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EHS News

Membership

To those who have already rejoined for this year, Welcome back! These joined at higher levels:

Sustaining, \$25-\$49: Bill & Jackie Adams, Richard & Annette Baker, George & Arlene Baumhardt, Marty Bovee, Stewart & Carol Calkins, David & Mary Cass, Eagle Springs Pub, Harold & Mary Lou Hinkley, Jerry & Lori Heckel, Barbara Jatzak, Cliff & Janet Jensen, Meryl Kelsey, Robert & Carol Kwiatkowski, Donald & Elaine Ledrowski, Jackie Lewis & Dick Aducci, John & Julie Mann, Newell Meyer, Peggy Moots, James & Joan Pasterski, Gary & Nancy Payne, Conrad & Elaine Potrykus, Brian & Elaine Rudy, John & Mary Vymetal Taylor, Bill & Jean Thiele and Larry & Diane Wilkinson.

Sponsor, \$50-\$99: Dorothy Clark, Sandra & Paul Fisher, Tom & Patricia Heller, Arthur & Betty Isleb, Frank & Pat Latona, Don & Dottie Murphy, Jeff & Bernice Nowicki, Chet & Pat Poetsch and Lois Zenner. New member: Marzion Homes.

Patron, \$100 and over: Citizens Bank of Mukwonago, Richard and Marjorie Friedman, Generac Power Systems Inc., Bob & Barbara Hegwood, Ras & Donna Kalnes, and Tim & Diane Thuemling.

Donations

We thank the following for donations received: Jean Bowey, Kathy Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Juedes, Welthy Mueller, Dick Riddle and Pat Wilton.

Holiday Raffle

As usual, Irma Jolliffe collected items in several communities for our

holiday raffle. Bringing in a profit of over \$1,000.00, this was the most successful holiday raffle EHS has



Photo by Don Ledrowski

held. Many donors, both businesses and individuals, were particularly generous this year. A wide variety of items was received, including gift certificates from local businesses,

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toys, decorative pieces, handmade items (including some knitted or crocheted), tools, road atlases and luncheon dishes.

In a separate raffle, Carol Lake won the \$100 savings bond donated by the Palmyra State Bank.

Shirt Drawing

The names of those who had paid their 2005 EHS dues as of the first of the year were entered in a drawing for free EHS sweatshirts. The drawing was held during the January board meeting; winners were: Lynn Greenberg and Cheryle Gunkel.

Our 9-Second Claim to Fame

Director Elaine Ledrowski was interviewed about the Eagle Diamond and the TV segment aired on channel 4 on January 14—did you see it? EHS has a DVD copy of the program.

From the Collection



Photo by Don Ledrowski

EHS has added another work to its art collection; Kathleen Chapman donated an acrylic painting of the Eagle Variety & Coffee Shop, painted by Ken Reichert. A retired Arrowhead High School math teacher, he has done numerous paintings of historic buildings in the Waukesha area. He is fascinated by the period when these buildings were constructed.

Director Elaine Ledrowski reminds EHS members that there are still spaces available on the walls of the art gallery. She is happy to receive Eagle-related art as a loan or gift for the collection.

Lest We Forget...

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of World War Two, and EHS is planning an exhibit covering the war. If you have any items you are willing to loan or donate, please call Elaine at 594-3301 or the museum at 594-8961. And don't forget that the museum is looking for accounts of wartime experiences, too. Call 594-8961 if you would like someone to come to your home with a tape recorder.

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	BOARD MEETING	NEWSLETTER	EVENTS
January 15	11:00 A.M.		
January 31		Mail Date	
February 19	11:00 A.M. Slate of Officers		
March 19	11:00 A.M. Annual Meeting/Election		
April 5			Election Day Bake Sale
April 19	6:30 P.M.		
April 30		Mail Date	
May 13-14			Plant/Rummage Sale
May 17	6:30 P.M.		
June 21	6:30 P.M.		
June 24-26			Kettle Moraine Days
July 10			Band Concert/Ice Cream Social, Village Park, 2 P.M.
July 19	6:30 P.M.		
July 31		Mail Date	
August 13			Council of Local History Convention, EUMC, 9-3
August 16	6:30 P.M.		
August 21			Reception at EHS Museum, 1-4 P.M.
September 20	6:30 P.M.		
October 18	6:30 P.M.		
October 31		Mail Date	
November 8			Election Day Bake Sale
November 19	11:00 A.M.		
December 3			Holiday Raffle, 10-3, Drawings at 3:15 P.M.
December 17	11:00 A.M.		

The Diamond Drive-In



Photos courtesy of Don and Marie Jones

Don and Marie Jones built their drive-in at the corner of Highways 67 and 59 in 1961. Since it was located at the foot of Diamond Hill and the lot was diamond-shaped, they named it the Diamond Drive-In. Marie remembers whole families coming to the drive-in for root beer and hamburgers. (In those days hamburgers cost between 5 cents and a quarter, and “baby” mugs of root beer were free.) She also remembers working long hours seven days a week until the drive-in closed each year during the winter. The busiest day for the Diamond was the day Old World Wisconsin opened—people came from all over, and Eagle was full of dignitaries.

In 1982 the Joneses bought more land and expanded the drive-in to a restaurant. At that time they changed the name of the business to “JJ’s,” which stood for Jones and Jones.

Their son Peter took over the business in 1985, and it was closed in November of 1997.



Obituary



Donald Betts

Donald T. Betts, 79, formerly of the Town of Troy, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee. Don was born on March 23, 1925, in the Town of Eagle, to Tom and Mary (nee Stubbs) Betts. On April 23, 1946, he married La Vern Gerbig.

He farmed most of his life in Troy Township and upon retiring worked as a crop insurance adjuster, DHIA supervisor and served on the Town of Troy board for 24 years. He was also director of the Golden Guernsey Dairy co-op for 12 years, director of Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association for six years, Badgerland co-op for eight years and was a 4-H leader. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in East Troy, the Walworth County Retired and Senior Volunteer program, Lakeland Hospital Auxiliary and the Wisconsin Master Farmers.

He is survived by his wife, La Vern; children, Robert (Nancy) of Andover, Minnesota, Nancy (Dick) Powell of Florence, S.C., and Tom (Jackie) of East Troy; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held on Friday, November 12, at Mealy's Funeral Home, Eagle with the Rev. James M. Powell officiating. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Eagle, on November 13.

Memorials to the Heritage fund for handicap accessibility are appreciated.

- From a Freeman obituary

Obituary



Jerome A. Jatczak

Jerome Jatczak, 71, of Eagle, passed away on January 15, 2005, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial was performed by the Rev. Dennis Ackeret at St. Theresa's Catholic Church on January 19, followed by burial in St. Theresa's Oak Knoll Cemetery. Mealy's Funeral Home served the family.

Jerome was born December 20, 1933, in Milwaukee, WI. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Hansen), whom he married on Feb. 23, 1963 in Racine, and with whom he enjoyed 42 years of marriage, raising 3 children and spoiling 1 grandchild.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force medical corps (serving in Korea), a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus and a volunteer at the Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha. After military service he earned an undergraduate degree in medical technology from the UW-Oshkosh. He was then employed as a medical technologist for many years at the Milwaukee Medical Examiner's Office and the former Milwaukee County Hospital. Upon retiring from professional work, he went to work in his second profession—gardening. Jerome was an avid gardener, birder and plantsman. He was especially proud of his native plant plots and butterfly garden. And he always kept the birds fed during the winter at his many back yard feeders.

He will be welcomed into heaven by his parents, Irene (nee Siejkowski) and Joseph Jatczak. He will be missed by his wife Barbara; his children: Mark (Shana) Jatczak of Madison, Kristin (Dave) Jatczak of Burlington, and Brian of Eagle; his grandchild Jordan of Elkhorn; his sister Lorraine (Floyd) Michaels of Mukwonago; his brother Robert (Mary) of West Allis; his brother-in-law, James Hansen of Berkeley, CA; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Obituary

No photo available.

Robert Edmond Moore

Robert Edmond (Ed) Moore, age 97, of Mukwonago, died December 28, 2004. He was born on April 17, 1907, in Canton, Ohio to Albert Joseph and Edith (Edmond) Moore. The family lived in New York, Tennessee and Illinois before coming to Wisconsin.

Ed married Jean Talcott on the family farm about 1925; they lived in Hartland, Illinois before moving to Wisconsin around 1934. They ran a beekeeping business in Jericho Corners. He cared for the bees and his wife packed the honey. With help from their sons, she would load up the car, then drive a route through Wisconsin and northern Illinois, selling the product.

In the late forties, Ed began to raise chickens on the property in addition to the bees.

He had also served as the town assessor.

He is survived by six children: Al, Jean Hornburg of Hartland (WI), Ed, Rob, Johnny and Aljea (Kramer). His daughter Trudy (Hemba) and five brothers preceded him in death. He is also survived by a sister, Jean McNicholas; 30 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, who passed away in 1963 and is buried in Jericho Cemetery.

As of publication of this newsletter, Ed's body had been cremated and services were pending.

Schmidt & Bartelt served the family.

Obituary



Edward Mueller

Edward John Mueller of Eagle died at Angelsgrace Hospice in Oconomowoc on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at the age of 91. He was buried in North Prairie Cemetery after a funeral service conducted by Pastor Mark Below on December 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in North Prairie. Mealy Funeral Home served the family.

Ed was born on September 13, 1913 to Herman and Emma (Thurloff) Mueller in the Town of Eagle.

He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in North Prairie, having been baptized there on October 5, 1913 by the Rev. August Menkens and confirmed there on May 29, 1927 by the Rev. Carl G. Winter. For many years he and his wife sang in the choir. He faithfully attended church and Bible classes until his health prevented this in recent months. Ed drew the pictures for the quilt hanging in the narthex stairwell of the church. He and Welthy (Studemann) were married in Plato, MN, on August 30, 1939; they ran a dairy farm on Highway 59 in the Town of Eagle and were active in 4-H activities for 45 years.

A member of the Eagle Historical Society, Ed worked at the museum on Fridays. He and his never-failing sense of humor will be missed.

Ed is survived by his wife, Welthy; daughters Elisabeth Baumgartner of Cambridge and Norma (Gordy) Szalanski of Amberg; daughter-in-law Diane Mueller of Dousman; seven grandchildren: Patricia, Tim, Rena, Richard, Sheryl, Michael, and Neil; eight great-grandchildren; sister Minnie DuBridge of Steger, IL; sister-in-law Elda Reinitz; other relatives and friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his son, Romain, who died in May; his brothers: Wilhelm, Reinhardt, and Carl; his sisters Meta and Alma; and his grandson James Baumgartner.

We have been complaining about the extremely cold weather we experienced this month, but a look at old issues of the Eagle Quill reminds us that this is not unheard of:

At Pewaukee 27 Below

The weather has occupied a large share of attention during the past week, being the coldest for many years. The lowest temperature reported was 27 degrees below zero at the Savoy. Other thermometers varied according to the locality from 19 to 23 degrees below.

The train service on the C.M. & St. P. Road has been much disturbed by the cold weather, and most of the trains are delayed several hours. The teachers whose homes are in Pewaukee were unable to reach their schools in time for the opening session Monday morning, because the evening train was delayed about four hours. Among the teachers delayed were Mrs. Eleanor Duffield, Misses Carrie Kunsli, Agnes Nelson and Annie Brandt.

Not the Only Cold Winter

President A.J. Frame of the National bank has kept the record of temperatures since many years ago,

and as we are just now hearing of how records are being broken this January, it is well to glance over earlier day weather reports just to see how they compare with the present ones:

1882—December 21, 22, 23—15 to 30½ degrees below zero without a break.

1883—January had twenty days when mercury was at or below zero. January 9th it was at 22 below zero, January 14th it was at 16 below zero, January 20th it was at 14 below zero, January 21st it was at 30½ below zero, January 22d it was 29 below zero, January 23d it was 26 below zero, January 25th it was 10 below zero. February had fourteen days with mercury below zero.

PHONE TALK 5 MINUTES

New Ruling for Farm Lines Goes Into Effect

If you live on a farm and rent a telephone and have been in the habit of holding long conversations with your friends over the phone—you may not be pleased to hear of a new rule put into operation the first day of this week by the Wisconsin Telephone Co., for the patrons of the farmers' line at Waukesha.

Hereafter you will be permitted to talk to your friends over the phone for just five minutes, and no more, at any one time.

Often business people wanted to use the phone for business purposes. But no matter how important the business "central" couldn't "break in" because that is against the rules, and business had to wait, while all the events of two families and the entire neighborhood were discussed at length over the phone.

You see ten families may and do use the same farmers' line, and when one of the ten monopolizes the line for an hour or more at a time, the other nine are naturally not very enthusiastic about it.

The new ruling affects only patrons of farmers' lines. In the city only two families use the same line, so there is much less difficulty from the cause mentioned.

The farmers' lines have generally been demoralized by the extremely cold weather. The wires contracted and broke, and naturally communication was impossible. Practically all radiating from this city were out of commission for a day or two. However by Monday most of them were repaired—in time to profit by the new five-minute ruling.

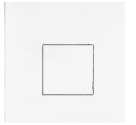
—articles from the Eagle Quill, January 12, 1912

Do You Remember When...



this building housed an Eagle Business?
Do you know where it stands?

Eagle Historical Society, Inc.
217 Main Street
P.O. Box 454
Eagle, WI 53119-0454



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Election Bake Sale

When you go to cast your vote,
don't forget the delicious assortment of
baked goods available in the building.

Date: April 5
Time: 7 a.m. until
the food is gone

Sponsored by the
Eagle Historical Society
In the municipal building
Contact person: Welthy Mueller
594-2316

An illustration of three people, two men and one woman, standing behind a long table covered with a white cloth. The table is laden with various baked goods, including loaves of bread, pies, and cakes. The people are dressed in period clothing, suggesting a historical setting. The man on the left is holding a tray, the woman in the middle is holding a pie, and the man on the right is holding a tray. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.