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NEED MORE TIME?

See page 6 for the made-to-order clock designs of Mike Rice. Is there anything that Mike can't do? EHS is happy to have him as such a contributing member.



Do you look at seed catalogs in the winter? Dream of starting to plant as soon as Spring comes? See page 4 for your opportunity.



Happy Valentines Day

This is one of many period greeting cards at the museum.



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museum/ library
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Any corrections or additions to membership, call Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301

Winners in the Early Bird Renewal Drawing :

Carol & Stewart Calkins
 James & Diane Olive
 Eloise & Diana Hall
 Kathleen Chapman
 Bill & Jan Grotjan
 Carl & Wilma Pettis

1st place winner of an Eagle Clock was Carol & Stewart Calkins.



Flower Garden

Thanks to the generosity of Bob & Barbara Hegwood, our patio was finished last summer. EHS contracted Mariposa Landscaping to finish the brick sidewalk and to establish flower beds around the yard. President, Jeff Nowicki built the arbor and trellises. Our dream is to make this area a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy.

EHS member Nancy Manschot, an experienced gardener, was asked for ideas to design the flower beds. The following are her suggestions. "The garden area should be planted for easy care, continuous bloom through the growing season, attraction for birds and butterflies and a place to enjoy tranquility, contemplation and/or friendly conversations. Early spring flowers could include tulips and daffodils. Some perennial plants that could be incorporated in the plans are Iris, Bleeding hearts, Lavender, Hollyhocks, Columbine, Purple Cone Flowers, Black Eye Susan's and Stella di or Lilly. Some dwarf bushes such as Knock Out Rose, Lilacs, and Weigela could be added along with climbing plants for the arbor, including Clematis, Morning Glories and Scarlet Honeysuckles. Adding Dwarf Burning Bush, Mums and Marigolds would add fall colors to the gardens."



Two views of the arbor in the center of town
circa 1910

A core group of volunteers consisting of Nancy Manschot, Sue Clark, Terri Sorensen, Elli Hawes, Diana Hall and Jessie Chamberlain have expressed an interest in designing the flower beds. Our hope is that people will be willing to share plants from their gardens and/or donate money in memory of loved ones to purchase shrubs, or trees. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the flower beds after they are planted. Please consider adopting one of the beds. Your responsibility would include weeding and watering as necessary. Please call Elaine at 594-8961 if you are willing to help with this project.

Pictured below is the arbor once standing in the center of town. We have been told that the arbor covered the walkway in front of the park. The pile of rocks on the right side of the photo were hauled into town from Brady's Rocks, located on Hwy 67 a little north of Wilton Road. It is about a mile off 67 and you can hike back there. Some of the village ladies added soil and seeds to the rock pile and made it into a rock garden.

At one time roses were planted along the walkway around or under the arbor. We have post-marked pictures of the arbor from 1912, so we know it was there before that time. We also have photos showing the band stand that was built in the late 1930's showing both the arbor and the band stand. We don't see the arbor in any pictures from the 1940's so we can assume that it was removed by then.



History from the 14th Century

The origin of some of the phrases we use today. Facts I'll bet you never knew.

Next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's. Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a "bouquet of flowers" to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies, By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall from the roof. Hence the saying, "it's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other dropping could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how "canopy beds" came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance way. Hence: a "thresh hold."

In those old days they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach on the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burned bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of "holding the wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins 1 out of 25 coffins were found to

have scratch marks on the inside of the lid and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; Thus someone could be “saved by the bell”, or was considered a “dead ringer”

And that’s the truth!! Proving once again that truth is really stranger than fiction.

TIME ON HIS HANDS

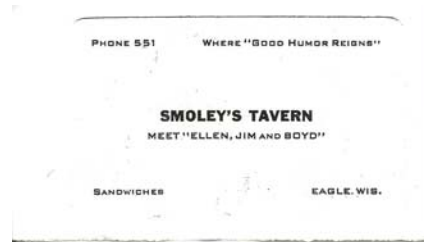


All of the above clocks have been made to order by Mike Rice. The Eagle clock on page one is available at the museum for the nominal fee of \$25.00, as are other clocks made to your specifications. They are 13 inches in diameter.

??? Questions for our readers.???

Smoley’s Tavern

**Humor from yesterday.
Does anyone remember Smoley’s Tavern?**



The following is from the back of the above business card. The humor may seem coarse but it was the humor of the day, at least in Smoley’s..

And who can tell us what a **bar fly** is?

2010.4.16

HOW TO HUMOR A BARTENDER
By a Bar Fly

Put lighted cigarette on bar so that it will burn the wood, as ash trays are mere decorations.

Never lay money on the bar until asked for price, then claim you’ve already paid.

Pick out the one woman in the place whom you believe to be the bartender’s wife and be sure to try to “make” her.

Bum nickles or slugs for the telephone as the cash register is full of them.

Always be sure to scream after every second drink “don’t the house ever pop”.

Use vulgar language in an extra loud- tone, especially if ladies are present, tell the filthiest stories in hearing distance of all.

Butt into every conversation so everyone may know how little you know.

And be darned sure to wear a pillow in the seat of your pants— you might need it when you hit the pavement.

OBITUARY

Gladys V. Raduechel March 26, 1920– Dec. 6th, 2011

Gladys V. Raduechel, 91, of Eagle died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, peacefully at home.

Gladys was born March 26, 1920, in Waucousta, the daughter of the late Oscar and Fredia Bartelt. Gladys married Roy Raduechel on Sept. 9, 1961, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends who made it a very memorable day. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in North Prairie for 65 years, helping with the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary Post 535 of Eagle for 59 years. Gladys enjoyed the Koffee Klutch bowling League, volunteering at Old World Wisconsin, being a poll Worker in Eagle, and traveling with Roy and their family on motor coach tours. Gladys loved the Christmas season, setting up her Christmas village with her family and baking cookies for the World's Greatest Cookie Sale.



Gladys V. Raduechel

She is survived by her loving husband, Roy, of Eagle. She was the cherished mother of Bob Butzke of Eagle and Carol Tritz of Waukesha, sister of Myron (Mary Lu) Bartelt of Hubertus. Gladys was loved by all and will be remembered by other relatives and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Butzke; son-in-law Edward Tritz and her brothers Lynus, Cletus and Gerald.

Visitation was on Saturday, Dec. 10th at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Torkelson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Eagle.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to St. John's Lutheran Church, 312 N. Main Street, North Prairie or the Eagle Volunteer Fire Department.

Mealey's Funeral Home in Eagle assisted the family.

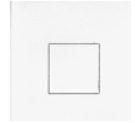
OBITUARY

Gerald Neary March 8, 1931-January 2, 2012

Gerald G. Neary, Age 80, Eagle, WI, died on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Waukesha. He was born on Mar. 8, 1931, in Milwaukee to the late Norman Philip and Agnes (Danforth) Church. As a boy, he moved to Muskego and was adopted by George Matthias Neary. He served in the USAF in the Korean War, and later moved to Eagle with his family. He was a member of the Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church in Genesee Depot, and is survived by his beloved wife, Rose (nee Biesterveld) Neary and brother Ralph Gerald (Sherri) Bopp, Jefferson; and 6 children: Barbara (Larry) Gliszinski, Wind Lake; Michael (Bonney) Neary, Dousman; Mark (Sophia) Neary, Roanoke, IN; Carol Kluver, Burlington; Debbie (Mike) Westerman, Ixonia; Matthew (Tanya) Neary, Shoshoni, WY; and 3 step children: Kelly Brown, Eagle; Mike (Kathy) Mulvaney, Muskego; Terry Neumann, Milwaukee; and 20 grandchildren: Anthony, Thomas, Jennifer, Liane, Bruce, Wesley, Megan, Jonathon, Crystal, Reedy, Jameson, Amanda, Joseph, Katelyn, Stephanie, Kirsten, Matthew, Danny, Adam, Karissa; 26 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Florence Elsie (Lewis) Neary and brother Richard Ralph Neary. Memorial services were held on Jan. 14, 2012 at The Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, S39 W32887 Highway D, Dousman, the Reverend Wayne Meier officiating..



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Eagle Area Community Showcase
March 31st. 8 a.m. until noon.*

The Eagle Area Community Showcase will be held at Eagle Elementary School on Saturday March 31st from 8:00AM until Noon.

It is Sponsored by the Alice Baker Memorial Library. (F.A.B.L.E) Friends of Alice Baker Library will host a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria.

Visiit the EHS booth during the Showcase.

