



Paynesville Historical Society

LEARNING FROM THE PAST TO INSPIRE THE FUTURE

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Help us bring local history to life and preserve our community's stories for generations to come. Your support plays a vital role in expanding our museum, creating engaging exhibits, and ensuring the heritage of the Paynesville area remains accessible to all. **Together, we can make history!**

Why Become a Member?

- Connect with the Community - Membership strengthens community pride and engagement while helping preserve the rich history of the Paynesville area.
- Tax-Deductible Support - As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all membership contributions are fully tax-deductible.

The Impact of the Paynesville Historical Society

- **Educational Value** - We provide hands-on, memorable experiences that allow visitors to interact with history in meaningful ways. Over the past two years, Kids History Camp welcomed 390 youth from 40 different cities, and we continue to expand learning opportunities through a growing number of youth and adult classes.
- **Research Value** - Our collection now includes more than 20,000 artifacts and documents, supporting researchers, families, students, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of local history.
- **Cultural Value** - We preserve and protect the cultural heritage of the Paynesville area so future generations can learn from and appreciate the past.
- **Social Value** - The museum offers a free, safe, and welcoming space where community members—especially families—can meet, connect, and explore shared experiences. This sense of belonging helps strengthen the entire community.
- **Economic Value** - More than 70% of our camp and class attendees come from outside Paynesville, bringing tourism, visibility, and economic support to the region. Together, we help build a stronger, more vibrant local economy.

Proudly recognized as one of the "best small-town historical societies in Minnesota."

We are honored to have you as a member in this important work. Your commitment is deeply appreciated and will be used wisely to support our mission. If you haven't already, we invite you to visit the museum soon and see firsthand the difference your membership makes.

With sincere appreciation,

Board of Directors; Reed Ringstad, President, Doris Wendlandt, Vice President, Karen Neu, Secretary, Jean Soine, Treasurer, Steve Brown, Steve Peterson, Sara Turrell, Grant Fuchs, Gretchen O'Fallon, Jerald Quarfot, Linda Hoeft

Annual Membership - \$50 PER HOUSEHOLD

CONTACT INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

☐ \$50 - Annual Membership

☐ Other Amount: \$_____ Specific Area(If any) _____

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