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## Women In History 2013!



Left to Right– Amanda Schubert, Karen Sakry, Pat Spence, Diane Thorsten, and Janis Brown

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## 2013 Women In History Luncheon

On Sunday, March 24, 2013 we honored our five Women In History in Benton County: **Janis Brown, Karen Sakry, Pat Spence, Diane Thorsten and Amanda Schubert** (Junior Honoree)

We had a great time out at Henry’s Catering celebrating the honorees with family and friends! Thanks to the many people that celebrate this event with us every year! The Women In History biographical information are on the inside pages of this edition of the newsletter and you will be surprised to see the amazing amount of time, energy and sharing these women do for our area! Congratulations to all of them for being a part of our County History!



Janis Brown and Char Dhein

## Janis Brown– Foley Area 2013 Women in History

**Janis Brown** is the first woman of our Women Making History 2013 honorees today. Janis has been involved in a variety of areas in the community of Benton County.

Community involvement and support is important to Janis! Not surprising when you know that her mother was Mabel Brown, a Benton county schoolteacher in many of the rural Benton County Schools, as well as an active 4-H leader. Her father, Bill Brown was also instrumental in seeing to the building of the horse barn at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Janis has followed the legacy of her parents in the Benton County community involvement in her own life through the years.

Janis was a 4-H member for 10 years as a youngster. She attended the Junior Leadership Conference for 4 years. She also was President of the 4-H Leader Council. She won two trips to the State Fair with her horse project and in 1966 she was the first Benton County 4-Her to win the National 4-H Club Congress trip to

Chicago, and was the recipient of the Dan Patch Award for her work with the horse project. The Dan Patch award is based on the individual's overall achievement, leadership, service and outstanding activity in the horse project. Janis got married in 1967 and had four children: Rick, Tanya, Nicole and Stacie. She continued to raise and enjoy horses, sheep and cattle. When the children were old enough to be in 4-H, she became a 4-H leader for the next 14 years. Her experience in 4-H also allowed her to be on the MN State 4-H Horse Show committee, the MN horse advisory committee for about 6 years. Janis also participated in being an Adult Chaperone for the Junior Leadership Council for a few years. She was the Benton County Horse Judging Team Coach from 1977-1986 and the team won four trips to the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Kentucky, New Mexico, Colorado and Michigan. Lorane Walsh's nomination for Janis Brown for this year's Women Making History award remembered Janis' dedication to the 4-H organization and her exceptional talent. Lorane submitted that Janis' retirement from Foley Area CARE will be putting her talents and skills back into the guiding of her grandchildren through the 4-H program, and also noted that even today, going by Janis' home in Benton County you can still see a horse in her yard!

Janis' busy community schedule became even busier when in 1979 she went to work at the Foley Nursing Home in Environmental Services for the next 19 years. She then worked at St. Scholastica Convent for 4 years. In October of 2003 she became the Program Director of a new organization; Foley Area CARE, that helped provide services to seniors living in the Foley area.

Over the years she was involved in Foley Area CARE, the organization participated in many events and services which included: rides for seniors to Foley and St. Cloud area for doctor's appointments, respite care and training, spring and fall yard cleanups, ice cream socials, volunteer appreciation, Chili in January, pork chop dinner, raffle ticket sales, Bake sales, Foley Fun Days float, Care-giving and driver's training and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

Carole Mersinger who also nominated Janis for the "Women Making History" honor stated that "Janis just retired as Director of Foley Area Care, an organization that she believed in and gave it her heart and soul. It was a young organization when she started and she built it up to what it is today- a well accepted organization helping seniors."

Maxine Olson, who was the CARE Board Chair at Janis' retirement in November 2012, said that "Janis said she always enjoyed working with people. She called it her passion. She liked going to new client's homes for interviews, visiting and caring for the seniors. Janis was always ready to compliment a volunteer on a job well done, making that person feel needed, special and appreciated"

Janis Brown's dedicated and long term community involvement to the Benton County area has been noticed by the people in her community and the Benton County Historical Society is pleased to honor Janis Brown as one of our Benton County Women Making History honorees for the year 2013.

## Membership Renewals and New Members

Bruce's Outboard Shop– Bruce & MaryAnn Reischl

Carol Behrendt

Benton Cooperative Telephone

Bukowski Butch & Carol

Kathleen Chmielewski

Meredith DePree

Alice Engelmeyer

Ardelle & Arnie Evensen

Bill & Kathy Holroyd

Jim & Jan Hovda

Mae Kampa

Tim & Renee Kampa

Richard Kampa

Linda King

Kelly & Sheri Kipka

Kevin & Beth Kipka

Dennis & Marella Larson

Harold & Annette Legatt

Ed & Helen Maier

Vernon & LuVerne Neils

Marge Nierengarten

Angela Nohava– **New!**

Maxine Olson– **New!**

Lorraine Potuzak

Ken & Brian Pozorski

St. Cloud Retired Educator's

Karen & Larry Sakry– **New!**

Charles & Jean Stark

Sue Stowe

Lawrence & Jane Thell

Ray & Shirley Thompson

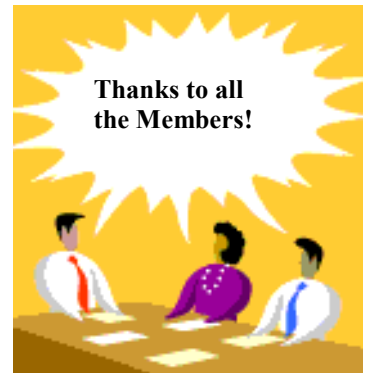
Mary Alice Tomporowski

S. J. Tomporowski

Connie Viere

Michelle Watercott

**If we missed anyone– please let us know, so we can check our records!**




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*Grandpa Dewey says,  
"Footprints in the  
sands of time are  
never made from  
sitting down."  
August 23, 1988*

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## Donations Continued from page 10:

**Lynn Welsh**- Len Trushenski sheriff hat, Blackboard from Popple Creek School and typewriter Len Trushenski

**Marge Nierengarten**-wooden butter churn, front of church vessel holder,

**Judy Hoofnagle**-household items– lamps, pillows, dishes, dress, metal electric hair dryer, candy dishes, crumb scraper set, corner shelves, X-mas decorations, Jello pan, hot water bottle, children's soap, Crisco jar, Watkins bottles, 4-H Key Holder, doilies, placemats, cardboard ice cream container, various prints, Hand cheese grater, 4 Vintage receipt books, 1950's coffee decanter, 3 card tables

**Colleen Burton**-antique recipe book, pamphlet

**Maxine Olson**– Grandpa Dewey says Book

**Lyn Machula**– Schwankl Drug pill and medicine boxes, oil of wintergreen bottle, Sauk Rapids Indian Days posters



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Donations

**Butch Bukowski**– Plat Books, Financial Statement, Comprehensive Plan, Water management Plan, Master Park Plan, Sacred hear Class, Bend In The River Plan, Little Rock Lake Plan, Financial Statements/Budgets– all from Benton County

**Marella & Dennis Larson**– John Burski Can Opener, Farmers Cooperative Creamery receipts(2)

**Merle & Sue Stowe**-Aprons– purple gingham, and pink chicken scratch

**Marie Schumann**– Hart’s shoe Box (Sauk Rapids store)

**Jean Stark**– Benton County Combined Charities items, 2 Mini School recitations books, Christmas decorations

**Milaca Museum**-Box full of cut-outs from Benton County News on local residents

**Robert Keller**– Blue canning jar, 8 pack of Dr. Pepper Bottles, Milk Bottles, Wood Cutting Board, Sartell Mill Centennial

**Amanda King**– 30– 78rpm records from Gr. Grandparents– Moberg

**Cliff Weitgeneant**– History of Graham united Methodist church book, 2 unidentified pictures from the Charles & Louise Schmann Box, MN Memoirs pamphlet

**Bill & Kathy Holroyd**– Handkerchief, table runner, soup spoons small men’s anvil and hammer, child’s cereal bowl, address book. Carmex container

**Tracy Pollreis**- Set of First State Bank of Gilman Ledger Books

**Sharon Cairns**- Old newspapers, magazines, Homer hanky and copies of Rice pictures

**Blattner Energy**– 100 Year book and history of Blattner Inc.

**Dennis & Teresa Baron**– Handwriting/School Book dictionary

**Norm Mendel**– St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church– 50th Anniversary Book

**Ray Thompson**– Watab District Number 2 pictures of moving schoolhouse, Box of Combined Charities items and documents

**Agnes Wenderski**—obits/weddings Early Foley newspaper articles, Foley History Books, Box of St. John’s Church Annuals

**Karen Sakry**- St. Pat’s 4-H Club Cookbook, Homemaker’s Benton County Extension Home Study Book from the Handy Dandy Group

**Kevin Jude**– 7 newspaper articles on the Sauk Rapids area from outside Sauk Rapids area newspapers

**Ed Bukowski**– Various Records of Polish National Church, Dairy Day records and 4-H records

**Tim Muntifering**– 13 VCR tapes of training from the Paper Mill

**Bernie Wesenberg**- Paper Mill items from her husband Elmer’s employment: tablets of paper, Watab paper roll, Wooden Name-tags, Key chain, St. Regis History, felt batting pad, covering for the batting , St. Regis hats, St. Regis deck of cards, 6 magazines with Mill information, Open House and Tour Brochures, Champion International cookbooks, St. Regis 1976 Calendar, St. Regis Groundbreaking paper and Asten– Hill Manufacturing Pens, Paycheck stub, retired employee system program, 4 Bits & Pieces Magazines, Supervisor’s Memory Jogger, Needle & Patching Pads

**Cliff Johnson**– Glass Menagerie Singers Album, Gold N Plum Packing items, Brennyville Cookbook, Sterling House Pill dispenser, Immaculate Conception cookbook, Farmers & Merchants Bank Promo, St. Augustine’s Parish Cup, Our Family cookbook, James Kotsmith Matchbox, Murphy Chevrolet Promo item, Rick’s Pro Can opener, Farmer’s Record, 8th Grad Graduation Class, Class 1920 Commencement Card

Karen Sakry Sauk Rapids area– 2013 Women In History

**Karen Sakry** of Sauk Rapids is our second Women Making History honoree today!

Karen and her husband Larry live on a hobby farm in Minden Township, where they raise quarter horses and apple trees! They have, in Karen’s words; “three awesome adult children and four wonderful grandchildren” to share their family life with. Karen is the daughter of Elaine and the late Ernest Erickson of rural Becker and her childhood was spent growing up on a dairy farm.

Karen has done Childcare in her home for over 35 years in the Benton County community. She believes that children are truly a precious gift from God and she takes great joy in opening the hearts and minds of the children in her care.

Karen has been involved with the 4-H program in Benton County for 30 plus years. She believes 4-H is a great program. The 4-H motto is “to make the best better” and Karen says that the adults involved in the programs “strive to help our young people grow into caring, responsible adults, by working and serving to make our community and world a better place.”

Karen has been one of the those adults helping to get those young people to grow as she has been a St. Pat’s 4-H Key Leader for many years and has also served on many 4-H County Committees. Always with a sense of light hearted humor, she says that her involvement “equals a lot of ditch cleaning for the adopt-a-highway program, nursing home visits, kids against hunger events and many local parades and silent auctions!”

In keeping with Karen’s 4-H and farming background, she has served as a Benton county Agricultural Society as a Fair Board director for the last 12 years. As part of that organization she is currently involved in numerous events, but two areas that are very important for her this year are her participation in the committees working on the Benton County Fair 100<sup>th</sup> Year History Book due to be released this year, and helping to organize Military Day for the 2013 Benton County Fair.

Always multi-tasking and involved in many areas over the years, Karen was the treasurer and a member of a Homemakers’ Group when it was active and was working with the diaper drive for the Anna Marie House in St. Cloud. She is an active member of the Snake River Church, where she teaches Sunday school, attends Bible Study Fellowship and volunteers as a children’s leader in the weekly program.

In keeping with her strengths of family, education and children, she also volunteers in her birth place, at a schoolhouse she attended in Sherburne County. Karen and 8 of her siblings work with the Kragero Schoolhouse project called “Life in the Past Lane”. They open the one room schoolhouse and have classes with a daily schedule to preserve the information and experience of the one-room schoolhouse experience.

Karen closed her biographical information with “Thank You I am very honored to be chosen as one of the Women Making History honorees in Benton County.” She also wanted everyone to “Remember to Keep learn-ing, keep growing and to choose Joy each day”

Benton County Historical Society is pleased to honor Karen Sakry as one of our Women Making History Honor-ees for 2013.



Karen Sakry and Jean Stark

**If you know of a Benton County woman involved in the community that you would like to see as one of our 2014 Women in History honorees, please contact the Benton County Historical Society and submit a short biography of the woman you would like to nominate. Nominations are open all year until February 2014!**



## Pat Spence– Rice area 2013 Women in History



Pat Spence and Randy Schafer

Benton County Historical Society is pleased to introduce Pat Spence of Rice as our third Women Making History honoree in 2013. Pat has a long history of involvement and participation in her local community.

Jan Hovda and Nancy Anderson submitted the nomination for Pat stating that “she has given to her family, the community, and too many people to count over the years and is truly deserving of recognition as one of Benton County’s Women in History.”

Pat is married to Guy Spence and they live in the Rice area. Pat also has a son named David and in the last year, a daughter-in-law, named Hillary was added to the family!

Pat and Guy started their life together by meeting as teachers in the Staples school system. At the time, Pat was teaching Home Economics at the Staples High School. Pat’s support for education carried over through the years in her community involvement. She has continued investing in education through her volunteering, and serving on a variety of educational boards including: The University of Minnesota Board of Regents, The University of Minnesota Foundation Trustees, she is a current member of the National Board for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. Pat also serves as an Initiative Foundation Trustee. Pat and Guy owned a gift and bridal shop in Little Falls for 14 years. Pat also successfully served as the Mayor of Little Falls. Her involvement in government did not end with her Mayor position. She has been serving as the Watab Township Clerk for 14 years and is well known and greatly respected in this position.

As part of her service to the community Pat also is involved in volunteering with Immaculate Conception Church in Rice. Her dedication and participation in the church has been important to the community. Pat’s faith is her foundation and while at Immaculate Conception, she built the faith formation program into a well attended, community-supported program and has served as the Faith Formation Director for this parish. She also has served in the capacity of a liturgist for Immaculate Conception. Pat is a very talented musician and has shared her joy of music with the congregation at Immaculate Conception for many years through her organ playing and selection of music.

Jan and Nancy wrote: “She also shares her faith through compassionate, caring and inspirational devotion to the children, adults, men and women who have had the privilege of knowing her. She is very well respected and loved in the community.”

Pat is a wife, mother, community leader, and a gifted musician! We, at Benton County Historical Society agree that she has been instrumental in her community and to honor her as one of our Women Making History honorees!

**Grandpa Dewey says:** “There’s only one place where you can find people who have no problem, it’s the cemetery”  
February 9, 1988

## Nate Lahr Volunteering for a Tough Project!

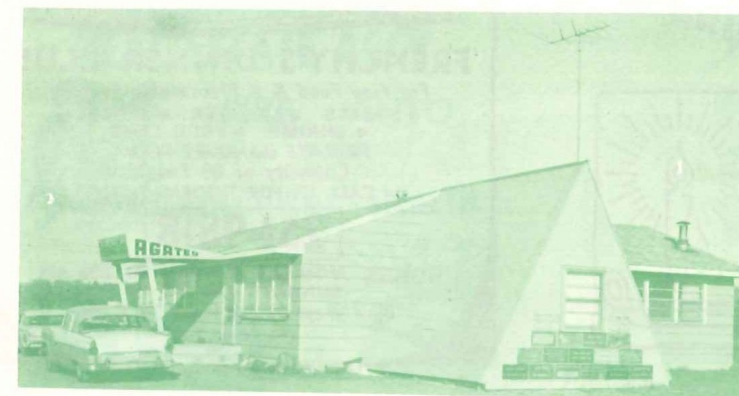
Nate Lahr has been volunteering with us since last October. He started organizing some research binders of articles for us. After those were finished, we asked him if he would work on indentifying some dates for the Early Foley Collection Clippings and try to match them up on the spreadsheet Miles Christie had finished. Nate took the datasheets (along with Anna Eilers) and matched up dates on the microfilm for the individual



pictures and information. It was a HUGE PROJECT which meant tracking the article out of one of 18 scrapbooks, then find the date through the microfilm machine and then logging the date back into the computer. Along the way the are also matching the other Early Foley Days in the research library and adding any ones that are not in the scrapbooks to the data sheets, so we finally have an organized, complete collection. There are not enough THANKS in the world for what Nate and Anna have done with these resources over the last 7 months! Great Job Nate and Thank you!

## Rolly’s Rock Shop Sauk Rapids

*The Season's Greetings*



**ROLLY'S ROCK SHOP**  
“Home of the Dual Action Tumbler”  
SO. HWY. 10  
Between St. Cloud & Sauk Rapids  
SAUK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

◆ AGATES  
◆ JEWELRY  
◆ MINERALS  
◆ LAPIDARY SUPPLIES  
◆ LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT

CORKY & ELOISE BARENZ Blackburn 1-7906

One of our most recent “finds” in the museum donation of a 1967 Church Schedules and Christmas Greetings booklet (thanks Marj Keehr) was an advertisement of Rolly’s Rock Shop in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. Now, we have had agates here and heard a little about Rolly’s, but had no information on it. Here in the booklet, we found a picture. It is not a great picture, (because the advertisement was done in green,) but at least it is one more piece of documentation of a business that was here in our history. If you, or anyone you know has more, have them contact us-please!



Most Common Surnames in the US



Many people sharing one world!

Fred Joesting recently quizzed us on the top ten surnames that are currently in the U.S. He found a list of the top 1000 Surnames on line with information from the 1990 U.S. Census Bureau. So, he decided we needed to have some fun, do a little trivia and some research!

Volunteers and Staff that were present guessed 8 out of the 10 names he had on the list and we are sharing them with you! Interestingly enough; we guessed Larson (did not make the top 40), Anderson (11 on the list) Scott (number 34). We missed Davis and Taylor thinking that we probably did not have many.

We looked at our Surname files after Fred completed the list for us. Then we checked in the database to see how our online Benton County research and resources would have ranked with this top ten. The database online has every single one of them in this list with large amounts of resource items!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Approximate Number</u>
Smith	1	2,502,922
Johnson	2	2,014,470
Williams	3	1,738,413
Jones	4	1,544,427
Brown	5	1,544,427
Davis	6	1,193,760
Miller	7	1,054,488
Wilson	8	843,093
Moore	9	775,944
Taylor	10	773,457

Grandpa Dewey says,  
“Every outstanding  
success is built on the  
ability to do better  
than ‘good enough’.”  
August 29, 1975

It is amazing to think that with immigration and the disbursements of people all over that there are so many of the same name that ended up reaching so far and wide all over the U.S. Some day we will have to look at any unusual names we may have in the Benton County surnames and how they rank on the list! Thanks to Fred for testing our ability and allowing us to learn something new about the Family history of the Benton county area!

Diane Thorsten Foley area– 2013 Women in History

**Diane Thorsten** is our fourth Women In History honoree for the 2013 year. Diane was born, raised and still lives in the rural Foley area. She has been married to her husband, Jack, for 46 years and they have four children; Pam, Brian, Troy and Voni. Diane’s children all live within 10 miles of her and she is blessed with 8 grandchildren ages 3 months- 13!

Diane shares with us that her dad, Ralph came from the New York foundling home, in 1913 on the “Orphan Train” when he was 1 and a half years old. He was adopted into the Barthelemy Family from the St. Patrick’s area. Her Mother, Bertha, was a Kampa, born and raised in the Duelm area. She is the middle child of a family of four girls and one boy.

Dian grew up on a farm one and a half miles south of Foley. The family had cows, pigs and a huge garden! After graduation from Foley High School, Diane went to work at Fingerhut for a year and then at JCPenney, working in payroll when they moved to the Crossroads Center. During that time she met her husband Jack, who was on leave from the Navy. They married in 1967.

In 1970 Diane became a stay at home mom and daycare provider when the first of the four children were born. In 1983, she volunteered in the School District until 1986 until she was hired as a paraprofessional in the Special Education Department. Diane worked with a young girl with Cerebral Palsy for 7 years and then 13 more years with learning delayed students. During this time, Jack was employed 42 years at a corrugated board plant in St. Cloud and in 2006, Jack and Diane retired.

In Diane’s early years, she belonged to the “Foley country” 4-H Club from age 7-15. Gardening was always the big project at the Fair. During her time with 4-H, she served as President, Secretary and Reporter for the Club. Her mother was the leader at the time. Two of Diane’s children were involved in 4-H, as well as her grandchildren of today. Diane served as an Adult Leader for 8 years. She also directed a play called “The Fly” for Share The Fun program. It was good enough to take first, but the club was too young to go to the State Fair.

Diane says she has worn many hats in service to her church, Foley Presbyterian. She’s served as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and co-chaired the “Fall Festival” for 12 years. Along with 2 members of the congregation, they started a Wednesday night youth program in the early 80’s. She is currently the Financial Secretary serving on the budget/finance committee, Benevolence, Membership participation Committee, as well as a scripture reader. She is also a mentor for 2 confirmation students.

Diane was involved with Benton County Combined Charities for three years and has been a caregiver for a sibling for 8 years, taking care of financial and medical needs.

She says a big share of her time is spent volunteering for the Foley Area CARE (Community Respecting Elders) Program. This local non-profit supports ages 60 and older adults to live independently in the home of their choice for as long as possible. She was employed for one year but decided she liked the volunteering better. She currently serves on the Board of Directors as well as the Fundraising Committee. In the past she has served on the Communication Committee and helped in the office when needed.

With her very busy life, she says for enjoyment and relaxation she enjoys reading, weekend scrapbooking, trips with her daughters and daughter-in-laws, having coffee with friends, spending time at the lake with her husband and especially with the 8 grandchildren! Dian has also spent time researching her family roots, especially the “Orphan Train”

Lorane Walsh nominated Diane for the Women Making History honor. Lorane believes that honoring women of our local community is important and that Diane has contributed much to our Benton County area. We, at Benton County Historical Society believe that to be true. We are honored that Diane Thorsten is part of our celebration in 2013!



Diane Thorsten & Renee Kampa

## Amanda Schubert Sauk Rapids 2013 Junior Honoree



Amanda Schubert & Char Dhein

**Amanda Schubert** is our Benton County Junior Honoree for this year's Women In History event.

Amanda is the daughter of Jerome and Natalie Schubert and attends Sauk Rapids-Rice High School and was nominated by the staff of the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School staff.

She is a dedicated and motivated student. Amanda states that she strives for success in everything that she does. Her awards and honors list shows that she indeed has pursued excellence; as she on the "A" Honor Roll, has been student of the month, she is involved as Captain of Track and Field, was the CLC Athlete of the Week for Track and Field, and received a Letter Award as well as being an Athlete of the week "Most Improved". Amanda is also in the SCSU Top 10 Club.

Amanda's school activities represent her well in academics and sports. In addition to the awards listed before she also participates in the Diving, the National Honor Society and the Service Club.

Amanda says that she works hard to ensure that she is challenging herself in every way possible to improve my life and the lives of others. We are aware that indeed she does this as part of her daily life, as she also is in the 4-H Club, Benton County Llama Club, works as a farm hand at O & S Dairy and volunteers to help at the summer kids track program. Her leadership skills show up in these areas as well as she represents the 4-H Club through her involvement as President and Club Historian!

When Amanda is not participating in school or community events, she says she enjoys her time with special interests and hobbies which include: hunting, running, scrapbooking, traveling snowmobiling, gardening, quilting, or camping.

We are fortunate to have responsible and dedicated leadership in our young women of the Benton County community! We also are pleased that we have an honoree with such well rounded activities including, academics, sports, and community participation.

Amanda represents the community well this year as the Benton County Historical Society's Junior Honoree for 2013!

## Burton Olson's "Grandpa Dewey says" Collection

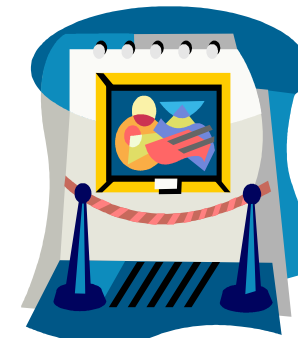
Maxine Olson, of Foley, called some time back and asked us to help her pull together Benton County Farm Notes & News articles written by her husband, Burton Olson. Burton was the University of Minnesota Extension Agent for Benton County from 1956 to 1988. In 1965, as part of his newspaper article, he would put in quotes "Grandpa Dewey says" at the end of his articles. Maxine delivered us a copy of the book that make up the collection of Burton's quotes.

What a wonderful piece of the Benton County history to have preserved at the museum! Since we usually put a few quotes in the newsletter boxes, we thought we would use some of Burton's "Grandpa Dewey says" in this newsletter in memoriam to Burton's legacy and Maxine's dedication to preserve it!

## Museum Tours, Research and Travel Requests

Benton County Historical Society and Museum is open from 10am-4pm Monday thru Friday and the first Saturday of every month from 11am-4pm. We will be closed on the first Saturday of the month for May due to another commitment of the staff.

If you have need for a group tour, have research to do after hours or need a special time for research due to a travel schedule, please call us at the museum- 320-253-9614 or contact us by email: [bchsmus@bentoncountyhistorical.com](mailto:bchsmus@bentoncountyhistorical.com) and we can get an appointment set-up for you. We do our best to work with the community to accommodate special requests, so if you need additional hours, please contact us!



Come on in and see the museum!

## Benton County 100th Anniversary Book

We just finished up putting the finishing touches on some history articles and information for the Benton County 100th Year Anniversary Book and the Benton County Fair Board is sending it to print! Whew!!! Congratulations to all who made this happen as it was a HUGE undertaking for the Fair organization!

It will be available at this year's Benton County Fair and includes a lot of local material catering to the Benton County Fair community, people and events that were held over the last 100 years. The book should be available and for sale at the 2013 Fair which is held from August 5th- 11th, 2013. Set the date on you calendars if you want to make sure to get a copy for you, someone else, or everyone that you know!

*Grandpa Dewey says'*  
*"Another thing more*  
*blessed to give than*  
*receive is advice."*  
*August 30, 1967*

## Executive Director Corner

Well, here we are in the spring of the year and hearing about 15 inches of snow down in southern Minnesota!

We had a great time at the Women In History luncheon and it was a pleasure to see the celebration of our 2013 honorees! Thanks to all for being there and celebrating with us!

We have been busy- we had 60 students from South Jr. High here last Friday for 2 hours (30 students each hour and they went to visit Flying Pig Pizza for the other hour for a tour) worth of tours and talks. Fred Joesting did the presentation and did a great job! We also hosted a couple of Cub Scout groups, many researchers are out and about since the snow is disappearing and travel is a little easier!

FYI for the future- Lyndon will be here with his agates in January and February of 2014- We will be working on a Heritage Building display for the Benton County Fair and I am hoping to include a display about the Papermill for the Benton County people- I still need demonstrators for there too! Till next time- *Mary*