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# BUFFALO COUNTY LORE

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Newsletter from the  
**Buffalo County Historical Society**  
Alma, Wisconsin

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## ROSIE'S REPORT

Greeting from your new Executive Director,  
Addie Rose Elliott

**W**arm greetings, friends! I truly hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. Living through these historic times, our reserves and resilience have certainly been tested. I believe that as a society we developed a greater appreciation for the closeness to be shared with family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. My hope is for us to renew and further strengthen those ties as we return to a "new normal."

There have been many changes since we last sent out a newsletter. In January I began serving as Executive Director, following Kelly Herold's decision, after 18 years in various capacities at the BCHS, to focus on his personal business endeavors.

Before I address the present status and future plans for BCHS, I'd like to say that I am proud to have grown up in Buffalo County. I was born in Trout Creek, near Tell, across from the Schroeder farm that my mother Diane Elliott (nee Schroeder) grew up on. Many of you may know my father, Tom Elliott, through his many jobs; he may well have appraised your house, drove the bus that took your children to school, or led a family wedding or funeral at one of the area churches—having been a local minister for the past 40 years.

I was privileged to have had a close relationship with my grandpa, Marvin (Marvie) Schroeder. He was always there for his family and nothing seemed to make him happier than when we would pay him a visit. He often helped me to fashion little carpentry projects or

## OUR MISSION

To serve as an easily accessible source for local historical societies, genealogists, government and others by researching and preserving Buffalo County history, past and present.

## OFFICE HOURS

Our office on the third floor of the County Courthouse, **407 South Second Street** in Alma, is open from **9:00 AM—4:00 PM, M-F.**

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## HERITAGE HALL

Located at 316 South Main Street in Alma, Heritage Hall is home to BCHS archives and a treasure trove of antiques and Buffalo County memorabilia. Plans are underway to open it on limited basis for themed exhibits. Check our website for news of future events.

took us on Jeep trips to Tell Store for candy or out into the woods to pick berries. It was through his, as well as my mother's, stories that I became enamored with storytelling as a way to preserve history. To this day, I cannot hear enough of them!

After graduating from Alma High School, I attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and majored in History and Art History with a minor in Material Culture Studies (the study of the "man-made world"- and what it says about the cultures that created it).

After travelling extensively and realizing that no place is more beautiful and special in my mind than this area, I moved back preceding the birth of my daughter, Imani Rose. I'm a country girl at heart, and I wanted to raise my daughter to roam the creeks and jump in cow pies as I once did. I wanted her to grow up amongst good, hard-working people who understand and appreciate their strong roots. This is all so important for my life, and getting more of an opportunity to connect with our local people is a big reason I'm so excited to begin my work at the BCHS.

Coming to work at the at the Buffalo County Historical Society, I honestly feel like I've won the lottery! I am so proud of what the BCHS has to offer, and I truly hope to grow the organization and guide it to its fullest potential.

This year, 2021, marks the 40-year anniversary of the BCHS. Our support comes from the Castlerock Foundation, Buffalo County, and through annual memberships and contributions. Our location on the third floor of the courthouse adds credibility to our program and convenience for the many residents who come to do business at the various County, State and Federal offices. Our presence at Heritage Hall (provided by the Castlerock Foundation) provides us with the high visibility of a Main Street location together with additional archive and display space. We have arrived at a place where our organization has the space and resources to see to the work of systemizing and preserving the documents and objects that have been entrusted to our care. I see this as a primary goal for our 40th year.

If I had to pick one favorite aspect of my work here at BCHS, it would be connecting with our members. I've already enjoyed many phone calls to meet members and share stories. It is truly the remarkable people who make such an organization possible and I can think of no better way to include you, all who are interested in preserving and passing on local history, than to ask for help with the ***BCHS Oral History Project.***



We are looking for participants to sit down with us (when it is safe again to do so) and share their stories and remembrances. If you are personally interested or know of anyone who may be interested in sharing, please contact us and let's get planning! Likewise if you or someone you know has *written stories and memoirs*, we'd be honored to preserve, and with permission, to share them in the future.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all! Please feel free to drop in, call the office, or send us a letter or email with your thoughts and suggestions. We'd love to hear them! Until then, thank you so very much for your support and I wish you all good health and happiness!

# CREAM'S FIRST SCHOOL BUS



Elaine Schmidt with her "school bus" and passengers circa 1932.

*By Bergie Ritscher*

Elaine Schmidt (Zeller) lived in the town of Alma about a quarter of a mile from the Alma Bluff School and three miles from the Cream one-room school. She lived in the town of Alma and should have gone to the Alma Bluff School, however, that would have required climbing the bluff in all sorts of weather. A tuition arrangement was made to allow her to go to the Cream School three miles away.



The first year her father took her each morning and picked her up from school in the evening. In her second grade she was provided with a pony and a two-wheeled cart. Laddy, her pony, and Elaine, now eight years old, made the three mile trip to and from school each day, and did so for seven more years.

They provided bus service for three other students along the way. During the school hours, the pony was kept in a barn in Cream where she had to unhitch him, keep him fed and watered, and then hitch him up for the return home. Picture her doing this in the winter during snow storms, in below zero temperatures, rain-storms, and all other kinds of adverse weather. She was indeed a very brave little girl. Can you imagine an eight year old girl being allowed to to that today?

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Pictured above are Irma Herrmann (Guettinger) who finished grade school in 1939, her sister Janice (partially hidden) who graduated in 1943, a friend Marvilla Salwey (Zittle), and their pony, Pat.

## Alma Historical Society News



**Alma Area Museum**  
505 South 2nd Street, Alma

Open Saturday & Sundays 1-4  
Memorial Day – Labor Day

The Alma Area Historical Society will hold their first meeting of 2021 on April 27, 7PM at City Hall.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our museum was only open for a short time in 2020. Naturally, attendance was way down but those who did visit the museum all reported a positive experience.

Our Civil War exhibit installation has been on hold but we plan to resume work on it this year. Anyone interested in helping with this new addition to the museum is welcome to help with the work. Contact Max Bachhuber: 608-685-3534 or Sandy Ebert: 608-685-3376.

Thanks to Sandy Ebert, our annual “Bake-Less Bake Sale” was a success. Thank you all our members and friends who contributed. This is our only fund raiser and it is an ongoing event. You do not need to be a member to donate. Please send your donation payable by check to: *Alma Historical Society, PO Box 473, Alma 54610*. Write “Bake Sale” on memo line.

This is a good time to remind all that we welcome new members to join the Alma Historical Society. Joining as a member shows that you care about preserving the history of Alma and the near surrounding area. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

~ Dorothy Peterson

The Herrmann family lived on a bluff two and a half miles by road from the Cream School. Walking through the woods shortened the distance, but one particular woods route took Irma and Janice through a flock of hostile geese, a couple of aggressive dogs, and was limited to fair weather and seasonal travel. The pictured cart, home-made by their father, Robert, provided transportation on normal road conditions. They switched to a high wheeled surrey through the mud and a team of horses and cutter through the unplowed snow. Along the way they picked up several neighbor kids. Irma then unhitched the pony or team of horses and stabled them in her grandmother’s barn or pastured them on her vacant lot. At day’s end, she hitched them up, delivered the passengers, and completed the day’s journey. The heating system on the “bus” was a few blankets, but on extremely cold mornings, there were frozen noses, cheeks, and ears. In the summer it was the same procedure that took them to confirmation classes at Zion Lutheran church in Cream. Again, imagine that happening or being allowed today.

***Bergie Ritscher** worked for the Buffalo County Highway Department for 36 years, 17 years as County Highway Commissioner. After retiring in 1986, Bergie continued his civic engagement, serving as Alma mayor from 1986-96. He represented Buffalo County on the Mississippi Regional Planning Commission and was chairman of the Wisconsin Utility Tax Commission. Mr. Ritscher passed away on September 3, 2013.*



Cream in 1908. Building to left is the Lincoln House, Ritscher’s Store in middle and a cheese factory with home upstairs on right.



## Castlerock Museum News

Castlerock Museum will be reopening on Friday, April 23rd after being closed for several months. **Open hours are 1-4pm on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year and Sundays in June through August.** Capacity will be limited and face masks and social distancing will be required.



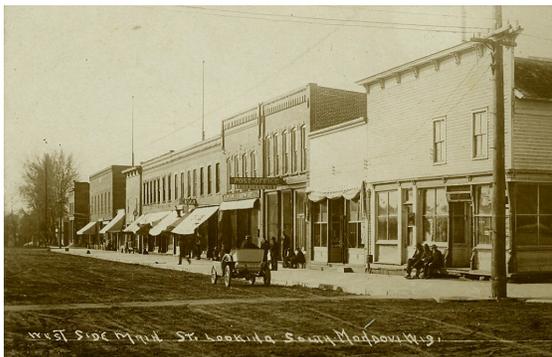
The museum has also completed construction on it’s new expansion. This addition includes an elevator to improve access to the museum’s lower level, additional gift shop and office space, and two new galleries that will be focused on American history. Work on the new galleries has begun and is expected to take about two years with new displays going up gradually over time. [www.castlerockmuseum.com](http://www.castlerockmuseum.com) (608) 685-4231

## MONDOVI AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Although COVID-19 brought a halt to the usual activities of the Mondovi Area Historical Society over the past year (monthly meetings, opening our buildings on Sunday afternoons, holding “The Past in the Park,” staffing our booth at the Buffalo County Fair, etc.), the work of the Society continued behind the scenes and online.

In January 2020, volunteers began the work of inventorying the collections of our City Hall Basement Museum Rooms in preparation for entering data into the PastPerfect software purchased from grant money awarded the MAHS by the Wisconsin Local Council of History in 2019. This project was suspended in March when the pandemic began, but was resumed in August when work was shifted to our buildings in the Mondovi Tourist Park. With most of the inventorying completed out at the park, the project shifted back to the Basement Museum in January. In addition to inventorying our holdings, we have been working on finding better ways to store the clothing and other climate sensitive items. Finally, over the course of working on the project we have been discovering a lot of interesting artifacts that we hope can be made part of future exhibits.

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Early 20th century Mondovi Street Scene

*We would like to extend a special thanks to Gary and Shelby Schlosstein for their donation of this gem, along with countless other Buffalo County photos and postcards generously entrusted to us over BCHS's 40 year history. Thank you for sharing such an important collection!*

## SEVER'S PLACE

By Calvin E. Hagen

Not far from my grandparent's memorial stone in the Lyster churchyard are two small, polished granite headstones...

SEVERT STEEN  
1849-1925

ANNA STEEN  
1834-1920



Lyster Lutheran Church.  
Photograph from the 1930s.

Both Sever and Anna were born in Valdres, Norway, and came to America in 1884. Sever's brother Terje and his sister Ingeborg lived in Minneapolis. Anna had two sisters – Ingeborg (Mrs. Hans Rogneby) and Mary (Mrs. Abel Adams).

Sever and Anna lived on a small farm on the ridge up from the Sandburg's to the west and up from the Hagen's on the east. The old house was made of poplar logs, chinked with a mixture of clay, straw, and plaster. Several flat rocks were fit together and leveled to make two steps at the entrance of the house. Steep and narrow stair steps in one corner led to a loft above the one-room structure. A window on each of the four sides give Sever and Anna sight to arriving visitors and a picturesque view of the ridge in four directions. An inside chimney built on top of plank shelving against the north wall connected cookstove pipes and pipes from a winter heater in the center of the room.

A dip in the terrain on the north side allowed for a low entrance into a small dirt floor where home churned butter and a supply of *game lost* (aged cheese) along with a winter's supply of home canned goods, potatoes, squash, and other farm produce were stored and expected to last until spring. A small and shallow cistern a short distance from the house collected and stored rain-water piped from the house roof. Soft water for washing clothes and watering the animals was baled from the cistern with a rope and bucket. A fresh water pump in the front yard supplied water for cooking and drinking.

A small stable for two horses, three or four cows, and a few chickens was tucked half in and half out of a sharp rise at the edge of the woods. One small window shed dim light inside the stable. Several jags of hay were pitched into the loft. The rest was neatly stacked beside the barn for easy feeding during blustery winter weather. Here, too, cold winter winds converged from three directions.

An orchard of a dozen apple trees, twenty acres of tillable land and a few acres of open pasture and the remaining eighty acres of trees and bluffs are all parts of what is referred to as *Sever's Place*.

When Anna died in 1920, Sever was alone on that isolated farm. He sold his property to the Hagen's and was content to live his remaining years in the house where he and Anna lived or with his sister and brother in Minneapolis.

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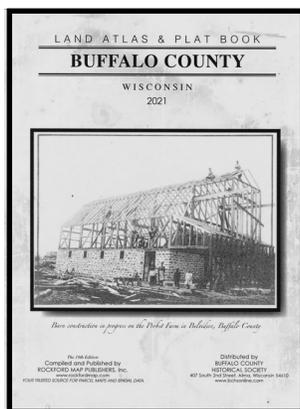
## MAHS, contd.

Last summer, we resumed presenting programs by moving that activity online. Throughout the summer and fall, we presented a series of videos on our Facebook page and YouTube channel of volunteers reading columns from Dr. Roy Lee's "The Old Timer" book. In December, we began presenting programs via Zoom. Using Zoom for programming has been a good way to reach and involve our members who do not live in the area and ordinarily cannot attend our meetings. We plan on resuming in-person meetings and programs in May.

Another major project that was completed this past year was the painting of the Olsen Farm House. This project has been on our "to do" list for the past few years and could not have been accomplished without the dedication and efforts of volunteers. In addition to painting the house, other needed repairs were made to the structure as well.

At the present time, preparations are underway for the 2021 edition of "The Past in the Park," which will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. The theme this year will be World War II. We are also working on an exhibit on that theme that will be in the Rural Life Museum. In June, we will be opening our museum building for the summer. This year we plan on being open every other Sunday and by appointment.

For more information about the MAHS, please email [mondovihistory@yahoo.com](mailto:mondovihistory@yahoo.com) or check out our Facebook page.



**2021 PLAT BOOKS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

Call the office to schedule a pick-up or visit our website, [www.bchsonline.com](http://www.bchsonline.com) to have it shipped to your door!

Then one summer day, seventy-four years ago my mother and several small children stood under the big shade-tree in the front yard of our recently acquired farm watching our dad make his way down the steep bluff, driving one horse hitched to a two-wheeled cart and leading a cow.

Sever died that morning in 1925. The house was now empty. Ole and Anna (Sandburg) Nelson and their children, Adeline and Clayton, made it home for a short time. When they moved, the house, the barn, and the orchard became places to play, explore, crawl, and climb. We watched the unused buildings slowly deteriorate, sag, and collapse. We ate apples in the orchard and threw the cores over the narrow ridge, and we dropped rocks into the stagnant water of the cistern. We felt the absence of people and the presence of wildlife searching for a home or meal and we sniffed the fertile odor of composting barnyard waste.

There will never be another place like the place where Sever and Anna lived on that lonely ridge overlooking two of Modena's valleys. It was a place to remember!

*Sadly, Calvin (Cal) E. Hagen is no longer with us, but his writings will live on! He gifted the BCHS with his wonderful collection of stories he titled, "The Riches of Poor Valley," and we will look forward to sharing more in the future.*

*Although no known images of the old Steen homestead exist, we did locate these images of original homesteads, both taken in the Modena area.*



The John Nelson home near Modena. Pictured left to right are John Nelson, Knute Myren, Mrs. Nelson Mary and Sena Nelson, Ole and Evar Nelson.



The Thore Holden home, also near Modena. The family on the left is Arne Erickson and his three sons. In the middle, seated, is Thorne Holden. On the right are: Christ, Mary, Anna, Ole and Johanna Sathers.

## Fountain City Historical Society

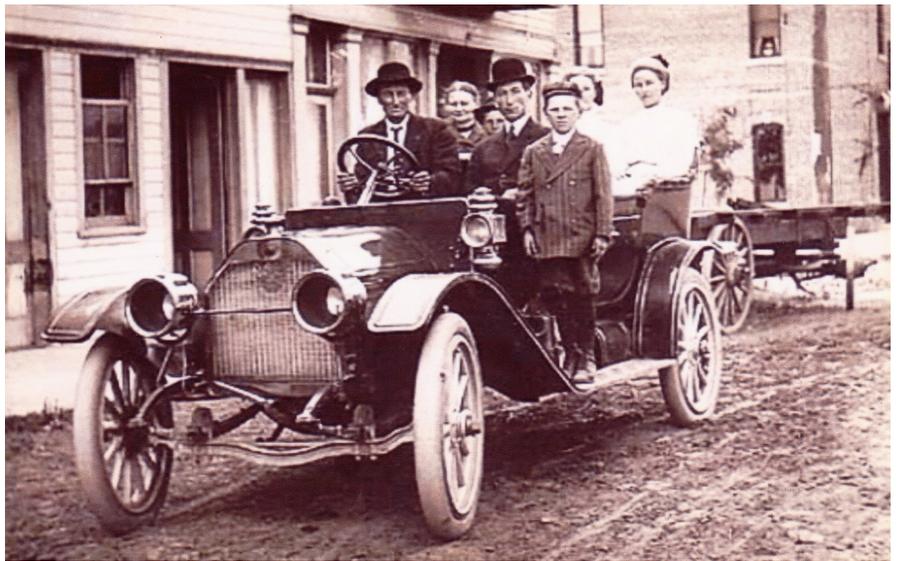
Greetings from the Fountain City Area Historical Society. Just a quick note to tell everyone that we have survived 2020 and are looking forward to your continued support in 2021. We have resumed our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our April meeting will take place at 1:00 at the FCAHS Museum. Anyone is welcome to attend.

As always, donations of items from the past pertaining to the Fountain City area are greatly appreciated. We did not hold regular summer hours in 2020 and have not yet decided on summer hours for 2021. We are always open by appointment, by calling John @ (608) 687- 8730, Ann@ (608) 687- 4271, or Sandy @ (608) 687-4879.



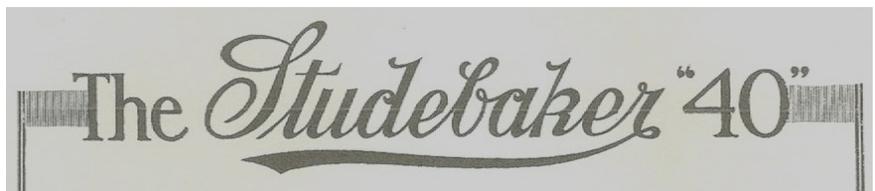
This photo of the Fountain City High School's "Bloomer Girls" was taken in 1907. Can anyone help us identify these young ladies? (BCHS)

## "OUR FIRST CAR" The Louis Zeller Family



*From left:* Louis Zeller Sr., wife Kate, hired man Herb Foegen, son Arnold, daughters Gustie and Kate.

**E**arly on Monday morning, the second day in May of 1910, Louis Zeller Sr. and his hired man, Herbert Foegen, went to the barn, harnessed and hitched the two best horses to the carriage and led the team to the front yard of the house in Waumandee. Mr. Zeller went through the front door to hear the cackling, excited voices of his wife and daughters echoing down from upstairs as they put on their "Sunday best" in preparation for the special day that would begin a major change in their lives. Their destination was Arcadia and their special mission was to take delivery of the family's first automobile. They arrived at the Bohrnsted and Runkel Automobile Dealership just before noon. After a hearty dinner compliments of the dealers, the Zellers proudly took a drive around town before turning toward home. They passed the hired man about 3 miles out of Arcadia near the county line. Mr. Foegen arrived back at the farm 3 hours later, just in time for milking.



The 1910-11 Studebaker "40" was actually a *Garford* car made in Elyria, Ohio. Studebaker, headquartered in South Bend, Indiana, and had rights to sell the car as a Studebaker-Garford. The auto was a luxury car and a symbol of success. Mr. Zeller must have been a very successful farmer to afford the \$980.00 price tag—over \$26,000 in today's dollars.

### **Jacquellin Jean Stiehl Bielefeldt**

was born in Alma on July 30, 1934 to Pearl and Wesley Stiehl. She grew up on a family farm in Jahn's Valley, homesteaded by her great-grandfather, Haigh. At four years old the farm got electricity. She walked nearly a mile to Jahn's Valley school, a simple one-room school. The family collected tin cans, milkweed, and money for savings bonds during the war. Gas, sugar and tires were rationed. As the eldest of four sisters she helped her dad with all farm chores. In her 10 years of 4-H, she learned many life skills. She took forestry and electricity at the encouragement of her parents.

She went on to school, taught for one year, and then married Vilas L. Bielefeldt, a USAF pilot. They raised four children, Michael, Julie, Daniel, and James. She greatly enjoyed sponsoring foreign teams from Rotary and university students. She volunteered for many organizations, among them were the Red Cross, library, and the women's shelter. Jacquellin competed a Master's of Social Work from the University of Missouri and worked with family services and the mental health center after her children were grown. With her husband, she was able to travel much of the U.S. as well as many destinations abroad. They retired in Missouri and spent summers in Buffalo County with family and friends. Lt. Col Vilas Bielefeldt passed away on November 20, 2020. Jackie resides at the Country Club nursing home in Warrensburg, Missouri.



Jaquellin and Vilas with grandson, Jake Bielefeldt



Jahn's Valley School, Town of Lincoln, Buffalo County, ca. 1938. Elsie Dauerkop, teacher, pictured far left.

### **Excerpt from "A String of Pearls," by Jacquellin J. Bielefeldt**

It was already late in May. We knew that Spring was well on its way. The morning air was still crisp, but the sun was warm and the air was full of the smell of growing grass, new leaves, and early flowers. Mother said I could go home from school with a friend for an overnight.

So we did our afterschool tasks that kept the one-room schoolhouse going smoothly. One of us washed the blackboards while the other took the erasers outside and slapped them against the side of the building until chalk powder no longer flew into the air. Then we gathered up jackets, lunch pails, and a book or two and headed up the hill for the two-mile walk to my friend's house

We jumped across the rows of plowed soil in a farmer's field until we hit the edge of the woods. From there on, a path led through still mostly bare, birch, oak and maple trees, to the crest of the bluff where we stopped to scratch our name in the sandstone rocks that jutted out and investigated animal burrows, imagined adventures with the Indians, and tossed a few rocks down the hillside to see how high they would bounce. Then it was back on the path and over the ridge of the hill.

Wild flowers were in bloom. Pink and white Mayflowers blanketed the forest floor, violets peaked out under broad green leaves and yellow cowslips stood tall. Wild geraniums, bluebells, and shooting stars added to the colorful array. We decided to see how many different blooms we could take to school the next morning.

The path led around some of the open fields on top of the hills, through fences and gates and finally back through the woods as we descended down to the farm nestled back in the valley where my friend lived.

Typical of most old farm houses, the children had the run of the upstairs for play and sleep. After an evening of play in the yard, a simple supper, evening chores of doing dishes, feeding animals, and doing homework, we climbed the stairs to our private world. We snuggled under the covers to keep warm,

*The BCHS thanks Jaquellin Bielefeldt for her enthusiastic support over the years! The generous contribution she offered to the BCHS in memoriam of her late husband, Vilas, will be used to create a display of the antique tools of Vilas' grandfather, John Bielefeldt. The BCHS has been looking forward to displaying this large collection since Vilas' donation several years ago!*

told jokes and stories, and finally my friend fell asleep. Then I began to ponder the night noises and wondered what evils they represented. Oh dear, no, I had to go to the bathroom. At their house, this was a wooden structure some distance from the house. Finally, I summoned my courage as I considered the alternative disaster, put my shoes on and crept down the stairs. In the moonlight I could see the boards on the ground that made a dry path to the outhouse. I hurried to complete my task and ran back inside to the safety of the house, crawled back into bed, and soon fell asleep.

Morning came again, fresh and sunny. My friend's mother served us steaming bowls of chocolate Malt-O-Meal, a new but delightful taste to me. We collected a few blooms from the front yard to add to our collection of eighteen flowers, then headed up the hill toward what we knew would be another exciting day at school.

THANK YOU to those who  
have generously donated to  
the BCHS!

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## In Memorium:

**Vilas J. Bielefeldt**

By Jaquellin J. Bielefeldt

By Gary and Shelby Schlosstein

**Marcus Quarberg**

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**Elma Bachmann**

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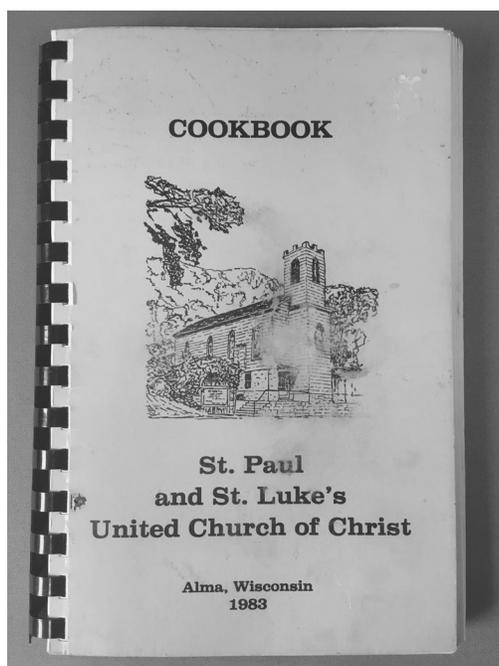
**Harriet Nelson**

By Lee Grippen

**Emmett Keller**

By Ann Keller

## Cookbook Clippings



*What better way to remember these wonderful ladies than by preparing their recipes? We hope you enjoy these delicious recipes submitted by some of St. Paul and St. Luke's remarkable women! At BCHS, we're committed to growing our collection of Buffalo County cookbooks to retain for our archives. Know that your director is diligent in this task—she can't drive by an area thrift store without checking out the cookbook section!*

### Swiss Pasockles Magda Hertzfeldt

6 med. lg. potatoes, cubed into 6 pieces  
 2 lg. onions, sliced  
 3/4 lb. Swiss cheese, grated  
 1/4 lb. butter, melted

#### Dumplings:

1 egg  
 pinch salt  
 1 T. milk  
 flour to stiffen

Put potatoes to boil in large kettle of (1/2 t. salt) salt water. Place onions in covered pan and stew until soft in butter. When potatoes are about half-cooked, snip in dumplings in small pieces. Boil until potatoes and dumplings are cooked. Drain off water. Fold in grated cheese and garnish with fried onions, and browned butter. This makes a good meal served with sausage or brats and cole slaw.

### Elephant Stew Olga Jost

Cut one med. elephant into bite-size pieces (takes about a month). Add enough gravy to cover. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cook over kerosene stove at 465F. for about 4 months. Serves 3,800 people. If more are expected, add 2 rabbits. However, only if necessary, because most people do not like hare in their stew.

### Swiss Apple Pancakes Blanche Schneider (Apfelomelette)

1 c.	flour, all-purpose, sifted
1/2 t.	salt
2/3 c.	milk
2	eggs, well-beaten
3 T.	sugar
1/2 t.	cinnamon
2	apples, peeled and cored
1/4 c.	butter
2 T.	sugar

Sift the flour and salt. Stir in the milk. Beat until smooth. Add the beaten eggs, sugar, cinnamon. Beat until smooth. Let stand 15 min. while you peel and slice the apples into 1/4" slices. Melt the butter in a heavy large skillet over low heat. Sprinkle the melted butter with sugar, allowing it to begin to caramelize. Now pour the batter into the skillet. Top with the apple slices. Fry until golden brown. Turn and brown the other side. Cut into pie-shaped wedges. Serve hot. Serves four.

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### Dream Bars Sonja Bautch

**Crust:**  
 1/2 c. butter  
 1/2 c. sugar, brown  
 1 c. flour

**Topping:**  
 1 c. sugar, brown  
 1/4 t. salt  
 2 T. flour  
 1 t. baking powder  
 2 eggs  
 1-1/2 c. coconut  
 1 t. vanilla  
 1 c. nuts

Mix butter, 1/2 c. brown sugar, 1 c. flour together like pie crust and pat into 9"x13" pan. Spread with mixture of 1 c. brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour, baking powder, salt, coconut and chopped nuts. Bake 20 min. at 350F. This is my mother's recipe (Hazel Jost).

### Rhubarb Torte Sylvia Ebersold

**Crust:** 1 c. flour  
 5 T. sugar, powdered  
 1/2 c. butter

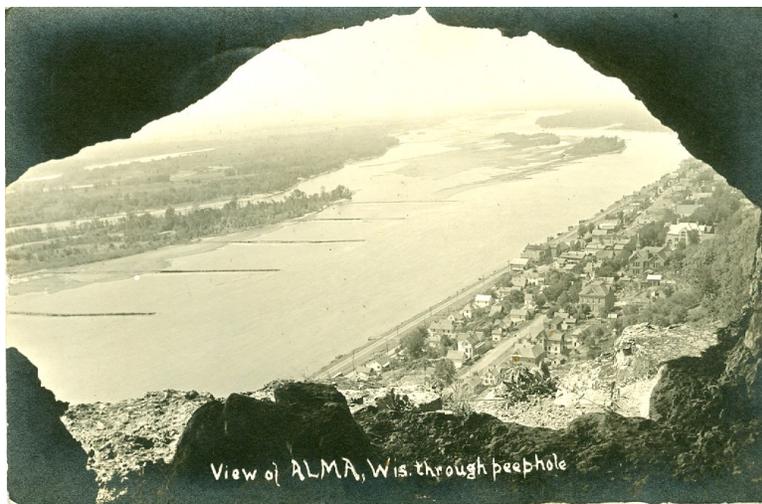
**Filling:** 1-1/2 c. sugar  
 1/4 c. flour  
 3/4 t. baking powder  
 1/2 t. salt  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 2 c. rhubarb, finely chopped  
 1 t. vanilla

### Rhubarb Torte (From prior page)

Mix crust ingredients; pat in an 8"x10" pan. Bake 12 min. at 350F, or until crust is lightly browned

**Filling:** Sift together sugar, flour, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, finely chopped rhubarb and vanilla. Spread Mixture over crust. Bake 30 min. at 350F., or until mixture is set. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

*From the Director:* We extend a sincere thank you to all who have donated photographs to us over the past 40 years! To me, this small sampling speaks to Buffalo County's awe inspiring beauty, and although these images are taken many years ago, these views are ever perennial. Enjoy!



Alma, Wis.



We look forward to sharing more photos with you in the future! We're looking ahead with plans to digitize our photo collection. While nothing can replace the actual, original photo, we can assure an extra measure of safety by creating the digital copy. Our hopes are to put our collection, or at least a good part of it, online, accessible from our website. As director, I feel it is important to make our collection available to the public in this way. If anyone has photos they'd like to share, whether to donate or simply allow us to scan and return to you, please contact us! We appreciate your consideration in this exciting endeavor!

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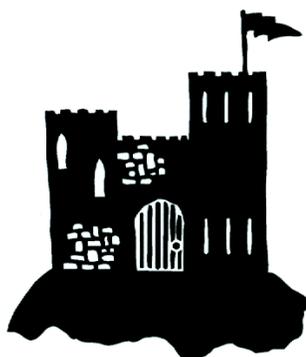
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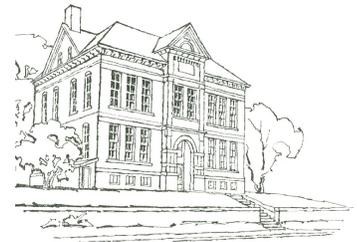
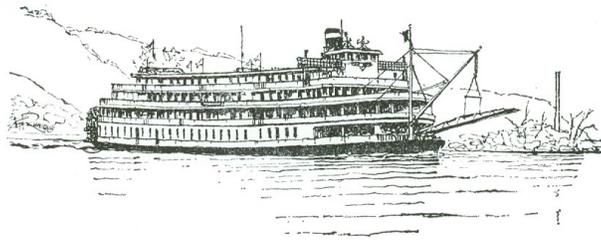
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