# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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# We Are Still Looking



Unfortunately, this may be the second to the last newsletter by editor Jean Cisler. To date we have no volunteers to help with the newsletter. As stated previously, Jean Cisler will be resigning at the end of the year. She will help the new person to get started. Knowledge of Publisher software helpful but not necessary. We know you are out there, just waiting to get started. Contact Elaine Ledrowski at 594-3301 or Jean Cisler at 495-4637.



Welcome To NewMember

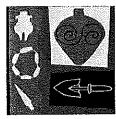
Jim Sillman

## Renewals

Senior Robert and Jan
McCue
Family Jim Sillman
Reine Wells, Dean
Herriges, Eagle
Centre House

## **Artifact Donations:**

Mark Dexter
Diana Hall
Sheila Hall,
Linda Hansen
Barb Jatczak
Adam Nierrenbergen
Jeff Nowicki
Janis Suhms



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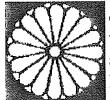
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museum/ library
594-8961
open
Fridays and Saturdays,
9 am to noon
Wednesdays, 3-6 pm
Website: eaglehistoricalsociety.org

# We Remember and Honor All Who have Served and Continue to Serve

A new exhibit of uniforms, military artifacts from our collection and also items on loan is now open. A series of prints featuring battles from past wars are on loan from Barbara and Robert Hegwood. Mark Dexter, an EHS board member, supplemented our collection by displaying some unique family items. Mark has a broad knowledge of military history and has been very helpful putting this exhibit together.

A WWI "hate Belt" that belonged to Clark Chapman is included in the display along with a WWII Japanese Rifle and sword donated by Ken Skidmore. They are unusual in that

they still have a chrysanthemum Japanese emperor and when a soling on all his things so the symbol donations from Ken are the photo Harrison kept extensive records of his shore leaves.



engraved on them. It is the symbol of the dier surrendered he would destroy the mark-would not fall into the enemy hands. Other albums that belonged to his brother Harrison. his deployment and included many photos of

Japanese imperial crest is a sixteen petal chrysanthemum.

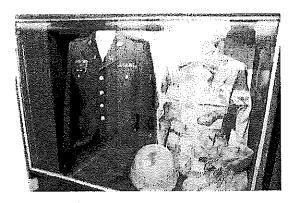
Adam Nierenberger, a neighbor and visitor to the museum was stationed in Iraq in 2006 -2007. He has loaned the museum a large colored print featuring the commander of his unit, scenes of their duties and the places they were deployed. We invite you to add names of family and friends who served in the military. They will be added to our WE REMEMBER Book.

During WWI and WWII large Rolls Of Honor listing all the people in the military who lived in Eagle at that time were on display in the village square so there are records of all who served. The EHS building is also a research library with extensive records of Eagle residents in the Civic War.

On page three you will find a blank Military Record. Please use this, fill it in for friends or family members who have served or are currently serving. Provide a corresponding photo if you have one. These forms will also be available at the Museum.







Photos by Carolyn Rosprim

Navy whites are from WWII and the blues are from the Spanish American war.

## MILITARY RECORD

# **PHOTO**

NAME	
CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE _	
INDUCTED	
DISCHARGE DATE	
BRANCH OF SERVICE	
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BASIC TRAINNG	
UNITS	
RANK AT DISCHARGE	
DEPLOYMENTS	
MEDALS, BADGES DECORATIONS CAMPAIGN RIBBONS	
ADDITIONAL INFO TRAINING SCHOOLING	

# The History of 'APRONS' I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few and because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons required less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

#### REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

The Govt. would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron -- but love...

## Fundraiser Ideas

Jean Cisler

The Church ladies knew what an apron was and used it to maximum effect for fundraising. An apron similar to the one shown was given to the ladies along with this little poem;

This little apron is sent to you And this is what we want you to do Measure your waist line, inch by inch And see that tape line doesn't pinch.

For each little inch that you measure around Place on penny in the pocket sound, And the money that you so freely pay Will be used for our piano in the wisest way.

There is no record of how much money the ladies were able to raise at a penny an inch, but

apparently it was sufficient. This means there were either a great number of women or they were great in size.



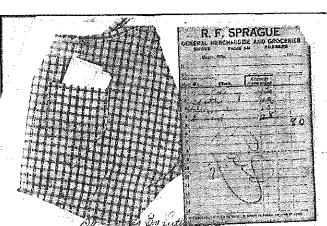
This fund raiser must have been significant because they later used the same plan only this time upping the ante and using stockings and this poem:

Tiny stockings should not be empty I'm sure you will agree, So won't you please just help to fill me With your pennies two or three.

# Thanks

The Eagle Historical Society would like to acknowledge and thank Mary Alice Rosprim, daughter-in-law of board member Carolyn Rosprim for her excellent design of the Eagle Society Museum, complete with the large Eagle in front, to be used on the information sign at the entrance to the village on Hwy NN, Hwy. 59., Hwy 67.

We are so grateful for all those who use their talents for the benefit of the museum. What's your talent? It can be a simple thing like cutting out news articles or pasting things in a scrapbook; perhaps you love photography, computers, exhibits. There is something for everyone. Come down and meet us some Wednesday afternoon or Friday or Saturday mornings. We're really nice people.



## I'M RETIRED.

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I realized that I couldn't really do much about them But I did come to some great conclusions; to whit:.

- 1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
- 2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks only water, and still is fat.
- 3. A rabbit runs and hops and eats greens and only lives, at most, 15 years.
- 4. A tortoise doesn't run or jump, yet some of them live for 450 years. And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so. I'm retired. Go around me.

## Here's some other things I've discovered:

- 1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- 2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
- 3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
- 4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- 5. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- 6. If all is not lost, where is it?
- 7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- 8. Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- 9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
- 10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- 11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- 12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- 13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- 14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- 15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?



## **OBITUARY**

## Alice J. Raduege

Feb. 22, 1925 - March 22, 2013

Alice J. Raduege, 88, of Genesee Depot, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013, at Aurora Summit Medical Center in Oconomowoc.

Alice was born Feb. 22, 1925, the daughter of Clark and Anna (Kohlhaas) Chapman. She married Warren Raduege on March 29, 1947, at the Little Prairie United Methodist Church. Alice retired from Generac, where she was a secretary for 27 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and celebrating the holidays.

She was the beloved wife of Warren A. Raduege of Genesee Depot; cherished mother of Pamela A. (Ken R.) Wiedmeyer of Delafield and Robert W. Raduege of Genesee Depot; dear sister of Dorothy (Robert) Stocks of Racine; and grandmother of Joshua P. Rasmussen of Pewaukee, Adam J. Rasmussen of Reno, Nev., Lisa M. Wiedmeyer of Waukesha and Jeff R. (Chiara) Wiedmeyer of New York City. Alice was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Clark and Anna Chapman, and brothers Gordon and Donald Chapman.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral service Wednesday, March 27, at Haase Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home (Mealy's Chapel), 103 W. Eagle St., Eagle, with the Rev. Lawrence Turner officiating. Burial followed at the Genesee Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Wales-Genesee Fire Department, 600 S. Wales Road, Wales, WI 53183, or the Eagle Historical Society, 217 Main St., Eagle, WI 53119.

## **OBITUARY**

## Carol M. Wilton

November 29,1937- April 10 2013

Carol went home to the Lord on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the age of 75. Loving wife of Richard Wilton for 53 years..

Beloved sister of Dennis
"Tony" (Lynette) Sokolowski, Kathleen
(Duanne) Reichart, and sister-in-law Hazel
(Terry) Conners, Donald (Paulette") Wilton,
and Ethel (Robert) Rewald, Dear aunt of
Christine, Debra, David, Donald, Debbie,
Steve, Terri, and Kristen, Carol is further survived by other relatives and friends.

Carol is best remembered for her giving, good hearted, generous spirit, for her great sense of humor and for her cooking skills.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 16 from 5 P.M. until the service at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7821 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis. Private interment was held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Eagle, WI.

Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church appreciated.

The family would like to thank the West Allis Fire Department paramedics for their compassion and hard work during this difficult time.



Carol M. Wilton



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Summer Concert—Palmyra-Eagle
Community Band July 7th
Eagle Park 2 p.m.

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# The Palmyra Eagle Community Band presents...

1 P.M. Ice cream social 2 P.M. Concert

Mark your calendars and bring your bag chairs on July 7th In the tradition of the great American Summer Pops Concerts.....

The Palmyra Eagle Community Band Proudly Presents Cakes, Cream and Cabarets, featuring the lovely voice of Kimberly Fadner. Kimbirdlee, her professional name, is an established professional talent that currently resides with her husband and children in San Francisco. She is known for her excellent vocal range: from opera to cabaret "pops", this talent is at home in any concert venue. We are delighted and excited to have her join us. All will delight in "Can't Help Lovin Dat Man O Mine", "Moon River" and the incomparable "I Dreamed a Dream" from LES MISERABLES and many other great "POPS" standards. Included will be a special treat: Kimbirdlee and her father Bob Miller (baritone player in the band) will repeat their great duet "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" from the P.E. Band's new CD "The 40's: A Sentimental Journey". Also featured will be the sounds of "The Kettle Moraine Blues" lead by our own Jim Niest. Come one, come all for what will be a delightful afternoon of "Cakes" (Ice) Cream and "Cabarets".

Every tune guaranteed "hummable"!

P.S. Did we mention that it was free?