

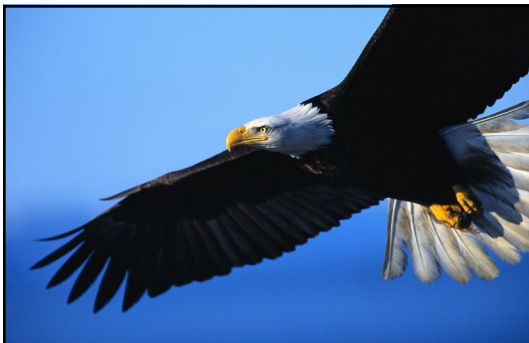
EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

October 2015

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ARTIFACT DONATIONS:

The following is a partial list of items donated. Thanks to the following donors:

Wedding invitation, butterfly pins—Jean Bowey
 Book, *Tails of a Cow Doc*, by Doc Crawley—Olive Crawley
 Coronet and documents—Mark Dexter
 Two wood carvings and assorted items—Stephanie Kalnes
 Three grain measuring tins—Nancy Manschot
 Photo of family home—Jean Noffke
 Photos and album—Jeff Nowicki
 Scrapbook—Susan and Robert Smith
 Two Postcards—Ed Stephan

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Sustaining: Nancy and Jim Manschot \$50

EHS PLANT SWAP

May, 16, 2016

(Submitted Photo. See letter on page 2.)



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EHS PLANT SWAP *(continued from page 1)*

(Submitted Photo.) We are excited to hear of the fruits of many hands of labor which were produced as a result of our most recent Plant Swap back in May. Palmyra-Eagle Area District School Board President Scott Hoff expresses his thankfulness in a letter to EHS which is retyped below. As you prep your gardens for their wintery respite, why not think about sharing some of your own flowers and herbs next spring at our next Plant Swap (usually held on a Saturday in mid to late May)? We would love to see some new faces, exchange plants as well as historical facts regarding those that are native to the Eagle area, and enjoy good, old-fashioned neighborly friendship.

Dear Elaine,

I wanted to follow up with you on the work done at the "Kinder-Garden" at Eagle Elementary in the spring. Using the plants donated during the Eagle Historical Society Plant Swap, the garden build was a huge success and now makes a bright and colorful statement at the entryway of the building. Thanks to several students in the woodworking class at Palmyra-Eagle High School, the garden also has a marker to recognize those that donated to make the garden possible, including the Eagle Historical Society. I have attached a couple of pictures for you to see the work that was done.

Schools can only be as good as the communities that support them. Your personal effort, combined with the generous donations of the participants of the Plant Swap and the Eagle Historical Society as a whole, continue to make our schools great. Thank you again for your support of the Kinder-Garden, and of the entire Palmyra-Eagle Area School District.

Sincerely,

Scott Hoff



(Photo at left by Elaine Ledrowski):

A visitor who was also a computer expert assisted Jeff Nowicki and Don Ledrowski with the set up of the new computer and printer. The visitors came at 10:30 a.m. and stayed until 3:30 p.m. Thank you for your help.



(Photo at right by Elaine Ledrowski):

Ellen Penwell and another board member from the Whitewater Historical Society visit with Don Ledrowski following a demonstration of Past Perfect software. EHS has been using this museum software since 2003 for our photos, artifacts, documents and membership.

THE ART OF FLOWERS, August 1, 2015

Visitors may have felt as though they were back in the 1800s while strolling along the block-long Nature Trail between Alice Baker Memorial Library and Eagle Elementary School. Flowers common to the early settlers line the path of this prairie which developed after the glaciers left our area and is now part of a renovation project.



Historians advised that native flowers were not only sources of food but were also used to accentuate marriage, birth, and communion announcements. Quilts, paintings, clothing, and tablecloths featuring intricate floral themes of that period were also on display and details of their history shared by EHS volunteers. Lemonade and cookies were served on the EHS patio as onlookers admired the gardens surrounding the brick walkway leading to the Veterans Memorial.



Eagle Elementary School and Boy Scout Troop 54 have been a great influence in contributing to the attractiveness of the Nature Trail. Volunteers keep busy maintaining the beauty by pulling invasive species such as the garlic mustard plant in order to keep a healthy balance in this threatened ecosystem. Efforts are being made to encourage butterfly habitation (such as the Monarch) by the planting of milkweed pods.

(All photos were taken by Elaine Ledrowski.)



(Photo at left): EHS volunteers hard at work monitoring the dessert table keeping a wide assortment available to our concert guests. Once again, we were blessed with many mouthwatering donations from some very talented bakers. Chocolate and vanilla ice cream and bottled water were served at the other end of the tables.

**A BIG THANK YOU
TO ONE AND ALL!**

The Southeastern Collie Club performed a musical routine to the tune of "The Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson. Blue ribbon arts and crafts were displayed, and Flimflam Sam the Con Man kept his audience's eyes on the ball and their wallets with his "special" skills.

(Photo at right): A crowd gathered at the Village Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to enjoy the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band's rendition of Rogers and Hammerstein's "State Fair and Carousel" by John Phillip Sousa in keeping with this year's "COME TO THE FAIR" concert theme.



(Photo at left): Children watch attentively as Josh & Vickie's Share Happiness transform balloons into animals of all sizes, shapes, and varieties in addition to performing face painting and juggling. (All photos on this page were taken by Anne (Ledrowski) Jung.)

Recently
recorded 1940s CDs
by the Palmyra-
Eagle Community
Band may be
purchased at EHS
for \$15 each.





Community members from Eagle and Palmyra as well as Eagle and Palmyra Fire Department volunteers participated in this event.

(Photo at left): Chris Ballman of the Eagle Fire Department took 1st place in the pie-eating contest.

Prize:

- ◆ One package of pie dough
- ◆ One can of cherries
- ◆ One empty pie tin

Way to go, Chris!



(Photo above): Bill Suhm of Suhmer's Saloon.

(All photos on this page were taken by Anne (Ledrowski) Jung.)



Do some Christmas shopping early and order a brick for a veteran, loved one or for the family name. Memorial bricks are available for purchase by contacting Don Ledrowski either by phone: 262-594-8961 or email: don@ledrowski.com.

TAILS OF A COW DOC by John E. Crawley, DVM

One of our recent artifact donations is a book entitled, *Tails of a Cow Doc*, which is a labor of love put together over several years by the family of a well-known, dedicated veterinarian by the name of John Crawley, better known as "Doc." He lived in Palmyra and served the surrounding three counties for more than 50 years working at first out of his Volkswagen van and later out of a clinic behind his home.

Doc used a voice recognition system to record recollections of his many experiences throughout the years on his computer. These stories were later translated into a permanent historical record of his life as the Cow Doc including his upward battle to obtain his veterinarian degree. This reader is left with a feeling of the high level of sacrifice and commitment that was made by those choosing that professional line of work.

He shares stories of being called out on home visits at all hours and even several times during the blizzard of 1974. In some cases, further tragedies and the spread of diseases were averted by acting on his hunches in a timely fashion, and the people of this area grew to love and trust him with the care of their livestock and pets.

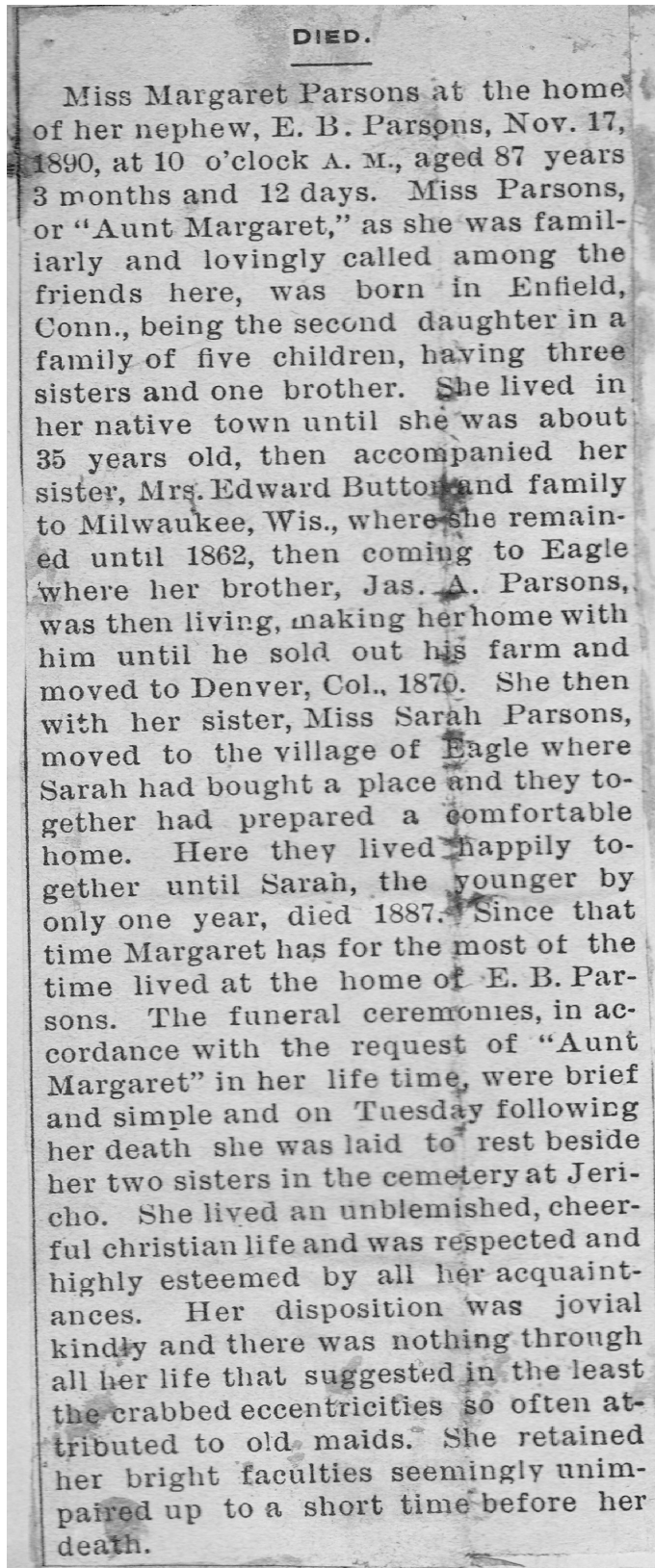
Doc shares colorful stories of his time during military service, hunting trips, and jokes he liked to play or share with people in the area as well as reminiscences of his own pets.

After all of his equipment and supplies were lost in a fire in 2004, he retired. We are very thankful for the stories he left behind for his family to share with us and the communities he served.

Paperback copies can be ordered from Amazon.com.

By Carrie Peavy

As we eagerly explore our growing collection of donated scrapbooks, we unveil many thought-provoking snapshots relating to the lives and customs of the people who lived in Eagle before us. Take, for example, the second-to-last sentence of the following obituary which would most likely not be viewed as politically correct in today's world.



NICKNAMES

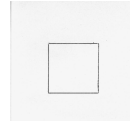
By Elaine Ledrowski

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The Friday morning museum volunteers Barbara, Carolyn, Jean, Jeff, and Don always have interesting discussions during our break. Somehow the subjects of nicknames came up. We started to list names of people in Eagle and came up with a long list. Since Jean Bowey was born and raised in Eagle, she was familiar with many of the people mentioned and drew up an even longer list. Asking around it seemed many of the names started with the local baseball teams and with the volunteer fire department. Some local fire fighters were interviewed, and they confirmed that nicknames were given to many of the volunteers. We wondered if the names were all in fun or if they could be hurtful at times. Checking the obituaries we found some nicknames listed but very few were on the tombstones. Many of following people volunteered on the Eagle Fire Department. We had Whimp and Pancho, Butch, Billy Bones, Bulldog, Jake, Walt, Digger, Buckwheat, Tink, Squirt, and Lefty. Remember Allie, Tex, Butch, Shorty, Luke, Buck, Bud, Mid, Babe and Coonie? We can't forget Red, Muff, Toad and Rocky. How about Whitey, Woodsey, Whiskey and Happy. We can't leave out the ladies. We had Sis, Mickey and Tiny. How about another family with Cocky, Bitty and Sho-Sho. We also had Tilly, Cott, La', Hat or Hattie and Sauce. Can anyone match up some 'real' names to all these nicknames? There have to be some great stories as to how people were given these names. I would love to hear from anyone willing to share their story. Don(Amo) Ledrowski didn't grow up in Eagle, but here is his story:

All My Friends Call Me Amo Growing up on the south side of Milwaukee during the late 1940s and early 1950s we never called each other by our first names. My friends went to St. Lawrence Grade School and on to the local high schools. We played baseball at Burnham park and basketball on the school playground. Our big hangout place was the CYO room in the school basement. It was open every day of the week including weekends, and we could go there at any time. We had a jukebox, pool table, ping pong table, and you could always find a sheepshead or cribbage game to play. Nine of us started playing sheepshead down in the CYO room and have continued to play all these years. We are now down to only three members and still play once a month. Throughout the years last names were shortened and soon it was just Sub, Ollie, Mac, Behl, Herbie, Edja, Sery, Tex and me, Amo. Almost all the guys had to take Latin in high school and knew the meaning of Amo. No, I wasn't called Amo because of my romantic reputation. When I was around 12, my friends heard my neighbor call my name, and with his heavy German accent they thought Donald sounded like Amo and the name stuck. My poor younger brother David ended up with the same nickname, but his friends all called him Little Amo. Little Amo grew up to be 6'5 and towers over me, Don (Amo) Ledrowski

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Wave a Flag  and
Thank a Veteran on
November 11!

Community Pumpkin Party Saturday, October 31, 2015

Alice Baker Memorial Library, Eagle Business Association, and the Methodist Church are planning many free activities for the community. The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band will be playing in the Square.



Drag your weary bones to the Eagle Historical Society from Noon to 3:30 PM and join in the fun. Walk through the arbor of Skeletons and visit with Grandma Jean, the "Gentle Witch" to hear her latest adventure. Dig through a pile of bones and create a creature. Try your skill at the tombstone toss and roll them bones for a trick or a treat.

