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**Stromberg violin display dedication kicks off**

**start of Iola Historical Society’s summer season**

Bert Stromberg, a former Iola constable, was also a violin maker. His descendants have donated his violin-making tools, plans, and violins in various stages of production to the Iola Historical Society. The Society recently completed making new display cases to showcase Stromberg’s skills and history.

A formal dedication of the display and acknowledgement of the donation by the Historical Society will take place Saturday, June 1, which is the opening day of the Society’s 2013 summer season. Hours are from Noon to 3:00 p.m. every Saturday from June through August.

The dedication starts at 1:00 pm and will include Stromberg’s relatives: Maynard Stromberg, an uncle who donated the collection; grandson Jerry Stromberg and granddaughter Sharon Hatton.

Rebecca Wierzchowski, a local Iola violinist, will be performing classical style Norwegian music composed by Ole Bull.

The Historic Iola Village buildings will be open for visitors throughout the summer, except the Iola And Northern Railway depot, which is undergoing restoration to its original design. The other buildings include a replica of a one-room schoolhouse; a 1930s log cabin; the original Helvetia Town Hall; a vintage caboose; a replica of Iola’s original firehouse, housing the village’s first three vintage pieces of firefighting equipment; The Machine Shed filled with vintage farm and manufacturing equipment; and the historical society’s museum.

The museum features recently acquired collections such as the Ray Towne collection of native American artifacts found throughout Waupaca County, and the Stromberg violin collection. Other items of local historical significance are also on display. Docents will be at each building to talk about their historic significance and answer any questions.

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