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Women In History 2012

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Left to Right: 2012 Women In History– Pat Abfalter, Jan Hovda, Clara Knettel and Foley High School Junior Honoree Kalee Stellmach

When you put your hand into a flowing stream, you touch the last that has gone before and the first of what is still to come....

Leonard DaVinci
(1452-1519)

Thanks to all who joined us at the Sauk Rapids VFW for the Women Making History luncheon on March 25, 2012. We had a great lunch and celebrated the contributions of some amazing women in the Benton County area! As part of the programming for the event, we always celebrate all the Women In History that we have honored in the past by watching our Women In History PowerPoint presentation. It is amazing to watch and remind ourselves about the many women who have participated in life, and community in our local history. The 2012 honorees will be added to the PowerPoint for the next luncheon so that the history of women in Benton County will be a legacy for the future.

Pictured above are the Benton County women that we honored on March 25, 2012. The biographies of each woman are printed on the inside pages of the newsletter for your reading pleasure. Each one of our honorees was nominated by someone of the community, and each one was nominated for their special participation in our lives.

Thanks and Congratulations to our Women In History 2012!

Women In History 2012 Pat Abfalter

Pat Abfalter– Women In History 2012

Pat Abfalter of Foley is a Woman In History 2012 honoree.

Pat was born on March 7, 1947 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She grew up in the Foley area and attended the Foley Public Schools. Pat married John “Jack” Abfalter on August 14, 1965 at St. John’s Catholic Church, in Foley, where they have been lifelong members.

Together, they made their home in Foley and raised three children: Kimberly, JackiLynn and Jason. Their family grew with new family members when Kimberly found Tom, JackiLynn found Tim and Jason found Angie and then Pat’s family was increased with the blessing of six grandchildren: Jordan, Taylor, Haleigh, Logan, Jack and Sophia.

Throughout the years of her life, Pat operated an in home daycare, worked at Hogan Drugstore in Foley and for Catholic Charities, from which she will be retiring on March 31, 2012. Along the way of her life, she also enjoyed sewing club, card club, working on the church counsel, and volunteering in her community.

Pat says her greatest satisfaction has come from helping and spending time with the elderly from the time she was a child all the way up to her current role with Catholic Charities. She has spent many wonderful moments starting from age five, with her elderly neighbors listening to the stories of life during “the good old days”. During recent years, she has delivered meals to the elderly, supported them on hospital visits and been a friend to them. Pat and her husband will often take a car load of them up to the Grand Casino Mille Lacs or to a movie. Pat says they love having fun too! Pat also said that “now that I am older, I hope to share those stories they told me through the years, as well as my own, to the younger generation. I have a tremendous amount of respect for our community’s elderly and I consider them to be the salt of the earth.”

Cecil Wade of Foley nominated Pat Abfalter for today’s honoree award, with the following submission of information: “Her job is supervising the meals served at Dewey Place in Foley. What I find so remarkable about her is the relationship’s she’s developed between herself and the retired women who live at Dewey. She sits with them in the dining room/lounge and visits, asks them countless questions about their own histories, discusses issues with them, which would probably go unnoticed if she did not do so. Her respect for the aged and aging is so evident. And of course, her sincere interest in the subjects discussed is transferred to all who hear. I believe that her compassion and her positive attitude are worth noting.”

Pat’s participation in the local community with family, church, employment, along with her compassion, friendship and positive attitude are to be recognized and we do so today. Benton County Historical Society is proud to have Pat Abfalter as one of the 2012 Women In History honorees.



“Each blade of grass has its spot on Earth whence it draws its life, its strength; and so is man rooted to the land from which he draws his faith together with his life.” Joseph Conrad (1857-1924)

City of Sauk Rapids Time Capsule

The City of Sauk Rapids had an article in the St. Cloud Times about the time capsule being installed in the new City Hall building. Time Capsules contents are usually a reflection of the community to be opened at a later date. Please contact The City of Sauk Rapids if there is something you would like to see included, or have ideas of what should be included. Suggestions should be submitted before the first week in May so that they can be included in the ceremony late in the month.



Benton County Fair– 100th Anniversary

The Benton County Agricultural Board is still looking for items that can be shared with them for the 100th year anniversary of the Benton County Fair. Please contact the Benton County Fair Board if you have some pictures, or information and history on items like: 4-H, buildings, events such as car racing, motorcycle racing, horse racing, entertainment, demolition derby, and any other thing you can think of. The Fair Board would like to make the 2012 100th Year anniversary exhibit in the Heritage Center Building a year of memories and history. If you have information or artifacts you can call 253-5649, or email the information in at: bentonfair@aol.com

Cemetery Help– Polish National & Fairview

Meredith De Pree has been working on mapping and updating cemeteries in Benton County. In looking at the files this week, she is looking for additional information from the community on burials in the Polish National and Fairview Cemeteries. Both cemeteries are located in Alberta Township, neither has been updated as far as she can tell since the mid 1970’s. We have cemetery files of names for both to that point, but if you have recent or old locations or knowledge of burials, please contact her at the museum (253-9614) as she believes they are not complete.

Museum Hours & Tours

The Benton County Historical Society and Museum is open 10am-4pm Monday thru Friday and the first Saturday of every month 11am to 4pm. If you have need for a tour or need a special time for research, please call the museum at 253-9614 or contact by email: bchsmus@bentoncountyhistorical.com and we will work with you outside the regular business hours to accommodate your travel schedule or group tour.



There is a magic in that little word, Home; it is a mystic circle that surrounds comfort and virtues, never known beyond its hallowed limits.

Robert Southey (1774-1843)

Executive Director's Corner



A very Happy Spring to all who are reading this! I am hoping that Spring will stay a little longer this time than the first time around!

As you can see by the late date of the newsletter, it has been extremely busy at the museum. We have been working with the Benton County Agricultural Board to help them put together a book and history of the Benton County Fairgrounds. That requires lots of microfilm and newspaper, and we have both!

Women In History was held in March in conjunction with National Women's History month. We enjoyed the addition of four new women to our Benton County Honoree program, celebrating what they represent to our community, and had a great lunch! We have put the biographies on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5 and if you take the time to read them, please also take the time to think of someone you can nominate for next year's event!

The local agate collection of Lyndon Johnson's is in the building and the museum has been open extra hours. The schedule is listed on page 6 for those of you have not been here yet to see it. A beautiful collection and a huge part of Benton County residents remember agates as part of their childhood memories. Collecting agates was a fondly remembered pastime for people and of course, a less costly one for people of all ages!

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Caren Kalenda and her husband Bob are pulling up an old part of Benton County Historical Society history by re-building the County History tour for us! We used to have a slide show to take to the public on Benton County history "spots". Caren processed some of the old slides to digital format, and now she and Bob are trying to put together a driving tour so that interested people can find our National Registry properties and any other items of interest along the way! I was very excited when they asked to do this project! It will be a wonderful addition to involve people in their local history. Places like the Cota barns (Duelm), Bend In The River Park (Rice), Granite Care Home (Sauk Rapids), Rice City Hall (old one), Benton County Courthouse (Foley), St. Peters and Paul Church (Gilman) are just a few I can think of right now. Suggestions? Let us know!

A refreshing story for everyone: It was a busy day two weeks ago, at the end of the day (when I am all the only one left), after an event (so I was tired) and a little 5-6 year old little girl comes into the museum with her Mom and wanted to see what we had in this building. Her bright blue eyes took in everything as we went on the tour and she had many questions on everything and all of it was; "Cool Old Stuff." She and her mom brightened my day with their interest, as they had not lived in Sauk Rapids for just a little over three years. Now, Lyndon's agates were "Cool Old Rocks" and he was the "Seeker/Keeper of Cool Old Rocks" and she loved those too.

At the end of the tour, the little girl asked me what the name of the "House of Cool Old Stuff" was, and I told her, "Benton County Historical Society". She also asked me who the "People of the Cool Old Stuff" were and I told her, "the members that keep this place open and the people of Benton County who donate artifacts and keep the history." I gave her a newsletter, brochure and a Sauk Rapids history book and then she said "Goodbye, WE WILL BE BACK!" Her mom said, "thank you". Now, I sat back down to do some work and thought about her "Cool Old Stuff": and I happened to be working on something with an acronym. (ex: BCHS= Benton County Historical Society) Then I thought about the conversation; it seems that in the acronym world the agates would be "COR", Lyndon would be "SKOCOR", and we would be: "HOCOS POCOS" (House of the Cool Old Stuff and People of the Cool Old Stuff)! Now I have seen a lot of magic in my lifetime, but that little blue eyed girl made my day with her magic because lately—Hocus-Pocus sound just about right for this place! Enjoy life! *Mary Ostby*

Women In History 2012 Janis Hovda

Janis Hovda— Women In History 2012

Jan Hovda of Rice is our second Women Making History Honoree for 2012 being honored today!

Jan is involved in many community activities and has a wide variety of interests in her pursuit of helping in her community!

Jan is a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Rice. Her involvement with this organization is in a variety of ways. She sings in the choir, is a group leader for the Faith Formation's Journey of Faith, and is on a funeral lunch crew. In the past she also has been a group leader for Vacation Bible School, has volunteered to help at church functions such as Summerfest, fish fries during Lent, and plays her violin at various church services.

Jan is very involved with the Rice Auxiliary and currently holds the offices of Chaplain, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. She is also a past President of Rice Auxiliary 473 and the Benton/Sherburne County Council. Jan has also been a member of the Legion Color Guard since its creation.

Jan is a very dedicated volunteer at Tri County Humane Society and has volunteered over 1000 hours with this organization! She is involved in several areas working on the website updates, data entry, helping with the Annual Companion Walk, Wine, Kibbles and Bids, Santa Paws, gift-wrapping during the Christmas Season, and Cat Sales at the shelter. Jan finished her 6th year on the Board of Directors where she has held the offices of first Vice-President and Second Vice-President. She also participates on the fundraising committee and the Board Development committee.

She is a Board Member of Firearm Instruction, a non-profit organization that teaches firearm safety to citizens and retired police officers. She, and her husband Jim, started the organization in 1993 and have been teaching since then. She, and a practicing prosecutor also teach the "Firearms and the Law" portion of the course, and teaches the gun cleaning portion of the course.

Jan is an attorney, now retired, who spent her career as a prosecutor. Her area of expertise was juvenile delinquency and child protection. She worked for the City of St. Cloud, and the Counties of Beltrami, Mille Lacs, and Stearns. In her appellate work, she appealed 13 cases and only lost one pretrial suppression issue. She did go on to win that trial, however. The first case she ever appealed in Beltrami County, as a new prosecutor, made case law in termination of parental rights case and so, she has a real talent for appellate law.

One of the highlights that Jan participated in was representing the City of Rice at General Marchand's promotion to Brigadier General, and then again, at his promotion to Major General, which took place at the Pentagon.

Jan said that although she and her husband Jim, do not have human children, she does sponsor four children through Plan USA, and organization that has been helping children since 1937.

Nancy Anderson's nomination for Jan as one of our honorees included only one more thing about Jan that we have not already said and that is that she is "a wonderful friend!"

Benton County Historical Society is pleased to honor Jan Hovda as one our 2012 Women In History honorees.



Women In History 2012 Clara Knettel

Clara Knettel– Women In History 2012

Clara Knettel is the third Women Making History Honoree for 2012! Her nomination was sent in by Winnie Doroff who started her nomination with “she has a generous heart and is willing to help people in need; especially the elderly.”

Looking at Clara’s biography and her involvement with the community, we at Benton County Historical Society concur with Winnie’s assessment!

Clara has lived in Benton County for 55 years. She and her husband Ray were married 50 years and they lived and farmed in Mayhew Lake Township. Clara was widowed five years ago, but during their time together, she and her husband were blessed with 6 children in their lives. As their children grew older into adults, so did their family, with the addition of 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren!

Clara not only raised a family, but she had a career. She worked at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home for 28 years, and did demo’s for Coborn’s 5th Avenue and Cooper stores for over 10 years.

Her commitment to family and career did not stop her from also participating in her community and sharing of her time. Her volunteer work in the community has kept her busy in the past, the present and surely in the future!

Clara is a member of Annunciation Mayhew Lake Church and she has volunteered at a variety of church functions. One of the areas of volunteering for Annunciation Mayhew Lake Church was teaching religion classes for 35 years!

She has volunteered with Retired Senior and Volunteer Program, more commonly known as RVSP, and has done so for over 15 years.

After retirement, she continued to be involved in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home community by volunteering her time and energy.

Clara participates and helps in the Reading Program at Rice Elementary, delivers Meals On Wheels in the Rice Area, contributes to the Faith In Action Program, is a Paramount Theater Usher, stays involved in Rice Senior Citizens and has been an Election Judge for Watab Township!

Clara has shown through her actions and participation that she does have a generous heart and is willing to help people in need. Therefore, Benton County Historical Society Board of Directors is pleased to honor her as one of the Women In History honorees for 2012



Rice History Forum



On January 10th, 2012, we were out in Rice for the first Community Roundtable of History. We were amazed at the attendance from the community– I said in the last newsletter that “history is alive and well out in the Rice area” and that was an understatement! The Rice area community takes their history to a whole new level, it is alive, well and people participate with a smile!

The Rice History Form included Mark Larson moderating a panel of people from the Rice area, including Harold Legatt, Pat Cairns, and Ben Ferche. These three started the conversation at the history forum, and a few other residents and former residents jumped into the discussion. It was GREAT discussion on items in Rice history!

Mark Krauel, of Regal Film and Video was there to film and record all the events of the day. He deserves some special thanks as he filmed the event, formatted and edited the video and it is currently in the museum awaiting our approval for making it available on DVD.

Thanks to all who helped with this forum– special thanks to Jim Hovda for coming up with a great idea. Thanks to Pat Cairns for arranging City Hall. Thanks to City Hall Personnel for allowing us to utilize the building and get in early for set-up. Darcy at City Hall was very accommodating and we appreciate her help that day! Finally, thanks to all who participated– it was a great day, with some great people!

Congratulations to the Sauk Rapids Herald– 158th Anniversary

In April of 1854, Jeremiah Russell published the first newspaper for the Sauk Rapids area called the *Frontiersman*.

Sauk Rapids history tells the story of the tornado that came through the town in April 14th of 1886, thirty two years after the first newspaper was published. (This year is the 126th anniversary of the tornado). One of the amazing things missed about the tornado story is the fact that of all the items that were happening on that day; the devastation that ensued to the town, losses of life, injuries to people, and buildings to repair, there also was a real sense of pride in getting back on their feet, pulling up their bootstraps and moving forward. So much so, that the local newspaper, *The Sauk Rapids Sentinel* newspaper edition was published on April 20, 1886 with the help of the other area papers, on time and has continued to do so throughout the years to today’s date. This year the *Sauk Rapids Herald* celebrates the start of its 158th year in publication! It is Minnesota’s Oldest Weekly Newspaper!

Three editor’s and publisher’s have kept the Sauk Rapids newspaper moving forward in history for the majority of the time: Ed Vandersluis -35 years, Lee Batcheler -35 years, and the current owner Rolland (Rollie) Doroff. These three men have an incredible 112 year history in Sauk Rapids, with Rollie Doroff working for the newspaper from 1953-1970, and then becoming the owner from 1970 until today! Rollie holds 42 years as owner and another 17 working for Lee Batcheler with a combined total of 59 years in the business of Sauk Rapids news! Congratulations to the Sauk Rapids Herald and Rollie Doroff on such a great anniversary’s and commitments to the Sauk Rapids area!

For the Benton County history books, we are honored to be home to one of the original nine counties, one of the oldest continuously running newspapers in the State of Minnesota, and have Sauk Rapids as one of the first communities to establish its community. That is a lot of history to have, since in 1854, the State of Minnesota was actually just a territory, and was not formalized until 1858!

Memorials Received: Karen Sakry In Memory of Elizabeth “Beth” Deppa

LuVerne Neils In Memory of Lola Schenk



Renewals of Membership 2012

Don Abfalter	Harold & Annette Legatt	Jack Toliver
Charles & Nancy Anderson	Elizabeth (Libby) Levinski	Then Installation
Donna Barnickol	Ed & Helen Maier	Elly Van Diest
Carol Behrendt	Joann Marshall	Cecil Wade
Shirley Benoit	Jim & Pam McMahon	Lorane Walsh
Benton Cooperative Telephone	Jerome & Glenice Mehrwerth	Caryl Walters
Benton County Government	Midway Iron & Metal	Michelle & Darrell Watercott
Bruce's Outboard Shop	Bill & Judy Morgan	Paul F. Weber
Robert Bullock	Jim & Geri Moshier	Wendy Wheeler
Sharon Cairns	Vernon & Luverne Neils	Williams-Dingmann Funeral Home
Coborns Incorporated	Mary Neiman	Mike & Betty Winczewski
Robert & Patricia Danaher	Michael O'Donnell	Wollak Construction
Meredith DePree	Steve & Mary Ostby	
Alice Engelmeyer	M. Lucille Peschl	
Arnold & Ardelle Evenson	Dorrain Petron	
First Bank of Milaca (Gilman)	Ken & Gail Philippi	
Elaine Fleck	Lorraine Potuzak	
City of Foley	Jen & Brian Pozorski	
Frandsen Bank & Trust	Rapid Plating	
Veronica Freihammer	Chris Rasmussen	
Ed & Pat Gerchy	Gordon & Delores Rehder	
Art & Barb Grachek	Bob Rofidal	
Darlene Gronau	Jan & Tom Rothanburg	
Margot S. Guliani	Randy & Donna Schafer	
Bill & Kathy Holroyd	Lyle & Arma Schmidt	
Pauline M. Hoover	Janet Schnabel	
Jim & Jan Hovda	Robert & Andy Schwalboski	
Dick Kampa	Mary Agnes Shimota	
Gerald Keeville	Les & Eva Sova	
Ruth & John Kilkelly	Pat & Dick Soyka	
Kelly & Sheri Kipka	St. Cloud Retired Educators	
Kevin & Beth Kipka	Charles & Jean Stark	
Mark Krauel	Harold Storkamp	
Dennis & Marella Larson	Lawrence & Jane Thell	



Many thanks to our members!

Special thanks to Bob Schwalboski— he modified a shelving unit with additional shelves to store some of the retired tax records from Benton County— a wonderful re-use that fit in our existing space!



Women In History Junior Honoree Kalee Stellmach

Kalee Stellmach –Women In History 2012

In 1999, the Benton County Historical Society implemented a category for Junior Honoree. Every other year, the Foley and Sauk Rapids School District picks one student that they feel meets the criteria for nomination for this honor.

The 2012 Junior Honoree nomination came from Foley High School staff that chose a qualifying student for our Junior Honoree award.

Kalee Stellmach is this year's recipient and is the daughter of Dan & Betty Stellmach. Kalee is 17 years old and a junior at Foley High School.



Her curriculum this year at Foley High has included taking several college credit classes. Throughout her school career, Kalee has consistently been on the A honor roll. The regular curriculum is a necessity, the college classes have given her an eye to the future, and she has had the wisdom to have taken many art classes including Ceramics, Sculpture, and Graphic Design.

Creativity and variety of a well-rounded "life" and education seem to fit Kalee. She said Track & Field has started and she is looking forward to practices and becoming better friends with the members of the team.

She participated in the Knowledge Bowl in her sophomore year.

In her junior high years of seventh and eighth grade, she also was a member of the Foley Competitive Speech team, which she said bettered her public speaking skills.

Kalee attends First Baptist Church of Milaca and enjoys volunteering at the activities that the group sponsors. She looks forward to the delivery of "Cheer Baskets" every year. The cheer baskets are gift baskets that are filled with goodies that an elderly person may like or need to receive. Before Christmas, the Youth Group delivers the baskets and sings a few Christmas Carols to the elderly who cannot leave their homes easily. That is especially important during the holiday season!

Kalee's family includes, Dad, Mom and brother, Luke. Kalee said that she and the rest of the family members "like to spend time outdoors." She lists important family activities of camping, fishing, and making maple syrup as a couple of the ways that they spend time together. Each summer they also make several trips to the North Shore where they hike and picnic.

Kalee closed her biography information with she is happy to be nominated and chosen as a 2012 Women Making History nominee. Kalee certainly represents a qualified candidate with the importance of family, education, sports, and volunteering all present in her daily life. Benton County Historical Society is pleased to honor her today as one of our 2012 honorees!

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. Henry Ford (1863-1947)

Lyndon Johnson Agate Show at the Museum



Lyndon will be available at the Museum on the following special Saturday dates:

Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Saturday May 5th, 2012

Saturday, May 19th, 2012

Hours for all of the dates listed above will be 11:00am-4:00pm

Weekdays: Lyndon can be at the Museum on request during the times of 10am-4pm—please call ahead 253-9614 or 761-5482 (Lyndon)

Group Tours— please call the Museum at 253-9614 and we will schedule for your convenience.

The collection will be at the museum until June 1, 2012.



Collection of Eye Agates↑

2 pound 4 ounce Eye Agate→

Blue agate ↓



Lyndon's 10 pound agate ↑



↑Eye Agate— a kids favorite!



Lyndon Johnson's a Sauk Rapids native and his collection are all agates that have been found in the Benton County area. He has collected for 18 years and does not buy or sell. He loves to talk agates and is currently writing a book about successful agate hunting. We are pleased to have his private collection at the museum representing agate collecting as part of our Benton County history!

Donations— January, February, March

John Sedy- Baptism Certificate Travel Diary of Ida Sedy

Jim Hovda- Aerial map of Rice Area, Lake Association Map, North Freedom Road Articles, Al Seppelt re-election sign, Steward Graves Pamphlet, Charles Graves newspaper article

Alphonse Halfman- Cota Round Barns information & Alphonse and Anna Cota picture and identification

Joan Neyssen- Canister of Military picture, Henry Hennek— 2 military hats, Legislative Manuals

Arlene Held- Valentines, Maps and School Projects of Ida Dedic

Bill & Kathy Holroyd- 2 Folding Chairs from William Rickhoff, Wm Frederick Rickhoff War Department classification, Rice Creamery photo postcard

Georgia Plumadore- Box of Vintage Children's Clothes— early 1900's

Norma Reberg-BCHS Parade tapes— Sauk Rapids, Sartell, and "Russians In Rice"

Harold Zosel-Copy of Watab, MN Town Election picture,(Neil Currie Photo) Pictured: Bill Anderson, Killian Then, Henry Weize, Joe Weize, John Nighthart, Del Gordon, John Gilman, and John Burton

Mrs. Dennis Baron- District 36 School information, Vivian Stanchfield teacher, graduation announcement Foley High School, Minnesota postcards

Cameron Schoeder- WWII Dress Blue & white (2 sets— 1 each) belonging to Gene Jerome Schoeder

Mark Duea- Benton County Postcard and scanned Sauk Rapids postcard collection on disk.

VFW Post 6992- New Flag for Outside flag pole

George C. Doyle- Reel To Reel Music reels

Jan Rothanburg- Various Books. Military hat, Baby clothes, genealogy items, resource materials, crochet work items

Bruce Reischl- Bruce's Outboard Shop-Boat Trailer and Plaziak Boat history/pictures

Sister Lorane Coffin- Box of Glass negatives w/Rice Depot interior and exterior



Thanks to everyone who donated items to "grow" our tree of Benton County History!

New and Renewed Memberships Information

Membership Information for 2012— Join us!

Household Memberships

Seniors-9.00 Singles-13.00 Family —18.00 Contributor— 27.00 Supporter 50.00

Business

Annual— 50.00 Supporting— 75.00 Maintaining- 100.00 Patron— 150.00 Benefactor- 500.00

