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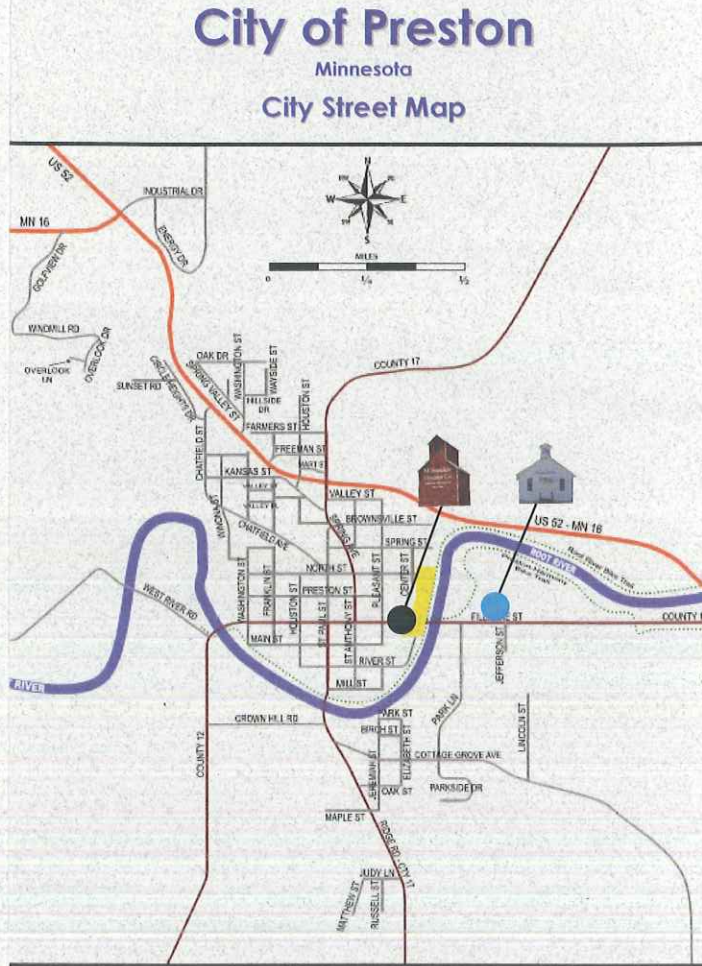
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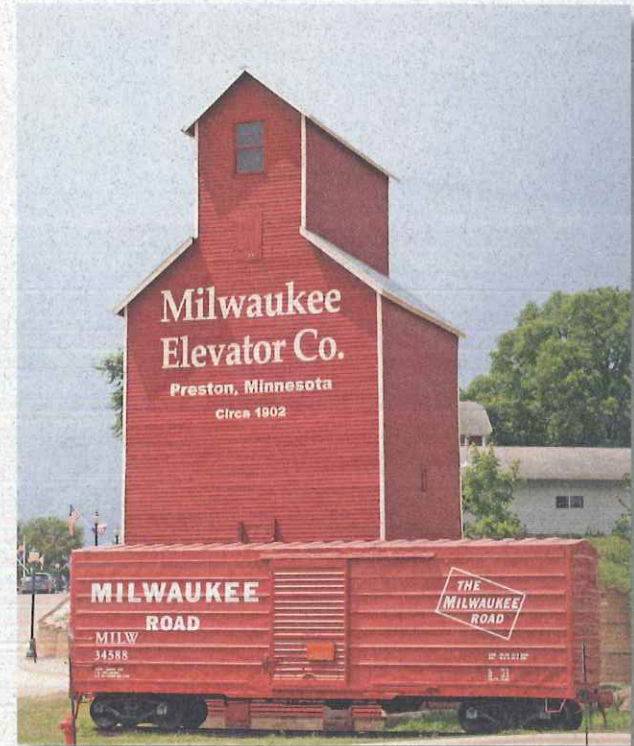


- Historic Elevator
- O'Hara School
- Trailhead Parking Lot
- ..... Bike Trail
- Hwy 52
- Root River



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**1902 Historic Milwaukee Grain Elevator  
Preston, Minnesota**

**LOCATED at the Trailhead parking lot  
of the Preston Bike Trail,  
three blocks from downtown Preston  
on East Fillmore Street**

## Preston Historical Society

*Sunday afternoon the side tracks near the depot were pretty well crowded with cars. We understood that about 40 of them were to be loaded with barley and that it required in the neighborhood of 30 or more to take away the grain stored away in the flathouses and elevators at this place. Preston Times 1873*



Gone are the depot, roundhouse and other buildings that once made Preston a rail center. **The Milwaukee Elevator**, circa 1902, is the only structure remaining of Preston's rail shipping center, used by both agriculture and commerce in the surrounding area.

**The Milwaukee Elevator** stands as an icon and historical link for all area people to the railroad and Preston's agricultural past. It was last used to store grain in the 1980's. PHS is in the process of restoring the bagging shed and scale house. The elevator is now on the **National Register of Historic Buildings**.



**Preston Historical Society** has added a Milwaukee Road boxcar and caboose on rails near the elevator. The caboose is in the process of being restored



**Preston Historical Society** has helped to restore the O'Hara Schoolhouse, which is located at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds.

Preston High School pictures, 1911 – 1959, are now kept at the Preston Public Library.

