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Dear Members:

Lupo House Update: St. Francis Historical Society

The City of St. Francis graciously allowed us to sell items from the Lupo House prior to its demolition. Some of the items sold were: doors, cabinets, molding, flooring, stove, wet bar, carpet, etc. The money from these items was placed in the Building Fund.

The Building Inspector, Craig Vretenar, informed us that the City is waiting for the electricity and gas to be shut off. The house will then be razed.

We still have some items stored in the semi which is parked behind the Lupo House. These items will be for sale at a rummage sale planned for Fall 2011. We will give you the exact dates of the sale.

Future Planning

The St. Francis Police Department has offered to co-sponsor a Bike Auction with the St. Francis Historical Society. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the St. Francis Police Department and the St. Francis Historical Society. We will let you know when we have the date and time.

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*We will be featuring a series of biographies of men from the area who served in the Civil War.*

### ***Solomon Enos***

Solomon Calkins Enos was born in Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 1817. He was the last survivor of a family of seven children.

When he was seven years old, his family moved to Watertown, Wisconsin. At the age of 11 years, he joined the printing department of the Democratic Standard. During the three years he was there, he thoroughly mastered the trade of printer. Then he went to Sacket Harbor and for a year-and-a-half worked on the Courier until it ceased publication.

At the point in Solomon's life, his health failed and the doctors advised him to find some outdoor work. He decided to become a sailor on the Great Lakes in the summer and continue to be a printer during the winter months.

The first ship that Solomon sailed on was the Eliza from Belleville, Canada. Later he shipped on the United States, the America, the Lucinda, and the Pennsylvania.

In the spring of 1837, he sailed up the Lakes on the Pennsylvania, and landed at Milwaukee. He assisted in fitting out the Solomon Juneau, and sailed on her for the rest of the season. In the

fall of 1837, he went to work for Daniel H. Richards in the office of the Daily Advertiser.

In the summer of 1838, he entered 160 acres of land under the homestead law in the town of Granville. He built a log cabin on his property and lived there in order to fulfill the claim laws.

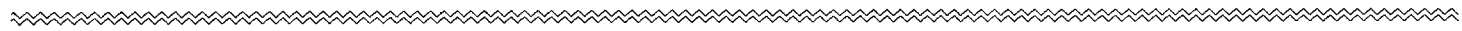
In 1839, he bought a 2/3 interest in the Milwaukee Advertiser, and published it until 1841.

Again in 1841, his health failed. On the advice of his physician, he sold his city interests and moved to his farm in the town of Granville.

In 1862, the authorities hired Solomon to enroll the men subject to the draft for the army. Although he was 47 years old, Solomon felt that the call of his country was more demanding than his age. He enlisted as a private in Company A of the Thirty-Sixth Wisconsin Infantry on March 10, 1864.

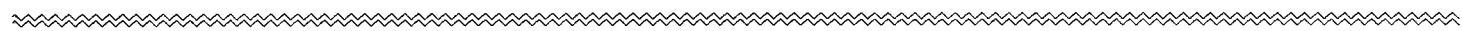
With his regiment, Solomon fought at Weldon Railroad; Ream's Station; Poplar Springs Church; Hatcher's Run; Fort Steadman; and Petersburg. After the War was over, he participated in the grand review at Washington on May 24, 1865. He was a member of the E. B. Wolcott No. 1 Grand Army of the Republic for many years.

He continued to live on his farm in the town of Granville until his death on July 23, 1904.



### *In my day.....*

- You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600... But who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.
- "Grass" was mowed, "Coke" was a cold drink, "Pot" was something your mother cooked in, "Rock Music" was your grandmother's lullabye, "Aids" were helpers in the principal's office, "Chip" meant a piece of wood, "Hardware" was found in a Hardware Store, "Software" wasn't even a word.



### *An Irish Friendship Wish*

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.