

Headlines read in several Beloit Daily News articles in the Spring of 1947 "Weeden beats Davis to win Hackett Mibs title," "Watson is Parker School Mibs champion," "Hirst wins crown at Lincoln Junior High" and "Hogan is mibs marvel of Burdge School kids." From 1925 to the mid 1950s few events attracted the crowds that a marble tournament generated. Most of the schools within the greater Beloit community, with major backing from the Beloit Daily News, made this event an extravaganza. In 1947 20,000 registrants from southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, 47 towns and 85 schools participated.

Often the date given as the beginning of the Marbles Tournament in Beloit is 1935 with mention of Roy Chandler of Roosevelt Junior as the first champion. This is the date when the Beloit Daily News took over and made it the grand affair of kids, moms, dads, schools and city officials. But there is another date and that is 1925. This is the correct date for the official beginnings of Beloit's Tournament. In that year games were organized under the auspices of the American League Posts and Earl L. Rice was manager. The first champion was Will Stanlin of Wright School.

Organized marbles were about kids, fair play, and character-building, with losers and winners shaking hands after the game and the winner returning marbles won to his opponent. All the kids came from schools: Merrill, Parker, Strong, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Hackett, Brother Dutton, Riverview and many more. We can't say how many schools participated in the mid 1920s, but when Larry Raymer took over in 1935, working with the Director of Beloit's Recreational Department - Larry "Butch" Krueger - there were 13 elementary schools, 2 Junior Highs and several schools from northern Illinois.

Each school produced a champion; the group of school champions squared off in a competition to decide who would be the Beloit City and the Greater Beloit Area champs. The tournament, in the early days, was held at Summit Park and then later at Vernon Park, a park proudly managed by John Bell, himself a mibster from the late 19th century. The tournament of 1950, the year Donald Floyd won, was held at Strong Stadium.

School champions played in a ten foot square of hard clay. A ring was drawn in the clay and the marbles were arranged in the shape of a cross within the circle. The winner was the one who knocked out over half of the arranged marbles. Once the Beloit city and Greater Beloit area champs emerged each prepared for the big trip to Wildwood, New Jersey. This was the spot for the National Championships and Larry Raymer of the Beloit Daily News usually accompanied them.

The city of Beloit geared up for the tournament in early Spring. The championships were held in summer. During this period the Daily News bombarded the reading public with articles about marble shooting and definitions of terms used in the

## Mibs and Mibsters

by Paul Kerr



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**Beloit Historical Society**

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The Newsletter, *Confluence*, is published quarterly for the membership of the Beloit Historical Society to inform readers of Society activities as well as educate them on the history of Beloit. The Beloit Historical Society manages two sites, Lincoln Center Museum with main offices at 845 Hackett St. and Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead 2149 St. Lawrence Ave. For further information please call (608) 365-7835 or e-mail us at [beloiths@ticon.net](mailto:beloiths@ticon.net).

*Newsletter edited by*

Scott Reichard

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

For further  
information on  
Society events call  
Lincoln Center  
(608) 365-7835

**Tuesday, August 10 – Ten Chimneys Bus Tour**

Trip to Milwaukee area Ten Chimneys estate, and lunch & shopping at Reiman Publications. Cost: Members - \$75, non-members - \$80 (includes bus, lunch and admission fees.)

**Sunday, September 12 – Heritage Days**

Noon to 4:00 p.m. Hanchett-Bartlett. Open house, events, music by 1st Brigade Band, and food. Free admission.

**Sunday, September 19 – City Hall of Fame**

2:00 p.m. Lincoln Center. Annual induction ceremony.

**Thursday, September 23 – Sports Hall of Fame**

6:00 p.m. Lincoln Center. Annual dinner and induction ceremony. Guest speaker: James Gordon. Cost: \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

*We'd like to remind everyone that the Beloit Historical Society is a repository for Beloit History. If you have objects, letters, diaries, photos, documents, clothing, etc., that pertain to Beloit history or someone from Beloit, please keep us in mind as a permanent home for these items.*

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Canary yellow, 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang

## Items in the Beloit Gallery 1950s & '60s Exhibit

**Opening Soon!**

Hamilton Beach Model 30  
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reigning supreme in malt shops, dance  
halls and taverns in Beloit, these  
classic jukeboxes now live out second  
lives in the homes of collectors.

### **Beloit Gallery Exhibit**

Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St.

Monday thru Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free Admission!

Donations Appreciated



*Mibs and Mibsters (Continued from page 1)*

game. Other articles mentioned that Mibs prizes were on display in the "Krueger store window," a prominent sports store located on Pleasant street; that 25,000 marbles were on hand at the Daily News selling 13 for a penny; and that two lucky "commie snipers," winners of the Beloit tournament, would set off for Wildwood, New Jersey, for an all-expense paid vacation. The public was alerted and when the championship games were held the crowds turned out in great numbers. The crowds were certainly there at Vernon Park for Herbie Turman in 1947.

Life Magazine covered the local Grand Finals at Summit Park in 1940, the year Phil Samp won it. He won it again in 1942. But it was Herbie Turman who won everything in sight in 1947, including the National Championship. He put the greater Beloit area on the National Marble map, so to speak. Herbie bested four million mibsters that year which led the National Director of the Marble Tournaments, Ralph Shurtleff, to proclaim Beloit "The Marble Shooting Capital of the U.S.A." Beloit usually had its mibsters rank in the top 10% at the Nationals. 1947, though, now that was a year for Beloit and Herbie. Fred Bull, our maintenance man here at the Society, remembers playing Herbie at Riverview. He says somewhat disappointedly but with a smile "I didn't even get to shoot." He also remembered the callouses on the champs knuckles.



The Nationals (which started in 1923) gathered the 75 best players in America and over the years these tournaments were either played at Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City or Wildwood-By-the Sea, New Jersey. Every one of the 75 received a new bicycle - A Roadster. Three hotels were used at Wildwood for the tournament and they were the Adelphi-Witte, the Dorsey or Dayton. The champs from Beloit along with other American city champs enjoyed deep sea fishing, horse back riding, swimming, boating, a swanky hotel and all the fried chicken, apple pie and ice cream they could eat. For all of those who competed the Marble Tournament was a grand event, for the champs who made it to the Nationals it must have seemed a little piece of heaven. Beloit sent its fair share of youngsters to the east coast and they, one and all, did their city proud while there.

The Marble Tournaments ended in Beloit in the mid 1950s. The event had grown in popularity and size and commensurate with that it grew in cost and effort. It took three months of a Beloit Daily News staffer's time and schools were spending hundreds of dollars on floats for parades. But while they lasted the Marble Tournaments proved the greatest attraction for crowds Beloit has ever seen.

A list of the Beloit Champions beginning with 1935:

Roy Chandler	1935
Donald Briggs	1936
Frankie Turman (Herbie's older brother)	1937
Mike Fuller	1938
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Phil Samp	1940
Jackie Walsh	1941
Phil Samp	1942
<b>World War II</b>	<b>No Tournaments</b>
Tom Christopherson	1946
Herbie Turman	1947
Dick Woods	1948
Claire Lawver	1949
Donald Floyd	1950





## *From The Director*

### Since the last issue

Volunteers were thanked at April's **Volunteer Brunch**. This is our annual thank you to those volunteers who donate time and talent rendering us a great variety of services. Clifford Lueck and Patti Zulli told stories, sang, and played an array of musical instruments. It was a good time and we appreciate you one and all.



*Notes from Home*, a musical theatre production by Colleen Burns & Jack Wilson, came off without a hitch this past 12 June 2004. The production brought to light a WW II era of song, and also letters to and from servicemen active during the war. This was a poignant presentation and one which attracted over one hundred people on that warm summer Saturday. We extend a world of thanks to Sue Kurth and her committee as well as sponsors for the production: Blackhawk State Bank, Theatre Getaways (Loren Sass), Drevdahl Auto Body (Dwayne and Susan Drevdahl) and Edward Jones (Martin Howe). It was a grand evening and profitable as a fund raiser. See you next summer.

We have a **new sign** with an overall new design. Emphasizing our new logo, simplifying our message to motorists driving by on Hackett Street and making the whole structure look history-like architecturally was the aim of this project. We feel the sign communicates a warmer invitation for visitors. Let us know what you think. We thank Tom Olson of Olson Signs for his ideas and workmanship.

### Up-Coming Events

This year's **Sports Hall of Fame** event is scheduled for 23 September 2004. Guest speaker for the occasion is James Gordon, coach of three basketball championship teams and former inductee (2002) to the Beloit Sports Hall of Fame. The team being honored this year is the Turner 1988 football team.

**The Beloit City Hall of Fame** is scheduled for Sunday, 19 September, at 2:00 p.m. At that time the Historical Society and its committee members will induct five new people. The event is held at the Lincoln Center, 845 Hackett street.

**Heritage Days** transpires 12 September 2004 at Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead, 2149 St. Lawrence Ave. Plans are underway to make this a grand celebration of Beloit's heritage. Scheduled for the day is the nationally renowned First Brigade Band. On that Sunday the Historical Society will present this Civil War-era band and a picnic of many delights for the community's enjoyment.

With generous loans from Yoss Construction, Patch Products and the Beloit Auction Service the Society is able to put together several scenes that reflect a period of the 1950s and 1960s, as well as the mid to late 19th century, in the **Beloit Gallery**, the main exhibit room at the Historical Society. We'll keep you posted on this work in progress.

### Joe Rhodes Remembered

Joe Rhodes died June 15th at the age of 98. His long life was distinguished by many accomplishments. For the Society he was a notable Director from 1971-1983 who kept city support of the organization constant. *Sparks From the Flaming Wheel*, a 1984 publication that he edited, is a unique contribution to the lore of Beloit. Joe made an enduring contribution to the Beloit Historical Society and he will be long remembered because of it.

*Paul K. Kerr*

## LORETTA'S VOLUNTEER NEWS

With continued dedication from our docents, elementary school tours of the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead were once again successful through May and early June. Approximately 350 students and chaperones toured the facility and enjoyed lunch and old-fashioned games on the grounds. We thank our Beloit School District for encouraging the teachers to visit, and we especially thank our docents for helping guide the tours and giving the children in our community an opportunity to experience life as a pioneer child. The Society is still in need of docents to help cover summer hours at the Homestead beginning June 16 through Heritage Days on September 12. Summer hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Please contact Loretta Hatch at 365-7835 for further information.

### Summer Quilt Classes Offered!!

Beloit Historical Society's Spring Quilting Classes were very successful this year, therefore, the Society is offering three Summer classes for anyone interested in participating.

There is one more class available, on Saturday, August 14, at Lincoln Center. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Bobbie Fiske instructing. Beginners are welcome, so sign up today! Cost is \$11.00 per class for members of Beloit Historical Society and \$12.00 per class for non-members. For further information and a supply list contact Lincoln Center at (608) 365-7835 or Bobbie Fiske at (608) 365-4528.

### WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Beloit College Intern

**Bridget Crean**

Lincoln Center Library Inventory  
Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead Docent

Voluntary Action Center Referral

**Carla Tilleson**

Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead Docent

### Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to Garden Club members Cathy Piazza, Lois Roen and Marcia Minter for various items donated to Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead and to the entire garden club for weeding and planting this spring.

We also thank Jeune Nelson and friends for their participation in planting and weeding the Friendship Garden at Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead in May. Thank you Jeune, Karen McKinney, Trevor McKinney, Dean Brosier and Joshua Handrich. Your help was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Fran Braggo for her donation of plants for the garden.

## Dinner Theatre

### Corporate Sponsors & Volunteers

To help meet the costs and prepare for this year's Dinner Theatre performance "Notes From Home" held on June 12, there were many corporate sponsorships and volunteers. First and foremost, we thank Sue Kurth. Sue has made this event possible each year by recruiting people and funding to sponsor the event. We also thank the sponsors and volunteers who offered their support for a variety of tasks. Thank you all again; your support is greatly appreciated.

### Committee Members & Volunteers

Sue Kurth, Sandra Adamsky, Walter Scholten, Joyce Scholten, Darlene Blunck, Mary Frey, Irene Popp, Mary Herrmann, Lois MacGowan, Harriet White, Jackie Landers, Shirley Geffers, Marcia Minter, Mary Herrmann, Paul Kerr, Barb Kerr and Virginia Knutson.

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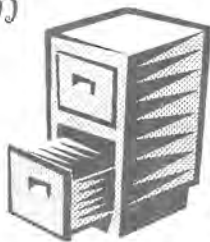
## Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

For more information contact  
**Loretta Hatch, Coordinator of**  
**Volunteers at (608) 365-7835**

A Special Thanks to **Shady Tree Floral** for their donation of flowers used for centerpieces at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch in April.



From  
 the  
 Files



*Short Stories About Beloit, 1836-1970, from the notes of Walter Dundore*

**Garbage & Trash Collection:** Today our garbage and trash is collected at our homes and hauled to a dump. Of course, this wasn't always the case. The early settlers didn't have this problem. The garbage was fed to the pigs, corn husks were used for mattresses, corn cobs became fuel for the kitchen stove, feathers went into ticks and pillows and straw was bedding for both people and animals. There were no papers, no cans and no disposable bottles. Manure became fertilizer and in butchering animals, they used everything but the squeal and the grunt! There was no waste.

**Travel (Winters in Beloit):** Travel was sometimes difficult for settlers in Beloit. Winter months were especially hard. In 1837 three men and three teams of oxen set out on a trip to Rockford for supplies. They ran into a snow blizzard which soon stopped the oxen, therefore leaving them to continue on foot. The men finally reached a cabin and asked the settler to go get the teams of oxen. The settler refused, but he offered the men shelter for the night. The next morning they set out to look for the oxen and were only able to find them

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by the steam from the animals arising out of the snow. They continued on their journey to Rockford, discovering a dead man who had frozen to death. What should have been a fairly short trip for these men actually turned out to be a one week journey to travel to Rockford and back to Beloit.

**School:** Schooling was very important to early Beloit settlers. Even though life was very hard, they worked even harder to get schools started. In 1843, children had to pay to go to school. The cost was \$3.00 per term to learn to read and write English and \$4.00 per term to learn Latin and Greek. Dexter Colley was asked to pay \$5.10 for 14 weeks of school. He had no money so he paid it with lumber shingles he made from the woodland. Benjamin Nito had to pay \$2.75 to the school. He paid his bill by cutting fire wood and making fires in the school stoves for 8½ weeks. Henry Tenney paid his bill of \$4.36 with three bushels of dried apples worth \$4.40. He received 4 cents in change. Joseph, Mary and William Riddle owed the school \$6.37. They paid with 6 pumpkins, 6 squash and 129 lbs. of pork worth \$3.28 and 64 quarts of milk worth \$2.56.



### CUB FOODS RECEIPTS

Our last batch of receipts brought in **\$49.34**. For each Cub Foods receipt submitted the Society receives 1% of the total. Thanks to everyone who participates in saving the receipts and thank you Charlie Jones for volunteering your time totaling them each quarter. Please keep saving receipts, and be sure to get them in before the end of the quarter.

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We currently have 756 members on our rolls. The following people have renewed their membership or have become new members between March 23 and July 7, 2004. A big Thank You for supporting the Beloit Historical Society! (Underlined indicates new member; numbers next to names refer to multi-year renewals.)

Victor & Sandra Adamsky	<u>Josephine De Sarbo</u>	Jennifer & Jake Hess (2)	Florence Mishler	Harry & Liz Schermerhorn
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### **Sponsor-A-Day**

Why not consider sponsoring a day at Lincoln Center? By contributing the average cost of daily operations at the Society (\$300), you can pick a day to commemorate a special event or the memory of someone. Recognition of the contribution then is published in the Beloit Daily News and Stateline Shopping News.

### Corrections

In our Spring issue we published a list of cash contributors for the calendar year of 2003, and unfortunately we neglected to mention two contributors:

\$1000 and above – The Robert Solem Foundation

\$100 to \$199 – Marty and Rita Kades

We also listed one of the contributors incorrectly; the contribution from Jim Haight should have been listed as Jim & Joyce Haight.

Our apologies for these oversights.

Please keep in mind that the Beloit Historical Society is a worthy organization to receive a **memorial gift**. Past memorials have been put to good use for special purchases or exhibits. Consider us when it comes time to remember your loved ones, or even include us in your estate planning.

### **Scholarship Fund**

Every year the Society awards scholarships to students who are pursuing studies in the field of history. The Society has a continuing need of funds for our Scholarship program. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Beloit Historical Society's Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## Did You Know...

...that the Joseph Rhodes Arboretum on E. Grand was originally land donated by Dr. Horace White to be used by mechanics in the village for a playground?

Do you have a jar full of pennies (or nickels, dimes or quarters) that you'd like to get rid of? You can put them to good use by dropping them off at the Lincoln Center. In October we cashed in our accumulated coins and received **\$270!** Thanks to everyone who remembered to "drop in a Lincoln penny for Lincoln Center."

## BONUS FOR NEW MEMBERS!

If you aren't a member of the Beloit Historical Society, why not consider joining us? You will become part of Beloit's repository of history, one of Wisconsin's oldest local historical societies (founded 1910), and enjoy the many benefits offered (see the membership form below.) And as an incentive to becoming a new member we offer a **free book** if you sign up: *Pioneer Beloit* by Arthur Luebke, *History of the Beloit Fire Department* by Herb Christiansen, or *Sparks from the Flaming Wheel*. Please join us in celebrating Beloit's history!

## AN INVITATION...

The Beloit Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of Beloit's rich history. Please support us by becoming a member, and receive membership benefits: The quarterly newsletter, *Confluence*; free admission to the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead and complimentary passes for friends; affiliate membership in the Wisconsin State Historical Society; and discounts on Society activities, programs, and souvenirs.

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## TEN CHIMNEYS BUS TOUR

**We need 5 more people for the bus tour, or we will have to cancel.**

Travel Connection of Clinton and the Beloit Historical Society are planning an August 10, 2004, bus tour to historic "Ten Chimneys", the estate of the most revered acting team in American theatre, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne-Lunt. The Beloit Historical Society will provide a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. before departing from Lincoln Center, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, at approximately 8:15 a.m. Cost for the tour is \$75 for members of the Historical Society and \$80 for non-members. Cost includes bus, meals and tours.

*Ten Chimneys*, nestled in the rolling Kettle Moraine of southern Wisconsin, is a home of theatrical nobility. Seventy-Five years ago the Lunts created *Ten Chimneys* with the same humanizing wit and passion for perfection that distinguished their stage performance. For decades *Ten Chimneys* inspired the country's finest actors, writers, designers, directors and artists, and is remembered as the couples most tangible and enduring legacy. The estate includes the elegant three-story, 18-room main house, an 8-room country cottage, an 18th-century Swedish log cabin, a unique pool and pool-house, a creamery, a greenhouse, barns, stables and other outbuildings.

The tour continues upon departure from *Ten Chimneys* to *Reiman Publications Headquarters* in Greendale, home of "Taste of Home" and "Country" Magazine where tour participants will be dining for lunch and given time to browse the gift shops, gardens and much more. The bus will depart from Greendale at 4:00 p.m. and return to Beloit's Lincoln Center at approximately 5:30 p.m..

Those interested in participating should contact Lincoln Center (608) 365-7835 to reserve your seats. Reservations can be made by check, money order or cash, and made payable to Travel Connection, 507 Wagner Dr., Box 90, Clinton, WI 53525. Registration forms can be picked up at Lincoln Center or mailed by request.

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