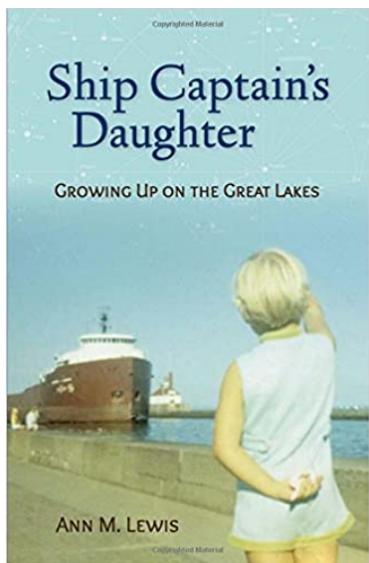




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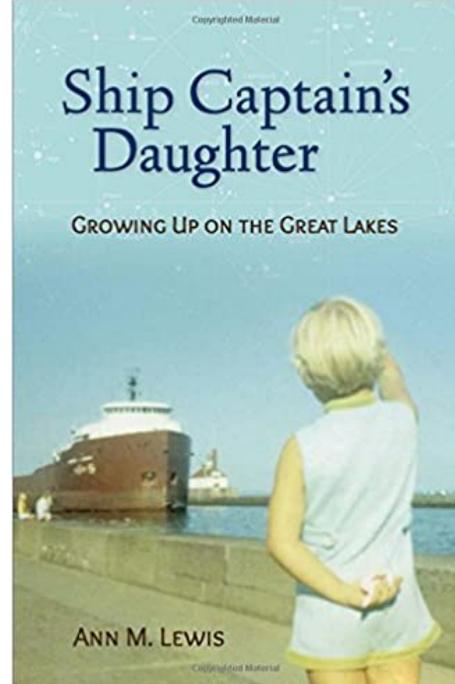
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**BookEnds Online Featuring
Author Ann Lewis
Tomorrow, Friday, June 13th at
11:30 AM via ZOOM.**

Next up on the schedule for the BookEnds Online Edition is Ann Lewis. Ann Lewis is the author of *"Ship Captain's Daughter: Growing up on the Great Lakes"*. First published in 2015, this book is both Biography & Autobiography marking the unusual childhood of a young girl whose father was the captain of a ship.

To attend the BookEnd Online Edition for Ann Lewis, email Lina at 603wchs@arvig.net for a ZOOM meeting invite. The program will also be recorded and then made available, along with past programs on the Wadena County Historical Society website.

Ann Lewis's book the "*Ship Captain's Daughter: Growing up on the Great Lakes*" is available on Amazon. Click [here](#) to purchase your copy today!



The Show Must Go On: Spotlight on the Wadena County Historical Society's New Online Programs

When COVID-19 showed up like a snowstorm in July it was clear it was no longer just a news topic happening half-way across the world. It was here. New terms began to emerge that were strange and borderline bizarre. "Shelter-in-Place" and "Social Distancing" became the new COVID lingo. Everyone in Minnesota was asked to stay home. Cancellations began to happen in droves. Events that would normally take place in person were moving into a new world. A virtual world where hugs have gone by the wayside, but it wasn't a reason to give up on connecting to the arts. Lina Belar, Executive Director for the Wadena County Historical Society started to brainstorm ideas for a solution for what to do next. "I initially didn't know what to do but I knew I had to do something," shared Lina.

There were two programs on the agenda, BookEnds and the Spring Legacy Arts Series. BookEnds is a live Visiting Author program, and the Legacy Series brings gifted performers to Wadena. The BookEnds program for March 2020 was set to feature Allen Woodrow, a Youth Author and Humorist who had traveled all the way from Chicago to talk about his latest book, "The Curse of the Werepenguin". "It was the day Governor Walz gave the announcement that the schools were closing, Woodrow was scheduled to speak to the Wadena Deer Creek Elementary students the following day," shared Lina. She wasted no time contacting a videographer, Trinity Gruenberg and asked her and Woodrow to meet to discuss what to do next. The three of them met at Drastic Measures Brewery and came up a plan. "It was such a short, impromptu meeting but it all just worked out," shared Lina.

Woodrow agreed to film his presentation. "Trinity made all of this work on a very short notice, and we were very appreciative of her help. She edited the film into two programs and the videos are were posted on the WCHS website the next day. They continue to be hosted on our YouTube channel for everyone to enjoy from home," shared Lina.

In addition to BookEnds going virtual, the next program to tackle was the Spring Legacy Program. The featured artist for March, Todd Green, is a multi-instrumentalist who was also on the schedule to visit Wadena the same week Governor Walz ordered the schools to close. "He had been in New York Mills doing a program at the school prior to the shutdown, so he was already in the area. Even though his Wadena school visits and concerts were all cancelled he did manage to record a school presentation with the Elementary School music teacher. We have since posted some of his music on our website. Since then, I have been busy planning how to transition all of our programming to online," said Lina.

Fast forward to June 2020 and the state is just beginning to come out of quarantine. However, Lina didn't let the stay at home order slow her down. She's been busy working with upcoming BookEnds authors and the Legacy Program is still going strong amidst the pandemic. Because as all artists and art aficionados know, the show must go on.

To stay informed on upcoming BookEnds and Legacy Program events visit the [Wadena County Historical Society's YouTube channel](#) and subscribe. The [WCHS Facebook](#) page is also a great source of information. Questions or comments can be emailed to Lina Belar, Executive Director of the WCHS at 603wchs@arvig.net.

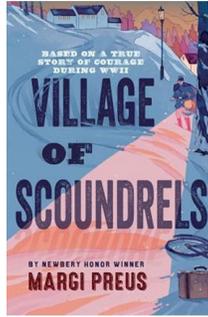
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The Wadena County Museum and Bookstore may be temporarily closed but their events are still thriving. Past artists and writers featured at BookEnds and the Legacy Programs are available to watch via YouTube. Everyone is invited to enjoy this ongoing series of small presentations created especially for Wadena County History Online. To subscribe to WCHS's YouTube channel, go to [Wadena County Historical Society](#) and click the [Subscribe](#) button to be notified of new videos.

**Past BookEnds & Legacy Programs
Available Online to Watch Today**

Margi Preus

Margi Preus is a children's writer. Her book, "*Village of Scoundrels*", is based on the true story of the French villagers in WWII who saved thousands of Jews. Forging documents, smuggling people



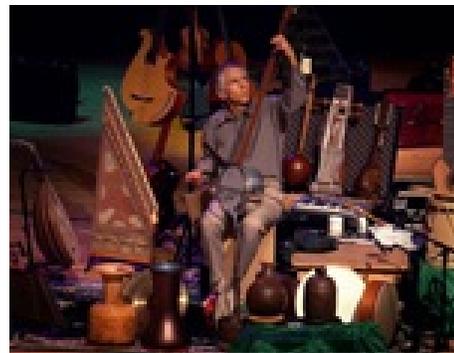
over the border, carrying messages for the French Resistance- the teenagers of Les Lauzes find ways of helping the refugees in their midst.

Margi's BookEnds is available to watch online through the Wadena County Historical Society's YouTube channel. Pick up your copy of Margi Preus's book, "*Village of Scoundrels*" through the Travelin' Storyseller website.

[Watch BookEnds Online Edition with Margi Preus HERE.](#)

Todd Green

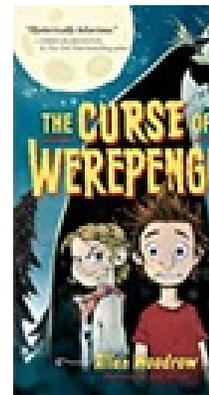
Multi-instrumentalist Todd Green shares his unique one-man-band of original music performed on more than 30 acoustic string, flute and percussion instruments from around the world. Watch Todd Green's presentation recorded at the Wadena Deer Creek Elementary School below.



[Listen to Todd Green's Music](#)

Allan Woodrow: Youth Author and Humorist

BookEnds Online Edition launched April with youth author and humorist, Allan Woodrow. Here he talks about his recent book, "The Curse of the Werepenguin". This was recorded at the Wadena Museum and Bookstore on March 14, 2020.



[Allan Woodrow Presentation March 14, 2020](#)

[Hear more about Allan Woodrow and his writing life. Allan Woodrow on Writing March 14, 2020.](#)

Elisa Korenne

Singer-Songwriter, Elisa Korenne, was scheduled to perform one of her songs and story shows in Wadena on April 24 for the Wadena County Historical Society's Spring Legacy Program. However, due to COVID-19,

the show was canceled.

However, the Wadena County Historical Society has a link to a program created earlier by Prairie Public called "Minnesota's Unsung History Stories". The hour-long program features original songs by Elisa Korenne that are focused on little-known, but historically relevant events and people throughout Minnesota. Songs include: Rootbeer Lady, When Feathers Flew (about Herman Fink of Wadena), Mail Order Bride, Moonshine, Sandy Lake Tragedy, We Can Take It, Who Was I?, Chaska, Courthouse Synagogue, Next Big Thing, Steamboats on the Red, Sister Lumberjack. Watch them all at once or enjoy one a day.



[Watch Minnesota's Unsung History Stories by Elisa Korenne](#)

Elisa's book, "Hundred Miles to Nowhere: An Unlikely Love Story is available to purchase on Amazon. Click [here](#) to get your copy now!

WCHS Mission Statement:

The Wadena County Historical Society was formed in 1967 for the preservation and perpetuation of Wadena county history; and for the purpose of gathering together all historical facts and data and such exhibits of old time implements, utensils and other articles of use by our pioneer residents.



There undoubtedly are hundreds of attics containing many of these desirable articles that should go into the permanent exhibit set up in the Wadena County Historical Society at 603 Jefferson Street North, Wadena, Minnesota. The history of the item should accompany each and every piece.

For more information visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org