

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Career Day

EHS participated in Career Day at Eagle Elementary School May 17th. The theme was Careers in Eagle in the 1880s. Carolyn Rosprim, Jean Bowey, Don and Elaine Ledrowski were the presenters. Artifacts depicting different careers were on display and the children tried to identify the careers by looking at the artifacts. A divining rod made from a willow branch was used to demonstrate how water could be found by a water witch.

Third Graders learn more about Eagles's Early Days

School groups visited the museum recently starting with forty third grade students from Eagle Elementary School on June 4. EHS members Nancy Manschot, Pat Hawes, Ellie Hall, Bea Marquardt, Diana Hall, Jean Bowey and Jean Cisler presented programs which included a tour of the museum, a walking tour down Main Street, outdoor games and an activity centered around toys from the past. Check out our web-site for pictures of the children.



Welcome to these New-Members

Paul & Judith Chalmery	\$8.00
Don & Dale Enright	\$15.00
Michelle & Jim Fronsee	\$15.00
Jim & Nancy Manke	\$15.00

Renewals

Individual

Ali Chase \$10.00

Family

Linda & Norman Konichek \$15.00

Patron

Robert & Bob Hegwood \$100.00

Thanks to the following for Artifacts Donated

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EXCERPTS FROM A DIARY (cont, from April Newsletter)
The diary of Mary Churchill Colyer

August 22 Sunday Cloudy cool like fall weather. I feel so weak this morning. Henry gon home. Geo staid till noon.. GrPa's gon to the old farm with Mr. Shyler. Ruby staid all day. Maud came down to church; Flossy, Ruby Ida gon up to the house. GrPa asleep. I took a nap. **Chas Lins** after buttermilk. I walked over to the **Bovee** house around back. Mat Sniders daughter called over a while. Dock **Fitts** Called did not get out his carriage. Ida, Flosy, Ruby over to Mamie.

August 23 Monday A beautiful day, not so very cold. Did not wash as had men shingling the granary. **Chas.Reeves**, Geo, GrPa.Henry, Ruby staid all night. She has gon home. Her mother is coming home today. I baked 2 app. Pies, donuts, stewed sauce,cooked beans pork. Chas Lins called for buttermilk. Miss Snider called. **Will Parker** called. I ordered a farame 12 shingles,nils. GrPa in pocket at this date out of 8..00 remains 6.58..

Sept 27 Monday Beautiful day. Ida washed Geo helped and helped me churn. Stewed pumpkin sauce. Brought in cloths sprinkled them down. Other work as usual. Men huskin GrPa seeding rye in the prairie all day. Ida cut out Flosy green calico. Mattie Burtha to fix Ida blue dress.

Oct. 3 Sunday A beautiful day. Work as usual. All staid in all day. No one here. Boys up on hill. Ida, Flossy went to. I popped corn bottled up six bottles of wine. When I started din. Ida came and helped me. Maud Pary Anne down, Maud went to church. Afternoon all changed our dresses. Ida sat and read to the children all the rest the dy till I had supper nearly ready. Poor Maud Hill is very sick again. Maud going to church. Mrs Sefield jar butter 1.64.

October 15 Friday So hot like summer weather. Work as usual. Put my wine in keg. Cleaned up cooked 2 chickens. Afternoon I and GrPa down town. I bought 10 # white sugar. 1/2 tea 25 little jar 5. I paid from priest money . Priest butter 90 c. GrPa and I came home together and had supper. **Geo Hubbard** came down such a sene such a time. Told him never to come on premises again. Poor fellow. He went home.

November 26 Thursday Thanksgiving. Work as usual. Ida and I bought the oyster crackers. Had our din. Got ready went over to Mattie to supper. She had backe duck, vegetables, mince pie cake everything was seasoned so nice. We had a very nice time. Played sinch. GrPa and I cam out a head. My so dark to come home. Maud would not go. She staid home with Henry. They had strange callers. Did not get home till nearly eleven o'clock.

December 15 Wednesday Quite a bit of sledding. GrPa sold little red cow for 34.00 and to butcher our four pigs and 2 # of beef steak. Work as usual. I made w mince pies. Ida gon down town to get Flosy another dress. I am going to knit.

December 16 Thiursday So cold .Sun dogs.* GrPa up got his fire started to butcher. Gon down town to get some sky 25 tobacco 5. I am getting breakfast and my work. Ida flying around. Gon down town to get a few things for trimming for Flosy dress and lining for her. I clean guts so cold to butcher. Men here. Cracker jack for me. Killed four beautiful pigs All through by dinner time. Mattie over. Chris came after her. Poor cuss Even Jack came to carry in hogs. So cold.

December 25 Saturday Xmas day Such a beautiful perfect day for Christmas. We all were remembered. I had a nice lamp from GrPa. A beautiful plate from Ida & Flossy. Gave Pa Churchill a pair of gloves 4.00 Maud GrPa Colyer slippers, 3 pair socks. Flosy 9 games. Harry Roly necktie baby 3 h—cifs. Necktie. Emily calico dress from Ida and myself. Sile 2 banker doll. Mattie 2 pair hose. Bertha I pair 2 yards of ribbon. Ida 1 doll. Beside a good din. Maud staid down with a sore throat swollen tooth. Cutting her wisdom teeth.

*sun dog Sundogs are made of hexagonal ice crystals in high and cold cirrus clouds or during very cold weather by ice crystals called diamond dust. If the crystals are randomly oriented, a complete ring around the sun is seen , a halo. But often, as the crystals sink though the air they become vertically

aligned, so sunlight is refracted horizontally— in this case, sundogs are seen.

Neither New Year’s Eve nor New Years Day seemed to provide any excess of entertainment. New Years Eve found the family at a church entertainment for the entrance fee of 40 cents. They brought a 35 cent cake home for New Years Day.

New Years Day was equally as exciting. The author as usual was cooking half the day, chicken, popped corn, made 2 apple pies and then sat around and played dominoes for a change. And thus they welcomed the New Year.

.Whatever happened to the Diamond Fields of Eagle?

Letter to the Editor of the Democrat Eagle, WI March 10th, 1884

Be kind enough to allow the following letter a place in your valuable paper. I have been sojourning at Eagle for the past week, on business and pleasure, and during my stay have taken occasion to thoroughly investigate the recently discovered diamond fields. Indications are good for extensive developments as soon as the weather will permit. Specimens of various kinds of minerals have been found in every direction, showing conclusively that the earth abounds in quartz-rock, which contains fine specimens of rubies, diamonds and pure silver and copper.

Several companies of reputed capitalists have been formed, and soon developments will be made that will revolutionize the commercial world so far, at least as precious stones are concerned.

Real estate in and around Eagle is rapidly changing hands at fabulous prices. The country here resembles that of the beautiful Gallitan valley of Montana Territory which is recognized as the great gold field of the United States.

In the immediate vicinity of the village there are a number of valuable mineral springs of

large volume, the water of which is said to be a specific for all the ills that flesh is heir to.

During my stay I was placed under everlasting obligation to a **Mr. M. J. Bovee**, the jovial proprietor of the Eagle Hotel for a regular John Gilpin sleigh ride behind his thousand dollar team. Matt makes the best landlord it has ever been our good fortune to stop with.

Mr. J.T. Hennessy invited me to his palatial residence to partake of the good things prepared for our coming. I was sorry to learn that his brother, William, was in Chicago on business, and consequently I did not have the pleasure of meeting him. The Hennessey brothers have a good farm, a mile from the village, which is well stocked with thorough-bred horses and full blooded herds of all various strains.

Mr. L. Colyer, an old settler here, showed me his beautiful tack of land and as far as I could judge, he is as well fixed in his old age as a man could wish to be. He has a magnificent residence in the village and keeps fine horses and carriages for his own pleasure and pastime. I am satisfied he lives well, for I dined with him.

I visited **Mr. J.A. Lin’s** Grand Spring; it is a marvel of beauty and a joy forever. It is as nature made it. The Spring and natural lake is surrounded by gravel knolls, no marsh seeds can enter in either. The lake has never been known to freeze, The spring has been analyzed and pronounced by chemists as one of great healing power. A large hotel is all that is needed to make it a first class summer resort. The natural oak groves surpass anything in grandeur and beauty that could be done artificially. The name of this spring should be Minerva”, emblematic of purity and grace. **Mr. Lins**, its owner is a very enterprising merchant and enjoys a good trade. The village is well supplied with stores filled with the various kinds of merchandise, a large grain elevator at which many thousand bushels of wheat is bought at satisfactory prices to the farmer. The mechanical arts are well represented so it will be seen the Village presents a lively appearance,

Capt. Wm. Schwartz, an old prospector & miner.



OLDER THAN DIRT

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?' 'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?' 'It was a place called 'at home,' I explained. ! 'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

Here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it : Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 19. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God. It came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 6 a.m. every morning.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it.. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz : Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about Ratings at the bottom.

1.Candy cigarettes

2.Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes

3.Home milk delivery in glass bottles

4. Party lines on the telephone

5.Newsreels before the movie

6.TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels [if you were fortunate])

7.Peashooters

8. Howdy Doody

9. 45 RPM records

10.Hi-fi's

11. Metal ice trays with lever

12. Blue flashbulb

13.Cork popguns

14. Studebakers

15. Wash tub wringers

16. Out house

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young

If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older

If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age,

If you remembered 11-16 You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are some of the best parts of my life



Elementary, my Dear Watson

Detective work continues in bringing all the information we have gathered together. In the April newsletter we mentioned that the diary was traced to a **Mary Churchill Collyer**. The old prospector's letter on page 3 mentioned visiting the home of **Mr. L. Collyer**, an old settler. He also said Mr. Collyer had a beautiful home in the village. Could this be the home where the diary was found? The home of Thomas Pardee? Everyone loves a mystery. If you have any missing pieces to this puzzle contact the Eagle Historical Society. Call Elaine at 594-3301 or Jean Cisler at 495-4637. As Sherlock Holmes was known to say, "The game's afoot".

Yesteryear in Little Prairie

The Eagle Historical Society has come into possession of three volumes of "Yesteryear in Little Prairie", the momentous compilation of Richard West Baker.

Mr. Baker set out to gather the history of Little Prairie as recorded in The Enterprise by the people who lived it. The three volumes consist of the years 1874-1899, 1900-1909, 1910-1919.

Apparently no event was too small to be recorded in the newspaper.

Examples of the entries follow.

Thursday, April 6, 1905
Some of the farmers in this vicin-

ity started plowing last week.

There was a good attendance at Mrs. L. E. Hall's auction sale 1st Thursday, and all things sold brought fairly good prices.

Mr. Richard Searles of Troy center was among the worshippers at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Frank Blank of Albion was here and attended the funeral of his cousin, R.O. Bartholf, Wednesday afternoon.

Archie Pett drives a fine new horse these days.

Miss Addie Moots and Miss Della Malcomson drove over to East Troy one evening last week and attended Gospel Brigade meetings. The Brigade have been holding their meetings for about a week at that place.

Mr. & Mrs. Stacy of Elkhorn came and were in attendance at the funeral of R. O. Bartholf Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Stewart and his mother were at Elkhorn one day last week, and made a short call on Mr. and Mrs. Mills. Mrs. Mills is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Stewart's.

Frank Watson went over to Jericho last week to help W.H. Stewart in the creamery. Mr. Stewart's sickness was **quinsy** but it is reported that it has developed into diphtheria and the family are quarantined. *

The L.A. Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Henry Broker.

Samuel Malcomson of Whitewater is visiting his brother James and other relatives.

Harry Chatfield is busy now days hanging paper, painting and doing all such work in his line of business.

* From a 1911 Encyclopedia

QUINSY, a common term for acute suppurative tonsillitis.

Suppurative refers to severe infection..

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Everyone is familiar with the phrase “It takes a Village... It is taking gardeners from the town and the village working together to beautify the Memorial Gardens around the patio. A planning committee composed of Ellie Hall, Terri Sorensen, Nancy Manschot, Sue Clark and Sandy Schwartz has had numerous meetings to plan the gardens.

A group of volunteers have adopted a flower bed to care for. Decorated stones will be displayed in the gardens with their names. Ellie and Diana Hall, the Sadler family, The Kornmeyer family, Claire Josten, Linda Viegut, Sue Clark, and Sandy Schwartz have agreed to weed and water different beds as needed.

Approximately \$500.00 was donated to help plant the gardens. So far some of the money was used to purchase trees, rose bushes and shrubs. The following people generously donated to the fund: The family of Pat Monroe, Nancy Manschot, Harold (Red) Hinkley, Don & Elaine Ledrowski, Bea Delaney, Jim Pasterski, Ellie Hall, Shirley Matters, and Don & Darla Enright,

One of the first things to be planted was a trumpet vine next to a trellis by Joanne Gilbert. One of the oldest vines came from Sue Clark. Neighbors had told her that at one time the entire side of their barn had been covered with magnolias. She searched until she found some of the vines and now three have been planted around the arbor.

Many flowers were donated and planted on our first Plant Exchange held on June 19. Bob Anderson donated one of the more unusual ones called a pitcher plant which should be fun to watch grow. Nancy Manshott donated an old wagon wheel that had come from the Baker farm on Betts Road. She planted an interesting variety of herbs in between the spokes. Cindy’s Greenhouse in East Troy donated hanging baskets which were raffled at the plant exchange

Our dream is that the patio and Memorial Gardens will be a beautiful place in Eagle where visitors will take a few minutes out of their busy lives to stop and enjoy the gardens.

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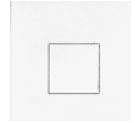
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- 2) Reed School
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Concert & Ice Cream Social
July 8th 1:30 p.m.

COMING SOON TO AN EAGLE PARK NEAR YOU!

The Eagle Historical Society is once again presenting their Ice Cream Social and Band Concert in the Park. The Palmyra Eagle Community band is preparing to delight it's audience with family friendly music "From Sousa To Swing: the Great era of American Poplular Music."

Date: July 8th, 2012

Time: Ice Cream Social 1:30 P.M.

Concert 2 P.M.

Place: Eagle Village Park

If you would like a sneak preview of the band and director, Ed Pierce, check out this web site: <http://youtu.be/6056HUm7x3s>