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Benton County Fair Coming Soon!

This is the time of the year when most of us are thinking about vacations, and with vacation season we are also pushed forward to the annual season of the County Fairs! Benton County Fair will be occurring this year in the first week of August. It is the 96th Annual Benton County Fair and it will run from August 5th-10th.

Benton County Historical Society will be present along with the Retired Educators’ who so graciously volunteer at Watab School District Two to educate about the days of the one-room schoolhouses. It is always a delight to see the faces of people who attended a one-room schoolhouse and listen to the stories and memories that are shared! Watab Schoolhouse has been out at the grounds at the Benton County Fair since 1982, and it has been a great cooperative effort for the Ag Society, Retired Educators, and the Historical Society!

Many thanks to Mr. Zurek for the energy, time and effort he has put into maintaining the Benton County Historical Society web-site! Check us out!

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

NEW MEMBERS
Lorane Walsh
Patricia Lezer
Mary Agnes Shimota

RENOWNED MEMBERS
Alice Trushenski
Cecil Wade
Char and Dan Dhein
Duane and Kathy Walter

Members are an essential piece to our success!

CITY/COUNTY/TOWNSHIPS
City of Sauk Rapids

Membership Information

Household
Seniors $9.00
Single $13.00
Family $18.00
Contributor $27.00
Supporter $50.00

Business
Annual $50.00
Supporting $75.00
Maintaining $100.00
Patron $150.00
Benefactor $500.00

Meetings
Benton County Historical Society Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Museum at 218 1st Street North, Sauk Rapids.

Members and the Public are always welcome!
Bev Abraham has resigned from the position of Executive Director after serving in that capacity for a number of years. Benton County Historical Board of Directors would like to thank Bev for what she contributed to the organization in her employment and wish her well in her new employment!

With Bev leaving the organization, the Board of Directors advertised for the position, held interviews with a hiring committee, and have hired a new Executive Director at the Board meeting of May 20, 2008. Thanks from the Board need to go to Andy Schwaboski for Interim Director help!

The Board would like to introduce Mary Ostby as the new Executive Director for Benton County Historical Society who came on officially as of June 9, 2008. Mary has been involved in the Historical Society in the past as a member, Board member and past President of the organization. Her knowledge of the Society, the mission statement, the events, and the Museum holdings should help make it an easy transition in the upcoming months, but please be patient as we work through the transition!

Please feel free to stop by the Museum and meet Mary if you have a chance! We are looking forward to a new chapter in our BCHS organization’s history!

Wants, Wishes and Wonders

Wants

We are looking for a small to medium size safe for the museum that is fire/water proof to keep some of our documents safe. If you have one that you would be interested in donating, please contact the Museum!

Wishes

For Volunteers!

Wonders

As always, we are looking for the Wonders of Benton County history for our collection. If you have items that have historical background of Benton County, and a story or history to go with it, please consider donating it to the Society! We are always looking for items to display at the Museum or at the Schoolhouse.

Wants

Physical Donations - Thank you to everyone who helps us keep the history going!

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Benton County News
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Foley Lions Club
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Gilmanton Township
Granite Care Home Inc.
Great River Federal Credit Union
Sub Rapids Inc.
Langola Township
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Rapids Plating

Sauk Rapids Herald
Sauk Rapids Legion
Sauk Rapids Township
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