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by Karel Nelson

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ULE-Mukwonago Scholarships available

The ULE-Mukwonago is now accepting applications for \$500 scholarships to be given this spring. A scholarship committee has been formed for the first time this year. The group plans to make this an annual event.

Eligibility for the scholarships is as follows: a) applicant must be a dependent child of the ULE-Mukwonago member, b) preference will be given to a graduating senior. (If none qualify, consideration will be given to a student currently enrolled in a post high school institution.) c) candidates

must have acceptance from an accredited post high school institution and, d) award is based on a combination of need, scholarship, and potential for success in

chosen field.

Application forms will be available at all Mukwonago Area Schools. The deadline for applications is April 15.

Changes made in library agreement

There will be two basic changes in the agreement between the Town of Eagle and the Village regarding

operations of the Alice Baker Library, according to Town Attorney Betty Adelman.

When the village did the books, they did all the books, and had the library employees under their insurance policy. The town will now take over the responsibility from the village.

The library board will do all the paperwork, then forward it to Town Clerk Darlene Bagley for her inspection.

An account will be set up for the library, from which they will pay their workman's compensation.

Bagley was directed to keep track of her time spent on library matters, and then bill the library at the rate of \$6.50 per hour. Bagley reminded board members that the money didn't go to her, but to the town.

Chairman Don Wilton said that the town will take care of having the snow shoveled at the library.

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Contract studied for park use in Village of Eagle

VILLAGE OF EAGLE - The Village Board asked the Park and Recreation Committee to look into the contract with the town for use of the Village Park.

The town had agreed to pay \$3,300 toward park maintenance for 1991, plus an additional \$700 contribution if the summer recreation program was held again.

Citing an increase in general maintenance costs for the park, Village President Al Curler thought the

\$3,300 figure was too low. Curler said the contract with the town called for a one-third share of maintenance expenses, and last year's costs were approximately \$16,000. The Village had asked the town to contribute \$5,000 this year.

According to Trustee Sankey, "We have two choices - we either get a contract with the town or we don't." He didn't think the kids should be penalized for the decision made by the board.

A suggestion was made

to charge a fee to town children for the soccer, baseball and other programs.

"I can't see trying to collect fees from town residents and not village kids," said Trustee Al Salmela. "It would be a hard thing to do."

According to the village board, there is a higher percentage of town children that use the park.

"We don't want to do it (charge a fee), but our costs are going up," said Curler. "I don't think it's fair to the village residents to have to pay for all the increased costs in the park."

Board members said that the "kids would suffer if the town dropped out of the program" since many of the coaches for the teams are from the town.

The Park Committee will look into the contract with the town and report back to the board.

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Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The Mukwonago Lions Club is getting set for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held Saturday, March 23 beginning at 1 p.m. at Field Park.

The hunt is for all Mukwonago area children. All children will receive candy. There will also be prizes for those finding the special eggs.

Eagle Library named in estate

EAGLE - Ray and Camille Allpress were active in the Eagle area during their lives. Their estate makes sure the community will equally remember them. The Eagle Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Legion, Methodist Church and Alice Baker Library have received grants from this couple.

Ray was born in the house on Hwy N where he brought Camille after marriage. The couple took an active part in local affairs. Allpress was a rural mail carrier until his retirement in the 70s.

While he was growing

up, he also worked for Petit. The Petit holding owned the land which became DNR Paradise Spring Nature Grounds.

The couple had seen many changes in the Village and growth in the town. Camille was well known and both she and her husband were acquainted with Alice Baker. Baker was the driving force behind Eagle's library which holds her name.

Allpress had no children of their own but all youngsters of Eagle will benefit from grants through their estate.

Library receives memorials

by Karel Nelson

VILLAGE OF EAGLE - Trustee Beverly Spurrell reported to the Village Board February 28 on the Alice Baker Library.

According to Spurrell, the library has received two memorials, one in the amount of \$4,300 and the other for \$50.

Betty Isleb of the library sent a letter to the Village Board requesting approval of Bruce Sturm as a replacement on the library board for Mabel Thomas, who is moving from Eagle.

Spurrell said that Sturm, a teacher in Eagle, would be able to help the library keep in touch with the school system. The village board approved Sturm's appointment.

The board discussed the agreement with the Town of Eagle on the joint library. The town recently took over the handling of the library's books. The books had been done by the village clerk previously, but now all checks will be signed by the town clerk.

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