



EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2008

Eagle, Wisconsin

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Eagle Business Association

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Eagle Business Association

Mary & John Vymetal-Taylor

SUSTAINING (\$25.00-\$50.00)

Doug & Darlene Landmann

Lynn & Carl Seitz

PATRONS (\$100.00 & Up)

Sharon Royston

ACW Appraisals-Ken Baranowski

Tom Day

ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Barbara Jatzcak, Donna Fanshaw,

David Kruse, Connie Potrykus

Museum Happenings

- ◆ EHS had an informational table at the 2008 Eagle Showcase held in January at Eagle Elementary School. In spite of a snow-storm it was an opportunity to meet with Eagle business owners and community members.

- ◆ The Election Day Outreach and Bake Sale held on February 19th was a huge success. A big THANK YOU to all who donated and purchased the delicious baked goods.

- ◆ We have finally purchased a digital video camera with proceeds from our 2007 golf outing and are planning to interview members and long time Eagle residents.

- ◆ Vice President and Board Member John Vymetal-Taylor has accepted a job out of state and resigned. A few of his past projects include researching information about the Eagle Diamond, writing grants and assisting with designing and building floats for the Kettle Moraine Day parades. Good luck in your new job, John. We will all miss you.

- ◆ Barbara Jatzcak has graciously agreed to complete John's term as Vice-President.

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EHS
museum/ library
594-8961
open

Fridays and Saturdays,
9 am to noon
Wednesdays, 5-7 pm
Website: eaglehistori-
calsociety.org

OOPS! IT WAS AN ERROR!

Due to a miscommunication with the membership committee, some of our members were omitted from the January newsletter. All of the members are very important to us and we are sorry for this oversight. A special drawing was held to include these members:

SENIOR

Robert Baker
Evelyn Brenton
Bob & Joyce Curran
Mae Ruth Dahms
Theresa Denio
Eleanor Martens
Jane Reinke

INDIVIDUAL

Stephanie Kalnes
Allen County Public Library
Kathleen Chapman
Karen Matters

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Russ & Pat Chapman

FAMILY

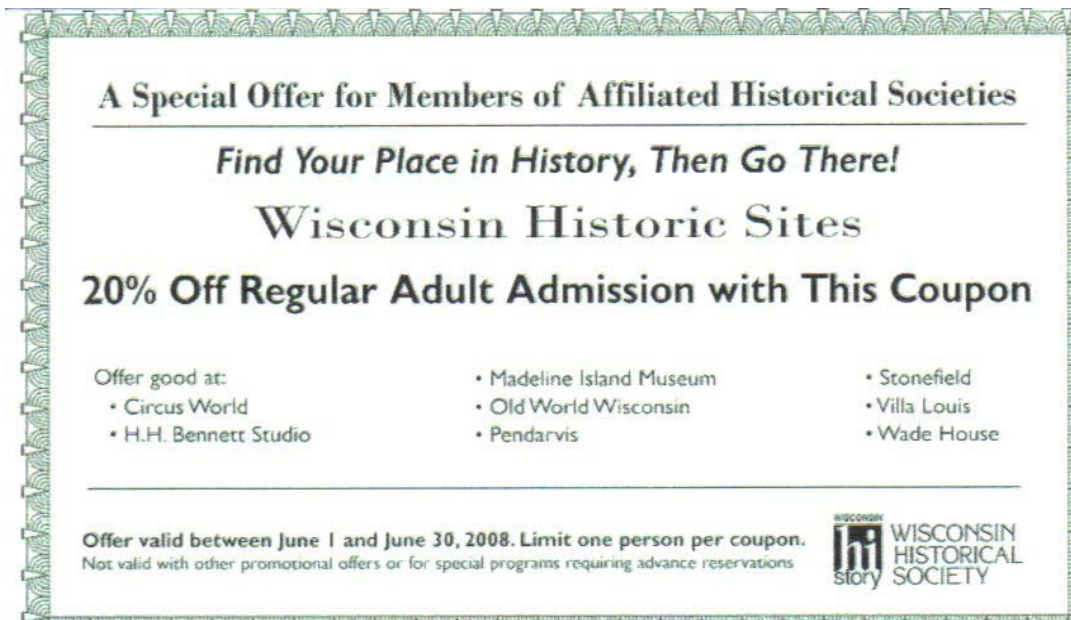
Rob & Pat Hawes
Bill & Claudine Krestan
Robert & Patricia Monroe
Steve & Faith Olson
Robert & Ellie Rewald
Brian & Elaine Rudy
Sharie Sasso Family
Robert T. Schroeder Family

SUSTAINING (\$25-\$50)

Roger & Valerie Cole
William & Janet Grotjan
Donald & Marie Jones
Res Kalnes
Bill & Ann Krestan
Judy & John Mann
Dick & Jane Riddle

The winner of the drawing was Jan Grotjan

As a member of the Eagle Historical Society the attached coupon entitles you to 20% off the admission to any Wisconsin Historical site. This is for the month of June only.



When the Greyhounds Ran

In the beginning they called it "Legion Days" That was in 1954 or 1958 depending on how good you are at math. It was held in the Village Square. For several years it was held in Harvey Wambold's backyard because that was as far as the electric would reach. It was simpler then, but no less entertaining. They had bingo, a hamburger stand, "Ring a Money" stand and a "Dunk Tank." Hamburgers were 35 cents and shorty beers were 7 for a dollar. Those were great days indeed.

Eventually the festivities moved to the Village Park where it was renamed "Kettle Moraine Days." Mike Sasso and Herman Thiele were credited with the new name and it has been Kettle Moraine Days from then on.

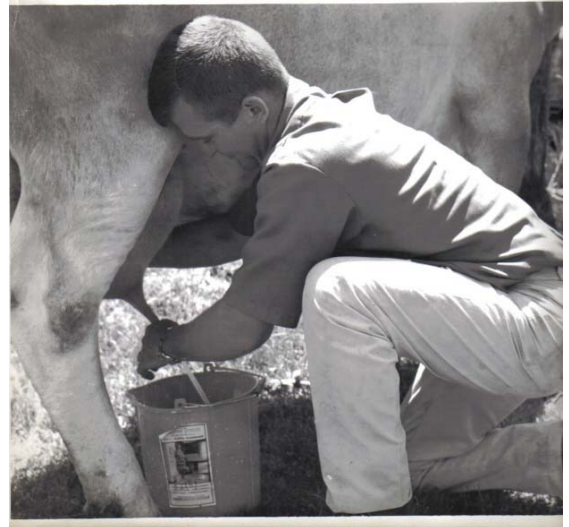
On Saturday night there was a coon hunt and a softball game between Palmyra and Delafield, with Palmyra winning. (the softball game, that is.)

The first parade held in 1962 had two bands; Mukwonago High School band and the Drum & Bugle Corp from Elkhorn. In all, there were 187 registered units, making it the longest and most colorful parade in the area that year. At that time bands cost \$50.00, paid for by the businesses. In contrast today's bands cost \$500.00 to \$700.00. All businesses had a float in the parade.

After the parade Orrin Benson and his trained dogs performed. There were parachute jumpers and another coon hunt was held. No word on who won that but I'm pretty sure it wasn't the coon.

As Kettle Moraine Days got bigger the Legion members called on the Fire Department to help. Now the Lion's Club is also affiliated with the festival. The Legion Auxiliary made enough money from their food stand to have the first shelter built and donated to the Village.

In the late sixties there were greyhound races for a few years. They stopped in 1970 but were resumed briefly in 1983. Melvin Rockteacher, Tex Tabot, Orrin Benson, Phil Hall & Jack Rolfe went to South Dakota to pick up the dogs . There was a "milking contest" in 1969 and though many male farmers did their best, the contest winner was a woman named Carlotta. In that same year WTMJ had a live broadcast from the Village grounds called "Farm Morning Report", featuring Gordon Hinkley. It was Gordon who pronounced Carlotta the winner. He also asked for volunteers to help with the milking. Bill Hayes said he would pump the tail in order to produce more milk. Right!



John Armbruster

Gordon interviewed many locals whose names are still remembered today. He spoke to "a very pretty girl" who was named Miss Farm Bureau from Waukesha county, Eagle's own Kathy Kau. Bill Moose told him about the buzzards he had seen in the Eagle area-"fifteen or more." Naturally Gordon Hinkley was most interested in the buzzard story and their "eggs", because he himself always spoke of when "the buzzards returned to Hinkley, Ohio". He spoke to several retired farmers ,Harold Chapman and Tony Steinhoff, among others.

Another interesting bit came from Mr.& Mrs. Sherman who had recently won the cash prize of \$321.00 on WTMJ. Mrs. Sherman bought a refrigerator-freezer and Mr. Sherman said he bought himself a pair of shoes, horseshoes that is. This was just in time for the horseshoe competition held at KM Days. And it was 1969 ,when apparently you could have change left over out of the \$321.used to purchase the refrigerator.

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One thing different from every other municipality holding carnivals is that at Eagle all churches and organizations have food tents, causing it to be dubbed "Taste of Eagle."

From the looks of the picture at right, it might have been dubbed "The Thirst of Eagle." Identified men on this picture include right to left, Royal Houk, Joe Mealey, Orrin Benson, Mike Sasso, an unknown gentleman and Charlie Callins. Can anyone put a name on the unknown guest?



Today Kettle Moraine Days continues to grow and attract more and more visitors.. This year it will be on June 20th through the 23rd. The parade will be on Sunday the 23rd at noon and as always, it will contain floats from area businesses and organizations.

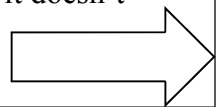


MYSTERY PHOTO Who are those Lovely Ladies?



This is a float from Kettle Moraine Days circa ?? (Check the cars) Perhaps you were on this float or knew someone who was or even some of the bystanders . Please help us solve the mystery! And fellas, who can tell the make and year of cars across the street?

The poster on the opposite page shows the variety of attractions at Kettle Moraine days, but it doesn't show the year. Would anyone care to hazard a guess as to the year? We will publish it in the next issue along with the identity of those in our mystery photo.



EAGLE POST NO. 535



Annual KETTLE MORaine DAYS

EAGLE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN



EAGLE, WIS. ~ JUNE 25-26-27

FRI. - JUNE 25
LIVE MUSIC IN BEER TENT
by **The Revelleers**

JINGLE PRIZES
1st PRIZE - \$500.00 SAVINGS BOND
2nd PRIZE - \$250.00 SAVINGS BOND
3rd & 4th PRIZES - \$100.00 SAVINGS BONDS
5th, 6th & 7th PRIZES - \$50.00 SAVINGS BONDS
8th, 9th & 10th PRIZES - \$25.00 SAVINGS BONDS

———— SATURDAY • JUNE 26th ————

8-Team Softball Tournament Starting At 11A.M.

LIVE MUSIC IN BEER TENT by Ronnie K. Phase II
Steve Duell's Sky Diving Team

———— SUNDAY • JUNE 27th ————

PARADE AT 12 NOON

DRUM & BUGLE CONCERT at 1:30 pm

Folk Dancing The Czech-Moravian Group—The Finnish-American Group
2:00 p.m. The Pomerainen Youth Folklore Group From Erlanger, Germany

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP... Bucket Brigade Competition 3:00 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC IN BEER TENT by The Revelleers & Brunner Bros.
Steve Duell's Sky Diving Team

RIDES

TRIPLE 'R' AMUSEMENTS
Advance Sale - 4 Rides for \$1.

RIDES

EAGLE VILLAGE PARK

FREE ADMISSION

FOOD

BOOTHS

REFRESHMENTS

FREE PARKING

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

OBITUARY

Donald D. Jones *April 13, 1929-February 15, 2008*

Donald Jones, 78, passed away Feb. 15th, 2008, at St. Luke's Medical Center. Don was born April 13, 1929 in Palmyra, the son of Dean and Ruth (nee Stead) Jones.

He was retired from Cooper Power Systems in Waukesha. Don was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic church in Eagle. He was a retired member of the Eagle Volunteer Fire Department, former village president of Eagle and president of Oak Ridge Cemetery Association in Eagle. He enjoyed traveling around the country for many years in his Motorhome with his wife, Marie.

Don is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marie (nee Benson), His children Lin Reichhoff of Portland, Oregon, Peter Jones of Eagle and Pat Zinzow of Elkhorn; six grandchildren, one great grandchild, brothers Richard (Gretchan) Jones of Waukesha and John (Mary) Jones of Milton, sisters Ruth Anne (Jack) Rolfe of Eagle and Elaine (Gerry) Cook of Clinton. Don is further survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial was said on Wednesday, February 20th, 2008 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Eagle with the Rev. Dennis Ackeret officiating. Visitation was on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008 at Mealey's Funeral Service in Eagle.

Memorials suggested to Oak Ridge Cemetery in Eagle.



Behind the Scenes



From left to right; Bernice Sadenwasser, Myrtle Bohlman, Mabel Finney and Marilyn Wills.

If you've ever wondered how the newsletter gets to you each quarter, promptly, neatly folded and stamped, look no further. The ladies identified to the left are responsible and we couldn't do it without them

Photo by Don Ledrowski

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 ~ 10:00 A.M
EAGLE SPRINGS GOLF RESORT

**18-HOLE SCRAMBLE ~ CART ~ CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST TO START ~ HORS D' OEUVRES ON THE
TURN ~ PICNIC BUFFET TO FOLLOW ~ GREAT RAFFLE ~
1ST, 5TH AND 10TH PLACE CASH PRIZES**

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Annual Band Concert & Ice
Cream Social July 13th at 2
p.m.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13th. Annual Band Concert and Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Eagle Historical Society. Concert performed by the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band starts at 2 p.m.



Kettle Moraine Days June 20th-23rd. Parade starts at noon on Sunday.

