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Oops!! Omitted in January News:

Shutter Donation: \$25.00

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Eagle Historical Society Gem



Jean Cisler, our Newsletter Editor, has had knee replacement surgery and is taking some much needed rest this quarter. Board member Mike Rice is filling in for the April edition. Jean has been doing the newsletter for years and has a natural writing style that make stories come to life.

Her writings have been published by other local news outlets and we hear many terrific comments about articles she's written for our newsletter. We all wish for quick healing and look forward to her return for the next newsletter.

*All of your friends at;
Eagle Historical Society*

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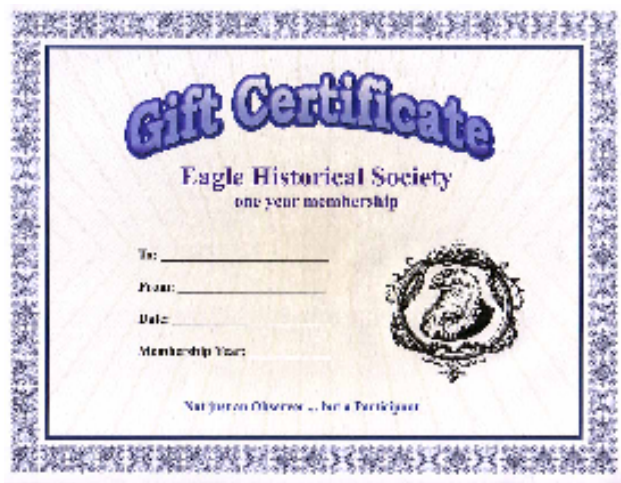
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Gift Certificate

**Are you looking for something special
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**Give a one-year membership to the
Eagle Historical Society**



The recipient of your gift will;

- Receive a quarterly newsletter with historical information, trivia, and great articles about the Eagle area
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For as little as \$10, you can give a gift that keeps on giving to our community!

Contact Elaine Ledrowski for your Gift Certificate
at
262-594-8961

Or email

curator@centurytel.net



Curator's Corner

Elaine Ledrowski

Thank You for Recent Donations:

LaVern Betts, Jodie Horsevoort, Guenther & Lisa Busche and Jane Reinke.

An article in the January Newsletter asked about other woman's groups in Eagle. Jerry Johnson mentioned Ward Homemakers, Karen Matters added the Lionesses of Eagle and Doc Crawley remembered the Owls Club. Thanks for your input.

Wednesday Volunteers:

Eagle Historical Society is open Wednesdays from 4:-7:00 P.M. Expect to see Barbara Jatzak, Jean Bowey and Elaine & Don Ledrowski working on various projects. PE High School Junior, Jake Mecca also volunteered., he is hoping to accumulate 100 volunteer hours while still in high school. He had an opportunity to experience different aspects of museum work while volunteering this winter. Thanks for your help Jake, see you this fall.

Eagle Community Showcase:

EHS exhibited some unusual artifacts and civil war letters on March 20th at the Elementary School. As a new feature this year, residents of Eagle were interviewed and video-taped answering a few questions about living here. Mike Rice is currently producing videos that will be on our web-site www.eaglehistoricalsociety.org. Check them out for some interesting comments.

Web Site

Members Don and Al Ledrowski, Jean Cisler, Jeff Nowicki and Mike Rice worked to make changes on our Web Site. With input from Al Ledrowski a new server with unlimited capacity and a new format were selected. It is user friendly and allows viewers to comment on the site. Mike Rice is currently adding new weekly features. Our long term plan includes making historic photos, artifacts, documents and obituaries available on line. Ryan Hajewski has volunteered to work on this project. Anyone interested in volunteering contact Elaine at 262-594-8961.

Election Day Bake Sale:

Co-Chair persons Ellie & Diana Hall along with their committee Pat Hawes, Mary Heizman, Marilyn Willms, Barb Jatzak, Jeff Nowicki, Jane Reinke and Elaine & Don Ledrowski worked together to make this a very successful event. Thanks to all the members who donated the delicious bake goods and to the voters who purchased them. Some of the proceeds will be used to purchase a new copy machine. A special thanks to the members of the IMPACT YOUTH GROUP who also donated baked goods and helped with the yard clean up at the museum.

1900—A NEW CENTURY

Mike Rice

When generations one hundred years in the future look back at today, will they marvel with the same sense of awe at the tremendous changes time has made? What direction will this 21st Century take us and what incredible discoveries lie just beyond the horizon? In this issue, we will step back in time to the 1900's to get a glimpse of what life was like during that period. I think you'll find the journey fascinating!

❖	History Timeline	❖
1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * George Eastman makes first portable camera that's affordable and accessible to the public. The Brownie camera sells for \$1 	
1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Electric typewriter is invented * Teddy Roosevelt is elected President 	
1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Henry Ford starts Ford Motor Company * Orville and Wilbur Wright take the first test flight in their plane at Kitty Hawk, NC * Harley-Davidson make first motorcycle available to the public 	
1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First comic book invented 	
1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First Yellow Pages is invented * The Jukebox is invented with 24 songs 	
1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Great San Francisco Earthquake- 2,500 people die * First US radio broadcast 	
1908	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Henry Ford makes his first Model T which sells for \$850 	
1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * William Taft is elected President * 1st Lincoln head pennies minted * Color moving pictures displayed in Madison Square Garden 	
1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Boy Scouts of America is founded * President Taft begins the tradition of throwing out the ball on opening day * Passage of Earth through tail of Halley's Comet causes near-panic. Comet is visible during daylight * Pygmies discovered in Dutch New Guinea * First airship Zeppelin Deutschland sets off * Chicago's Comiskey Park opens 	

~	Interesting Facts about 1910	~
	<p>The average life expectancy was 47 years</p> <p>14% of homes had a bathtub</p> <p>8% of homes had a telephone</p> <p>There were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads</p> <p>The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph</p> <p>The average wage was 22 cents per hour</p> <p>95% of all births took place at home</p> <p>90% of doctors had <u>no college education</u> instead they attended medical schools</p> <p>Sugar cost 4 cents a pound</p> <p>Eggs cost 14 cents a dozen</p> <p>Coffee cost 15 cents a pound</p> <p>The leading causes of death were</p> <p>(1) pneumonia and influenza,</p> <p>(2)tuberculosis, (3)diarrhea,</p> <p>(4)heart disease, and (5)stroke</p> <p>Most women washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo</p> <p>The American flag had 45 stars</p> <p>The population of Las Vegas was 30</p> <p>Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea were not invented yet</p> <p>There was no Mother's or Father's Day</p> <p>20% of adults couldn't read or write</p> <p>Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school</p> <p>There were 230 reported murders in the entire United States</p>	
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One Hundred Years Ago

What was happening in Eagle?

Jean Cisler

One might think that Eagle was little more than a crossroad with some outlying farms a hundred years ago. Actually Eagle was thriving as quite an active community.

One family owned the grocery store where cookies came in five pound boxes with a glass cover so people could buy just what they wanted. Flour and sugar came in barrels. Alongside the groceries were shoes and clothing. There was a railing in front of the store for customers to tie their horses while they shopped.

There were two barber shops in the village with that old popular turning barber pole. There was also a creamery where farmers would bring in their milk in ten gallon cans. There were two milkmen who delivered milk in the village. They drove a small truck and the milk came in glass bottles.

William Wilton also maintained a cheese factory on the site of Kenneth Mealy's house. This factory did not close down until the early years of the 1900's, probably 1914.

The houses had ice boxes. The ice man delivered the ice. With an open back scale, he weighed and cut the ice. And he always gave pieces of ice to the kids who would gather round the ice truck.

The rural mail carrier put skis on the front of his car to help him get through the deep snow in winter.

Most of the houses had barns for horses, since cars did not arrive until the late 1920's. The houses had that small shed in the back with a half moon on it. Every house had an outside well with a hand pump for getting the water. Wood and coal were used to heat the homes. There were a few radios at this time. They were powered by several batteries. Telephone operators handled the phone calls, using a switchboard.

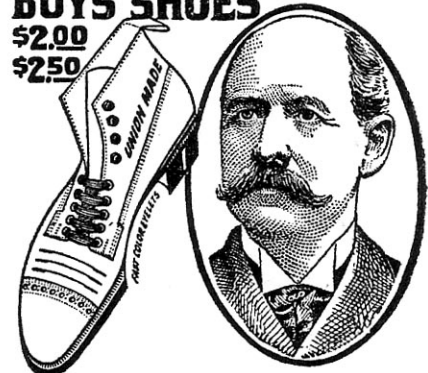
The first train to come to Eagle came from Chicago. It stopped to fill it's boiler with water and then continued on to Minneapolis. Passenger trains carrying people and mail came to Eagle. The mail would be dropped off on a four wheel cart that the depot agent had waiting. The passengers left the train in a more civilized manner.

Twelve different trains would travel through Eagle regularly, both east bound and west bound. They included Milwaukee to Madison, Eagle to Elkhorn, and Mineral Point to Milwaukee. There were big freight trains carrying supplies. They had feed for the Eagle Mill, coal and lumber for the lumber companies, and gas and oil for the tanks, which were close to the tracks.

Next to the tracks was a corral where farmers would bring in their livestock for shipping to the Milwaukee stockyards. When the freight train would stop for awhile, they filled the water tank and the crew stopped for lunch at the local restaurant.

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1910 advertisement from The Eagle Quill

Banks have always played an important role in the growth of a community. In small communities, farmers and businessmen depended on the bank for loans to keep the day-to-day operations going and banks relied on the farmers and businessmen for deposits to keep cash flowing. It was important for banks to show financial strength to reassure patrons that their money was safe.

One hundred years ago, the Bank Of Eagle was strong and run by a well-respected group of Directors.

Eagle Historical Society Reaching 'Round-The-World

Jean Cisler

The Eagle Historical Society is always happy to hear from its members and friends from nearby and from those who have moved to other regions in the United States.

Imagine our surprise to find that our Village of Eagle was on the mind of a gentleman from the United Kingdom. He was researching his ancestors with the name, Partridge, and discovered some had emigrated to Eagle, WI. He further found the EHS web-site and was delighted to find a reference to a Partridge in an issue of our Newsletter. Ah, the wonders of the internet.

Thus began a correspondence between Mike Rice and Mr. Robert Davies of South Wales, UK in a town called Neath. Mike was able to send him news clippings and other references to his family. Mr. Davies had already researched quite a bit and found many members of his family that came to Eagle, WI.

George and Margaret Partridge:

George and Margaret had a large family of six children, all born in England and later emigrating to Eagle, WI. Margaret was born in Scotland and when arriving here, there is mention of her having a farm in Eagle in 1860. No mention of George at the farm as he appeared to have gone West to Placerville, El Dorado in search of gold. Unfortunately, there is no further word of him. It may be assumed that he came to an untimely end in the place known as "Hangtown."

George and Margaret's children:

George, Jr. married Helen: John Partridge, born in England and died in Eagle in 1888. John Partridge married Mary Regan, sister of William B. Regan, town clerk of Eagle at that time. William and Joseph Partridge were farm laborers for the Hinkley family in 1860. Lucy Partridge, Benjamin Partridge, who married Elvira Wheaton, and Jabez Partridge completed the family.

George, Jr. and Helen's children:

Mary, Georgie (female) Ellen, Norah and an only son John, who tragically died at the age of two. John Partridge and Mary Regan's children: Maggie, Mary Ellen, George, Annie, Dora Irene, John McGregor, Edna, who also died at the age of two; Francis Burke and Edna K. who may have been named for her deceased sister. Annie Partridge died in 1937, making her the last known survivor.

Benjamin Partridge and Elvira Wheaton's children:

William and Jarvis. It is uncertain who the last Partridge was to live in the house, but it was eventually sold to Carl Zipprich, who in turn donated it to Eagle. It was first used as a library and then later became the Eagle Historical Society.

While no more of the Partridge family are in Eagle, the name will remain. The Eagle Historical Society now resides in what will always be called the Partridge house.



Eagle Celebrates Independence Day 1861



This was to be the most passionate Independence Day celebration since the end of the Revolutionary War. Our great Union, born only eight decades earlier, was preparing to devour itself in a Civil War, with eleven southern States having seceded from the Union and seizing Federal property in early 1861.

Three months prior to this day, President Abraham Lincoln called on Wisconsin for one regiment of militia to serve for three months in the defense of Washington D.C. Governor Alexander W. Randall immediately assured the President of his commitment to the cause of the Union and men from every town and hamlet responded to the call including young men from Eagle who were some of the first to enlist.

The weather in the spring of 1861 had been quite stormy in the Eagle area with rain and high winds causing minor damage to area barns and outbuildings. This July 4th day however, would be warm with a clear blue sky and a carpet of rich green vegetation from the spring rain. A new flag was hoisted up the flag pole in the downtown square and at precisely 4:15 a.m., the literal crack of dawn began with the blast of cannon. A brass band was assembled in the square, filling the air with the rousing sounds of martial music.

People from Eagle and the surrounding communities began pouring into town and by nine o'clock, they were arriving by the hundreds. The "quarter-past-nine" train heading east from Janesville, Madison, Milton & Whitewater, brought large numbers of people. Among them was the main speaker, fiery district court judge and newspaper publisher, James Armstrong from Janesville. Judge Armstrong, forty five years old, would later enlist and serve as 1st Lieutenant with the Third Wisconsin Cavalry. Also on board was the Janesville "Water Witch" Fire Co. No. 1, dressed in spanking new uniforms, along with their state-of-the-art engine and hose cart. The eleven o'clock train from Milwaukee brought large groups from there and other towns along the route. The railroad depot was filled with

noisy excitement and confusion as the crowd made its way to the square. Grand Marshal, Dr. B. Salisbury, sitting proudly on a horse, was dressed in an ornate General's uniform. He and assistant Marshal, L.W. Robinson, led the people in a procession to a grove on the Thomas W. Pittman farm about a quarter mile south of the depot. There, a stage had been erected for the speakers and musicians who would stir the passions of the crowd during this day long event. Many seats were provided for the large group while others stood or sat on blankets in the meadow.

After a call to order, a song was played and a prayer read to the assembly, followed by a passionate and fiery oration by the main speaker, Judge Armstrong, on the state of the Union and an attack on the malicious slanderers who accused him of being a secessionist. The estimate of the number present for his oration was between fifteen hundred and two thousand. After more music and speech-making, the event was concluded and the group marched back to town where dinner was served at the two hotels while others broke into smaller groups and set up picnics in nearby groves. The Janesville Fire Co. rode their engine and wagon around town draining cisterns and showing off their fire fighting skills to the rousing applause and cheers of the crowd until finally exhausted, they returned to the depot to load the contraption back onto the train for the trip home.

As evening began to settle on the square, festivities were still in full swing. At dusk, the sky was filled with a grand fireworks display that lasted an hour and a half. When finished, two halls were opened for music and dancing, and the hearty participants danced throughout the night until the dawn of daylight, when the last of the celebrants wandered back home – each satisfied that they had participated in and been part of this great event, fully understanding that the Union of the States must be maintained.

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Mike Rice

**Compiled from an article which appeared in the
Waukesha Freeman July 9, 1861**

It's fun to read old articles so here's a good one

From

The Eagle Quill

June 18, 1910

EAGLE SPRINGS HOTEL OPENED

Chicagoans Come in Special Car Guests Conveyed from Station in Twelve Ford Autos

On Saturday Eagle Springs Hotel was formally opened to guests. The weather was fine for summer outing and nearly one hundred Chicagoans came in a special car to attend the opening exercises. The guests were conveyed to the lake by Whettam's auto livery which turned out twelve Ford autos decorated with banners. The Chicago guests furnished the music and for a time Eagle station presented a lively and beautiful array of summer life in Wisconsin. At the lake Landlord Tuohy had everything arranged for pleasure and comfort. Sunday was passed in boating, fishing and usual amusements.

Eagle Springs Hotel is an up-to-date summer home and although it has existed for nearly twenty years, each season presents new attractions. On Sunday evening a banquet was served to the autoists and families. Those who attended were E. J. Whettam, James Smart, B. A. Pitcher, M. Reisch, Ben Coulter, Joseph Garlach, W. A. Stewart, Harry Kuehn, Ed Smart, H. M. Loibl, T. P. Cleary, F. B. Partridge and their families and friends. Mr. and Mrs. George King and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Johnson were unavoidably absent. All present had a pleasant evening and are anxiously waiting for another opportunity to join the Ford club at Eagle Springs Hotel



OBITUARY



Jerome "Jerry" Juedes
d. March 19th, 2010

Jerry, age 90, found peace and Eternal Life on Friday, March 19, 2010, at East Troy Manor. Born in Germantown Wisconsin, Jerry was the son of the late Arthur and Lillian (nee Kemmer) Juedes. He was united in marriage to Eileen Jones on May 10, 1947, in West Allis, WI, and was the first Chief of Police in Eagle, serving from 1947-1949. Jerry proudly served in the US Army during WWII in Germany and Europe.



Jerry retired after 35 years with the Waukesha County Highway Dept., was a member of the Eagle Legion Post 535, and a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church since 1936. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eileen; their children, Jayne (Ronald) Teich of Mesquite, NV and Wayne (Libby) Juedes of Friendship, WI; 2 grandchildren; 2 great - grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Kramer, Betty (Bill) Weimer and Bea Marquardt; and brother, Ronald (Virginia) Juedes. Jerry is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

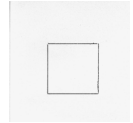
Visitation was held at St Theresa's Catholic Church from 10:00 AM until noon, at which time a Mass of Christian Burial was held, with Father Dennis Ack-eret officiating. Jerry's remains were buried at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery, with military honors.

Mealy Funeral Home in Eagle
assisted the family.





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ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE



<p>EHS Golf Outing Saturday June 5th Eagle Springs Golf Course Contact: Julie Dexter—262-594-5950 Eagle Springs Golf Course—262-594-2462</p>	
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