Six Decades of Sports: An Interview with Jim Carrington by Sue Bruns

Ask Jim Carrington, former sports editor for the Bemidji Pioneer, about his favorite or most memorable sporting events, and he will tell you, “I liked all of the sports. They were all memorable when they were being played.”

The New Jersey native, who came to Bemidji after attending Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, had hoped to be a professional baseball player, but when that did not happen, he turned his passion for sports to reporting.

“My last two years at Washington [& Lee University], I anchored a sports newscast,” he says.

What, then, brought him to northern Minnesota?

“A job,” he says, and briefly describes his stint at Bemidji’s KBUN in the mid-1950s where he was a DJ and reporter of news. When the Bemidji Pioneer needed a news editor in the fall of 1958, Jim says he was approached by the newspaper to come aboard as news editor and photographer.

At that time, sports coverage in the paper consisted mainly of a column by Cliff Morlan and occasional sports news, but Jim followed his passion and worked to expand local sports reporting. Throughout his career, he says, “I worked about 80 hours a week, seven days a week, for 53 years.”

When Jim reluctantly retired in 2011, he had a scrapbook with 60 years worth of stories and a lot of memories. He never married or had children of his own; rather, his devotion was to sports, the love of his life, and to the many children he coached. In addition to attending almost every sporting event in the area, Jim coached baseball: 13-15 year olds, the Bemidji Braves, for 31 years. He also coached middle school and junior high football for many years.

Jim loved working with the kids: coaching them, watching them develop as athletes, attending their events (including the many end-of-season banquets), and reporting on them. “I always tried to know as much about the kids as I could before they got to high school,” says Jim. “Then you knew what to be looking for.”

Jim says he did not travel far for his reporting, did not go to the Olympics to cover the curling teams there, and did not write about the Vikings when they used to hold their spring training camps in Bemidji.

“Cliff covered the Vikings training camp,” he says. “To me, football practice is football practice. It’s pretty dull to watch.” He’d rather watch prep sports.

“High school sports are far more interesting than college; college, more than pro. High school sports are so darned unpredictable. You never know what’s going to happen, and I like the kids. I loved working with those kids every summer. It was the highlight of my time.”

Things have changed in sports over the years, Jim notes. Sports choices have come and gone. “Curling used to be a high school sport, but the Minnesota State High School League gave it up. Not enough schools would participate.”

Through influential people and pivotal moments, sports inspired and connected local communities in Beltrami County. Explore local sports history in the Beltrami County Historical Society’s Good Sports of the North exhibit at the Beltrami County History Center, opening with a free reception on Thursday, July 16, 2015, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. See the Calendar of Events on Page 2 for details.

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President’s Report
by Linda L. Lemmer

I can’t believe another year has gone by and it is time for the annual meeting of the Historical Society. This won’t be just another boring meeting of electing new officers and reviewing the annual report. We have two new board members for you to meet, and author Bill Schrankler will give a presentation about Minnesota’s depots, including Bemidji’s Great Northern Depot. We will also have coffee and cookies, or tea and toast, or water and wafers, or soda and something.

After that line you might be glad to read I am not on the slate to be reelected president. Sharon Geisen will once again be writing the President’s Report. It has been an interesting challenge to write to you in the newsletter. I am sure you noted writing is not my forte.

However, making a newsletter and the History Center interesting is one of Dan’s fortes. As you read this newsletter you will see that he is also talented in lining up many things you, the members, will find interesting in the coming year. The History Mystery and the Night at the [History] Museum were both wonderful successes. Believe me when I say he has more ideas that will be just as fun and interesting.

Aiding in the success of the Night at the [History] Museum were the wonderful businesses that donated items for the silent auction. Many thanks to them and, of course, to those of you who bid on the items. Thank You!

If you are a Bemidji High school alumnus and will be attending the all school reunion, I hope you will stop by the History Center to see our new Good Sports of the North exhibit. It includes items donated by the family of Coach Red Wilson and other local legends. You or someone you know may have donated or loaned an item for the exhibit. Bring friends and come see it.

I may not be writing in the newsletter for awhile, but I do hope to be visiting with you in person. I will be here at the depot a couple of Saturdays in June. Stop in to say "Hi." I also hope to see you at the Doud Cabin during the Beltrami County Fair from July 29 to August 2 and at Depot Day on August 8. I do love visiting with people, renewing old acquaintances, and making new friends so come visit.

As always, thank you for being members and supporting the Historical Society.

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From the Desk of the Director
by Dan Karalus

Summer is often the busiest time of year for the Historical Society, and this year is no exception. In addition to our usual slate of activities at the Beltrami County Fair and fun attractions on Depot Day, the Good Sports of the North exhibit opens July 16 and RP Broadcasting and BCHS host the Ox Trot Historic Pub Crawl on July 23. All of the summer activities promise to mix history, fun, and a dash of education to create entertaining experiences.

The Good Sports of the North exhibit, in particular, is a tremendous achievement for BCHS and our supporters. While the exhibit features some records from the BCHS archives, much of the information comes from local residents who took time out of their busy lives to talk with us, share anecdotes, put up with my questions and requests, and deliver photographs and objects (some weighing over forty pounds!) to the History Center. Good Sports knits together these individual and team stories to showcase how sports connected people and communities in and beyond Beltrami County.

The most difficult part of the Good Sports exhibit (and, really, any exhibit) was choosing what stories to tell. The BCHS Exhibit Committee conducted brainstorming sessions and issued public notices seeking community input. We then produced a list of potential people, topics, and sports to provide a framework for exhibit. Good Sports includes the stories we found most interesting and unique, those that best represent Beltrami County, and the stories with the information most accessible and available to us over the past several months. Although Beltrami County is not the most populous area in the state, it has a rich history of sports and recreation, and we could not include every story we came across or every sport.

I encourage you to visit the History Center to see the exhibit. If you lived in Bemidji or Beltrami County, it will likely bring back memories. If you did not live in the area, you will surely learn something new. Plus, you will have the chance to try on some vintage sports helmets and gloves or test out your tabletop curling skills.

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Good Sports of the North
- Reflect on Minnesota’s rich history of sports and recreation.
- Visit the exhibit at the History Center.
- Try on vintage sports helmets and gloves.
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- Join in the fun at the History Mystery event.
- Test your historical knowledge.
- Enjoy a night out with friends.

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- Experience a unique and fun event.
- Explore the exhibits at the History Center.
- Mix history, fun, and education.

Ox Trot Historic Pub Crawl
- Enjoy a historic pub crawl.
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BCHS Exhibit Committee
- Conduct brainstorming sessions.
- Issue public notices for community input.
- Produce a list of potential stories.
- Choose the stories to tell.

BCHS Archives
- Accessible and available stories.
- Rich history of sports and recreation.
- Unique and interesting stories.

Good Sports of the North
- A powerful exhibit.
- Features records from BCHS archives.
- Includes community input.
- Showcases how sports connected people and communities.

Summer Activities
- Beltrami County Fair.
- Depot Day.
- Ox Trot Historic Pub Crawl.
- Good Sports of the North exhibit.
- Fun and educational experiences.

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- Bemidji’s Great Northern Depot.
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Self-reflection.
- Invites dialogue.
- Educates.
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Calendar of Events

June 18: Beltrami County Historical Society Annual Meeting
& Minnesota’s Surviving Railroad Depots Program by Bill Schrankler
Join us for our Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Beltrami County History Center. BCHS members will elect new officers and the BCHS Director will talk briefly on the state of the organization. Then stay for refreshments, and a presentation and book signing by Bill Schrankler starting at 6:30 p.m. Bill will discuss his book *Shadows of Time…: Minnesota’s Surviving Railroad Depots*. The book brings to life 168 of Minnesota’s remaining railroad depots, including Bemidji’s Great Northern Depot. Bill will share entertaining, fact-filled information gathered along with hundreds of photographs, maps and other images. His narrative provides a look at Minnesota railroad history through brief studies of the aging structures that range from opulent buildings to small wooden structures. Free to the public!

July 16: *Good Sports of the North* Exhibit Opening
Start strategizing and drawing up a game plan to visit the History Center on Thursday, July 16 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. for the opening reception for our new *Good Sports of the North* exhibit. The exhibit explores sports ranging from football and hockey to curling and skiing to highlight intriguing sports moments and personalities and how they shaped people and places in Beltrami County. It features photographs, stories, and objects from the BCHS archives and local residents and interactive iPad touchscreens with videos, interviews, and other historical records. Plus, try out vintage sports equipment and challenge your rival to a tabletop game! Bring your teammates to catch some of the first glimpses of the exhibit and enjoy a few refreshments. Free to the public! The exhibit is made possible by a grant from the George W. Neilson Foundation, as well as donations from Kent S. Wilson and Carol A. Wilson. It will be on display through Summer 2016. Thanks to the *Bemidji Pioneer* for sponsoring the exhibit.

July 23: 2015 Ox Trot Historic Pub Crawl
Go back in time on this walking tour of past and present pubs, restaurants, and businesses in downtown Bemidji. Talk big business with James J. Hill at the Great Northern Depot and then trot off to nearby establishments where saloon owners, shady characters, and other local historical characters highlight the town’s colorful past. Enjoy food or drinks at each stop and experience interesting stories along the way. Plus, receive an Ox Trot Historic Pub Crawl t-shirt and the chance to win prizes! Tickets are $20 for BCHS members and $25 for non-members. Tours start and end at the History Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. First tour leaves at 6:00 p.m. Second tour leaves at 7:00 p.m. Space is limited. Purchase tickets in advance online (http://beltramihistory.org/shop/events/ox-trot-historic-pub-crawl/) or by contacting BCHS at (218) 444-3376 or depot@beltramihistory.org. Ox Trot presented in partnership with RP Broadcasting.

July 29—August 2: Beltrami County Fair
Find the Beltrami County Historical Society at the Beltrami County Fair just inside the main entrance at the Doud Cabin and Sunnyside School. Step in the Doud Cabin enter Bemidji’s pioneer era. Have a seat in the Sunnyside School and challenge your arithmetic and reading comprehension knowledge with a vintage test. Plus, make ice cream, churn butter, enjoy a scavenger hunt, and socialize with our volunteers in costume as some of Beltrami County’s first homesteaders! All of this and more at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds, 2 1/2 miles north of Bemidji off Highway 71. For more information visit: beltramicountyfair.org.

August 8: Depot Day
Get on board and visit the Beltrami County History Center from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. for Depot Day, an event recognizing the history of trains and railroad communities. Activities include: Speakers sharing stories of railroad experiences, telegraph demonstrations, guided tours of the Great Northern Depot’s history, the Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society’s model train displays, “Paint-A-Train” activities for kids (and adults!), a “touch table” of railroad tools, and more! Plus admission to History Center exhibits, food vendors, and other entertainment. Visitors will also have the opportunity to enter our 50/50 raffle for just $1 per ticket for the chance to win up to $1,500! The winner will be drawn at 4:00 p.m. Depot Day is FREE to the public. Costs apply for food and merchandise from outside vendors.

For the latest calendar updates go to our website: http://beltramihistory.org/events
Lake Boulevard Indian Trail

The historic Indian trail along Lake Bemidji's west shore still exists, although perhaps it is not used to the extent it was in earlier years. The old trail has always been of great interest to local residents. It stretches along the lakeshore from Library Park to Bemidji State University. It has gone through periods of disinterest and lack of care to intense beautification projects spearheaded by the Bemidji Women’s Garden Club in the 1960s.

The trail is a remnant of an Indian trail that linked Leech Lake with Red Lake. The trail was cleaned up and the area improved in 1941 by Works Progress Administration workers. Stonework, steps, and benches were put in. For many youngsters, it was a great playground, and I remember “hiking” the trail with my brother and thinking we were on a grand adventure. Because it was part way down the slope to the lake, it felt distant from the city and as if you were in a wooded place of adventure. It was relatively quiet, as Lake Boulevard itself was not heavily traveled by cars, and you could hear the waves lapping against the shore further down the slope.

Dr. Hard complimented the foresight of the early settlers in preserving a public park area along the shore. "This piece of property has deep significance," said the horticulturist, "not only for the residents of Bemidji, but also for the tourists."

In August, 1968, the Garden Club hired Gillam Wick to prune shrubbery and clean up the lake bank. Club members called in three consultants for their project. All agreed that the Indian Trail should be the center of interest because Bemidji is the only city in Minnesota with almost a mile of Indian trail within its limits.

Members of the women's garden club who served on the beautification of the lakeshore committee included Mrs. Dale Bishop, Mrs. Carlton Clark, Mrs. Robert Deuser, Mrs. Dennis Benson, Mrs. Harold Grotte, Mrs. Les Hoganson, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Mrs. Myrtle Kalbrener, Mrs. Ida Moody and daughter Leah, Mrs. Ed Ohman, Mrs. Anna Razee, and Dr. Ruth Brune Mangelsdorf, chairman. Dale Aultman, director of Bi-Cap Program, correlated activities of the Minne-CEP program in conjunction other...
Participants. The city furnished the materials, and Minne-CEP provided the manpower for the project.

The city council appropriated up to $500 in 1968 and the same amount in 1969. This fund along with donations by organizations ranging from $5 to $51, and from individuals, afforded the financial basis for the project. The Lydick Lake Job Corp donated their labor on two of their three free days to clean up the shore, the women of the Garden Club served them dinners, with most of the groceries being donated by merchants, and the Senior Citizens gave their Center as a serving place.

During the project, members of the VFW planted 130 spreading jumpers, blue spruce, and Amur maples. Leonard Dickinson donated the logs for the construction of 13 benches. The Lions Club donated materials for the construction of four small bridges over the spillways which intercept the trail. The Beltrami County Historical Society donated funds for Indian signs to mark points of interest along the Indian trail.

Unfortunately, vandalism damaged or destroyed much of what was accomplished. In 1976, Jim Cameron, Bemidji Park Superintendent, and Erwin Mittelholtz, Historic Sites Chairman for the Beltrami County Historical Society, reported that vandals had caused considerable damage to bridges and markers on the Indian Trail along the lake front. Of the original eight signs only three were left standing. The others were destroyed, broken or carried away. One of the crossover bridges had the guard rails ripped away and the railing on the stairway leading down from 12th Street was damaged. In one section of the trail two fires had been started that burned many cedars and shrubs. The city chose not to put any more money into the restoration of the facilities and, to my knowledge, no further work has been done.

In talking to a few people along the trail this spring, I learned that part of the trail has eroded away. Although a few teens said they still like to use the trail with their bikes, they admitted that there are places where it is in bad shape. A few of the college students along Lake Boulevard said they were unaware the trail existed.

Part of the Lake Boulevard Indian Trail, Bemidji, undated [BCHS-2859].

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Sidetracked
by Darla Sathre

Although Bemidji gets visitors from far and near throughout the whole year, we really expect them in droves in the summertime. Bemidji has had numerous well-known visitors through the years, but this article is going to focus on two widowed First Ladies – Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Roosevelt, and Edith Wilson, wife of President Woodrow Wilson.

Eleanor Roosevelt visited Bemidji in October of 1955, staying at the Markham Hotel. While the reason for her visit was to speak at a teachers’ convention of the Minnesota Education Association, she also attended several informal gatherings which she described as “delightful.” College president Charles Sattgast and his wife Mabel saw to her comfort during her short visit.

As a sidetrack, in the previous decade, Mabel Sattgast had mailed a package of wild rice to Eleanor Roosevelt. Here is another tidbit of a sidetrack: in a 1984 interview, Bemidji’s own famous person, Jane Russell, declared Eleanor Roosevelt to be her personal heroine.

According to Bemidji’s centennial book, Edith Wilson visited the city on August 22, 1934, staying at the Birchmont Hotel. In fact, she visited Bemidji many summers during the 1920s and 1930s staying at the Birchmont Beach Hotel, now Ruttger’s Birchmont Lodge. This next sidetrack takes us to Itasca State Park where Edith Wilson, among thousands of others, attended the Fourth Annual Schoolcraft Centennial Pageant on August 12, 1935. She commented, “The pageants were marvelous – the most interesting I’ve ever seen. Every state in the Union should have pageants similar to this each summer.” As a financial sidetrack, in case you are wondering about the cost to see such a marvelous show, the charge was 15 cents per person.

Also find this story online: http://beltramihistory.org/blog

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And that is too bad, Jim thinks, since Bemidji is undeniably the Curling Capitol of the World, having reportedly produced more Olympic contenders than any other place in the country.

What’s next, Jim wonders? Lacrosse? Bowling? (He has always wondered why NOT bowling.) But Jim says Bemidji is a great place to live and to be a sports lover: “Not many schools outside the metro have so many sports teams.”

Jim credits coaches in the area for the value of their programs. He mentions Bun Fortier, Brian Grand, and Jim Wahl from previous decades, but, he says, “For the most part, Bemidji has had outstanding coaches in both boys’ and girls’ sports. Some coach names have been around for more than one generation, like Luoma and Brink.”

And, he says, coaching is no easy job. “It’s knowing the kids and knowing how to adapt your coaching style to the kids you have. Troy [Hendricks, BHS football coach] is really good at that.”

No one doubts the importance of sports in Jim Carrington’s life, and Jim recognizes the importance of sports in a healthy community: “The lessons you learn by participating in athletic activities, are valuable. You see very few athletes headed for jail. They learn the value of teamwork. They also learn that if you don’t pass, you don’t play. Sports have kept a lot of people in school.”
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What items will it haul? Find out details and more on Depot Day and in the next issue of The Depot Express!
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