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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

Beatrice Eggleston

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Beatrice Eggleston

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Sustaining: \$25.00

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\$100.00 Matching Fund (Donated
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Beauty Tips from 1910

This one's for you, Jill

It is impracticable* to wash the hair every day to remove the ubiquitous dust. Indeed, even if possible, it would be unwise, for too much water ruins the hair, and there are many who believe once in three months is often enough for soap and water shampoo.

Dry shampooing is the right idea, but do not place too much confidence in orris root alone. The perfect shampoo powder is made by mixing four ounces of therox with four ounces of orris root. The mixture cleanses immaculately, and the therox tones up the scalp and gives the hair a glossy and beautiful lustre.

When you want to dress your hair in a hurry, just sprinkle a little of the mixture through the hair (don't use much and sift it evenly) then brush hair thoroughly. You will be delighted with the result.

♦ *Is this a word?

♦ Yes, Noah Webster dictionary, 1852

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MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Our rummage sale was held on the grounds of the Historical Society on May 7, 8, and 9. Business was brisk on Thursday and slacked off somewhat on Friday and Saturday with rain early and cool temperatures. Many people looked but didn't buy. Mark Lake was there with his game wagon and stand selling funnel cakes, popcorn, lemonade, etc. Unfortunately, due to generator problems on Saturday the popular funnel cake wagon wasn't available. Many thanks to all who donated items and those who worked for it: Carolyn Rosprim and Jeff Nowicki who put in many hours as well as Bea Marquardt, Rose Raiter, Ellie and Diana Hall, Harry Bowey, and Carrie Peavy. It couldn't have been done without them.

Museum Remodeling

It's taken a long time with many people working together to finish this project. President Jeff Nowicki started it by asking, "How would the museum look if we removed the ceiling tile?" Interior designer, Stephanie Kalnes of Great Lakes Design, designed a floor plan for an entirely new look. She contacted Anne Kustner Lighting Design in Chicago who designed and donated the lighting plan for the museum. Electrical bids were requested and the EHS Board awarded Gillitzer Electric Co. the bid. Removing the ceiling tile left a 12 inch space between the top of the wall board and the rafters. Jeff added wall board and plastered this area. Don Ledrowski, Tom Sorensen, Jeff Nowicki, Scott Zettlemeier (Tasty Z's) and Ryan Hajewski completed the painting. The old carpeting didn't compliment the new colors. Jeff and Don removed the carpeting and plywood and found the original pine floor on the west side of the building was stained but in good condition. A large hole was found in the east side. We scrounged around trying to find old flooring without any success. New lumber was purchased and member Werner Kettner planed the lumber to match the flooring. Jeff removed some of the old flooring and wove in the new boards. R & J Flooring Company sanded and refinished the floors. Nail holes show the location of the original walls, plaster on the rafters indicated a lath and plaster ceiling. Members Gerald and Carolyn Rosprim crafted and stained reproduction picture rails which were installed by Jeff.

Future Plans

We have a non-descript fireplace mantle and are looking for a more appropriate one. The fireplace has a gas hookup and when we can afford it will install a gas insert. Anyone interested in donating one?

A sincere thank you to everyone who worked on this project. The results are beautiful.

Exhibits

Museum director, Elaine Ledrowski, with volunteers Stephanie Kalnes, Barbara Jatczak, Carolyn Rosprim, Jean Bowey, Virginia Dudzek, Mary VyMetal Taylor, Pat Hawes and Dottie Murphy are completing new exhibits. The major theme is "Collectors and Collections". In addition to museum exhibits, there will be exhibits on loan from the Nature Conservancy, Connie Potrykus, Mark & Julie Dexter, Riene Wells, Mark Jung, Jeff Nowicki and Elmer Killian.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Kalnes Family donated four quilts made by Donna Kalnes' 4th grade students from Eagle Elementary School. The quilt made by the class of '78-'79 is now on display along with their 4th Grade Class Picture. The theme is Where Are They Now? Member Anne Ledrowski sent a questionnaire to some of her former classmates and received a response from Mia Blair, Laura Jaehn Bowden, and Carrie McEvoy Ripp. Can you help find the following students? Becky Berlick, Justin Beshal, Chris Boyden, Michelle Christensen, David Chittem, Tisha Crowell, Tom Hanson, Kim Jaeger, Kim Kasper, Julie Kolze, Scott Kugel, Mike Loefer, Terry Luedtke, Mary Marks, Bob Maters, Mike Moeller, Becky Novak, Denise Plachinski, Rich Spurrel, Chris Sagen, Mark Searing, Kelly Walters, Tammy Wolf and Troy Viegut.

For a copy of the questionnaire, e-mail the Historical Society at curator@centurytel.net or Ann Ledrowski Jung at ajung2005@aol.com. Or you may call Elaine at 262-594-3301

WHO DID ROB THE BANK IN EAGLE?

From time to time, our readers will bring us an addendum to a story we have run. Such was the case of the recent story about Louise vs. the Bandits. After that article was published, we received a phone call from Jack Crawley. The first thing that he said in his best James Bond voice was, "I know who robbed the bank in Eagle." This was startling news as it had clearly been stated that no one was ever identified or arrested for that crime. Jack proceeded to tell the story and this is what he said:

"Back in 1956 (some thirty-five years after the robbery), my father, Earl, was in the hospital and shared the room with another patient. When the other man heard that dad was from Eagle, he said, "I'm one of the guys who robbed the bank in Eagle" He went on to explain that he and his friends worked for the railroad back in 1921. They were working on the tracks by day and they slept in the boxcars by night. This happened on the outskirts of Eagle. They didn't go into the village then, but later back in Milwaukee, they devised a scheme to rob the bank, because Eagle seemed like a quiet village, with little law enforcement."

This seems to be a plausible story and the man knew the details. However, since we have no "corroborating evidence" ** we cannot attest to its veracity. We leave it to you, dear reader, to decide for yourself. And that we believe is really the rest of the story.

.** someone's been watching too much television.

Golf Outing



The Third Annual Golf Outing held on June 6th at the beautiful Eagle Springs Golf Resort was a huge success due to the efforts of members Julie Dexter & Luann Erving, who co-chaired the event attended by 76 golfers. The rain held off until noon and the golfers enjoyed a lunch provided by the Resort. Thanks to LuAnn Ervin and the Eagle Spring Golf Resort for donating the lunch.

Thanks also to members Mark Dexter, Jeff Nowicki, Mike Rice, Ryan Hajewski, Richard Moeller and Elaine & Don Ledrowski who helped make the outing run smoothly. A special thanks to volunteers Pat Burke, Ernie Kroeze, Michelle Williams, Bev Schlitt, Sue Weibel and Daniel Burke who offered different challenges at some of the holes on the course.

The following business were this years hole sponsors and we appreciate them more than we can say:

Continental Mills, U.S. Package
Furrer Carpentry, Gavers Pavers
G & S Home Improvements, Double D's Pub
Sammy's Place, Eagle Lions Club
Knott Therapy, Alice Baker Library
Eagle Headquarters, Mealy's Funeral Home
R.C. Engineering, Couch Properties

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Hickory Groves Boarding Farm

Letter to Dick Williams from one of his men.
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Marash, Turkey
May 18, 1920

My Dear Ex-Sargeant,

It will probably keep you guessing for a moment to think whom this letter is from, but if you let your mind travel back a year and a half, you might possibly remember me as one of your non-com hash slingers of Special Detachment # 1 of Camp Lewis. I have often wondered where all the chaps are and our one-time non-coms and officers, Lt. Greyson, etc. Would like to see them all again but I guess that is an absolute impossibility. I hope your address as I remember it is correct and that this reaches you alright.

I have been in Turkey fifteen months. Came over with the American Committee For Relief in the Near East. Have been in the middle of the revolt on the part of the natives against Allied Forces of Occupation, and the fact that I, as well as the other Americans, have escaped this long is due to the Providence that watches over fools and children. The Relief Committee has done a lot of work for the war sufferers, but in this particular station it has amounted to nothing, for the American population has been cut down fifty percent and the remaining people left paupers. At least that is the general thinking. Of course, there are exceptions. The French certainly have made a mess of things here. They are worthy of the harshest criticism, in my opinion. They not only did not protect those looking to them for help, but they brought trouble onto the town which caused the loss of thousands of lives, then they pulled up and abandoned the balance. Only the presence of the Americans prevented the annihilation of the other 50%.

The winters in this part of Turkey are not very severe. There is usually a great deal of wind and some snow, but as to actual cold it isn't so bad. This winter more snow fell, the missionaries say, than has fallen during any winter in the last ten years. A lot of the French soldiers had hands or feet frozen, and some both, and had to have them amputated, but it was because they weren't properly dressed- no mittens or gloves and some without socks. And they wore their spiral leggings so tight that circulation was cut off. After they once got wet on the outposts-goodbye feet. Most of those getting frozen were darkies from Africa and they never knew what cold was before coming here, I guess.

There are about fifty-five French prisoners here at the present time, supposed to have been sent away long ago, but here they are yet, stranded just like I am. My year has been up for three months, but the roads are not safe for travel yet, so here I stick. Perhaps after a while I'll get away to Aleppo or Beirut and then good-bye Near East for keeps.

Am rather doubtful if this ever reaches you, but at least it is an attempt anyway. I will be curious to know if it does or not. So if you will drop me a few lines addressed to me at Hesston, Kansas, I will be glad to get them.

Here's hoping you and your family are all well.

Sincerely,
Paul W. Snyder

PS. June 8 Arrived at Aleppo yesterday with three other Americans from Maresh. Came on horses and spent five days on the road. Were treated well all along the way. Expect to go on to Beirut in a few days.

First Night In Camp

by Dick Williams , 1920

I'm here with two thin
blankets,
As thin as a slice of ham
A German spy was likely
the guy
Who made them for Uncle
Sam.
How did I sleep, don't kid
me
My bed tick is filled with
straw
And lumps and humps and
big fat bumps
That pinched me till I'm
raw.

*Archival photo*

Sgt. Dick Williams,
father of Jean Bowey

Me and my two thin blankets
As thin as the last thin dime
As thin I guess as a chorus girl's dress.
Well, I had one hell of a time.
I'd pull 'em up from the bottom
(my nightie, my B.V.D.'s)
A couple of yanks to cover my shanks
And then my dogs 'ud freeze.

You could use them for porous plasters,
Or maybe to strain the soup
(My pillow my shoes when I try to snooze
And I've chilblains, cough and the croup)

My and my two thin blankets,
Bundled up under my chin
Yes, a German spy was likely the guy
And gosh, but he made them thin.

IT WAS JUST LIKE YESTERYEAR
IN THE PARK

The guest of honor at the Eagle Historical Society's summer concert and ice cream social was none other than Abe Lincoln himself . The Palmyra-Eagle Band under the direction of Ed Pierce presented a concert honoring Lincoln on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

The afternoon began with the cub scouts of Pak 54 presenting the colors and leading the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

After Mr. Lincoln's introduction, the afternoon of music and historical anecdotes began. Gwenn Zerull introduced the beginning songs with the background on each one. Songs that Lincoln might have enjoyed were on the program as well as rousing Sousa marches and other popular Sousa songs. It was pure Americana .

A record crowd filled the shelter and spilled out over the lawn. They enjoyed ice cream and cake along with the music.

A picture perfect day only added to the pleasant experience of an old fashioned band concert in the park.



*Photo courtesy of Ruth Ann
MuMueller*

President Lincoln with his attending officers.
(l to r) Mark Dexter, Don Ledrowski, Mike Jones.

OBITUARY

Rasmus B. "Ras" Kalnes

June 17, 1931—May 23, 2009

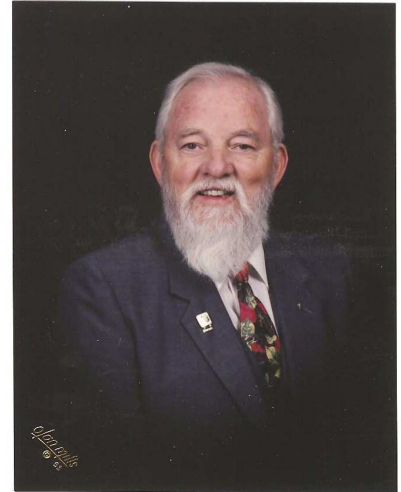
Rasmus B.A. Kalnes, 77, of Eagle, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. He was born June 17, 1931.

He married Donna Simondet in Redwood Falls, MN on August 21, 1954 after graduating from Luther College. They moved to Eagle in 1965.

Ras was retired from Muskego/Norway High School where he taught Psychology and History. He was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church, a veteran of the United States Marine Corp., Republican Party delegate for many years, past Village President of Eagle, head of the committee on aging for Waukesha County, was Santa Claus for the Waukesha Historical Society. He earned a sharp shooting medal with the United States Marine Corp. Ras was instrumental in establishing Old World Wisconsin in Eagle. He was a US Service Academy representative for the state of Wisconsin, and a recipient of the Luther College distinguished alumni award.

Ras is survived by his children Stephanie of Eagle and Eric of Huntington Beach, CA, daughter-in-law, Leslie, two grandchildren, Anna and Erik of Batavia, IL, sister Pauline Larson of

McFarland. He is further survived by many loving relatives and friends. Ras was preceded in death by his wife Donna in 2007, his son, David, his parents, his brother Irving and his sisters Mary and Ruth.



Visitation was held on Friday May 29th at St. John's Lutheran Church, North Prairie. The funeral service was held on Saturday, May 30, with the Rev. Brady Finnern officiating. Internment followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Eagle.

Mealy's Funeral Home, Eagle, assisted the family.

OBITUARY

Audrey Houk

Nov. 24,1931-April 21,2009

Audrey Houk, 77, died April 21, 2009 at her residence in Eagle.

She was born on November 24,1931 to the late Alva and Eva (nee Crowell) Lane.

She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle, the Red Hat Society, a former bowler on the Wednesday morning league at Jay's Lanes in Mukwonago, and a former member of the Kettle Moraine Riders Snowmobile Club. She and husband Gerald were very instrumental in forming the snowmobile club in the late 1960's.

She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, especially her summers spent with family in Black Creek.



Audrey was always a compassionate, caring and helpful person to her many relatives and friends, especially her longtime friend Charlotte Kuhl.

She is survived by her children; Christine (Donald) Lang of North Prairie, Dan (Robyn) Houk of Mukwonago, Susan (Pete) Witterholt of Black Creek and Jeff (Karen) Houk of East Troy; grandchildren Morgan and Jesse Lang, Rachel Houk, Allison (Dan) Schmechel, Cassandra (Michael) Caler, Lindsay (Jason) and, Amanda (Justin) Schmidt, Peter (Melissa) Witterholt and Michelle (Eric) Ewald ; great-grandchildren: Erica, Michael, Caitlyn, Abigail, Wyatt, Alex, Lane Ethan and Riley; a sister, Opal Laak of Phelps; a twin brother, Arthur Lane of Tennessee; sisters-in-law Miriam Houk of Mukwonago and Lorraine Lane of Milwaukee; and a brother-in-law, Edwin Houk of Aurora, IL. She is further survived nieces, nephews and many friends.

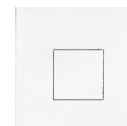
She was preceded in death by her husband in 2001; six brothers and sisters; and her stepfather, Frank Troemmel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 25 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle with Father Dennis Ackeret officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mealey's Funeral Home, Eagle, assisted the family.



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*Pumpkin Party,
October 31st*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eagle Historical Society Open House
Will be held on August 16th ,2009

2 P.M.—4 P.M.

Light Refreshments

Music by Ken & Mal Olson and Friends

OCTOBER 31 ST

***MONSTER —?—
AT THE
MUSEUM***

