It’s a joy to watch women play basketball with skill and finesse in today’s competitive environment. Women can thank yesterday’s pioneers for the opportunity to compete in sanctioned conferences, to have athletic scholarships, trained and experienced coaches in a safe competitive environment that’s financially funded by a high school or university. Title IX gave the impetus, but women who were denied competitive opportunities in the ’40s and ’50s carried the torch to see that girls and women were assured the chance to see how good an athlete a girl could become. The adage “You’ve come a long way, Baby” holds absolutely true in today’s sports world.

Initially, five-man basketball was considered too strenuous and unhealthy for girls to play. Historically, basketball was considered unlady-like; hence, the girls’ basketball game consisted of six players: three forwards and three guards, each playing half court. Dribbling was limited to three bounces.

In the late 1950s the game evolved with a rover player who could cross that center line, playing both offense and defense. Five-player basketball was introduced in the early 1960s on an experimental basis. Once five-player basketball was introduced, it conquered the imagination and hearts of women athletes, never to return to that slow, mundane game. Today’s three-point risk-reward, fast paced, aggressive game evolved since that time due to changing attitudes, knowledge and skill development.

Forty-eight women came out at Bemidji State College to try out for their first official, competitive basketball team in 1964. Eighteen players were to be selected for the junior varsity and varsity teams. Those selected to play knew they had a rigorous program ahead of them for they needed to work on conditioning, offense and defensive skills, and to be molded into a cohesive team capable of adjusting to varying situations. These dedicated women were willing to endure long workouts at odd hours “for the love of the game.”

Traveling for games was a difficult situation, yet these women adhered to all the departmental dress standards, rules and regulations. They wore skirts when traveling to another school, even in minus 20-degree weather. They ate inexpensively, helped drive the vehicles (two cars and a station wagon), played competitively, and drove home after the game. They filled the cars up with gas and got back to their rooms, often after 2:00 A.M., only to get up in time to arrive at their 8:00 classes. Academically, they maintained a strong grade point average.

Transportation was a real challenge. Most often the team was assigned one station wagon and two cars driven in tandem, leaving a safe distance in between each vehicle. State vehicles were unreliable, some lacking heat, windshield wipers, and radios. Cruise controls were nonexistent. Trips were perilous in the cold winter weather.

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President’s Report
by Sharon Geisen

The Beltrami County Historical Society’s Board of Directors and Executive Director began working on the “BCHS Strategic Plan, 2016-2018.” We started working on this document at the end of 2015, and just formally adopted it. The plan will help provide direction for BCHS, and help us meet our vision of:

- Accessibility
- Active community participation and partnerships
- Engaged membership and community partners to create a fiscally sustainable museum and society
- Tourism destination
- Leader in promotion of Beltrami County today and tomorrow

The strategic plan has five broad goals:

1. Increase financial security
2. Improve human resources
3. Improve community awareness and engagement
4. Develop exhibits and collections
5. Improve facility and operations

Each of these goals has Objectives and Tasks. The Board of Directors will be working through committees in the next three years to achieve these goals and objectives.

This strategic plan is the start of ensuring that the Great Northern Depot and Beltrami County Historical Society continue to be financially stable and always be present to preserve history and show how important history can be in our lives.

We always encourage BCHS members to help us to achieve our mission and vision. Now is an exciting time to become a member of BCHS and/or to become a member of the Board of Directors. Please call (218) 444-3376 or send an e-mail to depot@beltramihistory.org to start volunteering or for more information.

From the Desk of the Director
by Dan Karalus

Thanks to everyone who invested in the Beltrami County Historical Society in 2015! As members, donors, sponsors, and supporters you help us offer programs, develop exhibits, preserve artifacts, and hold events that connect local communities and visitors to county history. Last year ended with the excitement of the History Mystery, and this year of the Beltrami County Sesquicentennial promises to be full of opportunities for you to experience history in a variety of ways. Take a look at our calendar to see what we have on tap for the first half of 2016.

In other exciting news, I am pleased to announce that the Beltrami County Historical Society received funding from Beltrami County for 2016! The Beltrami County Board of Commissioners appropriated $7,500 to BCHS that we can use for operations and preserving and promoting local history. This marks the first time since at least 2002 that BCHS received operational support from Beltrami County. We are very thankful for the County’s assistance and plan to use the funding to bring more history to you and make BCHS more sustainable.

Although the funding from Beltrami County is a huge boost to our revenue, we still need your support. This year, to recognize the Beltrami County Sesquicentennial and 150 years of local history, we ask you to take the Give 150 Challenge. Give 150 dollars. Or Give 150 minutes of your time. Or Give 150 of something else—pennies, dimes, anything! Take the challenge and receive an I Gave 150 sticker to show off your support. Give $150 or more and receive recognition on a Sesquicentennial display in the History Center. BCHS will use all proceeds from the Give 150 Challenge to help preserve another 150 years of history through our Endowment Fund and Collections Fund. Contact us to Give 150 today!

Also, as you read the interesting stories from our volunteer and contributors in this newsletter, please take a moment to check out our business sponsors. We have many generous, longtime sponsors and some new ones. Their contributions to BCHS help make our newsletters, events, and programs happen. The next time you are in one of these businesses, please thank them for their support.

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The mission of the Beltrami County Historical Society is to provide connections to county history through public archives, collections, interpretive exhibits, and programs that educate, invite dialogue, and inspire self-reflection.
Calendar of Events

March 2016: Women’s History Month—Women of Bemidji and Northwest Minnesota Lectures Series
Our presentations by Dr. Brenda Child, Dr. Donna Palivec and Dr. Pat Rosenbrock, Cecelia McKeig, and Sara Breeze were interesting, educational, and entertaining. Join us for the final two presentations in the series at the end of March. Thanks to a partnership with the Beltrami Public Library, funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008, and a grant award from the Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

March 26, 2:00 p.m. at the Beltrami County History Center:
Dr. Janet Rith-Najarian, Biogeographer and Educator with the Minnesota Alliance for Geographer Education, presents the “Living History” program “Women and Conservation in Minnesota.” In character as park planner and forest preservationist, Florence Bramhall, Janet discusses attempts to create a national park in the Mississippi Headwaters region. Presentation is free with paid admission to the museum and FREE for BCHS members.

March 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Public Library:
Bemidji State University Professor Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird presents “Celebrating the First 100 Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund Women: Building Toward the Next 1000!” Carla discusses the women of the Northwest Minnesota Women’s Fund and their important contributions to the region. Presentation is FREE to the public.

April 16: Keith Butler—The Legend of Lobo
Local historian Keith Butler tells the story of Lobo, the infamous wolf that terrorized the Lake Itasca region for over 10 years. After Algot Wicken trapped and killed Lobo in 1938, newspapers reported that hundreds rejoiced, “for ‘Lobo’ was a ruthless savage, fiendish killer wolf; who it is conservatively estimated has killed more than 200 deer in and around Itasca State Park.” Keith draws on interviews with Wicken and his own research to bring this story to life. Presentation is at 2:00 p.m. at the History Center. Free with paid admission to the museum and FREE for BCHS members!

May 14: National Train Day with the Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society
Join BCHS for National Train Day at the History Center! Explore Bemidji’s rich railroad history with several railroad enthusiasts and fellow railroad buffs, and enjoy watching the world in miniature as model railroads from several scales including N, HO, and O, traverse their tiny tracks. Featuring operating model railroads, railroad equipment, videos & photography, door prizes, and the Northern Iron Horse Railroad Society’s club layout will be open for viewing. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the History Center. Museum admission required. FREE for BCHS members!

June 18: BCHS Annual Meeting
The BCHS Annual Meeting features a presentation by journalist and writer Joy Riggs. Joy will discuss the story of G. Oliver Riggs, band leader of the Bemidji Boys Band and other local community bands in the early 1900s. Presentation tentatively scheduled for 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch and other entertainment. Contact BCHS at (218) 444-3376 or depot@beltramihistory.org for ticketing information and other details.

Plus Rhonda Fochs—Minnesota’s Lost Towns on July 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the History Center!

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

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2015 Income
Total: $62,705.33

- Contributions 25%
- Grants 26%
- Memberships 21%
- Programs, Exhibits, & Collections 59%
- Operations 18%
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2015 Expenses
Total: $85,558.27

- Contributions 25%
- Grants 26%
- Memberships 21%
- Programs, Exhibits, & Collections 59%
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BCHS 2015 Annual Report

2015 was a better year for BCHS than the numbers indicate. Although we had more expenses than income, our Board of Directors intentionally budgeted to run a small deficit, and we paid for more than $20,000 of our 2015 expenses with grants awarded and recognized in 2014.

Also: As the graphs show, BCHS has many diverse sources of income, and we invest most of that revenue in history programs, exhibits, and collections. Your memberships and donor contributions, in particular, help us meet our mission!
February 28, 2016, marked the Sesquicentennial of the establishment of Beltrami County by the State of Minnesota. The Beltrami County Historical Society is partnering with Beltrami County and local organizations to hold events and programs throughout the year to recognize Beltrami County's 150 years of history and the earlier stories, groups, and individuals that shaped the region. See our Calendar on Page 2 for some of these upcoming events and programs. BC150 officially kicked off on Tuesday, February 16 with the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners’ official proclamation declaring this the year of the Sesquicentennial.

[Left] Beltrami County Courthouse, early 1900s [BCHS-1470].

[Left to right: Deputy Sheriff Theodore Welte, unidentified, Mrs. J. P. Nygaard, and daughter Frankie, Sheriff J. P. Nygaard, first sheriff of Beltrami County. J. P. Nygaard was also one of the first County Commissioners [BCHS-433]

[Above] Combined jail and sheriffs residence, erected in 1899. Help BCHS recognize the Beltrami County Sesquicentennial by taking the Give 150 Challenge!

Give 150 dollars, Give 150 pennies, Give 150 minutes of your time as a volunteer, or Give 150 of something that else. BCHS will Give 150 back by using all proceeds from the Give 150 Challenge for the BCHS Endowment and the BCHS Collections Fund to help preserve and provide access to the past 150+ years of local stories and the next 150 years of local history.

Everyone who completes the Challenge will receive an I Gave 150 sticker to show off to friends and family. Those that Give $150 or more will receive recognition on a Sesquicentennial display in the Beltrami County History Center.

Take the Give 150 Challenge today by sending a gift in the mail, stopping by the History Center, calling us, or visiting us online at beltramihistory.org. Find our information on the back of this newsletter.
How well do you know Beltrami County?

Find out with this quiz about early county history.

1. According to the United States Census, what was the population of Beltrami County in 1870?
   a. 50
   b. 10
   c. 0
   d. 112
   e. 80

2. In 1871, the State of Minnesota attached Beltrami County to what other county for record and judicial purposes?
   a. Roseau County
   b. Lake of the Woods County
   c. Itasca County
   d. Marshall County
   e. Becker County

3. The first post office established in Beltrami County was where?
   a. Solway
   b. Lake Itasca
   c. Bemidji
   d. Red Lake
   e. Bermdji

4. The Red Lake Nation successfully resisted what impacts of the 1889 Nelson Act?
   a. Land cession
   b. Allotment
   c. Timber exploitation
   d. All of the above
   e. None of the above

5. The first Beltrami County Commissioners were appointed in what year?
   a. 1866
   b. 1896
   c. 1894
   d. 1897
   e. 1867

6. In 1895, Beltrami County gave 19 townships to which county?
   a. Roseau County
   b. Clearwater County
   c. Itasca County
   d. Lake of the Woods County
   e. Becker County

7. One of Beltrami County’s first newspapers, the Beltrami Eagle, started on April 9, 1896, but ceased publication in 1897 because Clarence Speelman, the editor, did what?
   a. Moved West
   b. Got married and became a farmer
   c. Became Clerk of Court
   d. Went to jail
   e. Started a new newspaper

8. According to Beltrami County Commissioners Records, the County paid how much money to finish construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River in the Village of Bemidji in 1897?
   a. $100
   b. $300
   c. $500
   d. $700
   e. $1000

9. What towns competed with Bemidji to become the Beltrami County seat in 1897?
   a. Buena Vista
   b. Popple
   c. Moose
   d. All of the above
   e. None of the above

10. In what year was the Beltrami County Courthouse built?
    a. 1899
    b. 1900
    c. 1901
    d. 1902
    e. 1905

*Find the answers and grades on Page 8.*

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The historic area of Lake Boulevard has many stories and memories associated with it. From the beginning, the pioneers of Bemidji recognized the property for its value as lakeshore close to the business areas of Bemidji and Beltrami Avenue, and Second and Third Streets. And, of course, Bemidji had its racier areas of saloons and small hotels. Most of that activity went on along the tracks, in the bars and small hotels along First and Second Streets, and the south end of Minnesota and America Avenues. A little further “up town” people were looking for a way to take advantage of the beautiful location and to build respectability for the town.

Most of the property on Lake Boulevard was purchased between 1896 and 1906. The earliest sale of property was to Mrs. Winifred Spaulding on March 27, 1896, for $300. This became 721 Lake Boulevard, which was then owned by Albert Gilmour, who built the first drug store in Bemidji, and then for many years by Judge Marshall Spooner. This was a one-story house on the corner, with a wrap-around porch facing Eighth Street and Lake Boulevard. It had a big bay window on the south side of the dwelling and a porch on the west end of the house as well. It was replaced in the 1930s by the brick colonial style home of William Denison, veterinarian and Chevrolet Dealer.

One of Lake Boulevard’s main attractions was the Rustic Bridge, and despite its deteriorating condition, Judge Spooner fought hard for its maintenance by the city. Judge Spooner had a hedge planted in front of his residence on Lake Boulevard by Otto Brose, a florist and gardener, in the spring of 1905. A social note on August 26, 1911, mentioned that Judge Spooner was having a new cement walk placed in his front yard leading from the street to the house. The Bemidji Pioneer noted, “His cottage is located directly opposite the rustic bridge on Lake Boulevard.”

For several years, the editor of the newspaper consistently commented on the Rustic Bridge. “Is the rustic bridge on Lake Boulevard falling down? One of the stringers has rotted away and let that end of the bridge drop several inches. A heavy load might do considerable damage to the bridge. The walk is also in poor condition. The boards are loose and the walk is uneven.” (September 23, 1911) “The Street Inspector is ordered to repair the rustic bridge in front of the Spooner...
On the Street Where You Live (Continued from Page 6)

residence on the Lake Boulevard.” (June 4, 1912) “It might be well to remind someone that the boards on the rustic bridge have been loose for the past month, and that right now they are apt to fly up at one end anytime. Look out for your ‘shins.’” (July 25, 1913)

Street Commissioner Carter closed the bridge in April 1914. The street committee, in its report, condemned the condition of the rustic bridge and recommended that it be destroyed and a retaining wall built to replace it. Considerable opposition was made to the plan. Some of the aldermen and those in attendance at the meeting believed that the bridge should either be repaired or rebuilt, its value as a beauty spot to the city too great to allow its being replaced by other plans.

Judge Marshall Spooner appeared before the council in May and asked that the rustic bridge be repaired so that it would be safe for travel for at least a few more years. The judge reminded the council that the bridge had been one of the city’s most famous and most often visited beauty spots. The aldermen agreed with Judge Spooner and the street commissioner was instructed to repair the bridge. Does any reader know when it was removed?

Lake Boulevard was always acknowledged for its beautiful location. In April 1904, the newspaper noted that residents were beginning to realize that spring had arrived. “The beautiful walks along the lakeshore are now in good condition and it is a favorite promenade afternoons and during the present moonlight evenings. Unquestionably it is one of the prettiest walks in the entire northwest.” However, it attracted a few characters, too. Bemidji had a “Jack the Hugger” who chose Lake Boulevard as the scene of his operations in May of 1904. “Several ladies have recently been unceremoniously hugged while enjoying evening strolls. The local man with the propensity for squeezing evidently is somewhat fastidious and only the best of ‘em have so far been hugged. Complaint has been made to the police and it will be a good idea for ‘Jack the Hugger’ to remain on the quiet for a few days.” (May 18, 1904)

Many fine residences were built on Lake Boulevard and each has an interesting history. John Herath contributed a detailed history of the Johnson house at 605 Lake Boulevard to the Beltrami County Historical Society. This white frame house was built in 1910, originally owned by banker A. G. Wedge. Einer Johnson lived in the house for sixty years from 1913-1973. The log home known as the Fisk House at 711 Lake Boulevard, the Kenfield House built in 1917, the Clyde Bacon house and many others deserve fuller historical accounts.

Probably the finest private residence to be built in Bemidji in 1913 was that of Andrew Warfield on Lake Boulevard, it being a two story brick structure that cost $10,000, designed by an architect in Duluth. All the labor on the house was done by hand. The house became Warfield Hall, the hospital nurses’ home. Their previous house, built by architect Thomas Johnson in 1904, was sold to attorney Charles Scrutchin and moved to Bemidji Avenue. Teenager Herbert Warfield occasionally entertained friends at the house. The younger people must have loved the new toboggan slide in front of the Warfield residence in the winter of 1913. The youngsters built a large snow bank on the steep lakeshore which made it an excellent hill for their purpose. For the more daring ones, a leap-the-gap was created!

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It was essential for the middle vehicle to communicate problems to the other two cars. If a car stopped by itself, which the lead car did coming home from Fargo on Highway 10, or a car slid into the ditch (Highway 59), ran out of gas (near Bemidji on Highway 2), all three cars stopped and bailed the other car out. Basketball players used woman power to push a car out of the ditch and created lights for problems to be fixed. They jumped batteries and pushed one car with another. These players were self-sufficient, depending on each other both for traveling and playing support.

Most of these players became successful coaches. They attended workshops in coaching and refereeing to improve their knowledge of the game. The game has changed. Women initially had to be taught and coached to play aggressively; today aggressive play is expected along with physical contact. Basketball has come a long way – and we give thanks to those first players who set the standards of conduct and play and who currently are our leaders coaching basketball successfully at both the high school and university levels. Yes, basketball has come a long way! What a game, what a fun challenging sport where women have shown that they are physically capable of performing in this high energy, dynamic, demanding sport of basketball. Sports like basketball helped change society’s attitudes toward women in the sports arena and the workplace. We can thank those pioneer players for their desire and fortitude; yet we know there are more changes and improvements to come in future years.

Happy Sesquicentennial Birthday, Beltrami County! Now you’ve got me thinking about 1866. It was during the heyday of stagecoach travel. The sewing machine had recently become a part of the average home. Dostoevsky published Crime and Punishment. Alfred Nobel invented dynamite. Degas began to paint ballet scenes. Prussia and Italy were battling Austria. But I’ve sidetracked far afield! Back in Minnesota…

In January 1866, Minnesota’s fifth governor, William Marshall, was signed into office, serving for two terms. Other positions he held include publisher, hardware merchant, legislator, banker, land surveyor, farmer, and railroad commissioner. He served as president and later secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Minnesota’s second governor, Alexander Ramsey, resigned in 1863 to become a U.S. senator. He was still serving in the Senate in 1866 when Beltrami County was created.

1866 was the birth year of Pierce Butler who became the first Minnesotan to serve on the United States Supreme Court, from 1923 until his death in 1939. He was born of Irish immigrants on St. Patrick’s Day. He was a lawyer, as well as a friend of James J. Hill. Butler was a controversial member of the Supreme Court, remembered for many dissensions, including voting against President Roosevelt’s New Deal legislation.

President Andrew Johnson was in the White House in 1866. (Do not confuse him with the 1908 deputy sheriff, also named Andrew Johnson, who was shot in the shoulder during a gun battle with a man who had robbed the Puposky post office!) You can read all about President Johnson in the history books, but here are a few tidbits. He did not eat a big lunch, usually just a cup of tea and a cracker. He did not smile very often, except for St. Patrick’s Day. He was a lawyer, as well as a friend of James J. Hill. Butler was a controversial member of the Supreme Court, remembered for many dissensions, including voting against President Roosevelt’s New Deal legislation.

I seem to have become a bit sidetracked again….

Wishing you all a happy Beltrami County sesquicentennial year!

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Have a story to share in our newsletter?

Contact us!

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BCHS sold out of History Mystery tickets this year, and the History Center was at capacity! Thanks to everyone who joined us. Special thanks to our volunteer Suspects and Detectives. Additional thanks to Ground Round and Walmart for donating food for the event.

In the end, Morris Kaplan “murdered” the Great Northern Railroad Brakeman with Poison in the Gift Shop.

Assistant Detectives asking Sister Amata (Maggie Carlson) for Clues; Assistant Detectives trying to get a Clue out of the “murderer” Morris Kaplan (Ernie Rall); Judy Dvorak as Margaret Kirtland; Kevin Cease as Charles Donovan, aka “Paddy the Pig;” The cast of characters. From Left: Marty Cobenais as Peter Billideau, Cate Belleveau as Mary Hemingway, Dawn Loeffler as “Dutch Mary” Thompson, Kevin Cease as Charles Donovan, Kay Murphy as Kathryn Battles, Maggie Carlson as Sister Amata, Alison Hamm as Sarah McTaggart, Jorden Hamm as George McTaggart, and Ernie Rall as Morris Kaplan; Assistant Detectives searching The Hallway for Clues, studying programs, and heading to find refreshments in the Meeting Room.
Following the lead of the youngsters, several toboggan slides were built on the banks in the following years.

In January 1917, the Winter Carnival association built a toboggan slide at the foot of Tenth Street and Lake Boulevard. Members of the association met at the Markham Hotel and marched in a body to the toboggan slide, headed by Chief Ripple and C. A. Parker as drummers. The association claimed it was “some night” at the new toboggan slide. After visiting the slides, a large number of them enjoyed lunch in the basement of the Catholic Church.

The toboggan slide found mention in the society pages of the day, as it was the focus of several parties. Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Given of Dewey Avenue entertained at a toboggan party on February 12, 1917. Among the guests were Misses Capitola Stewart, Elizabeth Erickson, Ida Virginia Brown, Carrie Armstrong, and Messrs. Scott Stewart, Harry Stark, William Raymond and Thomas Quayle. Lunch was served at the Given home at a late hour. Certainly much fun!

Another slide was built for the Carnival in 1921 at the same location. A sketch of the proposed slide was on display at the Barker Drug and Jewelry store. Architect Charles B. Funk furnished the plans for four toboggan chutes and one sled chute, with a return on each side of the slide. The portion which was built on the shore was permanent and the other portions which extended over the lake were stored underneath the permanent portion during the summer. The slides were under the direction of the recreational board of the Red Cross. They also had three or four slides between Eighth and Ninth Streets on Lake Boulevard ready for use that winter. By 1922, rules had been established, as they always are, for the safety and protection of the sledders. According to the rules set by the park board, “no toboggans shall leave the landing until the toboggan ahead has passed the foot of the hill.” These slides were open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Consequently, in addition to the historic homes in the area, Lake Boulevard evokes memories of summer strolls, picnics, toboggans, the historic Indian trail, the Rustic Bridge, and became the subject of many paintings and photographs promoting the city of Bemidji.
We apologize if we excluded your name in error. Contact us to let us know if your name is missing.

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