

# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

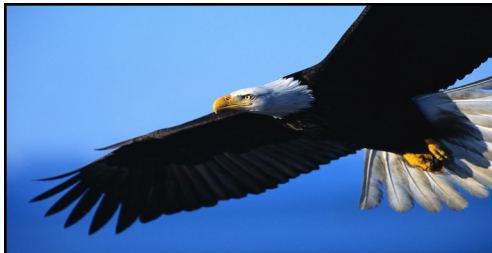
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### ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE:

A big THANK YOU to all who baked for the sale in November. It was an especially successful event and greatly appreciated.



### Welcome to New Members:

Hazel Arnold  
Nick & Becky Beitz  
Dorothy Fisher  
Bob & June Steinke  
Carol Tritz  
Daniel & Debra West

### EHS Board

#### President

Jeff Nowicki, 2016

#### Vice-President

Barbara Jatzczak, 2015

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594-3301

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*Photo above was taken by Carolyn Rosprim.*

### LIGHTING THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers or (I.B.E.W.) Local 494 in Milwaukee through their "Community Outreach Program" participated in the lighting of our Memorial and flag poles. An EHS member and retired electrician who desires to remain anonymous wrote a proposal to the IBEW for funding.

Many issues made this a difficult project to undertake. The three sections of the memorial consist of stainless steel which reflects light. The electrician and EHS president Jeff Nowicki spent three evenings trying different types of lighting from incandescent, color spots, quartz and finally to compact fluorescents to find the correct light.

Another issue was to provide lightning protection for the flag poles and the Memorial. Sweda & Sons Lightning Protection, Inc. donated materials and their

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EHS museum/ library  
594-8961

open

Fridays and Saturdays,  
9 am to noon

Wednesdays, 3-6 pm

#### Website:

[eaglehistoricalsociety.org](http://eaglehistoricalsociety.org)

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Senior \$8.00

Hazel Arnold  
Annette Baker  
Yvonne Beranek  
LaVern Betts  
Jean Bowey  
Paul Chalmers  
Elaine Cook  
Mae Ruth Dahms  
Beatrice Eggleston  
Mabel Finney  
Dorothy Fisher  
Rosanne (Carter) Frame  
Gert Fredenberg  
James Garity  
JoAnn Gilbert  
Susan Hunt  
Jim Johnson  
Roger Johnson  
Kathleen & Arnold Last  
Bill & LeeAnn Madsen  
Bea Marquardt  
Shirley Matters  
Florence Pape  
Roy Raduechel  
Rose Raiter  
Jean Richardson  
Patty Riley  
Ruth Ann Rolfe  
Bob & June Steinke  
Jim & Phyllis Steinke  
Marie Von Rueden  
Betty Weimer  
Vonda Williams

### *Honorary Members*

Lisa Busche  
Bea Delaney  
Virginia Dudzek  
Harold (Red) Hinkley  
Eileen Juedes  
Meryl Kelsey  
Richard & Jane Riddle  
Bernice Sadenwasser

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experience assisting us to assure the safety of the project.

All the attention to details results in an impressive and spectacular display. Many thanks to the IBEW Local 494, Sweda & Sons Lightning Protection, Inc. and especially to our retired electrician and EHS president Jeff Nowicki.

A picture does not do it justice. A nighttime visit would be worth your while. *By Elaine Ledrowski*

### Family \$15.00

Debra & Tim Angers  
Nick & Becky Beitz  
Lucy & Brian Breber  
Mark & Julie Dexter  
Gordon & Karen Erickson  
Gene & Marion Fleckenstein  
Lee & Lynn Greenberg  
Ryan & Danielle Hajewski  
Jeff & Ellie Hawes

Rob & Pat Hawes  
Ken & Ellie Hyland  
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Michael & Karen Kennedy  
Bill & Claudette Krestan, Jr.  
Ken & Mal Olson  
Steve & Faith Olson  
Art & Carrie Peavy  
Carl & Wilma Pettis

### Individual \$10.00

Allen County Public Library  
Edward Baker  
Robert Baker  
Victoria Baker  
Scott A. Bovee  
Joanne & Ed Bryce  
Kathleen Chapman  
Theresa Denio  
Marie Jones  
Stephanie Kalnes  
Karen Matters  
Robert Monroe  
Peggy Moots  
Gay Semanko  
Ed Stephan  
Ann Trupke  
Mary Jo Monroe Walbrandt

**Winners** of the three \$50 complimentary bricks in the Early Bird Renewal Drawing are:

Theresa Denio  
Tom Day  
Marie Von Rueden

**Congratulations!**

Robert & Ellie Rewald  
Carolyn & Gerald Rosprim  
Michael & Ann Sadler  
Shari Sasso Family  
Tom & Terri Sorensen  
Steve & Linda Steinhoff  
Don & Pat Wilton  
Steve & Wanda Wilton  
Bob & Ellie Winzenreid

## MEMBERSHIP

### Sustaining \$25.00—\$49.00

Dick Adduci & Jacki Lewis  
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 Bill & Jan Grotjan  
 Riene Wells & Dean Herriges  
 Frank & Pat Latona  
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 Jerry & Kay Perkins  
 Conrad Potrykus  
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 Peter & Ann Ziegler

**Any corrections or additions to membership, contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or [dledrowski@wi.rr.com](mailto:dledrowski@wi.rr.com).**

### \$50.00—\$99.00 Sponsor

Bill & Jackie Adams  
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 Jeffery Nowicki  
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### \$100 & Over Patron

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 John & Julie Mann  
 Don & Dottie Murphy  
 William Orchard  
 Sharon Royston  
 Russ & Jill Steinhart  
 (Eagle's Headquarters)

### Artifact Donations:

The following is a partial list of items donated. Thanks to the following donors:

Photos - Julie Mann  
 Sewing kit - Ann Trupke  
 Frame drawing of Masonic Lodge - Larry Wilkinson  
 Piano rolls - Phil and Dawn Zajichek

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Veterans Memorial Dedication—  
 Watch for more information in the April newsletter.

Pictured from Left to Right: EHS Board members Barb Jatzczak, Jeff Nowicki, Don Ledrowski and Julie Mann of Eagle Springs Yacht Club as Jeff graciously accepts a check from Julie.

*Photo was taken by Elaine Ledrowski.*



## Eagle Spring Lake - Present and Past—Part 2

Per Robert Buss's research: Need for a school became evident to educate 36 children; 1st thru 8th grade. At that time 36 children were eligible to attend a winter and/or summer session. The voters decided to build a school and voted to raise \$300 by taxing voters for building the school.

In October 1849, the voters had another meeting to determine where the school would be built. At that meeting, Benedict Bovee offered to give a deed in trust for ½ acre of land at the corner of Sprague and Hwy 99 (Now LO). His offer was accepted and they agreed to build the school in seven months.

Politics entered the scene because there were 2 factions known as the uphill and the downhill. The downhill lived in the eastern part of the district and wanted construction to be below the hill. The uphill wanted the school on top of the hill. Many citizens were concerned that with possible changes, Eagleville District #4 might be divided.

Mr. Andrew Scholfield rented a house for \$15/year so the children could attend in the interval.

At the annual school board meeting on September 30, 1869, the voters voted to build a school house on the land donated by Mr. Bovee to be completed within one year. The school was to be 24x30 feet and 12 feet high. The school was built, but only remained on Bovee's corner for 10 years. At the same meeting, they voted to raise \$125 for moving and purchasing another site below the hill. The school was moved in autumn of 1869 to its current location.

In the early days and certainly currently, people residing on Eagle Spring Lake came from all over, i.e., Chicago (summer people); permanent residents worked locally but also in Waukesha and Milwaukee.



This picture (on left) looking North-Northwest from the current Zajdel property across Kroll's Bay shows Dadman, Runkel, and A.O. Smith residences (left to right).

Per Gayle McGuire:

Approximately in the early

1900's Emil Koehler (originally from Chicago) would travel up to Eagle Spring Lake and stay in a small cabin that was on South Shore Drive. He loved the area so much that he decided to build the first actual house on South Shore Drive. Robert Thorsen (Emil's grandson who is now deceased) spent every summer at his grandfather's place on the lake and eventually inherited the house. In 1978, Robert purchased the property to the west and tore that house down so that he could add onto his existing home. The home remains in the family to this day with his wife Gladys still living there.

At least six generations of Kohler/Thorsen have resided on Eagle Spring Lake including Robert's daughter Gayle McGuire (nee Thorsen) and her husband (Patrick) living in Clark's Park.

Per Gina Krause's research: Albert Charles Clark (elected in 1917 as Illinois State Senator) from Chicago, Illinois, purchased approximately 34 acres from the Mayhew's in 1912 in the amount of \$4,000.00. In 1924, Mr. Clark subdivided the property into lots (approximately 100 lots) forming Clark's Park Subdivision. In the plat of dividing the land into lots there were areas that were left undeveloped and are known as "Valley Park", "Lake Park", "Forest Park", "Brook Park", "Cannon Park", "Play Ground Park", "West Park" and "Park" or "Parkway" and a considerable portion of the northern shoreline of Eagle Spring Lake. This allowed for some of the land to be developed, and reserve certain area to be left undisturbed. By 1927, some lots were sold and the remaining land was sold to G. J. Dreyer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for \$7,000. In 1928, Mr. Dreyer took all the lots in Clark's Park (except for the 12 lots already sold) and made the subdivision into a non-stock corporation (Clark's Park Homes Association, Inc.), whereby anyone who purchased his property would become a member. There were certain restrictions that any future homeowner would need to abide by, but allowed for all the common land (parks and lakeshore) to be protected from development and to be enjoyed by those members of the Association (land owners). The 12 lots purchased that were left out of the Association, are now part of Association. All the common land areas still remain today with 62 homeowners living and sharing the land together. It has been rumored that many years ago a portion of Clark's Park (section off CTH E) was won in a poker game. If that is true, we may never know.



Emil Kohler





Marion Schillo (nee Travers) also remembers Clark's Park (photo on left) as the place her father (George Travers) played baseball at in the early 1900's, as is the team name Clark Park. George also attended Eagleville School in the late 1800's (photo on right). Per Marion Schillo: An Abstract of Title, ordered by Mr. George Travers in 1942, shows 80 acres of land, which included the land on which



Travers Island is situated, has as the first entry, Amos Sawyer, March, 1855. In 1924 or thereabouts, George Travers bought two acres of the 11 acres of land on the Big Island, now known as Travers Island, in Eagle Spring Lake. He wanted a place to go duck hunting. He bought two big corn cribs, the kind of structure that has a sloping roof. He put these together as the basic structure of a cottage. He sold that cottage in 1926 to Ed and Fanny Bruhy. He retained a strip of land 100 ft. wide extending from the front to the back of the island and built another cottage, a two-story one, on that land. He and his family lived in that house every summer and weekends in the fall and spring until August, 1968. He had to sell it as he could no longer take care of it by himself and there was no family living nearby to help. His wife, Marie Travers, wrote the news of the sale to her daughter in this way, "These are the words I hate to put on paper, the cottage has been sold."

A man from Milwaukee bought the cottage that year. Several years later it was sold to two brothers, the Bolands, and in 1993 it was sold to Bob and Mary Buss.

In 1932 a boys' camp had been built on the remaining nine acres of the island. This consisted of a headquarters building, a big building with a stage at one end, also used as a dining hall, and eight or ten cabins on the spine of the island.

The builders of the camp had a steam engine on the island. Mr. Travers hired them to cut down the hill behind his house so he would have a nice flat back yard.

It was soon found out that the camp people were "squatters," they did not own the land. So somehow they were forced to leave. All the buildings were left behind.

Mr. Travers tried many times to buy the nine acres and was finally able to do so in 1942, after the owner, Mr. Bernard H. Helming, Jr. died in 1939.

He then tore down some of the cabins and sold the lumber. Two of the cabins were bought by a person on the mainland. They were taken across the lake on the ice and made into a home on Highway E, between Highway LO and South Shore Drive. They were joined together to make one house. It is grey and has two peaked roofs in front.

He sold the headquarters building to good friends, Bob and Gertrude Kierstead. They made it into an attractive cottage and lived there until 1974. It was then sold to the Mike Wiza family.

A point of land next to the Kierstead property was sold to the Neiderer family. They were renting a home on the mainland, had two sons and a speedboat, and no place to launch it. So now they could use that small part of the island. This property was later sold to the Powers family who has a home on the mainland.

One point of land on the island was next to the island owned by Carl and Katie Koeffler. They bought that piece sometime in the 1960's or '70's.

One small piece of land on the very top hill of the island was sold to a family. They built a very small cottage there. One or more of them passed away soon after and the place was sold to a family in Mukwonago.

In the year 1950 Mr. Travers gave a 100 ft. lot on the front of the island to his daughter, Joan, and her husband, Jack Nelson. Jack and his friends built the foundation for a one-room cabin and brought over the parts of a pre-fab house balanced on an aluminum boat.

About five years later that house was sold to Attilio and Mae Giuli, also good friends of the Travers. Next it was sold to a relative of Kermit Bruhy. In 1976 it was bought by Jim and Ginny Vanvlaenderen.

In 1958 Mr. Travers gave another 100 ft. lot to his second daughter and her husband, Frank and Marion Schillo. They built a cottage there in 2004. When Marie Travers passed away in 1973 they had inherited all the rest of the island, so they own a total of about three and a-half acres. The property remains in the family with his daughter Marion and her husband Frank still enjoying the lake view from the island.

## OBITUARY

### **RICHARD W. BAKER**

*Nov. 18, 1932 – Oct. 19, 2014*



Richard W. Baker, 81, of Reedsburg died Sunday morning, Oct. 19, 2014, in his home.

He was born Nov. 18, 1932, in Waukesha, the son of Ralph and Vivian (West) Baker. Dick attended Baker School and East Troy High School.

He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. June 7, 1959, he married Annette P. Alderman. Dick served for 37 ½ years with the Army National Guard, retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He then worked as the Washington County Veterans Service Officer for five years. Dick also served with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs from 2000 until his declining health forced him into his final retirement.

He was an active member of the Reedsburg American Legion and the Reedsburg V.F.W., the Wisconsin Southwest Cornish Society, Cornish Society of the Greater Milwaukee Area, Reedsburg Historical Society, Sauk County Writers Club and the Shamrock Club of Sauk County. Dick enjoyed genealogy, Cornish studies, traveling, writing poetry, working as a tour guide with Pendarvis in Mineral Point, “fishing” and spending time with his family.



Survivors include his wife, Annette; children, Valerie LeMoine and her fiancé Dan Gray of Reedsburg, Timothy (Tina) Baker of Poynette, Tammy (Dennis) Ott of Hill Point, Wade (Gina) Baker of York, South Carolina, and Heather (Tony) Weise of Theresa; grandchildren, Adreanne Bailey (Jim Curtsinger), Nate LeMoine (Cassie), Megan LeMoine (Troy Allen), Asa Ziech, Ashley Ziech, Josie LeMoine (Cody McDonald), Bob Baker (Megan Thurman), Dan Baker, Sonja Kruschke (Rick), Heath Pickel (Chrissy), Brandon Silvers (Jessie Jenness), Chantel Brantley (Jesse Mitchell), Justin Pickel (Bethany Kirk), Wyatt Baker and Logan Baker; 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Doris Kienast of Hartford; brother-in-law, Dick (Melva) Alderman of Troy Center; nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandson, Hallie LeMoine; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn and Hayden Pickel; son-in-law, Curt LeMoine; brother, Don Baker; and brothers-in-law, Jim Kienast and Rod Alderman.

Memorial services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the United Methodist Church, 833 3rd St., Reedsburg, with Pastor Marvin Singh officiating. Military rites followed the service. Interment took place at Little Prairie Cemetery in Walworth County at a later date. There was a visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Wisconsin Honor Flight were appreciated. The Hoof Funeral Home served the family.

## OBITUARY

### Ann E. Krestan

*Nov. 5, 1946 – Dec. 11, 2014*

Ann E. Krestan (nee Wambold) went to her heavenly home to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 11, 2014, at the age of 68 years. Ann's parents, Harvey and Aileen (nee Middleton) Wambold, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Bill; daughter Vicki (Greg) Weston; sons Bill Jr. (Claudette) and Steve (Jodi); along with grandchildren and step-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Diana (Wayne) Germain and Luci (Bob) Krukar; sister-in-law Diana Ruth Zolkowski; very special cousin, Lonna; along with many other relatives and friends.

Ann was born in Eagle and lived there for over 57 years. After graduating from high school, Ann married Bill Krestan. They acquired Krestan's Grocery Store, in Eagle, from Bill's parents in the 1970s and ran the family business for over 30 years. The last 15 years of Ann's life were dedicated to trusting in Christ alone and glorifying God. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



A visitation was held on Sunday, December 14, at the Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home, 930 Main Street (Highway ES), Mukwonago, from 2 p.m. until the time of services at 5 p.m. A private family burial took place at Melendy's Prairie Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family or to the Lakewood Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 108289, Delafield, WI 53018, were greatly appreciated. Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral and Cremation Services in Mukwonago served the family. For more information, call 262-363-7126 or visit online at [www.schmidtandbartelt.com](http://www.schmidtandbartelt.com).

### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

The primary at Eagle was a quiet affair. All were friendly as they should be and all voters made known their choice of candidates, the result of which shows that Phillipp and LaFollette had the largest following for governor and United States senator, D. W. Roberts for sheriff on the Republican ticket and Ben Enders on the Democratic ticket were successful. An analysis of the vote shows the usual game of crossing over party lines to select candidates.

*Friday, September 8, 1916*

#### MOVIES

Sunday Evening, July 16, 8:30 P. M.

Five-Reel Play

"THE LONG CHANCE"

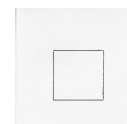
Featuring Frank Keenen

Admission 10 and 15 Cents

The authorities here owe the public duties among which is the protection of life. For some time we have insisted that protection against unnecessary fast driving be given to the traveling public in the village. The authorities, however, are deaf to such appeals. First we have the so-called lumber yard corner right in the heart of the village with buildings to obstruct the view. Then we have Jericho Street which extends two miles east, a fine grade road. Here automobiles like to speed, and the chauffeur keeps right on speeding regardless of results. Thus far no one has been hurt, but one accident is sufficient. We hope we will never be called upon to record it, but should it come we should regret very much if we were under oath to protect the lives of our people. *Thursday, July 14, 1916*



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Thank you to Kaycee Meracle of Blooms in Bloom for her donation of the wreath and flowers placed on the Veterans Memorial in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. We greatly appreciate your support. *Photo was taken by Elaine Ledrowski.*