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FORMER OWNER TO SHARE STORIES OF LIVING AT KLEFFNER RANCH

HELENA, Mont. — Step back in time and learn about the history of one of Montana’s — and the nation’s — treasures. Waterford resident and local historian Paul Kleffner and his wife, Thelma, purchased the Kleffner Ranch in 1943. On Thursday, March 16 at 2 p.m., Kleffner will highlight humorous stories and historical facts about life on this ranch, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Waterford invites the public to this 45-minute presentation that will feature photos of the ranch. The event will be held at Waterford on Saddle Drive, 915 Saddle Drive. There is no charge, and people can enter a door-prize drawing and enjoy refreshments. Call Life Enrichment Director Susan Hill at (406) 449-4900 for more information.

“Paul has such a wonderful sense of humor and has many funny stories about raising his family on this ranch,” says Hill. “I know people will enjoy his presentation.”

The Kleffner Ranch is located about four miles east of Helena and features a unique barn. Believed to be the largest stone and timber barn in the United States, the structure was built by Italian stonemasons in 1889 using glacial rock found on the ranch. It has three floors totaling 27,000 square feet and contains 70 windows. While it’s still a working ranch, tours are offered, and special events are held at the site.

Waterford offers resort-style retirement for adults 55-plus and is home to more than 155 people. A wide range of single-level homes, apartments and living options are available.

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