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EHS News

Membership

New Members

Welcome to Ken Baranowski-ACW Appraisals Inc., Harry & Jean Cisler, Mary Heizman

Honorary Members

Congratulations to Bernice Lueck, our newest honorary member.

Renewals

EHS thanks the following for renewing at upper levels:

Sustaining: (\$25-\$49) John & Julie Mann, Carl & Lynn Seitz

Patron: (\$100.00 and above) Ken Baranowski-ACW Appraisals

Donations

The following people donated items: Luella Bowey, Mark & Julie Dexter, Janet Jensen, Darlene Landmann, Welthy Mueller and Pat Wilton.

Memorials

Memorial donations were received for Roy Leonhardt, John Lueck and Dr. Marino. An engraved plate will be added to the plaque for each of them. A plate is added when donations total \$50.00 or more per person.

Bake Sale

Although the election turnout was not very large, EHS realized a profit of \$632.00 plus shirt sales of \$49.00 and new member fee of \$10.00 totaling \$691.00. Thank you to all the fine bakers, the wise buyers and to the hard working volunteers from EHS.

New Sign

The \$100.00 donation from the Eagle Business Association was used to purchase a lighted "Open" sign for the front window, where it will be

easier to read. The wiring for the sign has not been completed at this date. Watch for it.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Violet Orchard who won a sweatshirt for participating in the Education Committee Survey.

Plant Sale

This year the plant sale will be held on May 13th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum. Donations are welcome at the museum on Friday and Saturday morning. As in previous years, the plant sale is held in connection with the Eagle Business Association Community Rummage sale. **Please note change of drop-off and sale location.**

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A Special Offer for Members of Affiliated Historical Societies

Find Your Place in History, Then Go There!

Wisconsin Historic Sites

20% off regular adult admission with this coupon

Offer good at:

- H. H. Bennett Studio & History Center
- Madeline Island Historic Museum
- Pendarvis
- Old World Wisconsin
- Stonefield
- Villa Louis
- Wade House

Offer valid between June 1 and June 30, 2006. Limit one person per coupon. Not valid with other promotional offers or for special programs requiring advance reservations.



EHS is an affiliate member of the Wisconsin State Historical Society. In the past EHS members were issued an affiliate membership card offering a ten per cent discount to state historical sites. This year the WSHS is offering a twenty per cent discount to state historical sites. The above coupon may be copied. Take advantage of this discount and visit the sites around the state in the month of June. If you have any questions call Elaine at 594-8961.

Brief Overview of the Board Meeting – April 18th, 2006

The officers and board members whose terms expired were re-elected.

The budget was approved and the financial statement for April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 reviewed. Funding for grounds work was approved.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is on May 16 at 6:30 pm at the museum. All members are welcome.

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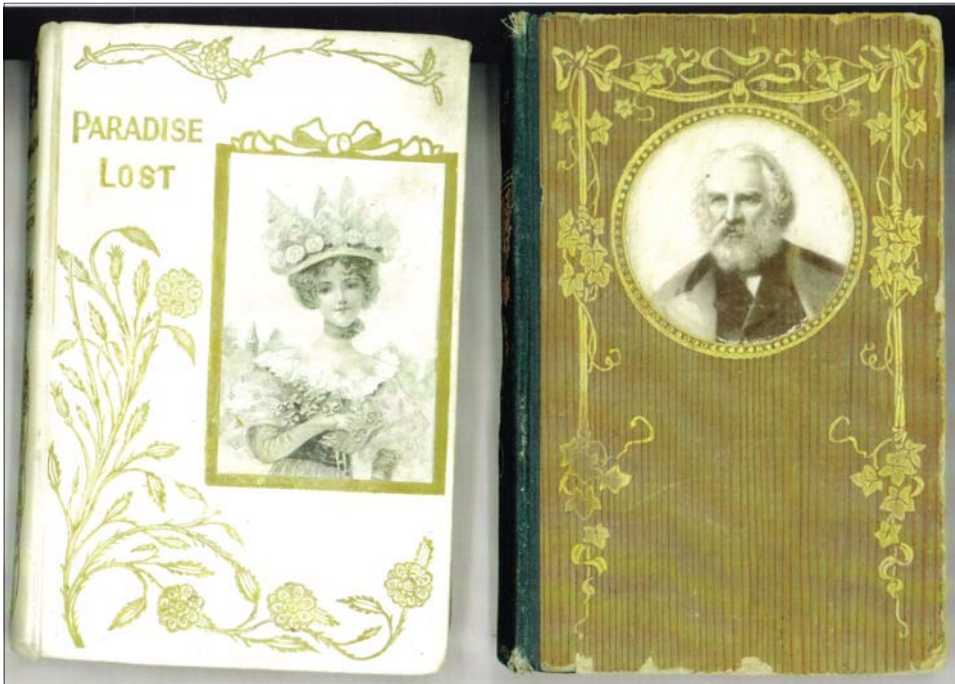
The July issue of the Newsletter will feature the medical history of Eagle. If you have any pictures, anecdotes or stories you'd be willing to share please contact the editor by phone or e-mail- Jean at 495-4637, cislej@centurytel.net or the curator, Elaine at 594-3301, don4elaine@aol.com.

Plaudits from EBA

Concerning the After 5 that the EHS hosted in January, the following excerpt is from the Eagle Business Association spring newsletter:

EHS.. "were gracious hosts and the USO-style dinner was delicious...If you have not visited our Eagle Historical Society, you would be amazed of all the history that is inside this little building."

Thank you, EBA



Historical Society Library

The Eagle Historical Society houses quite an extensive collection of books as well as some magazines. There are around 600+ books in the collection. Much work has been done in the past few years to organize our library. Jerry Neary started the project by organizing the books into categories and creating a card catalog. Darlene Landmann continued to refine our selections and Barb Jatzcak finished the project with the help of Don Ledrowski who entered all the books into the Past Perfect program.

Many of these books, especially in the children's area, are from the former Palestine School or Eagle State Graded School and may have been used by early Eagle residents. Several specialty items in the collection include an Encyclopedia Britannica set which dates from the 1890's as well as an 8 volume set entitled the Union Army. Several German language Bibles and catechisms are in the collection.

Some interesting finds include various issues of the Atlantic Monthly from the late 1850's to 1924. While these are in very bad shape they provide some interesting articles on literature, science, art and politics. Many of them have interesting advertising as well.

A few issues of a magazine titled The Ladies Repository and Home Magazine can be found. This was a general literary and religious magazine for women.

DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL

Here is an opportunity to use those talents you've been keeping to yourself, a chance to help the Historical Society. Are you interested in History? Perhaps you'd like doing research for Newsletter articles or even writing them. You may have computer or interviewing skills. Or you could make phone calls or just share your knowledge of the Eagle area. We'd love to hear from you. You might not know exactly what you could contribute, but we still want to hear from YOU. Call Elaine Ledrowski at 594-3301 or e-mail her at don4elaine@aol.com and let your little light shine.



An Indian Tale from an Early Eagleville Family

Mrs. Alice Sprague, daughter of Theodore J. Sprague and Frances King Sprague, tells this true Indian story of what happened when she was a little girl.

Jim and I were playing outside the cabin when we saw an Indian round the bend in the path. We ran for mother. She asked if the Indians had seen us while she hurriedly drew in the latch string and bolted the door. Then she snatched the bread and meat from the table, stuffed them under the feather bed, and patted it smooth.

She had barely gathered us in the corner out of sight of the one window when there was a loud knock on the door. We kept still and another harder knock and a gruff voice said, "Me know you there. Me saw papooses." So there was nothing to do but open the door.

A dirty unkempt old Indian walked in followed by a squaw and three young ones. "Me hungry. Want bread, white bread." Mother said we had no bread and showed him the empty flour barrel.

"Me saw hen and chickens. Me get." That spring Biddy and a setting of eggs had been given us. She and her chicks were our pets and our hopes for a flock later on. Mother kept still.

Out they went. There was a great commotion and squawking and soon they came in with Biddy half cleaned and still some feathers on. The squaw put her in the kettle added some water and swung the kettle into the fireplace over the fire. The little Indians gathered dry sticks to keep the fire roaring.

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Then, curious, they handled everything in the cabin. When they came to the spinning wheel, Mother had hard work to keep still, but she did. The old Indian sat cross-legged on the floor in front of the fire. Before the hen was fully cooked, they yanked her from the kettle, tore her to pieces and ate her. I was so hungry and it smelled so good I made a move to get some, too. But Mother had tight hold on me. They drank the broth and filed out of the door. But the old Indian stuck his head in through the door and said, "Tell James, Joe come."

James was my father, and Mother knew who Joe was, but all Indians looked alike to her. She was scared of them all. Mother bolted the door, we ate our bread and meat and she went on with her spinning, but she no longer sang. When it grew dark she did not light the candle. There was a rap on the door and no one answered. Then "It is James." Glad were we to have him home. He had a bag of white flour which he had carried all the way from Milwaukee.

"But why the dark? And why no answer?" he asked. He listened to what had happened. When I told him how I wanted a piece to eat he said: "Joe would have been glad to share with my papoose." And to my mother: "You know I would have starved that first winter here had it not been for Joe. You should have shared what you had, then you would still have Biddy." - Waukesha Freeman Anniversary Issue



Ed Mueller, born in 1913, found these arrowheads on his father's farm. Indians in the area were probably of the Potawatomi tribe.

The Potawatomi

When Europeans arrived in the New World, the Neshnabek lived along the lower eastern shore of Lake Michigan, cultivating corn, beans and squash. They only moved due to soil depletion or lack of firewood. Women did the cultivation; they supplied more than half of a village's food and often produced surpluses, which could be stored or traded.

About 1600 the Neshnabek began hearing of creatures who looked like humans but dressed peculiarly, smelled bad and had thick hair on their cheeks. The Neshnabeks called them "hairy

faces.” In 1634 Jean Nicolet traveled to what is now Green Bay to open the western Great Lakes to French trade. Some Neshnabek traveled to the meeting place. When Nicolet saw them, he asked one of his Huron guides, “Who are these people?” Misunderstanding, the guide replied, “They are making a fire.” The Frenchman wrote down what he heard, and the Neshnabek came to be known to others as the Potawatomi.

In 1641 Jesuit missionaries heard that the Potawatomi were fleeing large armed parties of Iroquoian invaders from Ontario. The Potawatomi—joined by Sac, Fox, Kickapoo, Miami and others—settled in the Green Bay area. In the 1650s Iroquois from New York destroyed the Ontario tribes. Then New York Iroquois moved against the tribes south of the Great Lakes. In 1653 they sent an army against the refugees in northeastern Wisconsin. The defenders built a fortified village named Mitchigami (great lake); the Potawatomi were the largest group among the defenders (400 of 1,000 warriors). Armed only with bows and arrows, lances and clubs, they faced an enemy equipped with firearms acquired from the Dutch and English. But the Iroquois had weaknesses, too: they were hungry and ill supplied, while the defenders had stock-piled food. In the end, the starving invaders agreed to a cease-fire. But others did not fare so well; by 1680 the tribes of Ohio, Michigan and northern Indiana and Illinois had been swept away.

In the French and Indian War of 1754 to 1763 the Potawatomi were French allies. They were away for long periods, attacking English settlements from New York to Virginia, defending French Canada, or fighting tribes allied with the English. In 1755 the British assembled a large army under Maj. Gen. Edward Braddock, who led



Potawatomi Territory 1812

troops from Virginia to destroy French forts on the Ohio River. His guide and advisor, commanding 450 militia, was Col. George Washington. The Potawatomi persuaded the French to wait to attack when the enemy was moving in long lines along a narrow trail. Nearly 1,000 of the 1,500 on the trail died; the survivors fled, taking dying



A depiction of General Braddock's final battle near Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh

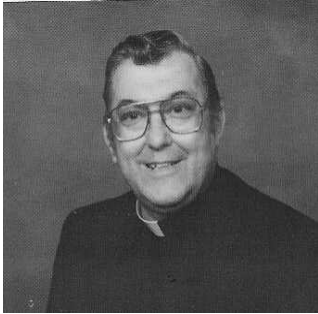
Gen. Braddock with them. Most of their equipment, supplies and pack animals were abandoned. The Potawatomi obtained more than 200 horses, which formed their first herds and made them more mobile.

During the American Revolution, the Potawatomi were a divided people, and some fought on each side. But when the new U.S. government created the Northwest Territory in 1787, the Potawatomi allied with the British to prevent American expansion to the west. They made peace in 1795, and large tracts of Indian land in Ohio and Indiana were sold to the U.S.

In the following years, Indian policies were changed often and never consistently applied. Another Indian war merged with the War of 1812 between the U.S. and Great Britain. For the last time, the Potawatomi united against American expansion. After the war, the Potawatomi lost all of their remaining lands in the Northwest Territory (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota.)

Excerpts from “Indians of North America-The Potawatomi” by James A. Clifton, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Obituary



Father Richard Grebasch

Reverend Richard Grebasch was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1958, and appointed pastor of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Eagle, in 1979. He implemented RENEW at St. Theresa's, including ecumenical work with Eagle United Methodist Church; the two churches founded the Eagle Community food pantry. Concerned about the decreasing number of priests, he encouraged parishioners to apply for the lay ministry program. He was proud of his Polish heritage and spoke the language fluently. When the Kruza house was opened at Old World Wisconsin, he led the invocation and blessing. For several years he celebrated Mass on July 4th in St. Peter's church at Old World. In 1990 Father Grebasch left to serve St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Monches. He retired in 1998 after 40 years of ministry. He passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at the age of 74. The most Reverend Timothy Dolan presided at his Mass of Christian Burial at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Hubertus on March 9.

Photo from the 2002 St. Therese Church Directory

Roy L. Leonhardt

Roy L. Leonhardt of Eagle passed away Friday, March 3, 2006, at Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc. He was 58. Roy was born in Plainfield, N.J., on Aug. 25, 1947, the son of Lawrence and Althea (nee Viebrock) Leonhardt.

On March 21, 1970, he married Terry L. Winkelmann in Waukesha.

Roy was a 25 year employee of the U.S. Postal Service and a U.S. Navy submarine veteran. An associate member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII, he served as secretary and later as newsletter editor. Roy was the driving force behind the state declaration of USS Lagarto Remembrance Day.

Roy was a loving, kind and generous person, who was dedicated to his family, friends and community. He was generous with his time and skills. With encouragement ("What do you say? Let's go for it") and assistance, he moved others to keep trying new things. A member of EHS, he provided many of the photographs used in the newsletter. He also was responsible for improvements like using a mail merge for addressing the copies. When the Alice Baker Library automated, he assisted staff through the technology learning curve. Today the library provides a free "hot spot" (wireless computer connection) and visitors are also impressed by its media center.

Survivors include his wife, Terry; his children, Steven and Kristen (fiancé Josh Hilgemann); his brothers, Douglas (Pat) and Gary (Colleen); a sister-in-law, Melissa Leonhardt; and many other loving family members, friends and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until the 7:30 p.m. funeral service Tuesday, March 7, at Schmidt & Bartelt-Van Valin Funeral Home, 315 Main St. (Highway ES), Mukwonago. The Rev. Marcia Marino officiated. A second visitation was also held from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 8, at the funeral home. A private interment was held at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove.



In lieu of flowers, memorials in Roy's name to Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc, the Alice Baker Memorial Library in Eagle or to the Eagle Historical Society are appreciated.

Schmidt & Bartelt-Van Valin Funeral Home, 363-7126, served the family. (Freeman— March 6, 2006)

"It's not the day you are born or the day you die that counts, but all the days in between."

Photo Courtesy of Art Peavy

Obituary

Louis A. Marino was not originally from the Midwest. He was born on March 16, 1926 in Rochester New, York. Shortly after graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1944 he joined the army and served in the 3rd Division from August 14, 1944 to July 3, 1946 as Staff Sergeant.

After his stint in the army, he attended the University of Windsor, Ontario where he received his Bachelor of Science in 1950. He then came to Milwaukee where he completed his education at Marquette University School of Dentistry graduating in 1954. He married his wife, Rita in November of 1953 and they enjoyed 52 years of marriage. They raised three children, Louis Michael, (Kathy) Lisa (Dr. James) Wright and Maria. Within a year of graduation he joined Dr. Rosenkranz in the clinic that Eagle had built for just that purpose. The doctor left after six years and resumed his practice in Muwonago, However Dr. Marino continued serving the Eagle community as dentist for 48 years, retiring in 2003. He commuted from the east side of Milwaukee for all of those years.

During those years he enjoyed the camaraderie of the Sasso's, Mabel Finney, Ken Mealey and Tom Crosswaite. He was an ardent fan of the St. Louis Cardinals since their farm team was in Rochester, New York. He had wonderful memories of the ball players who visited Sasso's.

He dearly loved his "office girls" and steered several into the field of Dental Hygiene. He was very proud of them. Above all he loved Eagle and his patients.

Dr. Marino died peacefully on February 21st, 2006. In addition to his wife and children he is survived by 4 grandchildren and his sister, Diana. His interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Milwaukee.

He will be missed and fondly remembered by the many patients he attended over the years.



Staff Sergeant
Louis Marino



1950 Graduate of University
of Windsor, Ontario-Bachelor
of Science



Pamela Marks with Dr. Marino

Photos courtesy of
Dr. Rita Marino



Louis A. Marino
1954 graduate of Marquette
University Dental School

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Mission Statement

"The purpose of the Eagle Historical Society Inc. is to collect and preserve printed materials and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events and activities of the past and present, especially in the history of Eagle village and township, Waukesha County, and the surrounding and pertinent areas. Printed information is available to any individual who wishes to examine or study it.

The society disseminates historical information by maintaining a museum which is open Wednesdays from 5p.m.to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:00. The society also publishes historical material in a quarterly newsletter and sponsors informative and interactive events to arouse interest in the past."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Plant Sale May 13th
from 8 to 5 at the Museum



Band Concert and Ice Cream
Social July 9th at the Village
Park. Concert starts at 2 p.m.

