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*Bill Vancos, President; Jim Hagen, Vice President; Stephanie Kuski, Secretary; Cindy Goll, Treasurer.
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State of the Society Report: Our Annual Meeting was held on October 18th and once again we are happy to report that, with the continuing excellent support from our Members, the Rhinelander Historical Society remains in good shape. We resumed the Summer Tours, and were open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We were also able to have the July 4th Ice Cream Social and Halloween Open House. However, due to lack of volunteers we did not have the Robert Schubert Recital or the Holiday Open House in 2021. A Big Thank You to all that volunteered, donated items for, or attended these events in the past, and we hope they will continue as we move forward.

Summer Tours: Our intent is again to be open for Tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A big **Thank You** goes out to Anne Anderson, Jim Hagen, Bill Hull, Ed Kubesh,, Rick Rollman, Bill Vancos and Tom Winquist for volunteering their time to welcome guests to the Museum. If at all possible, please add touring the Museum to your summer To-Do list. Also if you have an occasional spare three hours that you could volunteer to the Historical Society, we could use at least one more Saturday Docent (every third week) and perhaps another person able to fill in if someone has an occasional conflict with their scheduled shift. Please contact Bill Vancos (715-360-0400) for more information. We guarantee it will be an enjoyable time welcoming guests and we will help you feel comfortable in the role. No memorization of historical facts is required! You could even try this out as a second Docent on a shift.

The Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe presentation: We will be starting our Summer season, as we did five years ago, with a Fur Trading Program in the Museum back yard on Memorial Day weekend. Jerry Disterhaft and Karen Crochiere will be in period dress and have the large Voyageur canoe along with furs and other hands on demonstrations to introduce you to the fur trade era and the lives of its most colorful participants. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 28th, 10-4 to attend this informative and interesting presentation. Jim Rollman will also be there displaying many of the interesting artifacts he has uncovered along the banks of area rivers and lakes. On Sunday, weather permitting, the canoe will be at Boom Lake to take guests for a free ride (heads up, you may be needed to help paddle). Thank you to **RIPCO Credit Union** for sponsoring this event making it available for all at no cost.

Have we told you lately how much we love you?: Seriously, we can't thank everyone enough for all the support your Historical Society has received during the past year. Whether you made a financial contribution, volunteered your time, offered a service or product at a reduced cost, hosted one of the informational signs for a week, donated item(s) to the Museum, whatever gesture of time, treasure or talent you provided, know, without a doubt, it is very much appreciated.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: The exterior of the Museum Building was repainted last year (thank you Mark Jacobson) and that should buy us some more time until we can find a contractor to replace the exterior siding. It sounds like a broken record, but in addition to the siding, we would like to accomplish re-plastering some of the ceilings and walls on the upper floor and repairing areas of wall paper at the Museum. Finding a contractor to remove the chimney for a reasonable price along with further weatherization and yard work and beatification also remain on the To Do list. Rest assured, as frustrating as this has been, efforts will continue to find contractors that can complete this work.

Save the Dates: Saturday, May 28th – Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe Fur Trader presentation 10-4; Monday, July 4th – Ice Cream Social (after the parade); Saturday, October 29 – Halloween Open House (Noon – 4pm)

MEMBERSHIPS, NEW OR RENEWALS: Your membership and financial support are important for the continued success of the Rhinelander Historical Society Museum. New memberships and donations are always welcome. For your convenience, we have included the form below. This same form may be used for a new membership or to upgrade to a new category. Upgrades are created by cumulative cash donations. This helps the Historical Society with the on-going Museum expenses. Thank you for your support and generosity. The Rhinelander Historical Society Inc. (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) was incorporated in 1991 so your donations will qualify as tax deductible for income tax purposes.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (NEW, RENEWAL, OR UPGRADE)

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 Address: _____ Email Address: _____
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	Annual Family Membership.....\$25
Annual Business	Life Individual Membership.....\$100
Membership \$50	Life Family Membership.....\$250
	Charter Membership.....\$500
Annual Organization	Donor Membership.....\$1,000
Membership \$100	Patron Membership.....\$5,000
	Founder Membership.....\$10,000
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For those over the age of 70 ½ or 72, if you haven't heard of the benefits of making donations directly from your pre-tax accounts, please speak with your Financial Advisor. You can continue to support non-profit organizations, like the Rhinelander Historical Society, and reduce your tax liability in the process. Thank you.

Planned Giving

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