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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Henry & Jean Hren

New Museum Exhibit

A new Museum exhibit will feature all the local authors in Eagle and Palmyra. Their writing styles and subject matter are as varied as they are. You will find books for children, scientific fiction novel and poetry. There are books of an historical nature, personal reflections, romance, mystery and one person's journey through cancer.

The Turner Museum in Palmyra features a number of pamphlets and books written by: Stu Calkins, Flare Fredrickson, Ruth Ann Mueller, Terry Tutttton, Nancy von Rohr. Other authors from Palmyra are Jean Cisler and Kris Dexheimer.

Eagle also has its share of published authors as follows:

Alice Baker, Richard Baker, Luella Bowey Kathleen Ernst, John Hall, Dale Mueller, Mal Olson, Mike Rice, Sharon Royston and ,Shane Statler.



All of these author's books are currently on display at the **Eagle Historical Society Museum**.

Newest Author

The newest author to join the group is Jean Cisler, who has just published her first book "Mystery of the Missing Diamond." It is a fiction book for young people based on the true story of the Eagle Diamond found in the 1880's in or around Diamond Hill in Eagle. Books are for sale at the Museum at a cost of \$9.95 or from Jean Cisler 495-4637.



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museum/ library
594-8961
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9 am to noon
Wednesdays, 3-6 pm
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Winners of the book "The Christmas Keeping Germans" were:

ROBERT AND JOYCE CURRAN

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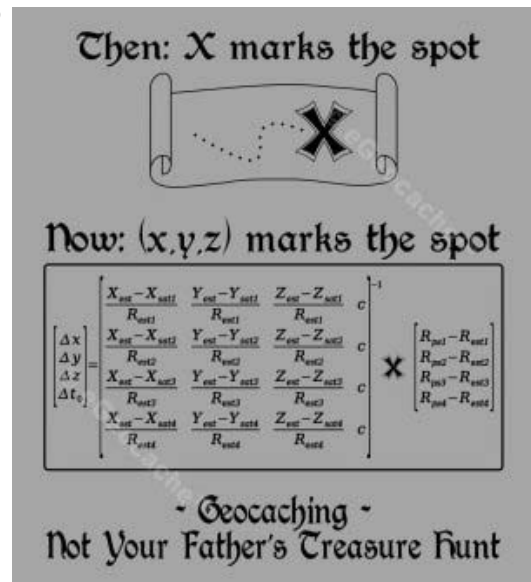
WANDA AND STEVE WILTON

GEOCACHING AT THE EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Amy Jaworski

There are many great reasons to visit with the Eagle Historical Society staff and the museum. On 1/4/13, another reason was added: a geocache. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game. All that is needed to participate is a GPS device (or a mobile phone with GPS capabilities), a free membership at www.geocaching.com, and a sense of adventure! A person can search on the above-mentioned website for any geocaches placed in a certain town or area and can obtain the exact latitude and longitude coordinates that will lead them to the hidden container. The containers come in all shapes and sizes and are often camouflaged. All will contain a log sheet so that the finder can write his or her name and the date of the find. Some containers will contain small prizes that a person can take if he or she leaves another one in its place. Not all geocaches are meant for all who seek them because they vary in difficulty and terrain; however, there is a geocache out there for everyone. The geocache placed at the Eagle Historical Society Museum is one of them!

Geocaching will help you to explore new towns, experience scenic views, play in parks, meander down beautiful trails, learn history, solve puzzles, meet new people, and so much more. There are currently twelve geocaches in Eagle, and hopefully, more to come! This cache at the Eagle Historical Society Museum is the newest addition. Three people came to find it the first day it was available! On the geocaching website, it is called "For the love of reading" and it will bring people to the Little Free Library which stands in front of the museum. Please stop by and find it and feel free to sign your name and leave any comments about your experience. It is my hope that this geocache will bring more people to our beautiful village and will present more of an opportunity for visitors to enjoy the museum and the library.



Old Folks Some words have been changed to protect our dignity

I never really liked the terminology "Old Folks" but this makes me feel better about it.

And if you aren't one, I bet you know one!

Old Folks are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old Folks remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them..

- If you bump into an Old Folk on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Folk on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Folks trust strangers and are courtly to women..

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MEMBER'S MEMORIES

Remembering Orin B.—Over the years Orin and I would share many adventures together, some hunting, some not. Orin for many years would after a snowfall, plow driveways of friends, Orin would not take any money for plowing. Instead the people whose driveway had been shoveled would have Orin in for a drink or buy him one the next time they met him in Sasso's bar .Some times the happy owner would bring out a bottle of Whiskey, so these plowings were named Whiskey Runs. Many guys had the opportunity to ride shot gun on these adventures. One time Orin had plowed several driveways on the way to Eagle and in Eagle, where he picked up a shot gun rider. The shot gun was Buck Wheat otherwise know as Tom C. Well it was snowing hard and it was dark out and Orin had plowed a bunch of drive ways and he was feeling no pain.-Orin and Tom headed out of town to the East. It was snowing so hard that Orin had to plow the road as he went. Just past Hwy E, Orin missed a little bend in the road. They started hearing a noise hitting the Ford Bronco and started to bog down. Orin said, "What's going on?" Buck Wheat rolled down the window and informed Orin that were plowing someone's standing corn field. Orin had indeed plowed about 100 feet of someone's standing field. At least that's the way I heard it.

One afternoon Orin called me on the phone and said to drive up to his place , he had something he wanted me to see. So I drove up, parked across the street from the house as there was a Checker limousine parked in the driveway. As I walked across the street I saw Orin and another guy sitting on a bench in front of Orin's house. I had to go around the Checker Cab to reach Orin's bench, as I got to the far side of the Cab, something grabbed me by the leg. I looked down to see that a big Black Bear had locked it's jaws around my upper leg. There I was hopping around on one leg with the bear attached to the other one, with Orin and the other guy rolling around laughing. Finally when they had enough fun, Orin's buddy came over and unhooked the bear from my leg. The bear was Victor, a 600 pound, wrestling bear and his handler Tuffy Truesdale. A couple of days later Orin arranged a return match, down at Sasso's Bar. I'm here to say that the bear beat me three out of three times, pinning me to the mat. You can't win them all. Victor also sat at Sasso's bar and drank beer from a bottle. Seeing as I had lost the wrestling match I had to buy beer for Tuffy, Orin and the bear.

I've had some time on my hands to write some of these memories down in hopes that they may interest someone down the line. My grandparents wrote nothing down, I know little about their lives. It is my intention to write down what I do know about them and my parents. When I started writing this I intended on writing about my hunting dogs; somehow it turned into more. Writing this has made me realize that Orin and Joe (Phil's hunting companion) lead very different lives. Both lived life to the fullest.

I think I have time for at least one more gun dog, nothing will do but a Lab. A male..

Phil Hall

The Eagle Historical Society welcomes your remembrances of life in Eagle in the not too distant past. We are sure that are other stories just waiting to be told. Please direct your memories to Elaine Ledrowski, P .O. Box 454 Eagle 594-3301 or Jean Cisler, P.O.Box 381, Palmyra, WI 53156

School Days Revisited

Jean Cisler

Remember how it was in your high school days? At the close of the school year we received our yearbooks. Then followed a flurry of activity as we tried to get as many signatures and well wishes from our friends as possible. Do you remember what you wrote in your best friends book? Or what he or she wrote in your book? Probably not. But lets go back even further to 1922 and see what teenagers wrote in those days. Excepts from the Megaphone, 1922:

From the sublime—The rose of the valley may wither , The leaves of the forest decay,
But true friendship endureth, When all things on earth pass away. Your roommate, Helen

To the ridiculous: When you are married and live on a farm, Write me a letter as big s a barn. Cecelia

Daring I love you now, I'll love you ever, I'll even love you ,When you and I keep house together, (signature illegible)

More Daring Remember that wonderful night?—well I won't finish.

Poetic In your Golden Chain of Friendship, count me as a link. Evelyn

Mary, your taste and mine Are somewhat alike For books are also My great de
light E.K.

The smile is a gate to gladness. Marie

Friendship is a golden knot tied by an angel's hand. Edna

And then there's **Ethel**—Dear Ethel, Well old top, I'll always remember you as the good friend who loved Frank. C.M.

Ethel, Our little Cleopatra from Palmyra. Well, Good luck and don't be too good this summer..Mildred. Ethel, You are a little flapper from Palmyra, aren't you? Grace

And finally, on the last page of one yearbook, this note was typed and pasted. An essay that is as true today as it was in 1922

I BELIEVE in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people and for the people, whose just powers are derived by the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union; one and inseparable, established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.

No other credit is given to this patriotic narration except that of the student, Mary Belling.

Obituary

Kathleen "Kathi" Marie Orchard

November 3, 1942 - January 6, 2013

Kathleen Marie (Lange) Orchard, age 70, of Janesville, Wis., passed away on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013. She was born the daughter of Milton A. and Elvira A. Lange on Nov. 3, 1942, in Oak Creek, Wis. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at the Oak Creek United Methodist Church, and graduated from Oak Creek High School. She was employed by Oak Creek High School administration office. She married William R. Orchard on Nov. 30, 1968, and they began their lifelong journey of dairy farming together in Eagle, Wis., at Gurn-Z Meadow Farm..Kathi's loving nature forever touched the lives of family, friends and strangers. Her laughter and sense of humor would light up a room and her spirited outlook on life found its way into the hearts of many. She was a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader, and community leader. Kathi had a passion for baking, cooking, gardening, canning, crafting, sewing, and home decorating. She cherished the time spent at her family's cottage in Tomahawk, Wis. She helped lead her family in showing and developing their herd of Guernsey dairy cattle locally and nationally. She was an active member of Little Prairie United Methodist Church and the Wisconsin and American Guernsey Breeder's Association. Her greatest joy was being a wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is survived by her husband, William, Janesville, Wis.; three daughters: Julie (Edmund) Bacon, Columbus, Wis.; Kristi (Brian Laufenberg) Orchard, Columbus, Wis.; Jennifer Orchard, Madison, Wis.; and grandson, Dane Laufenberg and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents..Memorial services were held on Jan.9th at the Hasse Lockwood Funeral Home, Palmyra,Wi. with Pastor Lucinda Alwa officiating. A private burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Eagle, Wis. .



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Old 'Folks' (cont.from page 5)

- Old Folks hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
- Old Folks get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
- Old Folks have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old Folks who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country. This country needs Old Folks with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever. **Thank God for Old Folks!**

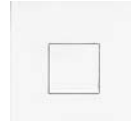


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Who Done It?

Can anyone identify this? Who painted it? Where was it painted and where is the painting now?

Any information would be appreciated. Call Elaine at 594-3301

