

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Please like and share to add more friends.

Please check your newsletter label for the year “2018” to see whether you have renewed your membership and contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or don@ledrowski.com with any questions. Thank you. Most of our members live in Wisconsin, but we have many others living in other states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Washington).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

John Amato Ford
 Marlys & Dexter Badinger
 Cindy & Jim Berg
 Viola Berg
 Jerry & Trish Burstein
 Cheryl Chapman
 Ryan Dulde, DDS
 Roy & Ellen Gregg
 James & Michele Grotjan
 Doris Kienast
 Carl Magnan
 Mary Ann Marquardt
 Dorothy Moore Fisher
 Edith Niederer
 Stephanie Schroeder
 Donald V. Sierpinski
 Mary Sievers
 Todd R. Wage
 Cynthia Zawada

ARTIFACT DONATIONS:

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

Jerome Anderson—Postcard
 Carol Calkins—Two Postcards
 Sally McKenzie—Photo
 Mark Lake—Railway Information (Three Books & Two Scrapbooks)
 Kathy Piala—Movies, Photos, and Assorted Items

EHS Board

President

Jeff Nowicki, 2018

Vice-President

Eloise Hall, 2019

Secretary

Ryan Hajewski, 2018

Treasurer

Pat Hawes, 2019

Financial Officer

Donald Ledrowski

Board Members

2018

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Peter Jones

Don Ledrowski

Richard Moeller

Carolyn Rosprim

2019

Brian Breber

Jessie Chamberlain

Ryan Hajewski

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Art Peavy

2020

JoAnn Gilbert

Diana Hall

Eloise Hall

Gina Neist

Mike Rice

Curator

Elaine Ledrowski

594-3301

Newsletter Editors

Art & Carrie Peavy

594-5454

Webmaster

Mike Rice

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Elaine Ledrowski

EHS Museum

262-594-8961

OPEN

Fridays and Saturdays,

9 am to noon

Wednesdays, 3-6 pm

Website:

eaglehistoricalsociety.org

Facebook: Like us at

Eagle Historical Society

Senior \$8.00

Baker, Annette	Howard, Ty	Schroeder, Pat
Betts, LaVern	Hunt, Susan	Semanko, Gay
Bryce, JoAnne	Johnson, James	Steinhoff, Jean
Dahms, Mae Ruth	Johnson, Roger	Steinke, James & Phyllis
Denio, Theresa	Jones, Marie	Steinke, June
Eggleston, Beatrice	Marquardt, Mary Ann	Weimer, Betty
Frame, Rosanne (Carter)	Sasso, Rosann	
Gilbert, JoAnn	Schmielau, Arlene	

Individual \$10.00

Allen County Library	Hanson, Sandra	Orchard, William
Ballman, Chris	Kettner, Werner & Lore	Pape, Florence
Bovee, Scott	Kienast, Dorothy	Riley, Patty
Bowey, Jean	Kinsonian, Amy	Rolfe, Ruth Anne
Chapman, Kathleen	Krestan, William	Schroeder, Stephanie
Chapman, Robert	Loerke, Peter & Cathy	Stephan, Ed & Lisa
Chase, Alli	Magnan, Carl	Trupke, Anne
Fisher, Dorothy (Moore)	Matters, Karen	Walbrandt, Mary Jo
Gier, Fred	Moots, Peggy	

Family \$15.00

Badinger, Marlys & Dexter	Kennedy, Michael & Karen	Olson, Ken, Mal & Jeff
Beitz, Nick & Betty	Kornmeyer, Doug & Natalie	Reilly, John & Kay
Berg, Jim & Cindy	Krestan, William, Jr. & Claudette	Riddle, Richard & Jane
Breber, Lucy & Brian	Kruse, Donald	Sasso, Shari, Family
Burstein, Jerry & Trish	Laine, Bruce & Gigi	Scheff, Greg & Sue
Curran, Robert & Joyce	Ledrowski, Alan & Parris, Scarlet	Shamsi, David & Crystal
Dexter, Mark & Julie	Ledrowski, David & Julie	Sherman, Tom & Bonnie
Dulde, Ryan-Eagle Dental LLC	Madsen, Bill & Lee Ann	Sievers, Mary
Erickson, Gordon & Karen	Matters, Shirley	Sorensen, Tom & Terri
Feltes, John & Pamela	McCormack, John, Tammy	Steinhoff, Steve & Linda
Greenberg, Lee & Lynn	Luke & Cole	Steinke, Bob & Cindy
Grotjan, James & Michele	McCue, Robert & Janet	Steinke, Jesse
Harthun, Rick & Sally	Miller, Robert & Charlotte	Thayer, Richard & Kathy
Hawes, Pat & Rob	Murk, Martin & Vera	Walters, Bob & Pat
Jones, Richard & Gretchen	Neist, Jim & Gina	Winzenreid, Ellie & Bob
Jung, Anne Marie & Mark	Niederer, Edith	Zawada, Cynthia

If you have any corrections or additions to membership, please contact Don Ledrowski at **262-594-3301** or **don@ledrowski.com**.

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Sustaining \$25.00

Adams, Bill & Jackie	Hall, Phil & Barbara	Sadler, Michael & Ann
Adducci & Lewis	Heare, Vernetta	Sievers, Toulia & Kim
Anderson, Bob & Mary	Moeller, Richard & Nada	Sillman, Jim & Diane
Angers, Timothy & Debra	Payne, Gary & Nancy	Spurrell, Beverly
Baker, Edward	Peavy, Art & Carrie	Thiele, Bill & Jean
Baker, Vickie	Perkins, Jerry & Kay	Tritz, Carol
Calkins, Carol	Potrykus, Conrad	Viola Berg
Chamberlain, Arn & Jessica	Rice, Mike & Joanne	Zell, Bill & Judi
Chapman, Cheryl	Rosprim, Gerald & Carolyn	
Enright, Darla & Don	Rudy, Brian & Elaine	

Sponsor \$50.00

Amato Ford, John	Cole, Roger & Valerie	Mecca, Mat & Ellen
Beitz, Mike & Mary	Day, Rosanne	Murphy, Donald & Dottie
Chapman, Russ & Pat	Fredenberg, Gert	Nowicki, Jeffery
Citizens Bank Mukwonago	Grotjan, Jan	Pasterski, James
Clark, Dorothy	Ledrowski, Don & Elaine	Wilkinson, Larry & Diane

Patron \$100.00

Fisher, Paul & Sandra	Mann, John & Julie
Fronsee, Jim & Michelle	Moffatt, Bruce & Patricia
Gregg, Roy & Ellen	Priatko, Greg & Jackie
Heckel Tool & Mfg. Corp.	Sierpinski, Donald
Hegwood, Bob & Barb	Wage, Todd R.
Jones, Peter	West, Dan & Debra

Benefactor \$200-\$499

Day, Tom	Hall, Eloise & Diana
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Corporate \$500

Piala, James & Catherine

Honorary Members

Alice Bongard	Eileen Juedes	Bernice Sadenwasser	Harold Hinkley
Bea Delaney	Elmer Kilian	Dorothy Kau	Merle Kelsey

We had the following monetary donations: Vernetta Heare \$500 and Edith Niederer \$100.

 * Winners of a complimentary *Eagle Remembers; Our Memories March On* book in the
 * Early Bird Renewal Drawing are:
 * **Susan E. Hunt Don & Dottie Murphy Stephanie Schroeder**
 * **Congratulations!!!**

UPCOMING EHS EVENTS

March 13	History of Eagle Historical Society @ Alice Baker Library
April 3	Bake Sale during Election @ Eagle Municipal Building
May 19	Plant Swap on EHS Patio (10 am—2 pm)
June 2	Program Honoring Vietnam Era Veterans
June 24	Kettle Moraine Days Parade in downtown Eagle (EHS Float)
July 8	Ice Cream Social/PE Band Concert in Eagle Village Park
August 22	Member Appreciation Reception on EHS Patio
October 27	Return of the Pirates @ EHS Museum
November 6	Bake Sale during Election @ Eagle Municipal Building

A LOVING TRIBUTE

My Aunt Bea Marquardt recently passed away. I knew that her house had sold. One day when I was driving by, I saw they had trimmed the bottom of the huge evergreen tree in the front of her house. I called the new owner asking him if the whole tree would be taken down, and he said yes. I told him what I wanted to do. On a rainy Tuesday, October 24, he called me back and said they were cutting the tree down as we spoke. I drove down to collect as many boughs as I could. You see, my aunt was avidly involved with the Eagle Historical Society. I am a member of the Summerdel Garden Club, and we decorate the Hawks Inn in Delafield for Christmas every year. I thought it would be a tribute to her to use the boughs from her house for Christmas at a state historical site. I know her first Christmas in heaven she will be looking down and smiling that her tree boughs are being put to a wonderful use in a historical site that would be close to her heart.

Sharon (Weimer) Bashaw



PUMPKIN PARTY



Pesky pirates were sited up and down Main Street—even at the Firehouse—on October 28! Despite some chilly weather, a good time was had by all at the museum during Eagle’s Annual Pumpkin Party. If you missed the fun, keep your eyes peeled for a return of the pirates next fall.

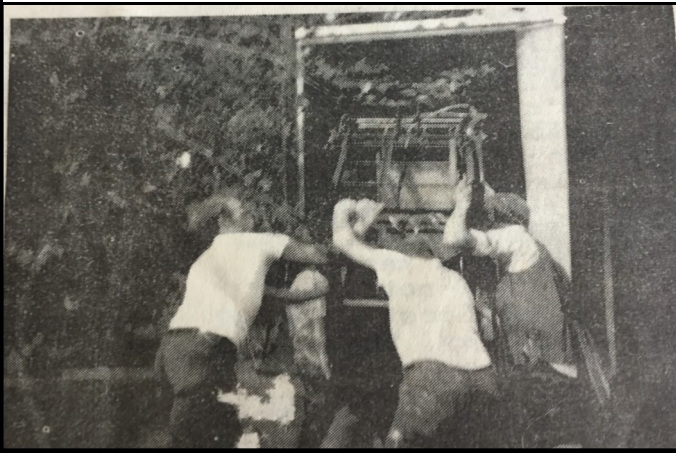


Buccaneer Art Peavy dueling with challengers. Both photos from Pumpkin Party were taken by Carolyn Rosprim.

Did you know that Eagle once had another local newspaper besides the *Eagle Quill*? A recent museum visit from Eagle Spring Lake native John Nygren sparked to life another story that begged to be told. In the early 1970s John edited, published and distributed the *Eagle Town Crier*. His very first issue held a promise from him to do his utmost to keep readers informed of events in their growing community. A closer look reveals enormous effort being put into accomplishing that goal.

John wore many hats during his early years which helped to equip him for this task. He became a jet aircraft mechanic in the USAF. After serving in Vietnam, he sold advertising for the *Union Grove Sun* to large furniture stores, car dealerships, banks and grocery stores in Racine, Kenosha, Paddock Lake, Union Grove and Sturtevant. This work built up a weekly circulation of 15,000 for the paper.

The October 16, 1970 edition of the *Eagle Town Crier* announced the arrival of a new Davison 33 over and under press purchased in Shawano, WI, which Russell Beaver and Tim Boyden helped unload and install.



Above photo: Unloading of the new Davison 33 press.

John encouraged readers to patronize the many vendors who had supported this venture since the advertisers would be helping to pay for the press and allowing for the free distribution of the newspaper. You could purchase Red Wing Pecos boots from Hill's Department Store, "save a wee bit more on 'most everything you buy'" at Krestan's A.G. Store, and for

\$1.75 enjoy "1/2 half hen or rooster with trimmings" at Sasso's. Frohne Electric, Ty's Tap, Ludwig TV, Eagle Sport Center, Kroll's Resort & Grocery, Diamond Drive-Inn, Brittingham & Hixon Lumber Co., Loftus Chiropractic, and Mealy's Furniture and Funeral Service also placed ads, to name just a few.

Mike Sasso of Sasso's is seen below after he spent three months collecting parts and converting his 1960 VW into a Dune Buggy with a flecked purple body and an off-white top.



Above photo: July 24, 1970 Edition

John proudly explained how this press could print on two different heads on both sides of the paper at the same time. After typing all of his information, he would lay it out and use metal plates like those the big dailies used. He printed 1000 copies of each biweekly edition and folded them himself. They were placed in gas stations, grocery stores and restaurants in Eagle, Mukwonago, East Troy, Troy Center, Palmyra, North Prairie, and Dousman.

Residents from Eagle and its surrounding communities would generally call John at his home with announcements of wedding engagements, anniversaries, graduations, senior citizen meetings, and benefit dances held at the American Legion. Horseshoe League, Little League, and Kettle Moraine Dartball scores as well as highlights from the Eagle Youth Center, Eagleville Homemakers, Bluebirds, PTO, and Scouts were also regularly posted.

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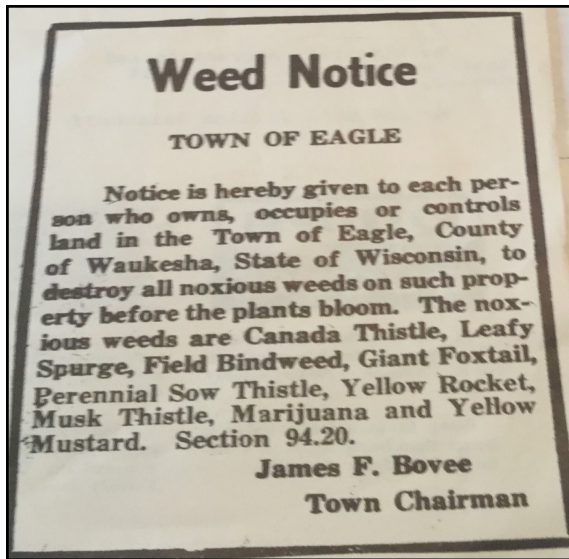
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The classifieds offered sales of anything from pedigreed toy poodles, fresh eggs, vegetables, berries, rhubarb, worms, nightcrawlers, Wally Pipp's cement lawn figures, or a 1963 Valiant Hard Top and more. Services such as watch or clock repair were advertised along with contact information from seekers of farm work, odd jobs, babysitting and ironing.

You could work a crossword puzzle or read witty quips and quotes. Readers shared recipes, thanks for cards and gifts after a bout with illness, expressions of sympathy after losses, as well as helpful household tips such as buttoning cuffs to the fronts of shirts to keep sleeves from tangling with other wash in your washer.

Editorials included problems such as the placement of buoys on Touhy's Bay or challenges residents faced with the DNR during a time of great transition for Eagle and nearby areas. John kept encouraging citizens to go to civic meetings to stay informed of new proposals.

John also picked up tidbits from town and school board meetings:



Above: May 21, 1971 edition

When John moved to Arizona, his mother, Vivian, took over the task of the *Crier* for a short time. From 1986 to 2008 John published the 52-page, full-color *Near North Visitors Guide* and built up a monthly circulation of 18,000 throughout the State of Wisconsin.

EAGLE QUILL Nov. 30, 1906

The village of Eagle needs a fire department and we are going to tell the property owners of it. Inasmuch as we need a department, when shall we act upon the question? Shall we wait until the village is burned or shall we drag the question into politics and give some one a chance to ride into office on the issue? Are there any who are opposed to a fire department? If so, write your views on white paper and get them published in the Eagle Quill. Do you want anything fairer than that? If you do not care which way it goes, then stand by the majority. From a selfish standpoint a political office is a very small matter. It is not worth the time of an active, energetic citizen. But from a patriotic standpoint an office looks like a mountain to us. It would look still larger if the citizens would do unto officers as they wish officers to do unto them. It makes no difference what your politics are or who is in office, so long as the man in office is honest and does what is for the interests of the people. In supporting a move for a fire department we do so from a humane standpoint. Who in this village would be willing to allow himself or a member of a family to loose a life in a fire, for the privilege of carrying two silver dollars in his pockets instead of one silver dollar. It is no uncommon occurrence to learn of lives lost by fire even in cities where there are the best of departments. And again, fire insurance is only a part of the property value and the remainder is lost. Assuming that your home is worth \$1500.00 and you have \$800.00 insurance on it, did you ever think that the other \$700.00 of your hard earnings are exposed to every other risk within distance. No matter how careful you may be that cuts a figure only in favor of your neighbors. You are not dangerous to them but they may be dangerous to you. Think it over, neighbors. If you agree with us, all well and good; if not we will greet you just the same in the morning.

Our annual Veterans Recognition Program will be held on **Saturday, June 2, 2018** **at 1:00 pm.** As in the past, we will acknowledge all veterans who served in the military, but our primary focus this year is on veterans who served during the Vietnam era (1960–1975) and will be sending special invitations to this group.

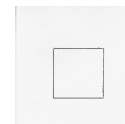
I NEED YOUR HELP TO IDENTIFY THESE VETERANS. PLEASE EMAIL ME AT: elaine@ledrowski.com OR CALL ME AT 262-594-8961.

I am very pleased to announce that we will also have the traveling exhibit, Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name, on display at the museum. It features a photo of the 1,161 Wisconsinites officially listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, plus additional photos for names listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI.



Photo above taken by Elaine Ledrowski. Traveling Exhibit and EHS member, Anne Jung.

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CELEBRATING HER-STORY; THE WOMEN OF EAGLE

Please join the Eagle Historical Society in celebrating Women's History Month **at the Alice Baker Library on Tuesday, March 13 from 6-7 pm** for a program entitled "Celebrating Her-Story; the Women of Eagle."

Come and "meet" some of the influential women who walked the streets of Eagle in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. **Mrs. Woods** (Elaine Ledrowski) will tell the story of finding and then losing the Eagle Diamond. Listen to **Mary White Churchill** (Mary Anderson) as she reads from her diary and explains the routines and rigors of being a housewife in the village in the late 1800s. **Katherine Whettam** (Gina Neist) will open the doors to her boarding house and share tales of her guests and her responsibilities to the citizens of Eagle. **Liza Meredith** (Ann Selkie) has stories from her classrooms in Jericho and Eagleville and from the village hospital. Finally, meet **Alice Baker** (Maria Hinnens) herself, the writer and civic pioneer for whom the library is named.

All are welcome, but a special invitation is extended to former members of the Homemakers' Club, the Night Owls, and the Priscilla Club. We'd love to hear your stories of how women supported one another "in the olden days!"