



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2025 Museum Hours:

Sundays 1-4 pm
May 25 - October 26
Wednesdays 1-4 pm
May 28 - October 29

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Winter, 2024

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

2025 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 29 - Annual Mtg
6:30 pm
Pewaukee Library,
Community Room

Apr. 30 - Spring Mtg.
7:00 pm
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 8-10 - Rummage
Sale

May TBA-Community
Night 7:00 pm
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S.
History students)

June 8 - Show Us
Your Collection

July 13 - Ice Cream
Social

Aug. 10 - Art at the
Museum

Sept. 14 - Harvest Fest

Oct. 29 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 6 - Tree Lighting

PEWAUKEE TREE LIGHTING Saturday, December 7, 2024 2:00 - 5:00 pm

by Tom Brick



Christmas will be here soon. And on December 7th, the Pewaukee Community Christmas Tree Lighting event will kick off the season on the grounds of the Clark House Museum. Santa & Mrs. Claus will arrive at 2:00 pm to visit with the children in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. (don't forget to take a few pictures). Santa's gift shop will again be available for the little ones to purchase a gift for mom and/or dad, cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club (the event sponsor), and from 4:00-5:00 pm, the Civic Broadway Singers will entertain us with Christmas carols. The tree (provided by the North Shore Bank) will be lit at 5:00 pm.

We are grateful for the continued sponsorship and funding from the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club and the North Shore Bank. Thank them when you can.

Hope to see you at this wonderful Pewaukee tradition.

Taking Care of Business - at PAHS Annual Meeting

by Carole Brinkman

We always see each other at our summer events but let's get together on *January 29th* in the *Community Room of the Pewaukee Library, 210 Main Street*. The PAHS annual meeting starts at 6:30 pm with a brief business meeting and installation of new board members, followed by a program of interest and treats to follow. Bring a friend, plan on attending.

WANTED - A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!!

Now that we have your attention, because *YOU* are a good person, would *YOU* consider being a Board member of *YOUR* Pewaukee Area Historical Society? Do you know of someone who might be interested? We are looking for two people to fill our current vacancies. Our Board meets the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Steele Exhibit Building.

If *YOU* are interested and would like more information on what is involved, please contact Carole Brinkman at carole.brinkman@yahoo.com or at (272)352-7892.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Annual Membership

Lori Trahan

Thank you for supporting PAHS!
See you at the Tree Lighting.

2025 PAHS Membership Forms and Life Member Update Forms included. . .

All PAHS members are receiving this newsletter in the mail (rather than email) because it includes the 2025 annual membership form or a life member update form depending on your membership status. Your membership is important to PAHS and is appreciated. We take pride in providing free tours/events and work to keep the aging Clark House Museum in good repair. We hope that you renew your membership promptly and if possible consider an additional donation. If you are able to volunteer, please also mark your interest areas. Remember, PAHS is a non-profit organization, 501(c)(3), solely dependent on private funding for capital improvements and ongoing operations. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Office Depot Shopping Trip

by Tom Brick

For the third year in a row, Marilyn Hagerstrand has once again generously donated a \$250 debit card so we could restock some of the supplies we use during the year. Marilyn and I met at Office Depot, and we used the card to buy printer ink, pens and colored paper.

Thank you Marilyn!

Third Graders Field Trip

by Tom Brick

It was busy at the museum during the week of Oct. 21st, Horizon Elementary School's nine third grade classes walked down the hill to the Clark House Museum and the Steele Exhibit Building. The weather was perfect for their long walk. When asked, the kids all said they would rather be at the Clark House than at school. We talked to them about some of Pewaukee's history and what it was like in the "old days", when kids had to walk, sometimes a mile, to their one-room school. As usual, the typewriters, the dentist chair and the kitchen mixers were a big hit. Sharon Strieter and I accepted a \$214.00 donation from the classes. Many thanks to the parents and teachers for their generosity.

We also thank the teachers for including our local history in their curriculum. Visit us again soon, as we love having young people at the museum!



Harvest Fest

by Carole Brinkman

Our 2024 Harvest Fest has come and gone. The weather was beautiful, we didn't have to compete with the Packers as they played in Brazil the previous Friday, and we had wonderful demonstrators. Many thanks to *Geri Coen*, basket weaving; *Christine Plichta*, knitting; *Dick Minch*, woodworking; *Robert Strieter*, corn shelling; *Marilyn Hagerstand*, genealogy; *Nancy Ryan*, chair caning; *John, Sam and Robbie Strieter* for bringing their tractor; *George Strieter*, produce; and *Paul and Kate Zelinger* for bringing their hit or miss engine. Thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes in setting up and *Sharon Strieter* and *Dave Bergles* for conducting Clark House tours. Let's not forget all those wonderful bakers! We couldn't have Harvest Fest without any of you!

We also had the return of hot beef sandwiches to our menu. We sold out of 15 pounds of beef in three hours! Lots of hungry visitors.

Do you have any suggestions for next year's Fest? Would you or someone you know like to share your talents? Please let me know at carole.brinkman@yahoo.com to be included in our plans for next year.

THANK YOU to all who came to visit. We look forward to seeing you again next year. Harvest Fest 2025 is scheduled for September 14 2025 .

“And in this corner ...”

by Cliff Muehlenberg



Come see our renovation in the Steele Building! By the time you receive this it will be completed.

A Little Girl's Depression Christmas Memories

by Penny Williams

With all the talk of the latest recession in our country and the need to cut back on Christmas this year, I've found it easy to remember the Christmases of my childhood. Born in 1929, I was a true child of the “Great Depression.”

My father was out of work for over three years, except for an occasional odd job he managed to find. I suppose we were very poor, but then, so was everybody else, so as children we never knew or worried about a shortage of work or money. Christmas was celebrated, but the emphasis was on family and church instead of the glitzy production it has become recently.

Of course, the youngsters always believed in Santa Claus and Billy the Brownie, and our parents worked very hard to keep our dreams intact. I know that others of my generation will nod heads in agreement as

I reminisce.

Take the Christmas tree, for instance. My daddy went out late in the afternoon on Christmas Eve day to find the best deal on a tree. This wasn't procrastination, it was simply a lack of money. Being the last hours of the final day of sale, he sometimes managed to get one for 50 or 75 cents. I doubt that he ever spent more than \$1, and then he bargained for a bundle of boughs thrown in for free.

He came home with some pretty-sad-looking-trees, certainly on a level with Charlie Brown's. Daddy was an artist when it came to making those sad trees a sight to behold. He would drill holes in the trunk and add branches from his “free” boughs where needed. Soon that tree looked to us as if it had always been perfect. Each year we thought it was the nicest one we ever had.

Next came trimming the tree. We always did this as a family because without our help poor old Santa would never make it to all the houses he had to go to. We did have some glass ornaments that were handed down in the family. I especially remember a red toadstool with white dots and a pretty bird with a stiff brush tail. We kids made strings of cranberries and popcorn and chains of colored paper. There were always cherries on wires, but those were dangerous, so they were usually out of reach of the younger children.

The toys were best of all, in my eyes. My father was a talented and loving man who

must have had a lot of patience. For several years, he made all the toys I can remember. One year it was a folding table with two chairs and a china cabinet to match. I remember it was painted a pretty shade of green with hand-painted red flowers to decorate. I must have served many a tea party on that table.

The next year brought a baby crib and doll furniture. I remember having one small doll named Dorothy, and maybe she came along with the furniture.

The most memorable of all was the year that he made me an exact duplicate scale model of my uncle's new house, complete with furniture. There was tiny kitchen furniture, including an icebox, all cut out by him on a jigsaw. There was bedroom furniture with drawers that opened and closed, along with a night stand complete with a small lamp. My grandma completed the bedrooms with tiny mattresses and pillowcases, and pink satin bedspreads with bows and flowers. In addition, grandma made a complete living room set that she wove out of wicker, including a floor lamp complete with a wall-paper shade. There were stuffed seat cushions on the davenport and even several rugs that she had woven on a loom.

Looking back over 75 years, we were indeed very poor in monetary things, but so blessed with things that came from the heart. I would never ever exchange one of those Christmases, and in fact have kept the dollhouse furniture as a reminder of the special

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parents and grandmother who did everything in their power to brighten the life of a little red-headed girl who didn't realize at the time how very, very blessed she was.

On the lighter side

An avid football fan took his friend to a game.

They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she said.

"The players are good looking with big muscles; but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, he asked,

"What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin,

One team got it, and

then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was"

Get the quarterback!

Get the quarterback!

NEWSLETTER

CONTACT INFORMATION

Be part of the next PAHS newsletter by submitting an article or other event information to

Karen Merz – email:

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Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0060

Deadline for the next newsletter is

March 15, 2025

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(262) 695-1981

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These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the PAHS. Please remember them when you need their services. Let's keep our Pewaukee businesses in Pewaukee and keep growing our business community!

Thanks for your business membership!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the screen porch of the Clark House. Thanks for remembering!

**The
Great Wall of China
is made with 3.8 billion bricks.**

It'll take us a while to catch up.

We could use your help!

(Still \$50)

Note: If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also.

*From the Kitchen of
Karen Merz*

**Thanksgiving Leftovers
Deep-Dish Pizza**

1 puff pastry sheet, thawed according to package directions
1/2 cup mashed potatoes
5 Tablespoons gravy (divided)
1/2 cup cooked vegetables,
(such as corn or green beans)
1 cup shredded cooked turkey
1/2 cup stuffing
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup canned French-fried onions
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Chopped fresh sage, basil or thyme for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
Grease a 9-inch pie dish

Lightly press thawed puff pastry sheet into pan. Trim excess dough off corners and use to fill in gaps around edge.

Spread a layer of mashed potatoes across bottom.

Drizzle with 2 tablespoons of gravy.

Layer on leftover vegetables, turkey, stuffing and remaining 3 tablespoons gravy.

Top with cheese.

Bake in preheated oven 18 – 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle French-fried onions on top.

Bank an additional 3 minutes

Grind black pepper over pie and sprinkle with fresh herbs, if desired.

Happy Thanksgiving

*From Asa Clark's
house to yours*



WELCOME, NEW YEAR

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR,

LET THE BELLS RING!

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES;

EVERYONE SING!

THE NEW YEAR'S BEGINNING;

START IT OFF RIGHT.

BID IT GOOD FORTUNE

AND WELCOME TONIGHT.

THE OLD YEAR IS PASSING,

BUT THERE'S NONE TO MOURN.

WE ARE REJOICING;

THE NEW YEAR IS BORN!

NONA KEEN DUFFY

**Pewaukee Area Historical Society
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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society (PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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