

# EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jan 2022



The EHS eagle shined brightly this past holiday season after receiving a fresh coat of touch-up paint from Jeff Nowicki.

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

Binder containing photos of Eagle Spring Lake  
Russ and Pat Chapman—Photos of Chapman Oil Gas Station  
Bob Gabor—Jacket from Four Corners Tavern of Eagleville  
Pat Hawes—Bridesmaid dress, headpiece and photo  
Dana Houk—Large wooden mallet

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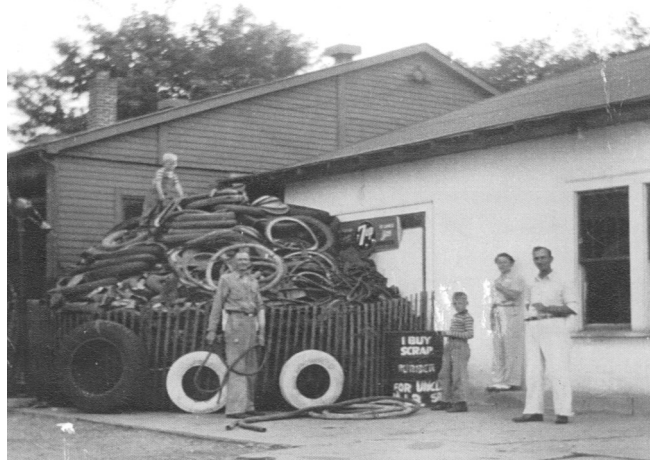


Photo above was taken around the time of WWII. Standing on top of tires is Russ Chapman. Left to right: Harold, Darrell (Archie's son), Helen (Archie's wife) and Archie.



Go to pages 6-7 to read the awesome, untold story of the last multi-generational family business still operating in the Village of Eagle.

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# THE STORY OF ST. THERESA'S PARISH, EAGLE, WISCONSIN

By Gina Neist

*Excerpts from "St. Theresa Church Directory 2002" as written by Mariangela Pledl*

In 1841, the township of Eagle was established. Settlers in and around Eagle were eager to participate in Christian worship, even if there was no church building in which to carry on that devotion. In 1842, Fr. Martin Kundig was designated the first missionary to the Catholics of western Waukesha County. As part of his duties as the pastor of St. Joseph Parish Waukesha, he traveled throughout the area on horseback visiting Catholic families and celebrating Mass in their homes or barns. He was the founding pastor of many parishes in southeast Wisconsin, including St. Theresa Church in Eagle.

On Christmas Eve, 1851, Bishop John M. Henni bought an acre of land from William and Susanna Kline for one dollar. It was designated for the "Roman Catholic Congregation of Eagle Center and neighborhood." A small frame building was erected there in 1852. There were 26 pews with an additional four pews in the gallery.

The early members of St. Theresa Parish longed to educate their children in a Catholic school, and in 1852 a small one-room log school building was erected on land near the old cemetery west of the village. The blackboard was made of wide planks that were painted black, and the children sat on rough wooden benches. In 1888, the building was moved next to the church onto land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lins. An agreement was reached with the Linses and the pastor, Fr. A. S. Leitner, to exchange deeds so that the school would stand on parish property. Later, the Lins family bequeathed several acres of land to the church, including the land on which the current St. Theresa School is situated.



A rectory was built in 1870, and Fr. F. Carl Schilling was appointed full-time pastor. A unique upgrade was added at the turn of the century. A cistern was dug east of the parsonage to hold water which was pumped from the ground by a windmill that was enclosed in a tower built onto the east side of the rectory. The windmill extended above the roof of the house so it could catch every breeze. Water was piped from the cistern into the house. The rectory was probably one of the first buildings in Eagle to have running water indoors! Plumbing for a toilet was added to the rectory in 1924. A garage was added the following year. The Eagle Quill on July 26, 1925,

reported that "when finished it will be the finest garage in town." The cistern collapsed in 1998 and had to be filled with gravel.

A new church would be built to the east of the rectory. In 1895, the Eagle newspaper described the plan as "a neat and imposing structure designed in the Gothic style." It had a large side room that was used as a school until approximately 1905 when it closed. Then the space was used as a chapel. The room over the chapel was used for meetings of various parish societies. The original St. Theresa Church was torn down in 1899 to make room on the church grounds for other improvements. By 1910, St. Theresa Parish had a newly decorated



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brick church with a brand-new clock in its bell tower. The two sides of the main altar were made of ornately carved wood, and the walls and ceiling of the sanctuary were painted with intricate designs. Electricity and a telephone were added in 1918.

In 1948, members of St. Theresa Parish re-opened their Catholic school in the two side rooms of the church. Before this could be done it was necessary to build restrooms in the church basement. Fr. Budde and men of the parish excavated the space under the classrooms. They dug by hand, lifting wheelbarrows full of dirt to the surface and dumping it next to the building. The finished basement provided a convenient space for annual beef and turkey dinners, which were a good source of income for the parish.



Fr. Casimir Kuszewski, affectionately known as Fr. Casey, led the drive to build a new school on the land west of the church that was donated by the Lins family. It would be a four-room school with a full basement suitable for a dining hall. The new school, taught by Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, opened in January of 1958. Fr. Casey died unexpectedly on December 14, 1963. There were 150 families in the parish. The school had an enrollment of 175 children and were taught by three nuns and a lay teacher. Sadly, the financial burden of the school was heavy. In 1968, expenses exceeded revenue by \$100 a week, and the decision not to reopen in September was made.

In the 1980s, St. Theresa Parish and Eagle United Methodist collaborated to offer a summer Bible School for children and to establish a community food pantry, located in the basement of St. Theresa Church. Both programs continue to this day.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Theresa Parish was celebrated in 2002. Archbishop Timothy Dolan expressed gratitude to God for his constant presence among the people of St. Theresa's, guiding us and calling us to holiness. He encouraged us to look forward to many more years as a parish community.

### Editor's Update, 2022, by Gina Neist

The 1870's rectory most recently served as office space and was torn down in 2021. It has been replaced with an updated Fellowship Hall with a large gathering space, modern facilities, and accessibility for parishioners with mobility concerns.

Religious education classes are offered in the school buildings of St. Theresa and St. James in Mukwonago. Both parishes share a pastor and collaborate on faith formation, social justice, and prayer and worship.

The parish is involved in outreach by supporting the Eagle Food Pantry, Family Promise of Waukesha, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Peter Claver Parish in Belize.

St. Theresa's Parish continues to host community dinners. This past October was the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual Turkey Dinner, and the monthly Fish Fries that Ty and Bernice Sadenwasser started in 1990 are offered on the second Friday of the month from September through May.

For the past 170 years, St. Theresa's Parish has continued to thrive and to serve the needs of the Roman Catholic community in Eagle. As Archbishop Dolan encouraged, they "look forward to many more years as a parish community."



Photos in this article were provided by St. Theresa's Church and/or found in "St. Theresa's Church Directory 2002".



On Tuesday, March 8, we will present a program entitled **"Music: A Mirror to Our Story"** at the Eagle Municipal Building from 6:30 - 7:15 pm.

We are fortunate to have EHS member and noted music historian Ed Pierce as our guide. He will explore how the lyrics of music from the turn of the century through the 1950s kept rural America connected to national and world events. Our Museum archives will provide the musical fuel for a fun and informative journey for all! The audience will be invited to sing along on some familiar tunes as Lori Heidenreich accompanies us on the piano. Vintage sheet music and artifacts from Eagle will be the backdrop to Ed's talk.

Come for the enrichment;  
stay for the desserts to follow!

## A SALUTE TO OUR SPONSORS

*A special invitation is extended to all the donors of bricks for the walkway to the Eagle Veterans' Memorial.*

*Join us on Saturday, June 4, at 1:00 pm for a Salute to our Sponsors.*

*Bring a lawn chair and relax in the beautiful backyard of the museum. The Kettle Moraine Blues will entertain us with special selections as we honor veterans, remember loved ones, and recognize area families and businesses.*

*A booklet listing all the names honored with a brick will be given to each of our sponsors. Our afternoon will conclude with music, mingling, and homemade treats.*



The year was 1917 when Woodrow Wilson had reluctantly decided to enter into WWI and Archie and Harold Chapman left the family farm located between Little Prairie and Troy Center on Scout Road. The farm was sold in the early 60s to the Chicago Girl Scouts to be used as Chapman Hills Girl Scout Camp, and some of the land became part of Trojan Hills Subdivision.



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autos with brass radiators, carbide lights, 33 x 3 1/2 inch high pressure tires and  
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1910

Model T's sold by Smart Brothers before Chapman's Station.

They purchased the corner of Hwy. 67 and South Street and started a Standard Oil gas station and delivered kerosene and gasoline from a 50-gallon Model T truck. Russ can remember filling 5-gallon pails at the truck while his dad Archie carried them to the houses to empty. The products came into Eagle on railroad cars and transferred into large tanks at the bulk plant on the corner of Partridge and Wisconsin Streets. In later years the product came in tanker trucks.



Archie filling airplanes using a Model T tank truck across from his home in 1925. One plane belongs to Solie Reed.

Archie and Harold both married—Harold, Ruby Rockteacher from Eagle and Archie, Helen Dingman from Troy Center. They became part of the Village, joining the Fire Department and Methodist Church.

In 1956, Archie's son Russ came home from the Army after serving in Korea and joined the business as a truck driver. Harold, semi-retired, helped out at the gas station while Archie and Russ drove trucks.

A new 500-gallon tank truck was purchased. There were new products being used: #2 fuel oil, diesel fuel, #1 heating oil, along with gasoline. All products were hauled in the same truck using different compartments. In 1959, Russ became a Standard Oil agent and Harold retired. Archie and Russ both worked the trucks and station, Russ mainly on trucks and helping at the station. During that time on many noon hours, the county workers were holding a sheepshead game on the candy counter.

In 1960, Russ married Pat McAllister (according to family ancestry, she is the great great granddaughter of Ward Atwater and Mary Bigelow, who settled in Eagle Township in 1850 before moving to the western part of the state.) Russ and Pat purchased the home of Dr. Rosenkranz where they still live today. Many changes happened at Chapman's including a name change to Chapman Oil over the next few years.



Float in first Kettle Moraine Days Parade.

Russ can remember the first Kettle Moraine Days when he made a float over his father's car and went to Elkhorn to hire a drum and bugle group. Before then, it was called Firemen's Picnic, held on a Sunday afternoon with homemade food, and the firemen ran the games. During this time, the gas station was remodeled to include a self-service island along South Street.



Chapman's Station with self-serve island on South Street.

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In 1976, Standard Oil (Amoco) went from agents to jobbers. Russ became a jobber, a small porch behind the garage in their home became the office, and Pat joined the business helping out with paperwork. Shortly after that, Karen Mealy Matters joined Pat in the office and worked for many years. She became a very important part of the business. At that time, the Mukwonago agent retired and his truck driver, Bill McGuire, came to work for Chapman Oil driving truck in the Mukwonago area working for us for 10 years.

Over the years, Chapman Oil had many full- and part-time employees. Russ' nephew, Jeff Chapman, and Don Casey delivered petroleum products. Harley Kramer worked at the gas station for as long as we can remember and became as much a part of Chapman's Gas Station as the Chapmans.

Rob and Dan (Russ and Pat's sons) came into the business as truck drivers. By that time, three 2200-gallon trucks were delivering product to 800 to 1000 customers a year. These included home heating oil and many farm accounts. Dan can recall going into homes sometimes helping do everything from writing checks to taking pies out of ovens for customers.



Two delivery trucks.

A burner service business was started consisting of furnace repair, tune up, and new installations. Russ took most of the calls. Tim Matters was hired as a burner service technician and truck driver. The



First burner service van.

business grew to having two service vans on calls most days.

In the following years Randy Runquist closed his gas/car repair shop (the Hen House restaurant is now located there) and came to work at Chapman's. The back was converted into a repair shop and a hoist installed. He stayed with us about 10 years. A small room was built on the north side of the building which served as the office for a few years.

In the 1980s, land was purchased on Hwy. NN on the Godfrey Farm and an office, truck garage and storage area were built. The plan was to build a new bulk plant sometime, but those plans were scrapped later. B&H Lumber built at the same time. These were the first two businesses in the industrial park. Soon an addition was added to the office and Citizens Bank of Mukwonago was built. The bank is still there, but the office and storage area are now a day care. At that time, part of the business was sold to Hobson Oil of Waukesha.

In 1996, Russ retired, and Dan left the business to become a Waukesha City Fireman. Rob, Pat and Karen stayed on. In the late 1990s, land was purchased for Troy Amoco on the corner of Hwys. ES and 20. Lisa Chapman Linnamen worked there. When it was sold in 2018, she came to Eagle and still opens four days a week.

A complete remodel happened in the early 2000s, at that time a small retail area was added on the north side and has been rented out. It is now the home of a Mexican restaurant. The office returned to the station; it looks the same today. After Russ retired, he received an award for being associated with (Standard Oil, Amoco, and B.P.) for 40 years. The Chapman Family, now blessed with five generations, has helped take care of Eagle and the surrounding area by supplying petroleum products for 125 years.



Chapman's Station.

All photos for this story were provided by Russ & Pat Chapman.



## My Memories

Eagle will always have a special place in my heart! Both of my Grandparents, the Amanns and the McGills lived in Eagle most of their lives.

My Dad and Mom grew up in Eagle even lived close to each other. They fell in love married and moved to Palmyra. My Dad had his Barber Shop in Palmyra for over 61 years. As a little girl about five or six years old I would pack my little suitcase and my Mom would put me on the train in Palmyra and my Grandma Amann would pick me up in Eagle. The conductor always knew I was to get off in Eagle!

Grandma and I would go to the butcher shop and I would pick out the meat we would have for dinner. Then off we would go to Sherman's for the other groceries. Grandma would let me pick

out a yard or so of any material that I liked. She always found time to make me a new sun dress or shirt while I was there!

Before we left the store Vince Sherman always had a special treat for me.

Not because we were sick we would always stop over to see Dr Schmidt and his wife. Just being good neighbors I guess.

I usually spent about four days with Grandpa and Grandma and then my mom would come and pick me up!

This was a big adventure for a little girl!

Nearly every Sunday Night my Dad and Mom and I would have dinner at Sasso's!

I always sat in the kitchen and watched Mom Sasso prepare our dinners. What a great Italian Cook she was!

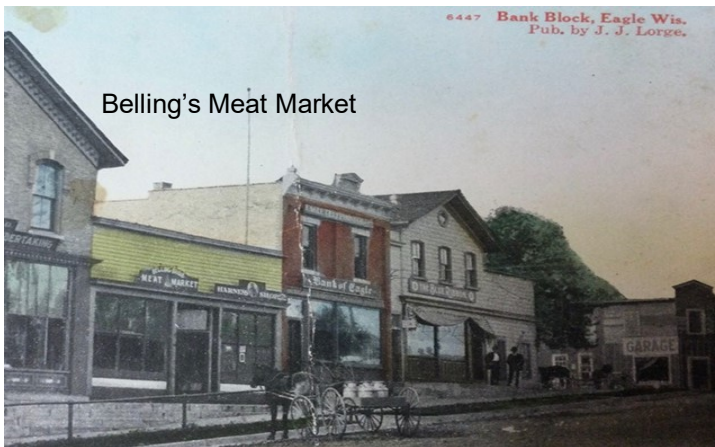
How thankful I am at 92 year old to have all these

wonderful memories of Eagle!

Hopelulso this check will help with some future plans you may have!

Best Wishes for a better and brighter New Year!

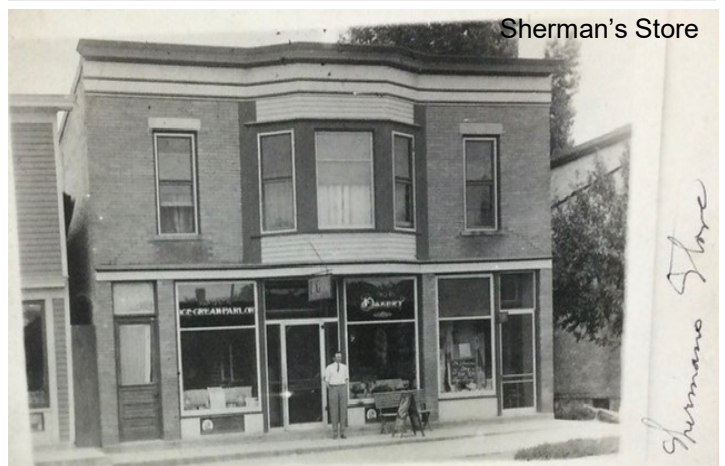
Vernette L Heare



Belling's Meat Market



Sasso's Tavern



Sherman's Store



## THE AMANN AND MCGILL FAMILIES

The Eagle Historical Society's officers and board members express their heartfelt thanks to Vernetta Heare for her very generous donation and continued support of our museum and look forward to using this donation towards a future project after much forethought and planning have occurred.

Thank you also, Vernetta, for sharing the photos and family background of your longstanding Eagle area connection as reprinted below for our readers to enjoy.

William G. McGill, my grandfather, opened his barber shop on Main Street in Eagle in 1889. Before coming to Eagle, he was a barber in Whitewater. His Eagle shop fronted on Main Street with the living quarters in the rear and upstairs. He barbered for over 40 years there until his death in 1929.

My father, Virgil McGill, began working as an apprentice with his father when he was 15 years old. In 1919, he opened his own shop in Palmyra where he barbered for over 61 years. My grandfather and dad barbered in Palmyra and Eagle for more than 100 years.

Vernetta Heare



Joseph and Pauline Amann, who lived on Back Street, with "little Billy Theile" in the middle likely in the late 1930s.



Millie (Amann) McGill taken in 1919.



Millie (Amann) McGill and Eulalia Sherman on a street in Eagle.

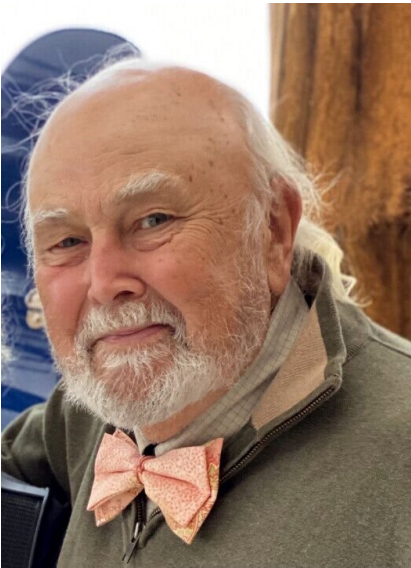


Another photo of Eulalia (Clohisy) Sherman and Luella Amann. Mrs. Sherman and her husband ran Sherman's Store and were described as the friendliest people in Eagle.

## OBITUARY

### Anderson, Robert G. 'Bob'

May 24, 1946—Nov. 11, 2021



Robert G. 'Bob' Anderson, 75, of Eagle passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 24, 1946, at the Methodist Hospital in Madison to Wilmer and Josephine (Amondson) Anderson. Bob grew up in Rio and then moved to Oconomowoc, where he graduated from Oconomowoc High School. After high school, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. While at Platteville, he met a young lady, Mary Jean Casey, and the two would later be united in marriage on Aug. 24, 1968, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Eagle. God blessed Bob and Mary with 51 years of marriage and two loving children, Richard and Christine.

After graduating from Platteville, Bob served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. Bob worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the majority of his working career in a few different capacities. After retiring, he enjoyed part-time work for Heckel Tool & Manufacturing Corporation of Eagle and also Old World Wisconsin. Bob had quite a few hobbies and interests during his life. He was very active and loved to experience and learn new things. A few favorites include: anything to do with Door County, gardening, participating in Civil War reenactments, hiking the Kettle Moraine Forest, and visiting state parks. Bob was a man of faith and was very involved in his local church. Whether it was mission trips, turkey dinners, fish fry Fridays or any other church event that needed volunteers, he was ready and willing to help and support.

Above all in Bob's life was his love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His best times were spent making memories with his family. Whether it was a family trip, attending one of his grandchildren's recitals or concerts, or just spending quality time, he was happiest when surrounded by those he loved. Bob was a friendly and caring man and he will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends.

He is survived by his two loving children, Richard Anderson of Eagle, and Christine (Stefan) Vater of Fox Point; and his four dear grandchildren, Lukas, Thomas, Stefan, and Lucy. He is also survived by a number of other relatives and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 51 years, Mary Anderson; his mother and father-in-law, Wayne and Lucille Casey; sister-in-law, Kathy Casey; and brother-in-law, Richard Casey.

In lieu of Flowers, memorials in Bob's honor were made to St. Theresa Catholic Church to be used for the Belize Mission Group trips.

A memorial Mass was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at St. Theresa Catholic Church (136 W. Waukesha Road, Eagle, WI 53119). Fr. Loyola Amalraj and Fr. Dennis Ackeret officiated the Mass. Visitation took place from 9:00 am until the time of service at the church. Bob was laid to rest next to his wife in St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery immediately following the service.

Gibson Family Funeral Homes of Eagle & Palmyra, WI, served the family. Online condolences were placed on [gibsonfuneral.com](http://gibsonfuneral.com).



## OBITUARY

### Wilton, Donald G.

*Oct. 6, 1940—Dec. 24, 2021*



Donald G. Wilton, 81, of Eagle, passed away on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at Three Pillars Nursing Home.

Donald was born on Oct. 6, 1940, in Eagle, the son of George and Viola (Froemming) Wilton. He grew up in Eagle and graduated from Mukwonago High School. Don married the love of his life, Paulette “Pat” Dockstader on Oct. 9, 1971, and the Lord blessed Don and Pat with two loving sons, Paul and Steven. The couple would go on to enjoy 45 years of marriage together until Pat’s death in 2016. Don worked as a dairy farmer for his entire working career and loved every minute of it. He enjoyed his work and provided well for his family. Don had a passion for serving

others and his community, and he demonstrated his service as the Eagle town chairman from 1987 until 2005. He enjoyed his time as chairman and accomplished much for the Town of Eagle during his tenure. Don did many things during his life. He was a successful businessman, he enjoyed hunting, classic cars and tractors, and he and Pat traveled the world after he retired from farming. Although he did many things, the top priority in Don’s life was his family. He was a loving husband and a terrific dad. He taught many life lessons and made sure his family felt loved and supported. Don was a good man and he will be greatly missed by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his loving son, Steven (Tara) Wilton of Eagle; his granddaughter, Briana Wilton of Eagle; and his sisters, Ethel (Bob) Rewald of Gainesville, Va., and Hazel (Terry) Connors of Janesville. He is further survived by a number of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

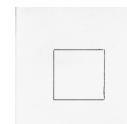
He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Paulette Wilton; his dear son, Paul Wilton; and his brother, Richard Wilton.

Memorials in Donald’s honor were made to his family to be used for Alzheimer’s research.

A private family funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 31, at the Gibson Family Funeral Home in Eagle. The Rev. Daniel Torkelson officiated the service. Donald was laid to rest next to his wife in Oak Ridge Cemetery of Eagle following the service.

Gibson Family Funeral Homes of Eagle and Palmyra served the family. Online condolences were placed on [gibsonfuneral.com](http://gibsonfuneral.com).

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## TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

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| Mar 8  | Program: Music, A Mirror To Our Story—Municipal Building—6:30-7:15pm   |
| Apr 5  | Possible Election Day Bake Sale and Community Outreach   |
| May 7  | Oakridge Cemetery Walk 12:00-12:45pm—Program: The Victorian Undertaker featuring Steve Person—1:00-2:15pm—Municipal Building   |
| Jun 4  | Program: A Salute to Our Sponsors featuring The Kettle Moraine Blues—1:00pm on the Museum Patio  |
| Jul 10 | Ice Cream Social—1:30pm, Palmyra Eagle Community Band Concert—2:00pm<br>An Afternoon Filled With Musical Stars—Village Park  |
| Aug 16 | Open House—on the Museum Patio—5:30-7:00pm<br>Enjoy a Photo Exhibit of Eagle Spring Lake   |
| Aug    | Picnic with the Police   |
| Oct 29 | Pumpkin Party—on the Museum Patio—12:00-3:30pm<br>Party Like the Seventies—Enjoy a Display of 1970s Halloween Costumes on the Porch, Play '70s Trivia, Complete games to win prizes. |
| Nov 8  | Election Day Bake Sale and Community Outreach  |