



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

Email: info@pewaukeehistory.org

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262-691-0233

Spring, 2025

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Apr 30 - Spring Mtg.

7:00 pm

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 8-10 - Rummage Sale, Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 22 - Community Night 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

hosted by Pewaukee H.S.

History students

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

June 8 - Show Us Your Collection

Your Collection

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 13 - Ice Cream Social

Social

Aug 10 - Art to The Museum

The Museum

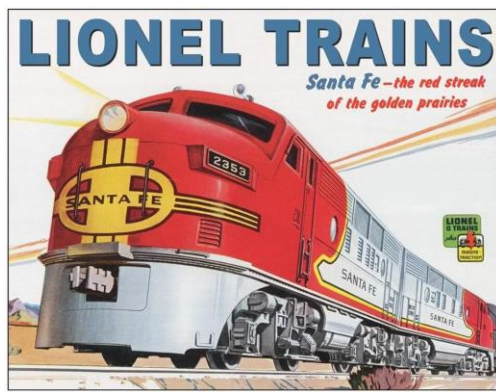
Sept 14 - Harvest Fest

Oct 29 - Fall Mtg.

Dec 6 - Tree Lighting

Spring Meeting - April 30th

by Carole Brinkman



We are pleased to announce our speaker for the Spring Meeting will be PAHS member Keith Jones. Keith will be speaking about his hobby of Lionel trains. Come learn about his many trains on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 pm in the Steele Exhibit Building. A brief business meeting will also be held prior to Keith's presentation. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.



by Tom Brick

Rummage Sale time is almost here! Dust off those items that have been taking up space in your garage and closets and drop them off at the Steele Exhibit Building. As an all volunteer society, we are totally dependent on our friends and members to make this fundraiser a success.

Drop off dates are April 30, May 3, May 7 from 1:00-4:00 pm. We need a variety of general rummage sale items. We cannot accept TV's, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

Sale dates are:

Thursday, May 8, 1:00-5:00 pm

Friday, May 9, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

We appreciate your donations and purchases.

**Only
38,451
bricks left to sell.
Hurry while there
are still some left.
(Still only \$50.)**

Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Community Night Thursday, May 22nd 7:00 – 8:15 pm

by Aaron Yuskis,

Whether it was the Watertown Plank Road, the 1851 railroad or even the construction of I-94, Pewaukee has changed as Americans have changed how they travel.



Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual community night from 7:00 – 8:15 pm on Thursday, May 22, 2025 in the Steele Exhibit Building as students from Pewaukee High School's Advanced US History class share their learning through presentations and displays. Please join us for this interactive evening of looking at the past, present and the future of travel in Pewaukee and America.

*We are not makers
of history. We are
made by history.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Warm Weather Is On the Way

by Susan Schweda

The Clark House Museum will be *Open for Tours* in May. (Please note, hours have changed a bit.)

Tour Hours:

Sundays 1:00–3:00 pm
May 25 – September 28

Wednesdays 1:00–4:00 pm
May 28 – October 29

OR anytime by appointment
Call 262-691-0233

Mark your calendar for these exciting **2025 events:**

NOTE: *All events are held at the Clark House Museum unless noted. Please check our website or voice mail for changes to this schedule.*

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(hosted by Pewaukee HS
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*Free Admission
All are Welcome*

We're looking forward to seeing you and sharing Pewaukee's history.

We Need Your Collections

We know you all have a collection of something. Take a look around your house and you might be amazed that you are collecting something that you didn't even realize. Leave a phone message at the Clark House (262-691-0233) letting us know what you'll bring to the *SHOW US YOUR COLLECTION* event on June 8th Noon – 4:00 pm. Then show up with your collection at the Steele Exhibit Bldg. and display your stuff and by talking about it, you'll realize why you started collecting it. It's a fun way to help PAHS at an event and meet new people. See you there!

Docents Needed

by Susan Schweda

The Clark House Museum is looking for members to be a docent during the museum's 2025 season; Sundays (1:00-3:00 pm) and special events.

- Help us tell the story of the Clark House and Pewaukee.
- Meet interesting people.
- Volunteer once or multiple times, anytime is welcome,
- Have fun.

Please consider being a docent to help our museum stay open for the public to enjoy.

If you are interested, contact us at 262-691-0233.



“And in this Corner ...”

by Tom Brick

Duplainville, first called Remington Prairie when the early settlers arrived in Pewaukee Township in the 1830's to the 1840's, was a flat tract of grassland consisting of five small prairies separated by brush and scraggly oak trees. The different prairies were named for the early settlers who lived on the land (Griswold, Stowell, Drummond, etc.) The prairies had one big advantage for the settlers, they were free of trees and ready to plow.

In those days, wolves hunted in the swamps on both sides of the Fox River, about a half mile from the Remington Prairie. They came every night howling like a pack of hounds, their runway south and east of Griswold's cabin. Occasionally they would kill livestock. In the summer of 1846, the wolves kept howling until well into the afternoon, then were never seen again in the area. They were bidding the settlers farewell.

Also in 1846, a small school, big enough for 8-10 students, was built opposite Albert Griswold's barn. Men teachers were preferred for the winter term, the only term required for the boys. The teacher's maxim was “obey or be expelled” (for boys, being expelled meant working all day on the farm).

In 1851, the powers-to-be thought it was time to select a permanent name for the area (rather than various

prairies), since the coming of the railroad would swiftly develop the area. At a meeting they drew out a map of Europe and agreed to accept the name of a European city that a finger was pointed to without looking at the map. Duplainville, France was pointed to and accepted, since the name seemed to fit the area of five plains. The acceptance date was February 19, 1865.

By 1872, both the east-west Milwaukee Watertown Railroad and the north-south Wisconsin Central Railroad went through Duplainville. Duplainville's railroad station was busy for many years, with the loading of grains, potatoes, dairy products and livestock to ship to city markets.

(Read more about the history of Duplainville in the booklet, “The Green Road and the Duplainville Area”, for sale at the Clark House Museum.)

Charitable Checking Program

by Tom Brick

Our checking account at the WaterStone Bank is now designated as a “Charitable Checking Account”. If you have an account, or if you open an account at WaterStone, tell the bank that you are a supporter of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. At the end of the year, the bank will give PAHS an award (minimum award \$100), based on how many supporters we have. It doesn't cost you or us anything. (Pamphlets on the Charitable Checking Program are available at the Clark House.)

PAHS Annual Meeting

by Carole Brinkman

Our annual meeting on January 29th was well attended.



Our guest speaker, Col. Charles Merkel, gave a very interesting talk about the Wisconsin Air National Guard 128th Air Refueling Wing and how the 128th is a vital link to the support of our nation's defense.

Our new board member, Gerrie Marincic, was introduced to the audience. Welcome Gerrie!

A very surprised Tony Losiniecki was presented with our Volunteer of the Year award.

More information about Tony and his award on page 5.



Tony accepts award from Cliff at the annual meeting

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
Kathy Losiniecki*

**Grandma's Cinnamon Buttermilk
Coffee Cake**

(Grandma was Helen Miller, a neighbor of Kathy's and long-time member of PAHS. Kathy is lucky to own several of Helen's recipes. RIP Helen)

Preheat oven to 350°

Butter a 9" pan

2 cups flour

2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup butter (1 stick)

1/3 cup sifted flour

1 egg

1 cup buttermilk

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix flour & brown sugar. Cut butter in until mix resembles coarse meal. Set aside 3/4 cup of mix for topping.

Add 1/3 cup flour to remaining mixture and mix well.

Then, add egg, buttermilk, baking soda & cinnamon. Mix only until ingredients are well moistened. Pour into pan.

Combine the 3/4 cup sugar mixture that was set aside & the chopped nuts.

Sprinkle over the top.

Bake for 50-55 minutes. Let cool in pan, then cut & serve.

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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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Karen Merz – email:

info@pewaukeehistory.org

Questions? Call Karen at 262-691-0233

Deadline for the next newsletter is

May 15, 2025

Volunteer of the Year for 2024

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Some time ago, the board decided to update our ice exhibit. After considering several ideas, the project was started in October. Since we were going to use some of the old space used for table/chair storage, Dick Rosenberger came up with a clever idea to store our chair carts.

Plans were drawn and thoroughly explained to the board. All agreed.

Construction began shortly after in our new expanded area. Slat-wall material was chosen for ease of display change. Instead of putting holes in drywall, patching the old holes and installing new fasteners, slat-wall is a much simpler process of sliding hardware to the new location and hanging it up. No old holes to patch and paint or need to find a stud in order to hang a heavy item.

The new wall material is heavy and requires muscle to lift the 4x8 sheets in place. Discussing this weight issue with a number of people, Tony Losiniecki simply said, "We can do it, no problem!"

Tony was on the cusp of retiring and thought he'd have time to help. The material was delivered and set on furniture dollies. One thing I've learned that never seems to fail is, "wherever something is put, it's going to be in the way." Furniture dollies eliminated the problem even if there was only one person that needed to move them.

Before working on the walls, the utility sink in the middle

of our space had to be moved. Tony again said, "No problem. I can do that!" And almost like magic, he did! But like most plumbing projects, several trips were needed to get all the necessary parts.

With the sink out of the way and in a much better location for use, the slat-wall was installed. The new walls and chair-storage area are now complete. And the new ice exhibit is nearly done. There's still more to do...but there always is.

Thanks Tony Losiniecki and Dick Rosenberger for above and beyond assistance. Tony made it an easy choice for this year's *Volunteer of the Year!* Congrats Tony!

And thanks to all for your input and support. Working together made the project enjoyable.



Cliff awards Tony Losiniecki
2024 Volunteer of the Year
while admiring the new display

*Growing old is
mandatory;
growing up is optional.*
American proverb

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Business Memberships

Chocolate Factory-
Pewaukee
State Farm Ins./Joe Woelfle

Thank you for supporting
PAHS

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

The following donations have been received and will be displayed as space permits

*Mike Fischer – Vintage pictures/photos of Pewaukee H.S. sports teams
*Hansen Family – Al Hansen's WWII military uniform.

Remembering a Cold December 2024 Day...

Because we're all dreaming of warm Spring days (and in case you forgot) on December 1, 2024 it was a windy, brisk 18 degrees but the community Christmas tree needed to be decorated for the Pewaukee Tree Lighting scheduled for December 7th. Thanks to Logan Tomasini, Will Hoff, Colton Koeppe and Joe Hiemer for getting the job done. Good job guys!!



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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