



You may have heard or read the article in the Union Enterprise, that at a recent city commission meeting it was determined the City of Otsego is interested in selling the building where the museum resides. That building is the previous Water Works building (built in 1907 and owned by the City). The Historical Society Board is investigating our options but know that regardless of what we do we will need to raise some money to accomplish that decision. The City of Otsego has been, and continues to be supportive of the museum since it's conception. The decision to sell the building has become a driving force in determining the future direction of the Otsego Area Historical Society.

It is understood this will be a huge undertaking, yet it is believed the passion for preserving area history is shared by many, and working together, it can happen which is why your help with this endeavor is important. Every donation is appreciated, but if you are interested in becoming permanently recognized for your contribution, the following donation levels have been established. Contributors at each level will be proudly posted in the museum for all to see.

- Bronze - \$100
- Silver - \$250
- Gold - \$500
- Platinum - \$1,000
- Benefactor - \$2,500 or more

Our goal is to raise \$250,000 with the following timelines. By March 25, 2021 reach \$150,000 and by September 25, 2021 the remaining \$100,000. We will continue to update the progress on our sign and with a fundraiser thermometer outside the museum.

Thank you for helping us save the Otsego Area Historical Museum.

The Otsego Area Historical Museum has been housed at its current location since 2004 and has been self funded since its inception. Since that time, an impressive number of valuable artifacts have been donated/collected and are on display. Many projects implemented or currently in-process include: highlights of the seven area paper mills, Historical Happenings presentations, a Wall of Fame highlighting accomplishments of area individuals, updated technology to bring history to life, invitation of the youth community to inspire the future preservation of Otsego history, and so much more!

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Otsego Area Historical Society is to illustrate the history of the Otsego area by preserving its history, and educating the public by means of programs, displays, and exhibits.

Sincerely,
The Board of the Otsego Area Historical Society