

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S PANORAMA

By Diane Thuemling

Our membership list has grown to a total of sixty-five. It is very exciting to be involved in a vision that can grow to any height we can imagine. Right now all sixty-five of us can plan the future. Each one of us has a responsibility, as a member, to share his or her dream and to help meet our goal.

I would like to offer a personal invitation to each of you to join your Board of Directors at a meeting. The meetings are varied, morning, afternoon and evenings, so that everyone would have an opportunity to attend. Your input, your ideas and your support are very important to us.

Our Board of Directors is a "working board." Although we are only nine people, we sustain the Eagle Historical Society as it is now. As you know we are a totally self-sufficient organization. We rely upon volunteers to staff our new museum building and to work on committees for our fundraising. The membership fees that are paid on a yearly basis do not begin to cover the cost of utilities and office supplies needed to run our museum. But our fundraising efforts will continue to cover the difference as long as we have the support from our entire membership.

The membership dues that

you paid will get you a membership card, a newsletter three times a year, discounts on merchandise, invitations to programs throughout the year and the satisfaction of preserving Eagle's history. But if that is all you are receiving - you are not getting your monies' worth. There is another part to this organization that you are missing - the heart! You must see the photographs, touch the artifacts, help set up displays, listen to or write down someone's experiences - their memories, visit the past in your mind and share it with the future. Then you will be experiencing our organization to its fullest. And the joy that you receive when you work side by side for a like cause is indescribable.

### BOARD MEMBERS

President - Diane Thuemling  
Vice President - Sue Wambold  
Secretary - Charlene Ritchey  
Treasurer - Pat Wilton  
Jerry Baker (1996)  
Mabel Finney (1997)  
Betty Isleb (1997)  
Irma Jolliffe (1998)  
Ed Mueller (1998)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 9th - Flower Sale pick-up day. Flowers are available from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm. If you preordered your summer plants from this fundraiser, call 594-3382 to schedule a time to pick up your flowers.

May 10th and 11th - White Elephant/Bake Sale at the Eagle Municipal Building.

July 14 - Ice Cream Social and Band Concert at the Eagle Park.

#### MEETINGS

All Board meetings will be held at the Eagle Historical Society Research Library and Museum.

May 6th at 1:00 pm  
June 4th at 6:30 pm  
July 10th at 9:30 am  
August 8th at 6:30 pm  
September 9th at 1:00 pm  
October 11th at 1:00 pm

You are welcome to attend any Board meeting, they are open to everyone.

August-8th, 7:30 pm - General meeting for all members at the EHS Research Library and Museum, 217 Main Street.

#### CURATOR'S CORNER

By Elaine Raduechel

Please note the time the museum is open Friday mornings has been changed from 9:30 am to 10:00 am.

We have had several genealogists visit since we opened on a regular schedule in March.

We need more members to volunteer during a scheduled time at least once a month. That way the same few people would not have to cover every week. The summer is a busy time and the members that are volunteering now every week will not always be able to. Please call and let me know what time you could volunteer.

Otherwise we will have to cut the hours. Monday evenings are 7 to 9 pm, Wednesday afternoons 1 to 4 pm and Friday mornings 10 to 12 noon. Thank you.

Some items that have been donated: Braves' and Brewers' baseballs, wooden bowl, brush and mirror from the Barber Shop, gavel and stand made by Richard Schroeder, and a 1928 Baker Brothers Store quitting business sale bill. (Store now owned by Krestan's).

The donors are: Clara Burton, Senior citizens, Jerry Baker and Jack Hopkins.

Awhile ago the society purchased a 5 cent Lins token, Large Drugstore witch hazel bottle and a Harold Pardee Jersey Dairy milk bottle.

The only campaign material from the March 19th election we have in our archives is that of Don Malek. We would like some from all of the Eagle residents that ran for any position. Thank you.

If you have clippings from the newspapers - or any information about Eagle and its people please donate those - or run a copy for us. Much needed are the ones from years ago; especially obituaries, marriage and birth notices.

We also would like a copy of your family tree for our research library.

Thanks to all of you that have donated time, money and artifacts.

Just a note that if you would like one of the new design sweatshirts, stop in at the museum soon as there are only around a dozen left.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

1. Take out a pencil and paper and jot down something you remember about growing up in Eagle. It doesn't have to be lengthy and if you don't want to write it down, call Irma Jolliffe and tell her your memory - she will write it down for you. Don't be shy. It will only take a moment. We will include your entry in future issues of our newsletter. Mail your memory to E.H.S., P.O. Box 54, Eagle, WI 53119.

2. We're looking for two chairpeople for our Ice Cream Social/Band Concert and for our Christmas Tour of Homes.

The Chairperson for the Ice Cream Social will be helped by sub-committees.

The Hospitality Committee will obtain the food. The Band has already confirmed their participation. Waukesha County Sesquicentennial will provide a traveling display and scroll for us. Your duties might include: a sign up sheet for volunteers; a program and music sing-a-long sheets; posters, and local newspaper publicity.

The Chairperson for the Christmas Tour will also be helped by sub-committees. We already have several possibilities for tour homes. Your responsibilities will include: confirming tour homes; updating tickets and posters and printing; publicity; and ongoing volunteers to work in the homes. This summer we would like to make new signs to identify the homes. (Can you cut wood, stencil letters or nail boards? We'd love your

input and help - call now! 594-3382)

3. The museum is now open three days a week. The staff consists of volunteers from our membership. Now that we have sixty-five members, if each of you volunteered only five times per year, the time would be covered. This really is an important responsibility of our organization. It doesn't take much effort, only time. The time is minimal if we all pitch in. Right now, Elaine and four other members are staffing all the hours and this is becoming a burden to them. Please consider doing your part, so we can offer our community a research library and historical museum. Call Elaine (594-2676), and she will put your name on the volunteer calendar.

Thank you so much for all that you do and all that you give to the Historical Society. This is a wonderful organization to belong to.

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE - by Elaine Raduechel**

In September (date not set yet) Mrs. Faye Chronis will be our speaker. Her topic will be about genealogy - she will give directions and pointers on how to do your family tree and where to do research.

Your input is important to us. Would you like the programs to be in the evenings, on weekends or varied? What kind of program would be of interest to you?

### WHITE ELEPHANT/BAKE SALE

This will be our third one and I hope as successful as the previous two. If you have items to donate for the rummage, drop them off any time during museum hours or send them with another member. Also you may call 594-2676, 594-3382 or 594-2891 to make arrangement for someone to pick up your item.

As to the bakery, you will not be called this time, but if you want to bake something it will be appreciated. Set-up begins at 5:00 pm Thursday, May 9th at the Municipal Building and rummage and baked goods may be delivered at that time. Any questions call one of the above listed numbers.

We need members to volunteer for two hour shifts (or more) at a time. Set-up on Friday, May 10th starts at 7:30 am so first shift will be from that time until 10:00 am. Then every two hours thereafter until 8:00 pm. Saturday, May 11th set-up also starts at 7:30 am and the shifts are the same as Friday's but end at 2:00 pm. Then we need other members to return and help with clean up.

Please call me at 594-2676 to volunteer some time. Thank you.

We are working towards purchasing a copier and dehumidifier for the museum.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - by Sue Wambold

Since our last newsletter our membership has started to grow. We wish to express our appreciation to everyone who has joined the Eagle Historical Society. Whether you are an active member or an

inactive member your support means a great deal to us. If you are a historian and have lots to share with us about Eagle's past to present days please join us.

Membership fees are:  
Individual \$10.00, Family \$15.00, Senior Citizens \$8.00 (65 years or over).

**EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS** - by Diane Thuemling

Our Flower Sale has just ended. I'm collecting and compiling the orders now. Thank you to everyone who ordered. The flowers will be delivered to my house on May 9th, so call (594-3382) and tell me when you are stopping by to pick up your plants.

The Bake Sale on Election day was a great success. We opened the doors at 8:00 am with three tables full of bakery and didn't sell out until 6:30 pm. A very big thank you to everyone who donated and everyone who purchased. The sale raised \$458.59. We are well on our way to purchasing a much needed copier and a dehumidifier.

Mark your calendar now! On July 14, 1:00 - 4:00 pm spend a glorious afternoon in the Eagle Village Park at an old fashion Ice Cream Social/Band Concert. A program and sing-a-long will feature the Palmyra/Eagle Community Band directed by Ed Pierce. Ice cream cones, sundaes, cake and pie will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair and tell a friend. In case of rain, the Municipal Building is available for an indoor program. The Waukesha County Kiosks and Sesquiscroll will also be displayed.



I REMEMBER . . .

How Things Were When I Was  
Growing Up - by Jerry Baker

My parents and my uncle owned the I.G.A. store in Eagle (later known as Krestan's.) They sold everything from groceries to clothing and shoes. Cookies came in five pound boxes with a glass cover so people could buy as many as they wanted. Flour and sugar came in barrels. They owned a ton and a half Model T Ford truck. Two or three times a week trips were taken to Milwaukee to bring back supplies. They sold gas from a gas pump in front of the store. The store had a railing in front of the store and along the side for customers to tie their horses while they shopped.

There were around 25 cars in the village in 1928 - 1930. Most of the cars were Model T Fords. Most of the houses had barns for horses.

The homes had an outside toilet and every house had an outside well with a hand pump used for getting the water. Most homes had a couple of stoves. Wood and coal were used to heat the homes. Washing machines were run by hand. The water was heated in a copper boiler on top of a stove. To agitate you had to push the handle back and forth. You then had to run the clothes through a ringer which, of course, you turned by hand. After ringing the clothes you put them in a wash tub. The wash tub was also used for taking baths in.

There were few radios at this time. Radios were powered by a couple of batteries. We had a

telephone, but to dial a number we had to ring the telephone operator and then she would ring the number for you.

The first train to come to Eagle came from Chicago. It stopped to fill its boiler with water and then continued on to Minneapolis. Passenger trains carrying people and mail came to Eagle. They had a mail clerk on board who sorted the mail. The mail would be dropped off on a four wheel cart that the depot agent would have waiting for him. He would also pick up the packages and bundled mail ready to go. The post office would come by and pick up the mail.

Twelve different trains would travel through Eagle regularly, some west bound and some east bound. They included Milwaukee to Madison, Eagle to Elkhorn, and Mineral Point to Milwaukee. See the list of train routes.

There were the big freight trains carrying supplies. They had feed for the Eagle Mill, coal and lumber for the lumber companies, and gas and oil for Chapman tanks (which were close to the tracks).

Next to the tracks was a corral where farmers would bring in their livestock for shipping to the Milwaukee stockyards.

When the freight trains would stop at the depot and while they filled up with water the train personnel would eat at Stead's Restaurant which was located next to Sherman's store.

A pickle company had big round tanks for pickling. Cucumbers were put into a brine and allowed to pickle. Then they were shipped out by

train.

There was also a creamery where farmers would bring in their milk in ten gallon cans.

We had two milkmen who delivered milk in the village. They drove in a small truck and the milk came in glass bottles. Their names were Harold Pardee and Charles Cruver.

Del Stubbs was our rural carrier. In winter he would put skis on the front of his car to help him get through the deep snow.

The store and the houses had ice boxes. Mr. Wambold was the ice man who delivered the ice with on an open backed truck. He had a scale he used to weigh the ice before delivering it. He would give pieces of ice to the kids.

There were two barber shops in town. They each had a red and white stripped barber pole in front of their shops that continually turned.

The kids enjoyed going to Mr. Belling's meat market. It had saw dust on the floor and a circular track that held the butchered pigs.

Across the street from the store was a band stand. We used to play games here. They also held band concerts here and occasionally showed a free movie.

I remember watching people at the mill unloading the freight cars, farmers with their horse and wagons taking their milk cans to the creamery, and the people delivering coal with their faces black with soot.

Eagle had two car dealers in town. There were five businesses that sold gas and oil. Our old gas pump had a crank that pushed the gas up into the red globe that was on

top of the pump. Once filled you would then let the gas empty out of the globe and into what ever you were filling.

There was a drug store in town. For five cents you could buy an ice cream cone, a candy bar, a soda pop, or Smith and Brothers cough drops. There were also one cent candy bars.

In 1928 Eagle school burned down. The lower grades had school at the Methodist church and the upper grades went to the Catholic church.

My family moved out of the store in March. We moved our stuff with horses and bob sled to a farm about three and a half miles outside of Eagle.

We had a windmill on the farm that pumped water for the livestock. We used a hand pump to get our own water.

My dad sold wood to the store, bank, and homes in Eagle. We used a wagon in good weather and a bob sled in snow. When I got older I would drive the bob sled to deliver the wood, and to take feed to the mill to have ground and mixed.

When my parents would go shopping in Eagle I would deliver eggs to people around town.

When we first moved to the farm we didn't have electricity. We used lamps in the house and lanterns in the barn. Three years later we got electricity. It was like a whole new world.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE 1917 THRU EAGLE

Westbound	
Train #	21
	9:04 AM
Milwaukee to Mineral Point	
221	9:10 AM
Eagle to Elkhorn	
5	2:05 PM
Milwaukee to Prairie du Chien	
7	5:30 PM
Milwaukee to Mineral Point	
201	6:00 PM
Eagle to Elkhorn	
1	7:50 PM
Milwaukee to Madison	

EASTBOUND	
Train #	
4	7:52 AM
Madison to Milwaukee	
220	8:30 AM
Eagle from Elkhorn	
22	10:30 AM
Madison to Milwaukee	
8	12:03 PM
Prairie du Chien to Milwaukee	
206	5:05 PM
Eagle from Elkhorn	
6	5:54 PM
Mineral Point to Milwaukee	

The first train to come to Eagle came from Chicago. They stopped to fill their boilers with water and then continued on to Minneapolis.

\*\* Information provided from the Vincent Roberts Archives.

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH

A poem written by KATHERINE ANNA BOVEE HOWARD, submitted by Betty Isleb from an old newspaper clipping.

### SCHOOL-DAY MEMORIES

There stands by the side of a clear, shady pool, A little white house, called Eagleville School, And there every day, as we go to and fro-- We learn of the things that we all ought to know. If you could but see the results of our test. Our number is few, we wish there were more, But they are gone, they have passed thru' the old schoolhouse door.

There were Della, Lucy, Alice and Jess-- Rosie, Annie, Lizzie, Rollie and Ches, Oren, Sidney, Archie, Mary and Belle, And so many others I cannot tell. Roy, Leo, Bennie, Mabel and Jack, How we wish they all would come back. They have left us, they are gone from our ranks, They left but the marks of their old school-day pranks.

Too soon we will pass thru' this old schoolhouse door, Others will write of the school-days of yore. To "consolidate" now seems to be the rule; But our hearts will still cling to our "district school." It has sent from its ranks teachers, fully a score, Hurrah for the pupils of School District Four! In day of the future, school days of the past, We ne'er shall forget you so long as life last.

KATHERINE ANNA BOVEE  
Eagleville School

## Charter Member List - 1989

Richard & Annette Baker  
Paul & Michelle Bock  
Mickey Breidenbach  
Jean Bowey  
Donna Fanshaw  
Robert & Mabel Finney  
Cathryn Folsom  
Diana & Eloise Hall  
Dean & Riene (Wells) Herriges  
Harold & Mary Lou Hinkley  
Art & Betty Isleb  
John & Kerry Isleb  
Ronald & Jean Jolliffe  
Irma Jolliffe

Jerome Mealy  
Ken & Helen Mealy  
Tremar & Joan Menendez  
Milton Mueller  
Ralph & Elaine Raduechel  
Charlene Ritchey  
Donald Ross  
Dorothy M. Schroeder  
Robert Shortell  
Thomas Shropshire  
Mabel Thomas  
Tim & Diane Thuemling  
Betty Werner  
Don & Pat Wilton

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## *Special Thanks*

The Eagle Historical Society would like to thank the following for their assistance in today's event.

Ann Krestan  
and Krestan's Food Store

Ed Pierce  
and the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band

We would also like to thank you for your continuing support of our activities and our efforts to preserve our community's history.

EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## *Sounds Across the USA*



## **2nd Annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert**

**Sunday, July 14, 1996  
Eagle Village Park**

**Sponsored by the Eagle Historical Society**

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band  
presents

## ***“Sounds Across the USA”***

### Concert Program

**Them Basses**

*Classic American Band Music*

**Lazy, Hazy, Crazy, Daze  
of Summer**

*Nat King Cole Classic*

**Salute the Duke**

*Salute to Duke Ellington*

**Red River Valley**

*American folk song*

**Alamo March**

*It's the 160th Anniversary of the Battle*

**Hootenanny**

*Beware!  
May cause excessive foot-tapping*

**Mickey Mouse March**

*American Classical Music*

**Someone to Watch Over Me**

*Sax Soloist: Donna Whitaker*

**Basse Man's Holiday**

*Show-off time for Jim Nelson*

**Concerto**

*Meet the officers of the  
Eagle Historical Society*

**Patriotic Sing-Along**

*We want QUANTITY, not quality*

**God Bless America**

*Need we say more?*

# **PALMYRA-EAGLE COMMUNITY BAND**



Under the direction of Ed Pierce

*(Program subject to change  
upon whim of the director)*



**PATRIOTIC SING-A-LONG**  
*For Band with Audience Participation*

WELCOME...and please join us for a good old fashioned SING-A-LONG!

**YANKEE DOODLE BOY**

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy,  
A Yankee Doodle, do or die;  
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam's,  
Born on the Fourth of July.  
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart,  
She's my Yankee Doodle joy.  
Yankee Doodle came to London,  
Just to ride the ponies,  
I am a Yankee Doodle boy.

**AMERICA**

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my father died!  
Land of the pilgrim's pride!  
From ev'ry mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

**AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

**THE CAISSONS GO ROLLING ALONG**

Over hill, over dale  
When we hit the dusty trail,  
And our caissons go rolling along.  
Hear them shout in and out  
"Counter march and right about"  
While our caissons go rolling along.  
Then it's "Hi! Hi! Hee!"  
In the Field Artillery,  
Call out your numbers loud and strong!  
For where e'er we go,  
You will always know,  
That our caissons are rolling along,  
That our caissons are rolling along.

**THE MARINE'S HYMN**

From the Halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli,  
We will fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land or sea.  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marines.

**DIXIE**

I wish I was in de land of cotton,  
Old times dar am not forgotten,  
Look away! look away! look away! Dixie Land.  
In Dixie Land whar I was born in,  
Early on one frosty mornin'  
Look away! look away! look away! Dixie Land.  
Den I wish I was in Dixie,  
Hooray! Hooray!  
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand,  
To lib or die in Dixie.  
Away, away, away down south in Dixie;  
Away, away, away down south in Dixie.

**YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG**

You're a grand old flag,  
You're a high flying flag,  
And forever in peace may you wave.  
You're the emblem of the land I love,  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true  
'Neath the red, white and blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag,  
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

**BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
Of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

**THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

O say! can you see,  
By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd,  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
Thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,  
Were so gallantly streaming!

And the rockets' red glare,  
The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night  
That our flag was still there.  
O say, does that Star Spangled  
Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free,  
And the home of the brave?