

*Ely and Winton are located in a remote area in an environment and climate considered harsh by many. But over the past centuries this land has offered many things to the people who have chosen to live here.*

The ELY-WINTON HISTORY MUSEUM desires to help you understand the land in which we live and what it offered to the people who lived here. A community arose as people from diverse backgrounds came here to make a living and fulfill their dreams. The museum interprets what these people experienced in this land, what they strove for, how they coped with problems, what they achieved, and what they have passed down to their descendants. Using photographs, maps and artifacts, the displays present the different phases of 12,000 years of local history from prehistoric to the present day including:

- *Minerals found in our area including display of local mineralogist.*
- *The Ojibwe (Chippewa) Indians, their culture and use of forest resources.*
- *The logging industry which employed thousands of men in camps and mills.*
- *The development of the iron ore mining industry in the late 1800s. Includes the lives of the men who labored in the underground mines*
- *A boarding house. See what the mill worker or miner owned and how he lived.*
- *New - Clara Handberg, the teacher who for over twenty years helped many immigrants become American citizens.*
- *New - Immigration. See what a family coming to the New World would have brought along in their trunks.*
- *New - A lady's boudoir. Enter the dressing room of Ely's Frances Raub James and see the items she used every day.*
- *Newspaperman and author Bob Cary's office and memorabilia of his life.*
- *Medicine on the frontier. A collection of often used medical devices and household medications.*

## **The last section of the museum is devoted to special exhibits.**

•Rotating Boundary Waters displays. This year's exhibit features Resorts of the BWCAW.

•“The Revenooers Are Comin’!” A look at moonshining during Prohibition.

The Museum is equipped to show DVDs on topics of local interest including logging, mining, Indian culture, resorts, Ely history and more.

The Museum has books on local history and also DVDs for sale.

Research projects are welcome. Our files and photo collections are extensive. Please ask our staff for assistance.

*We hope you enjoy your visit and that you become acquainted with the colorful history of the Ely and Winton areas.*