sign up for classes that will start this spring. Master Gardener volunteers will be teaching basic vegetable gardening to project participants throughout the summer. All vets are welcome to participate. There will be no charge for the class sessions or garden space. Please call the Extension Office for more information at (218)384-3511.

Carlton County Committee's

Building Committee -
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
(Transportation Building -TB)

Committee of the Whole -
1st Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (TB)

Diversity Committee -
3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
(PH&HS)

Finance Committee -
1st Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. (TB)

Policy Committee -
3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
(Law Enforcement Center - LEC)

Management Team -
1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. (TB)

Supervisors Committee -
3rd Thursday quarterly at 2:00 p.m.
(Varies)

Wellness Committee -
2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
(PH&HS)

For a more detailed Carlton County Committee list [click here](#).



Are you interested in submitting an article in the next Carlton County Newsletter? Email or mail your articles and pictures by the March 22, 2019 deadline to:

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*Please note that all submissions are subject to editing, as needed.

Let's Get Acquainted with the Carlton County Emergency Management Director

I am the Emergency Management Director for Carlton County. It has been great getting to know everyone here. I have really enjoyed working on projects with all of our partners in Carlton County. It has been great to see how well the County, Townships, and Cities have worked together on the most recent federal disaster declaration from the flood this past summer.

I have a BA Degree in Spanish/Law Enforcement. I worked in Law Enforcement for 25 years. Before leaving Law Enforcement to move to this position in Carlton County, I worked as Deputy Sheriff and Undersheriff for the Lake County Sheriff's Office. I worked there for more than 20 years, and Emergency Management was a part of my duties for 6 years of my time there. I received certification in Emergency Management from MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management while I was working in Lake County.

I am married and have two teenage children. We enjoy camping, canoeing, hunting, shooting, and competitive archery.



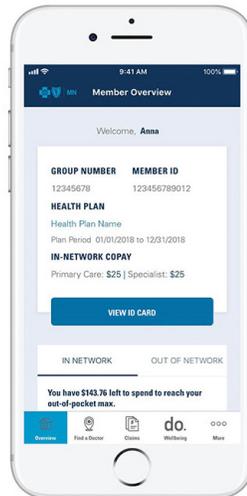
Steve VanKekerix

Go Mobile with Blue Cross

Now it's easier than ever to get important health plan information fast, wherever you need it. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota mobile app gives you convenient, on-the-go access to your health plan. Register in the app or use your bluecrossmnonline.com credentials.

You will get an overview of important plan information as well as:

- » Deductible and out-of-pocket spending totals
- » A digital member ID card that you can share easily with health care providers
- » Search capabilities for in-network doctors and care near you
- » Medical spending account balances
- » Claim status tracking



2018 MDH Immunization Awards

This year's immunization awards, presented at the 2018 Got Your Shots? Immunization Conference, recognized organizations doing outstanding work to close vaccination gaps. Clinics and counties were recognized on the= 2018 Immunization Honor Roll for having high vaccination rates for the primary childhood series among their 24-35 month old population.

The Immunization Honor Roll recognizes clinics and counties that have achieved high vaccination* rates for the primary childhood series among their 24-35 month old population. Carlton County was one among many recipients at the 2018 Got Your Shots? Immunization Conference on the Immunization Honor Roll. Congratulations to the 2018 Immunization Award winners!

**80% or more of 24-35 month population completely vaccinated with the primary childhood series. All children residing in the county as indicated in MIIC between the ages of 24-35 months as of 7/1/2018. Immunization status as of 10/16/2018.*

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