



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2025 Museum Hours:

Sundays 1-3 pm

May 25 – September 28

Wednesdays 1-4 pm

May 28 – October 29

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Fall, 2025

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Sept 14 – Harvest Fest
Grounds of the
Clark House Museum
Noon – 4:00 pm

Oct 29 – Fall Mtg.
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
7:00 pm

Dec 6 – Tree Lighting
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
2:00 – 5:00 pm



HARVEST FEST IS ALMOST HERE

by Carole Brinkman

Mark your calendar for our next big event – HARVEST FEST! The big day is Sunday, September 14th from noon to 4:00 pm. Join us in viewing demonstrations of basket weaving by Geri Coen, chair caning by Nancy Ryan and many more creative people.

We are in need of bakers for the bake sale! If you can donate some baked goods to help us out, that would be most welcomed! All kinds of baked goodies are needed (pies, breads, cakes, cookies, cupcakes). Gluten free items are also needed. If you are a canner, we'd also like whatever you make (jams, salsa, dilly beans, corn relish) – surprise us! If you have an over-abundance of produce from your garden, bring it over! You can drop off your items at the Steele Bldg. on Saturday, September 13 from noon to 3:00 pm, or leave your items on the table in the side porch of the Clark House by the driveway.

If you get hungry, we'll have our delicious hot beef sandwiches and hot dogs available for purchase.

As this is one of our major fundraisers, come spend a fun and educational afternoon with your family and friends and learn from our wonderful demonstrators. You don't even have to worry about missing the Packer game as they are scheduled to play on Thursday. Come support YOUR museum. Without you, we can't exist! Don't miss this event.

PAHS Fall Meeting

by Carole Brinkman

Plans are underway for our fall meeting on Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00 pm in the Steele Building. Our tentative speaker will be the historian of the Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club. The club was named in honor of Mr. Goss, an early Pewaukee settler who arrived here in 1842. He was a renowned naturalist and ornithologist whose extensive collection of North American bird eggs is housed in the Milwaukee Public Museum. Mr. Goss and his family have deep Pewaukee roots and are buried in our local Forest Hill cemetery. Plan on attending to learn more about this interesting man.

Asa says...

*“Who do you know
that wants to
buy a brick?”*

(Still only \$50)

The Front Porch is being rebuilt...*finally!*

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Well, why has it taken so long, you're mumbling. And I'd offer an explanation, but I know you have more important things to do. Don't you?

The good news is that it's happening now and with a bit more good luck by the time you're reading this, it will be completed.

It wasn't easy to find a carpenter. It was my intention to "assist" the "A-carpenter" even if it was to only stay out of his way.

I found an agreeable carpenter hiding under a cactus in Arizona last January. He's Bruce and has forgotten more about carpentry than I ever knew. We began in July and decided it was a good idea to get a building permit. And it was the right thing to do since "we have a Public Building".

The Yellow Tape is still up, which is our equivalent of the road crew's Orange Barrels. The steps are in and there's one more than there used to be, but's who's counting? I've spent a recent week building the railings in my home shop. They look simple when done. But it's like knowing the answer to a tough question. Only easy if you know the answer.

The porch entry walls also need paint where spiders and dirt have deteriorated the paint job that's only 5 years old.

Then while working on the front of the house, the long railing that extends to the front sidewalk also badly needed repainting. What volunteer could handle another task? Our board member Jim Tredwell had a niece and nephew who helped us paint the house in 2020. I

called Jim to find out if they were sitting under a tree for the summer reading books. His niece has a summer job but his nephew Morrison might be interested.

Morison agreed to the task and completed it in about a half-day! And did an admirable job! No runs, hits or errors. It looks great again! Thank you Morrison!



My plan is to install the railing soon and maybe Bruce will now *assist* me! I know he will and put up a few pieces that need to go back in place.

We will have to have a "Yellow Tape Cutting Ceremony"soon!

Thanks for your patience!

On the lighter side . . .

My wife came up with a solution to family harmony. It requires three things: patience, understanding and most importantly, at least two TV sets.

Albrecht's Sentry Receipts

by Carole Brinkman

Do you shop at Albrecht's Sentry in Delafield? Are you aware of their *Funds for Friends* program? This is the easiest way to help PAHS raise funds. You go shopping, right? All you need to do is save your receipts and turn them in at the Clark House. We receive 1% of the total of all receipts received. You might say "what will my small amount do?" When you add all the others saving along with yours, it can add up in no time. Receipts must be less than 6 months old. You can leave receipts in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the side porch of the Clark House or mail them to PAHS (address on page 1). Thank you to all our regular savers. You help keep the lights on.

School Back Then

Blackboard
Chalk
Eraser
Film Projector
Floor Fan
Ink Bottle
Mimeograph
Pencil Sharpener
Radiator
Tin Lunchbox
Wall Clock
Wall Map
Wooden Desk

Oh, those were the days!

“And in this Corner ...”

by Eden Rasch, Carlie Haugen & Mia Backus (pictured below)
(Editors Note: This article and picture was submitted at the end of the 2025 Spring school year. This is a project that these Pewaukee High School students completed as part of a required assignment.)



We are part of Mr. Yuskis' Advanced U.S. History class and created a puzzle to highlight influential women of Wisconsin. We have parts of the puzzle that have women from different areas and time periods with their contributions to the world. We wanted to educate our community on the importance of women from our state.

Note: This puzzle is available to view at the Clark House Museum and is located in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. Thank girls for your donation!

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Pewaukee's history!

Robert Shaw – From Pewaukee to Hollywood

by Tom Brick

At the Clark House Museum, there is a picture of an elderly Alex Caldwell, one of the early Pewaukee pioneers. Standing next to him is his great-grandson, Robert Shaw, probably five or six years old.

Shaw spent most of those formative years living in his great-grandfather's house on Elm St., just off Oakton Ave., where Alex ran a grocery store and was also the justice of the peace. Every night his great-grandfather would read to him from the works of Longfellow which probably expanded Robert's imagination, a very useful thing in his eventual occupation.

When Robert was six, Alex Caldwell died, and this led to Robert moving to Milwaukee to live with his grandmother. After graduating from Shorewood High School, he attended the University of Wisconsin and obtained a degree in English.

Robert's big break came in 1940, when he got a job for the NBC Press Department in New York, where his assignment was to interview stars appearing on the NBC radio network. His writeups of the interviews would be sent to newspapers and magazines to promote the NBC shows. After interviewing a producer of soap operas, Robert created a script for a radio soap opera he called "Front Page Farrell". NBC liked it and, on his 23rd birthday, he had his first coast-to-coast show on NBC. Robert then also wrote scripts for "Search For Tomorrow",

"The Guiding Light" and "Stella Dallas".

NBC invited Shaw to submit a summer replacement for Bob Hope's radio show, and he came up with a weekly drama called "Mr. District Attorney". The show was a big hit and it stayed on the air for eleven years.

As television became more popular and production shifted to Hollywood, Robert moved with it. He wrote some TV shows for "Highway Patrol" and "Batman", and then he created and sold a show of his own, "Hawaiian Eye", starring Robert Conrad and Connie Stevens. The hits just kept coming, as Robert then became a writer and editor for "Peyton Place", and a story editor and writer for a new show called "Dallas".

In 1996, Robert Shaw, aged 79, passed away due to heart failure. In his will, he left the Pewaukee Area Historical Society \$50,000.

Ice Cream Social Recap

by Tom Brick

Blessed with beautiful summer weather and lots of publicity, we had a big crowd at the July 13th Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to our chairperson, Kathy Losiniecki, all our volunteers and our event sponsor, The Chocolate Factory, for making it a great event. Our favorite magician kept the kids entertained with balloon art and magic tricks. And we had one of the biggest raffles we've had in years, thanks to the many donated raffle prizes. In total, we made \$1,003!

Thanks too, to those that forgot about the calories.....

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

Chocolate Zucchini Bread

(Makes 2 loaves)

Preheat oven to 350° and lightly spray 2 8x4" loaf pans with nonstick spray

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon sea salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

3 large eggs

1 cup vegetable oil

1 cup granulated sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 cups shredded zucchini

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, plus more for sprinkling

*In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg.

*In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, vegetable oil, sugar and vanilla. Stir in the zucchini. Add the dry ingredients and stir until just combined. The batter will be fairly thick – that's ok. Don't overmix. Fold in the chocolate chips.

*Evenly divide the batter into the prepared loaf pans. Sprinkle with more chocolate chips and bake for 40 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean and the tops spring back to the touch. Remove and cool completely.

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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.

NEWSLETTER

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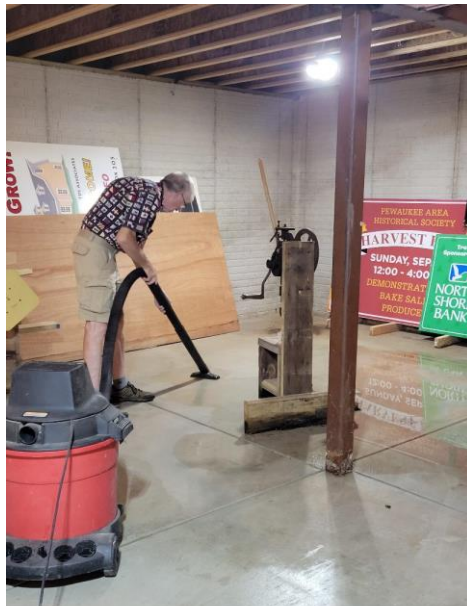
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October 1, 2025

Art at the Museum

by Carole Brinkman

We all know the old saying "The best laid plans....". Mother Nature had other plans for us on August 10th when Pewaukee received a historic rainfall of 12+ inches of rain! That said, we needed to cancel Art at the Museum as downtown Pewaukee was flooded (as was the Steele Building basement). Thanks to our volunteers who helped push water and dry up the floor. We'll plan on having Art at the Museum again next year on August 9, 2026.



Cliff, is it really fun vacuuming water?

*Fall has always been my
favorite season.
The time when everything
bursts with its last beauty.
As if nature had been
saving up all year
for the grand finale.*

Unknown

Helen Ackley

by Tom Brick

We were very sad to hear that Helen Ackley passed away on June 30, 2025. As many of you know, she was a long-time tireless volunteer for not only the Pewaukee Historical Society, but for many organizations in the Pewaukee area. For years, she was at the Clark House on Wednesday afternoons working on the archives. During the summer, Helen was always one of the docents on the first Sunday of every month. And she organized and ran our rummage sale each fall. To reward every rummage sale volunteer, Helen would always give them a bag of home-made candy, her famous "puppy chow".



She will be missed!

In Memory of Robert Strieter 1936 – 2025

by Carole Brinkman

Harvest Fest won't be the same this year as we have lost our dear friend Robert Strieter. He was a PAHS life member and mainstay at Harvest Fest while manning his corn shelling machine. Young and old always enjoyed trying their hand at the sheller. His smile and willingness to share his stories about farming will be greatly missed by all.

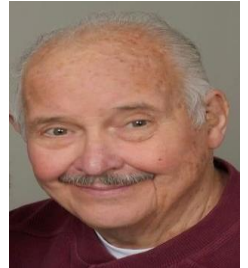


Rest in Peace Robert!

Milton Hagerstrand 1931 – 2025

by Karen Merz

I had just saw a picture of Milton & Marilyn Hagerstrand in the Freeman with an article with the news that they had recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary when I received a call from their son Brian relaying the sad news that Milton had passed away on August 25, 2025.



Milton and Marilyn have been long time members of PAHS and volunteered as docents and could always be seen at their genealogy table at Harvest Fest.

Milton was always interested in history and was a founding member of the Waukesha 1834 Club and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

We will miss you Milton!

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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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