# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME NEW **MEMBERS:**

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**Eagle Historical Society** 

### ther was great, and many people enjoyed each other's company, the fall flowers and reflected by the veterans memorial.

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTION** 

We had a great turnout for our annual vol-

unteer reception held on September 24,

from 5-7 pm on the patio. Snacks and

light refreshments were served, the wea-

# EAGLE AREA FARM **PROJECT**

We are excited to share with you that years of hard work are now taking shape. This project is a combination of work by a number of EHS members. Bea Marquardt and Caroline Rosprim visited and interviewed many people in Eagle collecting family history. Carolyn took pictures and recorded the information. The information was then given to EHS

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# R. Baker & E. Normington--Book, Life & Times of John Baker

Scott Bovee—Photos

Mark Dexter—Large Civil War Picture Mabel Finney--Hatbox, 4 Hats, Sugar Can Barb Hegwood-Book, Vintage Winson Gardens July Rudolph—Tablecloth (quilted) Brian Rudy—Aerial Photo (Eagle Junkyard) Marion Schillo--One Booklet

**ARTIFACT DONATIONS** — Following is a portion of artifacts we received:

# WHAT'S COOKING?

By Carrie Peavy

Households of today are not so different from those of ages past in that the age-old question of, "What's for dinner?" is still on many a husband's or children's lips as they anticipate gathering together to share the day's experiences and refuel for the next day.

Jean Bowey recently took a closer look at our household management collection of books and discovered that cookbooks from the 1800-1900s contained many more topics than those published recently. In addition to the usual chapters found in present-day cookbooks devoted to breads, soups, main courses, etc., older editions also included recipes for cosmetics, insect and vermin evacuation, home remedies as well as health suggestions and beauty tips, facts worth knowing, proper etiquette, child rearing, duties of the housemaid and even courting. One entire book provided interesting suggestions for using up leftovers.

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The Settlement Cookbook shares diets for infants and timetables for the feedings (pp 31 -35), how to render beef, goose or duck fat (p 180) and dress and clean poultry (p 184).

Beeton's describes how to dress a sheep's head (p 351), an ancient Scottish dish. Some noteworthy recipes in Imperial are: fried eels, frogs and stewed carp (p 53) as well as stewing, roasting or baking of pigeons, squabs, woodcocks, snipes, plovers, partridge, quail, grouse, or lark along with blackbird pie and sauerkraut-stuffed goose (pp 81-85).

Whitehouse offers recipes such as: beef tea broth, egg gruel, arrow root milk porridge, slippery bark tea and Irish moss blanc mango egg toast (pp 489-493) for the sick; Imperial contains treatments for common nursery ailments like croup, whooping cough and nosebleeds (pp 452-456).

Poultices were common remedies for sprains and bruises, and some ingredients included in recipes were stale bread, mustard flour ginger and dried hops (Whitehouse, p 496).

Perfumes, facial cleansers, powders, shampoos, and shaving creams could be made with ingredients on hand, and advice on obtaining and maintaining good health is found in Imperial (pp 467-474). Whitehouse uses an oxmarrow pomade in its shampoo (p 551).

Look for antidotes for poisons (p557) how to destroy insect and vermin (p 519) along with one option for remov -al of warts involving a pin and flame from a candle or lamp (p 510) in Whitehouse. According to Imperial, one could suspend charcoal in a muslin cloth to purify cisterns (p 501) and apply gum copal varnish to soles of boots and shoes to lengthen their wearing power (p 504). Beeton's lists duties of the housemaid (pp 988-1000) and includes a recipe for a polish to brighten stoves and metal articles.

Preservation of food was a key concern in order to stretch the food supply over winter months when fresh fruits and vegetables were not as readily available, so canning seasonal goods was a common practice, and much space was devoted to outlining proper procedures to do so.

And last but not least, How To Do It...offers genuine advice on dating; for example, great emphasis was placed on keeping fingernails scrupulously clean (p 33) and one of 26 recommended sample letters is 'from a gentleman to the lady he proposes to make a mother-in-law of (p 21).

We concluded that today's cookbooks aren't what they used to be. Stop in soon and see for yourself.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



Looking for a different, one-of-a-kind Christmas card? We have Christmas postcards for sale. Reproductions of 1890-style cards available—one pack of ten different cards for \$3.00. Need a last minute gift

for parents or kids out of state? Give them a membership to EHS. A membership gift certificate will be sent to them.

Call Don at 262-594-3301 for more information.

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members Alan Ledrowski and Scarlet Paris. They worked together, designed the layout and posted it on our website. It is an ongoing project, and input

from other members would be appreciated. Go to our website often, share your comments and watch as Eagle's vast farm history is preserved in print and photography. To date, we have received photos from the following farms:

Armstrong, Lillian Arndorfer, Warren & Dorothy Badinger, Dexter Baker/Pardee Casey, Wayne & Lucille Erickson, Gordon Hawes, Harvey & Georgea Huckley, A. R. & Mary Jolliffe, Robert & Irma Juedes, Arthur & Lillian

Kau, Alvin & Dorothy Loefer, Ernest & Hazel Martin, Richard & Eleanor Mueller, Edward & Welthy Nelson, Gerald Ridgeman, Walter & Anna Sprague, Jessee Steinhoff, Anton & Theresa Von Ruedon, Joseph Wilton, Don & Pat

### EHS CHIMNEY



The chimney at EHS has been fixed, and member Mike Kennedy volunteered his time and talent to fix the ceiling around the chimney. Thank you, Mike.

Those who contributed to the following article are:

Robert Buss—Eagleville School District Thomas Day—Research on everything else, not particularly mentioned, and editor.

Gina Krause—Research on Clark's Park and assistant editor. Gayle McGurie—(nee Thorsen) South Shore Marion Schillo (nee Travers) — Travers Island Kathy Wambold—Grist Mill, etc.



### **Eagle Spring Lake - Present and Past**

First what is Eagle Spring Lake - An impounded 279 acre through-flow (drainage lake) located on the Mukwonago River in the Town of Eagle. Eagle Spring Lake is a shallow lake (mean depth 3.6', maximum depth 8.0'). There are eight islands, five of which have one or more summer residences. There are approximately 260 residences in the Eagle Spring Lake Management District.

#### Now the past:

Per John Eiring, in 1836 Dr. Daniel Bigelow built a sawmill. The following year he built a grist mill by himself, dressing and fitting the buhrs made from a couple of granite stones which he found. This was the first grist mill in the county at a place known as Eagleville. This brought settlers into the area. The mill pond, as it was known for many years, was one-half mile long by one-quarter mile wide, drained by a tributary of the Mukwonago River and is located in the southeast corner of the Town of Eagle.

In 1844, Mr. A Scofield bought the mill increasing the mill pond to approximately its present size when he replaced the mill with a larger "modern" mill. He was also the first Postmaster in the area.

Eagleville became quite a settlement with several stores, shops, a blacksmith shop, a school, and a tavern, but did a fast-fade with the coming of the Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad, across from the Eagle prairie to the north creating the village of Eagle Center in 1851.

Later the mill pond became known as Eagle Spring Lake, the name being influenced by the numerous springs on the Tuohy farm, located on the west end of the lake, the site of the present Eagle Springs Golf Resort.

Per Russ (deceased) and Kathy Wambold: The government bought land from the Indians and moved them westward in 1837, but the Indians would return during certain seasons to hunt. They would come back in bands of about 100. They would occasionally remain in the woods all winter, so the early settlers of Eagleville saw a great deal of the Indians.

George Travers told the story (to his daughter Marion Shillo) of his grandfather, John Burns, who had a farm across from the location of the Girl Scout camp.

One day, John went out to check on his corn field and there was a war party of Indians there, busily stripping all his corn. He stood there and watched them, helpless to do anything. Finally, one of the Indians turned and looked at him and said, "Don't look at me, White Man. You took this land away from us."

#### Also per Kathy Wambold:

The township received its name in the year 1836 while Thomas Sugden, John Coats, and a Mr. Garton came across a beautiful prairie about 1-1/2 times 2-1/2 miles in area. Here, hovering and curving over a large mound was a large bald headed eagle. Ville means village and since Eagleville was then the metropolis of the township it was called Eagle Village or Eagleville. In 1836 Daniel Bigelow came into the wilderness that is now known as Eagleville. He found there a forest area and marshland. With his own hands and very few tools he built a little sawmill. The next year he built a grist mill. He could not secure buhrs for his mill, so he hunted around until he found two granite stones. These he fitted and dressed, and for some years they were the only stones used in the mill to grind grain. The stones were hardly as large as the bottom of a water pail, and they could not turn out grist much faster than a coffee mill. When a pioneer came to the mill to have his grist ground, he often received the shocking news that his turn would not come until the next day. Daniel Bigelow ran the mill all day and his son ran it all night, but still the pioneers had to wait days for their turn. In those days there were no roads or bridges, and when winter was breaking up it was dangerous to try to cross swollen streams with a wagon load of grain. Going to the mill was one of the great trials of the pioneer.

Mr. Bigelow sold the mill to Leonard Gibbs and he sold it to Andrew Scholfield in 1842. In 1844 Mr. Scholfield built a new mill and installed fine machinery. The first frame dwelling built at Eagle Center was built by T.W. Pittman in 1845 and used timbers for this house sawed at Scholfield's sawmill in Eagleville. Mr. Scholfield sold the mill to Harvey Birchard in 1851. Mr. Birchard sold it to Harvey Wambold in 1875 and for 24 years Harvey Wambold ran the mill.

(Notes from the History of Waukesha County Wisconsin on Harvey Wambold) Harvey Wambold was proprietor of the Eagleville Mills; born in 1826 in Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania; coming to Wisconsin in 1848, he at once began building mills, building and owning, the steam mill at Granville, WI; after helping to build the mill of Bertchey & Carr, Milwaukee; he was employed about six years in keeping two large mills in repair; settled in Eagleville, December, 1871; he bought a five-year lease in the mill and water-power; this is the oldest improved mill site in Waukesha Co., built by Dr. Bigelow, the present large mill replacing his; it is provided with three run of stone, and the Kurth patent cockle separator for cleaning seed wheat, costing \$300. Mr. Wambold has cleaned over 1,000 bushels most satisfactorily this spring for the surrounding farmers; all foul seeds and shrunken wheat are completely separated; the machine was made to order, and is specially adapted to the wheat grown in this section. Mr. Wambold married Miss Mary Barndt, by whom he has had five children-Henry, Josephine (Mrs. S. Gale), Milton, Leander and Charles (died April, 1879). Mr. Wambold and wife are Methodist, he supporting men and principles instead of political parties.)

In 1899 Harvey Wambold sold the mill to his son, Leander, who operated the mill for a period of 20 years. So for almost half a century the Wambold family operated the Eagleville mill. The Wambold family converted the marshland of Eagleville into a beautiful lake that is known today as Eagle Spring Lake. Many people from Milwaukee, Chicago and other cities have built homes around this lake, and many of these residents remain in these homes all year round.

Many years ago Mr. William H. Tuohy built and managed a hotel on the lake until it burned down. The lake springs were on the Tuohy farm, located on the west end of the lake, the site of the present Eagle Spring Golf Resort.

Years ago the children who went to Eagleville School were, almost all, the children of the farmers of the district.

The mill brought many pioneers to Eagleville and soon stores, shops and taverns were started. A post office was opened about 1844 and Andrew Scholfield became postmaster. Eagleville was the metropolis of the township until 1851. In that year the southern branch of the Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad was laid through the county. It went through Eagle Center. Then the post office and gradually the stores, shops and taverns were moved to Eagle Center and it became the metropolis of the township. Today the place is called Eagle.



Eagle Spring Lake is more currently controlled by two outlet structures; Wambold Dam (left) and the Kroll Millrace (right).



From a news release - "In 1875, the Eagleville Mill dam gave way Sunday morning shortly after the heavy wind. The Mill had been undergoing repair, and was about ready to commence business, when the accident happened. The break was 160' in length and the pond was completely drained by it."

In 2013, a historic McCormick Turbine was removed from the Kroll Millrace and donated to Old World Wisconsin for restoration. The turbine was part of the equipment to generate electricity during John Kroll's residency.

John Day described cutting ice on Eagle Spring Lake in the 1920s, (see photo on right) the view is from the former Eiring hillside residence, looking East, Southeast. John mentions four ice houses that were located at Touhy's 9th green; a kindred of Grandpa Eiring in Spenser's Bay and Wambolds.

Walter Zenner (Chicago) developed two finger bays at the Southeast area of the lake. The first, Jack's Bay (named after his son) was in the late 1940s, and the second, Mary's Bay (named after Walter's first wife) in the early 1960s. There are 33 lots in Jack's Bay and six lots on Mary's Bay.

Look for part 2 of this story to be continued in a future edition of the Eagle Historical Society Newsletter.



### SAYINGS FROM THE PALMYRA HERITAGE COOKBOOK, 1984:

1. The trouble with the dictionary is that you have to know how a word is spelled before you can look it up to see how it is spelled. (Page 5)

- 2. A perfect example of minority rule is a baby. (Page 43)
- 3. That money talks I'll not deny. I heard is once. It said, goodbye. (Page 49)
- 4. The honey is funny. Its functions seeming double. One gives us honey. The other gives us trouble. (Page 64)
- 5. Librarians are novel lovers! (Page 67)
- 6. The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention. (Page 99)
- 7. Grandma is someone who will find alibis galore for kids accused of doing things she spanked her own kids for. (Page 138)
- 8. Anything which parents have not learned from experience they can now learn from their children. (Page 183)
- 9. If you feel a surge of angry words, there's only one way to treat them! Hurry up and swallow them before you have to eat them. (Page 199)

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10. I'm not afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens. (Page 216) Woody Allen



Both photos were taken by Carolyn Rosprim during Volunteer Reception on September 24, 2014, at EHS.

# **UPCOMING EVENT:**

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Sneak Preview Open House on **Saturday**, **Nov. 1, 2014**, from **9 am-3 pm at EHS**. Stop in for coffee and snacks. The first order of memorial bricks has arrived and will be on display.

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## **OBITUARY**

# **Betty Enright**

September 28, 1915 — July 4, 2014



Betty Enright, decided to meet her Savior early as she gently left her family a few months short of her 99th birthday. She is already greatly missed by her children, Don (Darla) Enright, Judy (Jack) Rudolph, and Dave (Mary) Enright; and her beloved grandchildren, Lori (Jim) Fleury, Jody Reed, Jeff (Shelly) Rudolph, Megan (Nick)

Jacoby, Mike (Rachel) Enright, Tim (Becky) Enright, Kevin (Kelly) Enright and Erin (Vince) Lupo. Betty has been blessed with 10 great-grandchildren. They will miss "Cookie" Grandma.

Betty is also survived by her brother, Bob Bruhn. She was preceded in death by her sisters Kate Whettam Shortell, Virginia Riley, Ruth Hunter and Janet Larson.

Betty's top priority was caring and praying for her family. Betty was widowed in October 1981, when her husband, Sterling "Luke" Enright, died of cancer after 47 years of marriage.

She served the Eagle community as a telephone operator for several years and the Eagle VMC as financial secretary for 25 years. Many of her friends marveled at the quality of the beautiful hand-stitched quilts, which all of her children and grandchildren received as gifts.

The visitation was at the Eagle United Methodist Church from 4:30 - 7:00 pm on July 8, at which time the celebration of Betty's life took place.

The family wants to express their appreciation to the staff at Birch Rock Corners in Mukwonago for their extraordinary loving care for the last several months. They could not be more grateful to her physician, Dr. Martin Kern, for his many years of support. In lieu of flowers, memorials were made to Eagle United Methodist Church.

# **OBITUARY**

# Margaret M. 'Marge' Plainse

February 13,1931—July 21, 2014

Margaret M. "Marge" Plainse, 83, of Eagle, passed away on Monday, July 21, 2014, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Marge was a homemaker and a devoted, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved her family dearly. She enjoyed going for coffee with her many friends in Eagle and was a member of the Eagle Historical Society.

Marge is survived by her daughter Barbara (Terry) Rupp of Eagle, granddaughter Monica (Adam) Nierenberger and great-granddaughters Leila and Alyssa. Marge was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and dear friends.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

Visitation was on Thursday, July 24, at the Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home, 103 W. Eagle St., Eagle, from 4:00 pm until the time of prayer service at 6:00 pm. Private burial was at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Brookfield.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Homes and Crematory of Eagle assisted the family, 262-594-2442. For the online guest registry, please go to <a href="https://www.haaselockwoodfhs.com">www.haaselockwoodfhs.com</a>.

### **OBITUARY**

# Myrtle M. Bohlman,"Mutz"

November 17,1920— August 5, 2014



(Nee Luecht) Called home to Jesus Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at the age of 93. Beloved wife for 48 vears to the late Walter Bohlman. Cherished mother of DuWayne (Rita) Bohlman and Suzanne (Dennis) Rink. Loving grandmother of Jeffrey, Jesse, Kami, and Kelly.

Great-grandmother of Seth, Amari, and foster greatgrandmother to Greyson Parks. Further survived by her sister Norma Scott, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and friends at Eagle Meadows Apartments. Preceded in death by her siblings Harold Luecht, Gilbert Luecht, Eleanore Sorenson, Lorraine Rueth, Clara Luecht, Dorothy Dunafan and special brother-inlaw Elmer "Al" Bohlman.

While in her 80s, she loved to listen to children read at the Eagle Elementary School for 9 years. In her later years, her favorite pastimes were crossword puzzles, dominos, and watching the Wheel of Fortune.

Visitation Saturday, August 9, at EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 305 E. Main St., Eagle, from 10-11 am. Funeral Service 11 am. Interment Pinelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Myrtle's name to the American Cancer Society.

Thanks for being the best mom.

Love you, Miss you!



### **VETERANS MEMORIAL**

The following people have purchased bricks:

Donald Baker Richard Baker Robert Baker Jean Bowey Russ & Pat Chapman Jean Cisler Covote Canvon Mae Ruth Dahms Virginia Dudzek Mabel Finney Roseanne (Carter) Frame Gert Fredenberg JoAnn Gilbert Diana & Eloise Hall Barb & Bob Hegwood Harold Hinkley Barbara Jatczak Eileen Juedes Elmer Kilian Don Kruse Don & Elaine Ledrowski Jim & Nancy Manschot Mary Ann Marquardt Jeffery Nowicki Carolyn & Gerald Rosprim Rosann Sasso Gay Semanko

Be a part of Eagle's history. Purchase bricks to remember and honor a veteran or family member. This could make a great Christmas gift. **Call Don for more information at 262-594-3301.** 



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# **PUMPKIN PARTY**

Monster University is offering a one-day seminar at the Eagle Historical Society, 217 Main Street, October 25th from 12:00 to 3:30 pm.

Earn your BAMS (BA in Monster Studies) in one day. BAMS will not be offered in this area again for 100 years.

Classes offered include:

- Creepy Cooking Classes
- Beginning Monster Moves
- Bewitching Witches
- Zooming in on Zombies, and
- How Mad is a Mad Scientist?

A certificate of completion will be awarded upon completion of classes and a final exam.



Crystal and Jill Steinhart, (Eagle Headquarters) for decorating the museum for Halloween and the Pumpkin Party.