

July 2010

Benton County
Historical Society

Benton County Historical Society NewsLines

Benton County Fair August 3-8th, 2010

Volunteers needed for the Heritage Building August 4th-8th!

It is at this time of year when we are working towards Benton County Fair Season. This year the Benton County Fair opens on Tuesday, August 3rd for the Open Class Entry Day and to Set-Up Displays. We will be setting up our display on Tuesday and staffing the booth on Wednesday, August 4th, 2010

On Wednesday, **August 4th, 2010** all the other events will be starting! Benton County Historical Society booth and display will be at the Heritage Building and of course, the Benton County historical Society Watab District Number 2 Schoolhouse will be open with the Retired Educators staffing that for us!

If any of our members would like to volunteer their services for this years fair season I am looking for people to staff the booth at the Heritage Building on August 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. We will have shifts available from 10am –9pm. We usually schedule a couple of hours on a shift and so, we will have 10am– Noon, Noon –2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, and 6-9pm. If you have a couple of hours to help out, please give me a call at the Museum– 253-9614, or by email bchsmus@charterinternet.com



Benton County Fair Demonstrators

We are still looking for demonstrators for the Heritage Building stage. We have a couple of slots that are still open for scheduling. If you or someone you know has a skill or talent that you would like to share with the public, we would be very happy to hear from you. We have people who are doing lefse, felting, spinning wool, crocheting, and of course a honey demonstration. If you would like to contribute to the schedule of events– give us a call! 253-9614

Retired Educators Upcoming Events

We are fortunate to have the Retired Educators in this area staffing the Watab District Number 2 Schoolhouse at the Benton County Fair.

Joyce Wittenhagen of the Retired Educators organization is again scheduling and making the preparations to greet the couple of thousand visitors that stop by the schoolhouse.

Joyca asked me to also put in our newsletter some information on another project that the Educators are involved with. On August 18th, 2010, at the Stearns History Museum, the educators will be holding a 9am-4pm event called "History Is Fun" which will be a Summer Day Camp for kids. Students from 7-11 years (limit of 40) are invited to this event. \$20.00 admission indoor and outdoor activities, archeological dig, ice cream making, crafts, games, & songs.

Bring your own lunch (non refrigerated)– snacks and drinks provided!

For more information please contact:: Joyce: 252-4378/Pat:253-0229/Curt: 229-8806



New Pictures of Local History Items

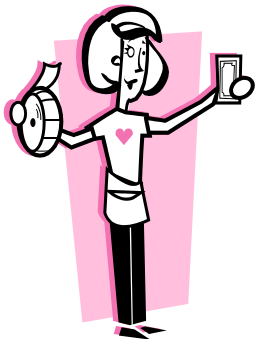
We had only one picture of the horses pulling our Larson Bus Service, Sauk Rapids horse drawn school bus. Some boxed items came in from the estate of Clarence and Laura Koep . We have been sorting the items and came across this picture! A beautiful picture with the harness set-ups and spacings. We are thinking this is before a parade, but are not sure, and we would love to know if anyone out there has a little more information maybe who is driving? Horses names? Event? Give us a call!



Benton County Historical Society Raffle– August 17, 2010

We are in possession of our fundraising raffle tickets! BCHS is doing the fundraiser to help us cover our operating costs for this year. The economy has reduced some of our donations and we are asking the community to help us with this fundraiser!

Prizes on the tickets are: Hand Made Afghan– crocheted donated by Renee Kampa; \$100.00 Cash– donated by anonymous; Twins Tickets donated by Butch Bukowski; Rhubarb birdbath– donated by Wendy Wheeler; \$50.00 Savings Bond donated by BCHS; 2 Walking Sticks donated by BCHS; United States Olympic Prestige Coins Set donated by Mastino Coins; *The Children Remember Book* by Sharon Schulte,- donated by Terri Wollak and a Benton County Postcards Set– donated by BCHS.



Raffle tickets available!

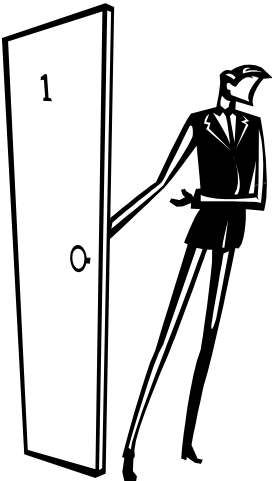
Tickets are available at \$1.00 each and you can get them at the Museum, thru a Board Member, by phone, email or mail– Just contact us!



1911 Sauk Rapids
Birds Eye View

Many thanks to Cliff Johnson for donating this postcard to us– 1911

Museum Information



Hours:
10am-4pm Monday thru Friday
Appointments are available for after hours– tours, visits, and travel requests
Call: 253-9614 for more info

Phone: 320-253-9614
Email: bchsmus@charterinternet.com
Web: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnbchsm

Donations

Cathy Holroyd- wooden spools, measuring spoons, 2 children's plates

Carl Chapp– Baptism/Marriage documents, Gilman School parochial items, old newspapers

Helen Bettendorf– Foleyan, sports page– Norm Grow article, Foley Independent– October 30, 1940– selective service list

Cliff Johnson- Salem Lutheran item, 1996 Foley Bands, Coborn's Cookbook, Immaculate Conception, Cookbook, Screwdriver-Hylla TV, Gethsemane Lutheran Church plate, Birds Eye View Sauk Rapids postcard, Carl Kosloske picture

Delores & Gordon Rehder– Typewriter belonged to R.G. Neils used in land office, three fruit crates, one flower crate

Anne Raeker– school desk from Benton County school district on by Kevin Latterell property

Bill Holroyd– leather hook-hand corn husker/picker

Audrey Philippi– gray cake pan

Stowe Family– District 11 Schoolbooks and records, military uniform and hat, yellow flapper dress

Merlin Youso –Porcelain doll

Lonita Fortier –needlework, WWII items, corn planter, wood square, camera, prayer books, baby picture, horse bridle, crocheted collar, insulator, relish tray, picture frames

We are really in need of one or two computer systems. Since the visitor numbers and research requests are getting larger and we are trying to modify items to our database, we have need to import information while still trying to honor our research requests. If you, or anyone you know, or your place of employment is retiring computers, or updating, please give us a call or email us at : bchsmus@charteinternet.com.

Leona Fischer Mourad– New Book Out- *11 Miles From Somewhere*

Leona Fischer Mourad sent us a copy of her new book *11 Miles From Somewhere*.

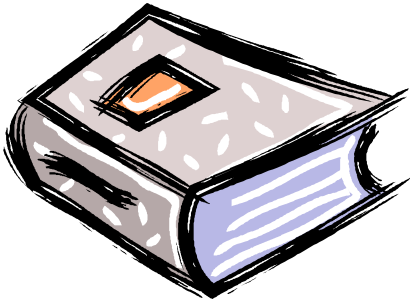
Leona had originally contacted us about any information from Langola Township catering to the Fischer farm. We sent a bunch of it to her, and then this book showed up!

I have not reviewed the book yet, but her note also asked us to let everyone in our Benton County area know that some of the relatives listed in this book (with pictures) may be of interest to the Gucks and Frank Fischer families of the Royaltan, Rice area.

If you think that this may be a book for some of your family interests, you can stop down at the Museum and we will get you a preview.

Otherwise, you may contact Leona directly at:

4591 Sierra Madre Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
Phone: 808-964-8492



Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail
Charles F. Kettering

Annual Meeting and Board Positions

The Annual Meeting is held in September, and we are starting the planning for that.

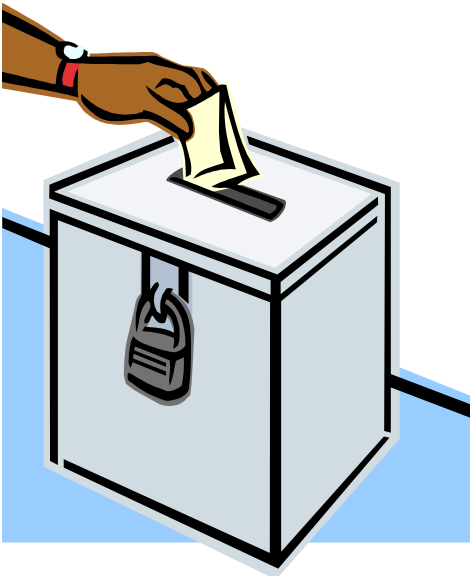
Up for the 2010 Board Members election/re-election are:

Merle Stowe (who finished a term from a resignation)

Earl “Butch” Bukowski

Bud Lubbesmeier

Bud Lubbesmeier has told me that he will not seek re-election for his position on the Board and so, we will have at least one open spot and are looking for people who may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors. We have applications currently on file, but will accept more if you are interested. Give us a call!



Volunteers & Staff

Fred Joesting– Research Specialist

Marjean Keehr-Research

Andy Schwalboski-Research & Displays

Caren Kalenda– Oral Interviews/ Data Input

Lorane Walsh– Cemetery Support

Maureen Athman– Transcriber

Ron Zurek-Webmaster

Jenny De Wenter– Museum Support

Staff:

Mary Ostby– Executive Director

Meredith DePree– Office Support

Miles Christie-Office Support/Military Support

Jack Toliver– Military Support

Thanks to all the volunteers!

We are in a community each time we find a place we belong!

Peter F. Black

BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM VISITOR LOG					
YEAR: 2010					
MONTH	VISITOR	MAIL/E-MAIL REQUESTS	PHONE REQUESTS	LOCAL	OUT-OF-TOWN
January	25	11	6	20	5
February	44	22	12	39	5
March	25	18	8	24	1
April	43	12	7	42	1
May	40	22	11	34	6
June	21	23	3	13	8
July	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	198	108	47	172	26
* - GROUPS					
** - INTERNATIONAL VISITORS					

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION East Side St. Cloud Flagman Shanty

The picture to the right is from the Stearns County files of Myron Hall Collection. The picture is of the East Side St. Cloud flagman's shanty on St. Germain in East St. Cloud.

We are in possession of this building and are looking to restore it for Benton County History and display. If you, or anyone that you know have stories, or dates, or people who do, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL! We would love to put it all together for a complete history!



BCHS Access-Road Construction on 2nd Avenue North

As of July 12th, 2010 the City of Sauk Rapids is doing road construction in our area. They are doing construction on part of 2nd Avenue North, which is one of the ways to get here.

The detour from the south side of town/Division Street will take you to Benton Drive and from there we can still be reached on 1st Street North. From the north, you can still turn left on 1st Street North.

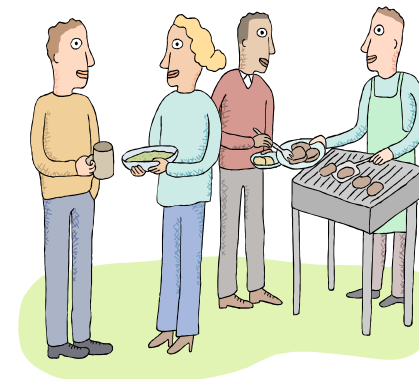
From the schedule plan newsletter of construction access; it is listed that we should have access on First Street North for much of the project.

Yes, it is Minnesota and it is construction season! Come and see us anyway!

Kings Supper Club Employee Reunion

We are still trying to help get word out to the public that there will be an employee reunion for **Kings Supper Club** employees.

The reunion is being held at the Watab Town Hall on October 30, 2010. So, if you are a former employee or know someone who worked there, please pass this information along. Any information, pictures, stories and memorabilia would be greatly appreciated. Any questions and comments can be referred to this contact for information : Craig Gondeck at #393-3120 or #492-6814



Executive Director Corner

Well, the last two months have flown by with lots of items to take care of and people out traveling with the nicer weather! We have had travelers asking about ghost cities, (gone, but not quite lost if they are in our files) family history, cyclone history, historical riverfronts, railroad depots, cemetery records, and obituaries. Just the usual, but just a few more requests!

Many thanks go out to Andy Schwalboski who covered for a week for me to get some time off! I took the grandchildren to Foley Fun Days! Carnival Rides and Food, all the things we remember from childhood– the kids had a great time, as did Grandma and Great Grandma!

The next big event is Benton County Fair– we hope to see you there! Annual Meeting, Budget Presentations, Change displays, and the list is long and goes on and on..... We will get there! Until next time– take care, say hello to the family and stop by if you have the chance!

Mary Ostby

The Genealogist's Prayer

Lord, help me dig into the past
And sift the sands of time,
That I might find the roots that made,
This family tree of mine.

Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod,
And led them through so many lands,
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book,
Or dusty manuscript,
That's safely hidden now away,
In some forgotten crypt.

Lord let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul, when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.



Many thanks to Lorane Walsh for
submitting this entry to us!



**BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Director: Bud Lubbesmeier

Director: Randy Schafer

Director: Merle Stowe

BCHS Board Meeting are the
Third Tuesday of every month
at 6:30pm

2010 Meeting Schedule:

(Tentative schedule that may
change due to weather or
Board Motion)

July 20, 2010

August 17, 2010

September 21, 2010

October 19, 2010

November 16, 2010

December 21, 2010

