

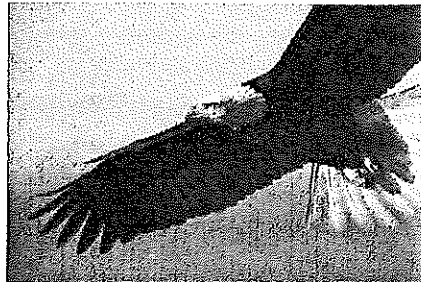
# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

October 2013

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Some interesting documents were donated recently including the abstract from 324 Elkhorn Road by Bill Thiele.

Among other items of interest in the document is the will of Thomas Pittman.

Harold (Red) Hinkley and Dorothy Fisher donated information on the Fred Wilford and the Moore family.

EHS museum includes a research library and all the documents are available to museum visitors.



### EHS Board

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### INTRODUCING

PHOTO ON PAGE 8



**Carrie and Art Peavy,**  
new co-editors of the newsletter.

Carrie and Art have lived in Eagle for 16 years, moving from the Bayview area of Milwaukee, with the hope of raising their two children in a community with a small-town feeling. Here they have spent quite a bit of time fishing, hiking, and generally enjoying the many outdoor activities Eagle has to offer. Their children are now attending area colleges.

Carrie has worked at Old World Wisconsin and Alice Baker Memorial Library in the past while Art has volunteered with FABLE book sales.

They look forward to this newest opportunity to learn and serve our community while meeting and making friends and are excited to get started.

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EHS  
museum/ library  
594-8961  
open  
Fridays and Saturdays,  
9 am to noon  
Wednesdays, 3-6 pm  
Website: eaglehistori-  
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## TREASURE IN THE GRAVEL

Jean Cisler

Former residents of Eagle , John and Mary Vy-Metal Taylor have completed their book, telling the accurate story of the Eagle diamond. Their story is well researched, having five pages of bibliography. Years of questions such as who really found the diamond and what happened to it after that, where did it lie dormant for 30 years, and how was it so easily stolen? What happened to the thieves? And where are they now? All of these questions are finally and accurately answered in *Treasure in the Gravel*.

John and Mary have since moved to Arlington, VA . and completed their book from there. The book, an interesting, informative read, is available at the Eagle Historical Society Museum for the price of \$9.95. Out-of-towners may order by adding \$2.00 postage and contacting Don Ledrowski at 594-3301 or by e-mail at [dledrowski@wi.rr.com](mailto:dledrowski@wi.rr.com). In addition to the Museum, the book has been donated to the Alice Baker Memorial Library in Eagle, the Palmyra Historical Society, the Powers Memorial Library in Palmyra and the East Troy Historical Society. A talk was given regarding the book by Elaine Ledrowski, curator of the Eagle Historical Society Museum, on Thursday, September 26 from 6-7 p.m. at the library in Eagle. Refreshments were served following the talk.



Library Director Allie Chase receives *Treasure in the Gravel* from Barbara Jatzczak of the Eagle Historical Society.

### Volunteer Reception

Wednesday, August 21 was a beautiful evening for old and new friends to gather on the museum patio to honor all the volunteers who contribute their time and talent to EHS. The bakers, gardeners, weekly museum workers and the newsletter crew enjoyed



food, wine and punch. About 50 people were in attendance and shared stories about Eagle and its history. A few brave souls gathered around the player piano in the museum and played along with a variety of percussion instruments. It was so successful we plan to make this an annual event.



Photos by Carolyn Rosprim-



### PUMPKIN PARTY



The sixth Annual Pumpkin Party hosted by the EBA will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 12:00 to 4:00. Many event will be held in the square including a carved pumpkin contest , carnival rides, face painting, a variety of food and Can the Casket with canned Food for the food pantry. Other events will be happening at the library, the Methodist Church, the Legion Hall and EHS. Pick up a wrist band for \$1.00 to join in all the events. Stroll through the Monster Mall at EHS for interactive activities. Stop at the perfume shop for samples of Dragon Breath or Vampire Vapors. Taste Dirt Cake and view lady and witches fingers at the Bake Shop.

# EAGLE LIGHTS UP THE SKY

Jean Cisler

The majestic eagle with wings spread is perched on the grounds of the Eagle Historical Society Museum, just near the entrance to the patio garden. As natural as it seems to be there, it was not always so. The story of the eagle goes back more than ten years. At that time it was a mascot of sorts for the NorWest Bank at 61st and National Ave. in West Allis. When the bank became the Wells Fargo Bank, they no longer needed the Eagle. They donated the fiberglass eagle to the city. Members of the commission and city leaders didn't know quite what to do with the rather massive eagle.



Photo by Carolyn Rosprim

West Allis Historical Society board member, Jerry Loeffler, suggested that the village of Eagle might be just the place for it. There remained the dilemma of how to get it there. With a wingspan of 12 feet and a weight of 400 pounds, it was not a easy task.

Diane and Tim Thuemling, member of Eagle Historical Society were eager to take advantage of this kind offer. They came with a 10 foot trailer. With the help of others, they pushed, pulled and twisted but were unable to fit the regal bird in the trailer.

Undaunted the Thuemlings returned with a larger trailer and were able to bring the Eagle to it's natural resting place in Eagle. Approval was obtained before the eagle arrived so everything was in order to place the eagle at its present site. The eagle was an impressive sight by day but come sun-down it was just a dark mass.

Enter the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 494 in Milwaukee, through their "Community Outreach Program." Installation was performed by volunteer members of IBEW 494 and the Eagle Historical Society, while Electrical Supplies were furnished by Lappin Electric of Waukesha at competitive prices.

Now the Eagle in front of the Historical Society Museum lights up the area in the manner befitting this regal bird..



Hate to be the one to say it but **Christmas is coming**—-. Need a suggestion for the family member or friend who has everything? Give them a gift certificate for a one year membership in EHS. For the nominal fee of \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for a family membership, you can give them a year of keeping up with museum activities, newsletter and more. Call Don for more information. 262-594-8961



## REMEMBERING 8 YEARS OF NEWSLETTERS:

*Jean Cisler*

The following excerpts are from the last eight years of newsletters. The entire story can be found in the newsletters at the museum or on our website, [Eaglehistoricalsociety.org](http://Eaglehistoricalsociety.org) where they are preserved in their entirety.

### **An Indian Tale from an early Eagleville family**

Jim and I were playing outside the cabin when we saw an Indian round the bend in the path. We ran for mother. She asked if the Indian had seen us, while she hurriedly pulled in the latch string and bolted the door. Then she snatched the bread and meat from the table, stuffed them under the feather bed and patted it smooth. She had barely gathered us in the corner out of sight of the one window when there was a loud knock on the door. We kept still and another harder knock and a gruff voice said, "Me know you there. Me saw papooses." So there was nothing to do but open the door

**From: Spring 2006 newsletter**

### **Is there a Doctor in the house?**

Dr. Townsend was born in Oconomowoc, but attended a medical college in Louisville, KY where he graduated in 1876. After a short practice he attended Chicago Medical College, now the Medical School of Northwestern University at Evanston, IL. After graduation he came to Eagle where he practiced until his untimely death in 1888. His death was caused in no small part because of his dedication to his patients. He himself was ill with influenza but was called to a case miles away in a winter when roads were blocked with snow and winds were blowing with blizzard intensity. When the horse couldn't get through the snow he trudged through for more than 3 miles. When he reached his patient the doctor was sicker than the patient. He lived on for several weeks but succumbed to pneumonia.

**From: Summer 2006**

### **140 Years of Community Service**

The first pioneers to arrive here in the mid 1830's and 1840's, shared three common traits; great determination, strength of character, and deep faith in God. Pioneering families with names like Hinkley, Thomas, Bigelow, Sherman, Wambold and Pittman, held church services in homes, school houses, and barns and were thrilled when a "circuit rider" preacher came to town. Lay preacher and pioneer John Hage and his wife arrived in Eagle in 1845, bought a farm to support his family, and preached in school houses in and around Eagle. He bought the abandoned school house which was located east of the Legion post and made it into a church. Run down and in need of major repairs, the congregation eventually needed a new building. In 1870, Thomas Pittman donated the land where the church is currently located and construction was finished in 1871.

**From: Fall 2011**

### **Clock Tower**

Some time after St. Therese's Church was built, the people wanted a town clock that would chime the hours. St. Therese's tower was the perfect place. The bell was made in St. Louis, MO. by the J.G. Stucksteder Bros. It has an 1869 date on it. Whether it was made that year or is a patent date is uncertain. The clock was installed on July 4th, 1908, at a cost of about \$650.00. This year marks the 100th anniversary of that clock, a fact worth noting. The people of Eagle donated money for this cause, as did some very unlikely donors. Contributors included Pabst, Gettleman, Miller, Jung, Blatz and the Weber

brewing companies. Other donors were Brittingham & Hixon, the lumber company still in Eagle, the John Graf and Supreme bottling companies, dance proceeds of Feb. 11th, 1908, the basket social of March 4th, 1908, the Eagle Maenner Choir, and the Eagle Dramatic Club.

**From : Winter 2008**

### **Bank Robbery in a Small Town**

Five armed men drove into the village of Eagle one peaceful fall evening in September of 1921 intent on robbing the bank. They must have thought that Eagle would be an easy target— a small town, fast asleep, with little security. They parked their getaway car on Hwy 67 at the Oak Ridge cemetery, and then just to be doubly careful, they cut the telephone wires. They didn't count on a very determined sixteen year old to foil their plans. Louise Breidenbach

**From : Spring 2009**

### **The Making of a Jail**

Early in 1915 the matter of a jail came up. It was decided to allot \$150.00 for the erection of a jail. A few meetings later it was decided to drop that plan and allow an amount not to exceed \$95.00.

In any case, the jail was eventually built. The minutes do not designate the actual location of the jail, but fortunately we have members with very good memories. Apparently, merging all memories we come up with a jail in the area near Hwy. 67 and on the west side of Partridge across from the Hen House.

The jail was made of concrete, roof and all. It was approximately 8-10 feet wide and 14-16 feet deep. There were two cells and two cots in each cell. Vagrants, hobos and drunks would use it when they needed a place to sleep.

**From Summer 2010**

### **Diary of an Ordinary Woman**

The following are excerpts from a diary of an ordinary woman, who in lived in the late 1800's. Her diary was found hidden away in the attic of the house owned by Mike and Ann Sadler who live on Main Street. Since the author never put her name in the book it took some detective work to track down the writer. She happened to mention it was her 8th wedding anniversary and when we checked weddings from Waukesha county on that date we found out who she was. Her name was Mary Churchil Colyer. In her later years after she had become a widow, she lived with her granddaughter Florence Pardee. Once the author was determined, we needed to have a good soul to transcribe the written page to the computer. We found that good soul in Barb Jatzak, who diligently deciphered a hundred year old document, so that we might get a glimpse of the life of a woman at that time.

Spelling has not been altered.

**Dec. 23rd, 1896** GRPa and I went to Wauk. Drew \$80.25; He paid his taxes \$39.50

Bought him an overcoat. Paid Emily all up for June 15.00

Bought 2 Rockers 6.00 ,Gave me .50c , Car fair 2.00, I picture.76c

**Jan3, 1897, Sunday** Raining hard all through. Caught cold, oflle nasty. Trees all budding out. To bad. Afraid will not have no fruit on this year. Maud still down with me. GaPa and I have a terrible cold. Geo. bumming as usual. Stormed all day. No one in. Maud could not go to church. Too bad. She was disappointed. No word from the children.

**From Spring 2012**

## Obituary

### **Dorothy M. Kramer (Juedes)**

*Nov. 25, 1921 – July 27, 2013*

Dorothy M. Kramer (Juedes), 91, of Eagle, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Waukesha Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Dorothy was born Nov. 25, 1921, the daughter of the late Arthur and Lillian Juedes. She married Harley Kramer on Sept. 26, 1942, at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Mrs. Kramer was retired from Palmyra/Eagle High School, where she had been a cook for several years. She was a longtime member of St. Theresa Catholic Church and a member of the choir.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Dennis (Betty) of Florida, Mary (Mike) Beitz of Eagle, Jeanne (Ken) Koopman of Eagle, and Peter (Tina) of Rome; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Kathy Kramer of Lyons; sisters, Betty Weimer and Bea Marquardt; brother, Ronald (Virginia) Juedes; and sisters-in-law, Eileen Juedes and Bernice Sadenwasser. Dorothy was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and dear friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Harley; son, James; granddaughter, Rachel; two great-grandsons; and her brother, Jerome Juedes. A Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 136 W. Waukesha Road, Eagle, with the Rev. Mick Savio officiating. Burial followed at the parish cemetery.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Homes and Crematory of Eagle assisted the family,

## Obituary

### **William R, "Bill" Weimer**

William "Bill" R. Weimer, 89, of Eagle, died Thursday, July 4, 2013 at Waukesha Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Bill was born March 13, 1924, the son of the late William and Wilhelmina (Ross) Weimer.

He married Betty Juedes on July 27, 1946, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Eagle.

He was the beloved husband of 66 years to Betty; dear father of Sharon (James) Bashaw-Schaefer, Bill (Sue) Weimer and Cindy (Dale) Sunstrom; cherished grandfather of seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and brother of Rosemary (Charlie) Eser, Gertrude Cull and Robert (Marie) Weimer. Bill was loved and will be remembered by other relatives and many dear friends.

Bill was preceded on death by his sister, Florence Palcic.

A memorial Mass for Bill was held on July 11, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 136 W. Waukesha Road, Eagle with Rev. Mick Savio officiating. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church. Burial followed at the parish cemetery.

Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home and Crematory of Eagle assisted the family.

October 2013

Obituary
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Ada Marie "Anne" Chrestay  
Holzman

September 27, 1922-- Sunday June 23, 2013

Ada Marie "Anne" Chrestay Holzman died peacefully and surrounded by family members on June 23, 2013, after 90 years of a well-spent life, 71 years of a loving marriage, and 70 years of nurturing motherhood. She is survived by the love of her life, Martin E. Holzman, Sr. of Eagle Spring Lake, Wisconsin, as well as her children: Christie Wagar of Medford Lakes, NJ, Martin (Rosalie) Holzman, Jr. of Julian, CA. Daniel (Catherine) Holzman, Jr. of Julian, CA. Daniel (Catherine) Holzman of Baraboo, Patty Holzman of Mukwonago, Diana (Jeff) Brower of Walworth, Kathleen Holzman-Henry (Tim) Henry of Marlinton, WV and Jeanine Holzman: ten grandchildren: ten great-grandchildren: and three great-great grandchildren.

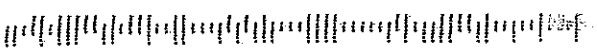
Adeline Marie was born on September 27, 1922 in Duquense, PA to Andrew Albert Chrestay and Erma Blance Williams Chrestay. She was preceded in death by siblings Virginia Starr and Andrew Chrestay, Jr. and survived by siblings David (Charlotte) Chrestay and Carol (Cornelius) Spontak, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Ada's passing leaves the many

who loved her in a wake of sorrow, but also gives us reason to celebrate the wonderful, quick-witted, warm hearted woman that she was, Married on March 17, 1942, Ada and Martin embarked on a full, exciting life together, traveling the world with the Air Force, making life-long fiends everywhere they went. She dedicated her time to teaching Sunday School, sewing, quilting, gardening, and painting ceramics. Whether in Japan, Panama, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts, or "up the hill" in Eagle, Wisconsin, Ada made a warm joyful home wherever she happened to be. There was nobody better with a welcoming hug, a potato-maser, or a Sequence chip. We are lucky beyond measure to have had Ada Marie in our lives: a dear wife, a cherished friend, a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, a sweet heart.

Ada's visitation was at The Vernon Lutheran Church, W. National Avenue in Vernon.  
SCHMIDT & BARTLETT Funeral and Cremation assisted the family.

*To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.*      *Thomas Campbell*

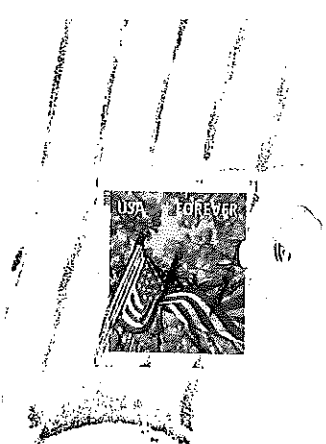


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Pumpkin Party  
Saturday October 26th  
12 to 4 p.m.

***My thanks for eight years of reading the newsletter and for your positive reinforcement . It has been my joy to share these stories, history, and nostalgia with you. Circumstances dictate that I pass the torch, Please welcome Carrie and Art Peavy as the new co-editors even as you welcomed me.***



Jean Cisler



Carrie & Art Peavy