



County restores Boy in Blue

On May 30, 1893, the citizens of Blue Earth County dedicated a Civil War monument at Lincoln Park in Mankato. Over the years, storm damage and vandalism took a toll on the Boy in Blue statue that paid homage to the Civil War veterans from the county. It was torn down in 1927. On May 30, 2015, a brand new Boy in Blue monument will be dedicated in Lincoln Park at 10 a.m. Over \$180,000 was raised in the county to create an exact replica of the original Boy in Blue (above). The new monument will recognize the sacrifices of all Blue Earth County veterans and will honor again the Civil War veterans. There will be a short parade just before the dedication. Mankato Post 11 has been strongly involved in the project.