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PAST

The Oral History committee has been very active. Irma Jolliffe is the chairperson and Joan Menendez is our resident newspaper reporter. These two women have interviewed the following people: James and Fern Bovee, Harold Chapman, Louise Breidenbach-Hyland, Kenneth and Jerome Nealy, Liza Merridith and Martin Rockteacher. Write-ups and pictures were printed in the local papers. You can find copies at the library. Irma and Joan have done a fantastic job, and they are not finished. As you are reading this, they are out there interviewing more people in our community.

We have been blessed by some very generous members and friends of the Eagle Historical Society. I would like to thank the following people for their donations, the Society appreciates your kindness. Mike Sasso donated a print of the Opera House curtain. Lorraine Boree donated an autograph book from Jenny Bulow. Louise Hyland donated newspaper articles of the Eagle bank robbery and also money in memory of the president's mother. Mickey Breidenbach donated photographs of Eagle and money in memory of the presidents's mother. Thomas Shropshire donated a drawing of an Eagle which we have used for our logo. Photographs were also donated by: Mable Thomas, Ester Stead, Robert Shortell. Harold Chapman donated books. Pat Oliver donated a book of poetry composed by PEHS and second graders at Eagle and Palmyra grade schools. Riene Walls donated space in the Maxwell Street Days for July. We are always interested in the items from the Eagle area. If you know of anyone who would have something of interest for sale or to donate, please contact one of the board members and they will handle the acquisition. We are interested in purchasing a display case for the artifacts we have acquired. We have set up a memorial fund for Fern Bovee and Milton Mueller and will purchase the cabinet in their memory.

The Eagle Historical Society sincerely regrets the recent passing of Milt Mueller. One of Milt's many community activities was not as well known as others. This was his interest in Eagle's history and its preservation. Milt was a charter member of the Eagle Historical Society and his participation and knowledge will be sorely missed.



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The Eagle Historical Society sincerely regrets the recent passing of Fern Bovee. She was not a member of the Society, but she was a lady who was knowledgeable about Eagle's history. Irma and Joan were able to spend some time with her to document her story for the Oral History Committee.

PRESENT

Enclosed you will find your membership card. Congratulations for joining and supporting this new Eagle organization. We have accomplished a lot in the past eight months.

The Wisconsin Council for Local History has initiated a sponsorship program. This program encourages the interaction of an established society and one that is beginning. We have asked Genesee if they would sponsor us and they have accepted. They have advised us to join the State Historical Society. We are in the paperwork process right now. The Genesee Heritage Society lent us some tapes and material they put together on oral history. I am trying to coordinate a visit from the members of Genesee, and a visit to one of their meetings. I'll let you know when the details are worked out.

Kettle Moraine Days are here and the Society will have a booth at the carnival. We will be selling postcards with views of Eagle long ago, and a reproduction of a 1873 Town of Eagle plat map. Stop by and see our efforts.

The Eagle Historical Society meets on the second Saturday of each month. We meet at the Town/Village Hall at 1:00 pm. Please join us, we would enjoy your company. If you cannot attend the meetings but would like to know what happened you can find copies of the monthly minutes and the quarterly newsletters in the library.

FUTURE

Betty Isleb is working on the By-laws. We hope to have outline of these soon.

We are interested in an offer from the Genesee Heritage Society to give a presentation at a meeting. We will work on the details and let everyone know about this special event.

Riene Welis has donated space at Maxwell Street Days on July 21 and 22. We will be selling our postcards and plat maps. Please consider donating some time to this worthy cause. If you are interested call Diane at 594-3382 or Betty at the library.



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In order to organize and protect the Society's collection of artifacts, we must catalog them. Once catalogued, we will be able to more easily share with others these photographs, documents and other items. When we have determined exactly what we have, we can obtain special acid-free papers and storage units that can protect them from the further ravages of time. And if we are able to place a value on them, we can insure them. While these items are irreplaceable, if something should happen, we would at least have funds to start again.

Elaine Raduechel, chair of the preservation committee, is setting up a work schedule for taking inventory of the Society collection. If you are interested in working on this project, please give Elaine a call (594-2676). Elaine anticipates starting on the project after Kettle Moraine Days.