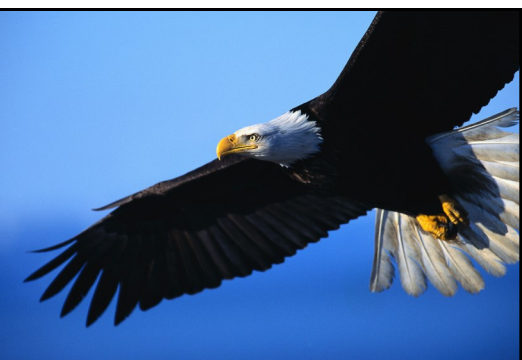


# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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**RETURN OF THE PIRATES**

SAT., OCT. 27  
 12—3:30 PM

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**Family \$15.00**  
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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Sustaining \$25**  
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**DONATIONS**  
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 i/m/o William (Bill) Krestan

**2021**  
 Pat Hawes  
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**ARTIFACT DONATIONS:**

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

Vernette Heare—Newspapers, Photos, & Other Items  
 Joan Hever—Man's 1920s Swim Suit  
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 Jan Ross—Collection of Letters written by Don Ross  
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**UPCOMING EHS EVENTS**

Oct. 27 **Pumpkin Party--Return of the Pirates @ EHS Museum**  
 Nov. 6 **Bake Sale during Election @ Eagle Municipal Building**



Concrete birdbath donated in loving memory of Ann Trupke by her family. Photo taken by Elaine Ledrowski.



Stop in and check out our recently renovated telephone switchboard. Thank you, Jim Neist! Photo taken by Elaine Ledrowski.

Start your Christmas shopping early. Why not honor a loved one and purchase a memorial brick to be placed in the EHS Veterans Memorial Walkway?  
Contact Don Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or don@ledrowski.com for more information.



Above photo taken by S.J. Swarts in May, 1943, of Eagle State Graded School's Sophomore Class of 1943. Evan Piper, Fred Lake, Jeanne Rockteacher, Fred Gale, Milo Stubbs, Prof. Crawley, Helen Raduechel, Carole Bowey, Elmer Fleischmann, Ray Adler, Kenneth Skidmire, John Sinks, Marie Sprague, Lorraine ?, Margie Arndt, Mary Lou Williams, Helen Breidenbach, Anne Chapman, Patty Smart, Eleanor Pollard, Betty Juedes

NUMEROUS ALLIED COUNTRIES, including the United States (left) and Portugal, issued bronze Victory medals to celebrate the end of the Great War. Each country rendered its own version of the winged allegorical figure on the obverse.  
Not Actual Size



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Mudd, Douglas *The Numismatist*, p. 73 Money Museum LM 5999

The year was 1918, and what a year it was! America found itself enmeshed in the Great War, a controversial World Series that almost wasn't played, and a pandemic likened to the bubonic plague which came to be commonly referred to as the "Spanish flu".

The assassinations of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian Empire, and his wife began a series of events which led up to the war. Kaiser Wilhelm had let his advisors read and interpret Serbia's reply to Austria's list of 15 demands of which Serbia had agreed to except one which they were willing to negotiate. He studied the response himself after Austria's military had already marched to the Serbian border. Wilhelm sent an urgent message to his foreign diplomat to stop the war, but Austria had already started shelling Serbia's troops. The conflict was thought to be a short one.

Most soldiers going into battle didn't have steel helmets to protect them from flying parts of metal in 1914. Horses and mules were used to transport supplies, and dogs and pigeons carried messages back and forth. Officials on both sides believed they could overcome any obstacle with sheer will.

The Christmas Truce of 1914 was an encouraging sign that maybe the war would not continue. Soldiers from both sides of the Western Front crawled out of their trenches on Christmas Eve singing Christmas carols together and exchanging gifts. Commanding officers put a stop to this fraternizing in fear that they would not obey orders.

Despite President Woodrow Wilson's persistent efforts to remain neutral

since the Great War began in August of 1914, the sinking of U.S. civilian ships and the Lusitania by German submarines forced him to seriously reconsider his options. After trying to relax by playing golf for a week, he locked himself in his study deep in thought. On April 2, 1917, Wilson requested a declaration of war from Congress, Americans would face the ravages of the First World War both here and abroad with the goal to make the world safe for democracy.



Worn by John Clark Chapman in WWI. *Photo by Art Peavy.*

Men from all walks of life found themselves packing up their old kit bags and bidding farewell to family in answer to their call to duty from Uncle Sam—happy, innocent, and confident that they would be home soon.

Some musical scores of this

era include: "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning", "There's a Long, Long Trail", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "A Long Way to Tipperary", "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?" and George M. Cohen's patriotic "Over There" for which he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

Some doughboys became famous for their roles in combat: Omar Bradley, Dwight D. Eisenhower, George S. Patton, George Marshall, Douglas M.

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MacCarther, “Hap” Arnold, Chester W. Nimitz, and General Billy Mitchel.

Little did they know of the frequent, heavy rains and other brutal conditions awaiting them overseas. They found themselves spending a lot of time waist-deep in muddy trenches leading to fungal infection and frostbite, later named “trench foot” often followed by loss of toes, gangrene, and amputation. Front-line soldiers were given special wading boots with instructions to limit standing in cold water to 8 hours at a time.

Shortages of drinking and wash water in trenches put them at risk for dysentery, typhus, fever and lice.

Airplanes and zeppelins armed with machine guns and bombs, armored tanks, portable mortars, and flame-throwers presented new challenges to fresh recruits.

“Mustard gas”, first used by the Germans in September of the previous year, required soldiers to wear gas masks like the one above to protect themselves. Shell shock and soldier’s heart became new disorders for doctors to address and treat.

The Carrel-Dakin method of deep wound irrigation was invented to treat the infection caused by gas gangrene and tetanus. Due to a shortage of surgeons, “lady-anesthetists” performed minor operations and gave anesthetics. Nurses and doctors often traveled in tented wards near the battlefields and were put into harm’s way while treating victims. Operations were performed in



WWI Gas mask donated by family of John Clark Chapman on display at EHS. Photo by Art Peavy.

less-than-sterile conditions on muddy floors, and lights needed to be turned out on evenings so as to avoid being hit during air raids. Many medics died from missile attacks as well as the “Spanish flu” after exposure to patients.

Researchers have come to believe that the deadliest strain of this flu or grippe began at Camp Funston, KS, and spread to Europe after troops were deployed there. This grippe affected whole families, communities, doctors and nurses who treated patients and unlike previously encountered colds attacked many in the prime of their lives who often did not recover. This baffled biochemists. Even healthy people remained locked in their homes for fear of infection. Immigrants tried home remedies. The Irish pinned on bags of camphor balls. Italians wore pouches of garlic. Finns ate herring. Germans swore by a shot of whiskey. Yet, no one was immune until ultimately they became immune if they survived. One could die within 12 hours of onset of symptoms. Quarantine signs were hung on doors. In Boston, September 29 was ruled a Gasless Sunday. Driving was banned except for the most urgent needs. Few social gatherings were held. Church services were canceled and schools closed. An estimated 700,000 died in the US and 50-100 million globally from this flu. These figures may be low due to patchy record keeping.

Eagle’s Aurel Baker served in the Red Cross in Kiev, Russia, and in American military hospitals in Vittel and Compiègne, France. Her diary includes a first-hand account of a Zeppelin alert at Le Havre. Allied medical staff also treated wounded German patients and

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struggled with a conflict of interest but adhered to the rules of the Geneva Convention to treat all patients with humanity. For a time the Red Cross redirected efforts to providing gauze masks more so than bandages to prevent the spread of the grippe.

Fifteen sheep grazed in the outfield of Comiskey Park in the Windy City on a blustery day on Sept. 4, the day the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs were scheduled to play Game One of the World Series. That game would be postponed due to sleet and later won by Boston when Babe Ruth pitched a shutout. A band would play The Star-Spangled banner during the 7th inning stretch, and this tradition would then continue throughout the Series. Attendance at sports events was low during the war perhaps honoring a government dictate to either work or fight. Money was tight, and even lowering prices didn't improve attendance greatly, although thousands showed up to see the first-ever Airmail service of the Post Office Department from New York to Chicago arrive at a downtown park. At one point the players threatened to strike due to low gate receipts. The Red Sox would go on to win the series, 4 games to 2 with neither team hitting a home run during the series.

Prior to and after America's entrance into the Great War many American Germans were investigated, and some were interred in camps. Banks were also investigated to see if they were helping Germany fund their war effort (i.e., Germania National Bank of Milwaukee later changed its name to National Bank of Commerce of Milwaukee.)

Postage stamps like those below were issued in Great Britain about 1917 by Dutch Artist Louis Raemaekers and printed by Winox LTD, Richmond, Surrey, England. Colors known include blue-gray, red-lilac, and brown with black vignettes.



The postage stamps seen above and information regarding them were kindly provided by Steven Neicko. German war crimes of "Sinking of the RMS Lusitania", the Execution of Nurse Edith Cavell", the "Killing of French and Belgian Civilians", and "Civilian Casualties by Zeppelin Bombing" raids against Great Britain.

The guns stopped firing when an armistice was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.



Brag belt worn by John Clark Chapman in WWI. Photo Taken by Art Peavy.

**Trupke, Ann M.***Dec. 31, 1927 - Aug. 4, 2018*

Ann M. Trupke, a longtime Waukesha resident passed away peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Seasons Hospice at age 90. She was born in Eagle, WI, on Dec. 31, 1927, the daughter of Harold and Ruby (nee Rockteacher) Chapman. She was a 1946 graduate of Mukwonago High School. Ann worked for a short time as a secretary for Northwestern Mutual before her marriage on Aug. 16, 1947, to Paul Trupke. Following their marriage, Ann devoted her life to being a wife and mother. Ann was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed playing in the bell choir. Along with her husband, they were members of the Spring City Square Dance Club where they enjoyed dancing and making many friends.

She will be sadly missed by her three loving children, Jane (Theodore) Frieder of Merton, Mary Beth Howick of Madison and Thomas (Wendy) Trupke of Genesee Depot, her beloved grandchildren, Caralyn (Josh) Kramer of Mequon, Andrew Frieder of Ajo, AZ, Virginia Howick of Cambridge, England, Allison (Will) Harder of Portland, OR and Paul Trupke of Waukesha and one precious great-granddaughter Eloise Kramer. She is further survived by her sisters-in-law Jean Hoffmann of Sun Prairie and Mary Nell Laurie of Bigelow, AR, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul G. Trupke in 2011, her son Paul "Fritz" Trupke, her sisters Patricia Poetsch and Evelyn Brenton and special aunt Dorothy Pagel.

The family extended a special thank you to Seasons Hospice for their kindness and care provided to Ann and their family in her final days.

Visitation was held on Tue., Aug. 14, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. until the 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. Reverend Dan Schwerin will preside. Memorials in Ann's name are appreciated to the Eagle Historical

**Latona, Frank J.***Sept. 17, 1934 - July 3, 2018*

Frank J. Latona, age 83, of Eagle, WI, passed away on July 3, 2018 at AngelsGrace Hospice.



Frank was born on Sept. 17, 1934, the son of the late Antonio and Liboria (Alberti) Latona. He served his country in the Army from 1958-1960 in Germany. Frank retired from Miller Brewery, belonged to the Palmyra Flying Club, and was an officer in the Miller Aviation Activity Club. Frank was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed by his wife of 61 years, Patricia of Eagle; son, Tony (Lisa) of Mukwonago; grandchildren, Ariel (Duane) Westcott, Daniel Kraft, and Michelle Latona; great-grandchildren, Kira, Kylee, and Gabriel; sister, Regina Reinecke; along with other relatives and many friends. Frank was preceded in death by brothers, Sal, Tony, and Nick; sister, Mary Spychala. Memorial Mass was held on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 11:00

a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 136 W. Waukesha Rd. Eagle, WI. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. on Friday until the time of Mass at the church. Luncheon followed at Brookwood Inn, W343S10206 Hwy. LO & E Mukwonago, WI. Online obituary, or to leave a condolence, please visit [www.Haaselockwoodfhs.com](http://www.Haaselockwoodfhs.com).

**Hegwood, Robert D.***Apr. 4, 1931 - Aug. 1, 2018*

Robert D. Hegwood, age 87 of Dousman, WI, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 at Three Pillars Skilled Nursing Facility in Dousman. Bob was born April 4, 1931 to Jimmie and Grace (Stevens) Hegwood of Perkins County, Nebraska. Bob married Barbara Jean Peregrine August 18, 1951 in Grant, Nebraska.

Bob was an entrepreneur, with many admirable qualities, which he taught his children by example. These qualities he learned early in life, growing up during the dust bowl on a Nebraskan homestead. What it takes to be successful, abundance of stick-to-itiveness, energy, thought, and work ethic- Bob never stopped striving for success. His most successful business adventure began late in his career. When some people are thinking of an early retirement, he was in the midst of creating a new family business, with the help of his wife Barb, sons Rob and Eric. The company became an industry leader, developing print-on-demand, and electronic distribution. Bob was a role model to his children and hundreds of employees. His family witnessed many of his personal successes and shared in some of them.

Bob and Barb retired in 2008 to the Town of Eagle. They spent many years of enjoyment creating new gardens and beautiful walking paths throughout their property. He shared his love of cooking and loved having his family around him.

Bob was loved and will be remembered by his wife of 67 years Barbara (Peregrine) Hegwood; brother Ron and (Lou) Hegwood of Imperial NE; Six children: Brent (Jackie) Hegwood of Eagle, Ron (Karen) Hegwood of Brookfield, Rob (Betsy) Hegwood of Brookfield, Eric (Diane) Hegwood of Nashotah, JoEllen Hegwood of Wauwatosa, and KayLynn Hegwood of Fitchburg. Bob was a cherished grandfather of seven: Chad (Molly) Hegwood, Chelsea (Brandon) Famularo, Kali Hegwood, Ryan (Heidi) Hegwood, Tyler Hegwood (fiancée Johanna Bekedam), Jonathan Hegwood, and Christopher Hegwood; great grandfather of six: Jackson, Charlie, Judd and Eddie Hegwood, and Joe and Ben Famularo. Bob will be missed and remembered by other family and friends.

Private family services were held, with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Eagle. In lieu of flowers, donations were made in the name of Robert D. Hegwood, for Prostate Cancer, American Cancer Society, Memorial Giving, cancer.org

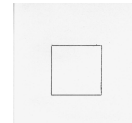
**Juedes, Eileen M. (Jones)** *Nov. 24, 1922—Aug. 9, 2018*

Eileen Juedes, age 95. Visitation was held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle, WI, on Fri., Aug. 24 from 10 am until funeral mass at 11 a.m. followed by committal at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery.

**Krestan, William P.***Jan. 1, 1942—Aug. 18, 2018*

William was born on January 1, 1942 and passed away on Saturday, August 18, 2018. William was a resident of Eagle, Wisconsin at the time of passing. Bill graduated from Mukwonago High School in 1960 and served in the armed forces in Vietnam from 1964-1965. Visitation at the Funeral Home (930 Main St., Mukwonago) on Sunday August 26, 2018 from 2:00PM until the time of Eulogy and Remembrance at 5:00PM. Burial will be private. Memorials can be directed to the Eagle Fire Department, Alice Baker Memorial Library, Eagle Historical Society, Linden Ridge Assisted Living, ProHealth Home Hospice or Angels Grace Hospice.

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**On this November 11, 2018, the 100th Anniversary of the End of The Great War, Eagle proudly and respectfully remembers the following citizens for their service:**

Ervin Adler	Ira Bulow	Leroy Lean	Max Onasch
William Adler	George Burton	Charles Lee	Chester Pratt
Andrew Ashton	Edward Carlin	Clarence Lidiker	George Ridgeman
Aurel Baker	John Clark Chapman	Edward Lidiker	George Sargeant
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Harold Brooks	Ernest Ihrig	James Moore	Richard Williams
John Buell	John Lane	William Moore	