



# Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum  
206 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

## Museum Hours:

May 30 through October 31

Sundays 1-4 pm

Wednesdays 7-9 pm

or anytime by Appointment

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Fall, 2021

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 12 - Harvest Fest

Noon - 4:00pm

Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 23-25-Rummage

Sale

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 23, 2:00-6:00pm

Sept. 24, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sept. 25, 9:00am - Noon

Oct. 27 - Fall Mtg.

7:00 pm

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Dec. 4 - Tree Lighting

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

## HARVEST FEST 2021

by Carole Brinkman

The big day is almost here! Mark your calendar for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-NOON TO 4:00pm.



We'll have another excellent day of skilled people sharing their crafts with us. This year's demonstrators include Geri Coen-basket weaving, Mac McDonald-wood and stone carving, Dick Minch-woodworking, Christine Plichta and Barb Risenhoover-knitting, Nancy Ryan-chair caning, Robert Strieter-corn shelling, Kathy Sampson-butter churning/coffee grinding and Jim Willis, blacksmithing.

Marilyn Hagerstrand will assist you in how to find your long-lost ancestors and develop your own family tree. If you would like her assistance, please bring along basic family information (full name, dates, places of birth/marriage/death, etc.) going back to your parents and grandparents. The more information you can provide, the better.

We will again have a BAKE SALE, but we NEED BAKERS. If you are willing to bake for us, it would be greatly appreciated. All kinds of baked goods are welcome (cookies,

cupcakes, breads, pies, cakes) whatever you'd like to make. If you prepare canned goods, we'd also like whatever you make (jam, salsa, dilly beans, corn relish) surprise us! You can drop off your items at the Steele Bldg. on Saturday, Sept. 11 from noon to 3:00pm, or leave your items on the side porch of the Clark House by the driveway. George Strieter will have fresh produce from his garden for sale and we'll have our delicious hot beef sandwiches for sale made by Rosemary Larkin.



As this is one of our major fundraisers, come and spend a fun and educational afternoon with your family and friends and learn from our wonderful demonstrators.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Annual Memberships

Robert Moritz

Karen Ray

Kent Seflow

Linda Wittmann

### Life Membership

Linda & Jerry Klimowicz

Thank you for your memberships!



## RUMMAGE SALE

### Donate/Attend

by Tom Brick

#### Sale Dates & Times:

Thurs., Sept. 23, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

In order to make this important PAHS fundraiser a success, we need your useable donations.

#### Donation Drop Off Dates/Times:

Sept. 15, 19 & 22 – 1-4:00 pm

Sept. 18 from 9:00 am – Noon

#### ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT:

Knickknacks, specialty linens or bedding, Christmas or holiday decorations, antique & vintage items, crafts, old books, small working kitchen appliances, dishes, kitchen items, home furnishings, artwork, decorative lawn art, small furniture items, vintage clothing, and decorative baskets.

#### ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

TV's, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

We need newspapers and paper grocery bags for packaging the purchases. We do NOT need plastic bags.

Now is the time to clean out your drawers, cupboards and garage and donate your items OR attend the sale and purchase a great item at bargain prices!

Questions or to volunteer to work at the rummage sale.... leave a message at the Clark House 262-691-0233

## ***A View from the Top!***

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Recently, I was alerted to a potential bee problem on the grounds. With the Clark House repairs beginning, I thought I'd better look into it. The carpenters would be doing work in some high places and it could be menacing.

The Exhibit Building dormers had visible nests in several of them. I watched the nests for a while and saw no activity. I thought, maybe they're old nests? I'd seen a man taking down a tree at our house when he cut into a nest with his chainsaw. Not sure who was more surprised, the bees or the tree man. He jumped from the tree into the woodpile below miraculously not breaking a limb (even on the tree).

I thought I might be able to hose them off the building with a strong stream. But I needed my nozzle from home.

Standing on a ladder, I hosed the first. No activity. I was emboldened but had cautioned volunteers younger than myself to stay off the roofs. I wanted to be closer but I'd be ignoring my own advice. The roof has a low pitch (about middle C). I got on the roof and powerfully hosed Nest #1. Nobody home!

I proceeded to 2, 3 and 4, not a buzzzz in sight! Mission accomplished...but not over. I walked to the ladder and discovered it was no longer there! I had pulled it over with the hose.

Luckily, I had my phone in my pocket. I dialed "911-Carole", she answered. "Are you home?", I asked. "No, but not far away." I explained

why and noticed a slight hesitation while she decided if she should leave me up there or not. Then said, "I'll be there shortly."

She arrived and put the ladder back up. I told her she'd be rewarded in heaven but I may not be there to cut the cake.



*Thanks Carole for beeing all you can bee!*

## **Volunteers Summer Garden Project**

by Richard Rosenberger

The Clark House garden is a work in progress. The dedication of the garden to Ellen and Bob Raschka was one important area that we improved this year.



The stone is red granite, Wisconsin's state stone, and matches the area where we display the village Christmas tree.

*Concept and execution by Jim Willis and Richard*

## My Brush with Prohibition

*This true story was written by Roger Brook prior to his death earlier this year and provided to PAHS by his family.*

It was April 1933 and I was a student at Wauwatosa's Jefferson School which was located at 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Etna Court. This school was only two city blocks from my home on Maple Terrace so I typically came home for lunch. Also, there were no cafeteria facilities at Jefferson.

My walk to and from school took me past a local policeman's home on the N-W corner of Etna Ct. and 70<sup>th</sup>. He was always watching lest we step on his grass and not the sidewalk when crossing to the school.

One noon on my way home for lunch the policeman called me over and asked if I would like to earn two dollars as a delivery boy? I replied; "Very much so!" I had wanted to learn the Morse Code and needed a telegraph key to learn the code. At the time my allowance was only a dollar a week and it would be weeks before I could save enough.

"OK, stop by after school this afternoon" was his reply. At lunch I told my mother I would be late as I was going to play with one of my classmates after school.

When school was out I rang the policeman's doorbell. He invited me in, gave me a slip of paper with an address on it, a small case that weighed several pounds, and the instructions "Take the street-car to the village. Walk up Harwood Avenue to the address on the paper. They are expecting you. Give them

the case, the address slip, and they will give you your two dollars."

I did as I was told, and everything worked as expected, but to save carfare, I walked home. About two weeks later the policeman asked me again if I wanted to earn two dollars, YES, YES! This time the address was west of the village near the Congregational Church.

That evening at the dinner table I commented that I wanted to go to the Radio Parts store on State Street for my code practice parts. My dad picked up on this and asked "Where did you get the money?" I explained that I had been a delivery boy for the policeman on 70<sup>th</sup> and Etna Court.

"That's enough of that!" was my dad's reply, "You have been running for a bootlegger". Dad made one phone call, I don't know to whom, the policeman never spoke to me again, but dad did let me keep my earnings and get parts to learn the Morse Code.

## Recent Acquisitions

*by George Strieter*

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

\**Ted Tannis* – Homemade drill press era 1900

\**Bob Groth* – Vintage wedding dress of grandmother (1910)

\**Keith Jones* – Vintage Arcade crystal coffee grinder

\**Susan Schweda* – Pwk HS yearbooks 1966 – 1969

Thank you for your donations  
to keep history alive!

## High School Research Project

*by Sharon Strieter*

Hailey Maynard is a student at Pewaukee High School. This past Spring she was working on a project for Mr. Yuskis' History class. Her subject was Pewaukee School History.

After many weeks of research at the Clark House, she completed her project and donated the 5 frames to our museum. She also helped with filing.

Hailey will be a senior at PHS this Fall. She loves history and also participates in theater and music.



*Thank you Hailey!*

## DON'T MISS PAHS FALL MEETING

**Wednesday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.**

Let's plan on getting together and see old friends and maybe meet new ones! It's the time of the year when we can celebrate our summer events, talk about our vacations and even the hot, humid weather.

Our program is in the planning, check our website closer to the date but for now, mark your calendar.

One thing is for sure, there will be refreshments!!

# Shangri-La...or...“The Big House”

by Cliff Muehlenberg



Pictured left to right:  
David Perrigo, Sr., Robert Perrigo,  
Penny Perrigo-Wistl and William Perrigo

In the Fall 2020 edition of our newsletter, you may recall we had an article about Shangri-La, one of the most notable mansions on Pewaukee Lake's north shore. The article contained some inaccuracies we now can correct. Since that time, we've had the good fortune of meeting the Perrigo family quite by accident. And now have first hand information about Shangri-La or as the Perrigo's referred to it as, "The Big House".

Armand Schulz was the grand uncle of the three sons and daughter of Bill and Madeline Perrigo. And he was NOT the son of a wealthy banker as previously stated.

Shangri-La was named by the original owner/builder Armand C. Schulz. The house was built in 1927 and the guest house/garage built in 1931. It was intended to be his residence when he was older.

Armand was a lithographer and owned A.C. Schulz Lithograph Company in Milwaukee. In 1942, he patented the *first* four-color press that could print four colors

with one pass through the press, on foil. Or in other words, the first four-color press in the world! (Prior to Armand's invention, to print a full-color photo the same sheet of paper had to go through the press four times!)

Armand printed beer labels for the breweries of Milwaukee and labels for many of the largest distilleries in the nation. Previously, printing on paper was all that could be done. Printing on foil brought life and sparkle to beer and liquor labels.

As a sport, Armand enjoyed racing speed boats known as Gentleman Racers on the Milwaukee River. But the city fathers didn't take kindly to boats racing on their river. So Armand looked to the west for the largest lake he could find. And found Pewaukee Lake.

Armand was born in 1876 and died in 1956 at age 80. He never married. William (Bill) Perrigo worked for Armand. When Armand died, Bill and his wife Madeline bought Shangri-La which soon came to be known to the family as the "Big House". The garage/guest

house was referred to as the "Little House".

Bill started his own lithography business in Waukesha called Perrigraphics.

Bill was an accomplished sailor joining the Pewaukee Yacht Club in 1932. He became commodore in 1948-1949. He has an impressive sailing record winning multiple years in Class E and Class A. In 1996, Governor Thompson issued a commendation to Bill for his life-long commitment to the sport of sailing.

Bill built the bowling alley above PYC on Hwy SS in order to give the sailors a place to meet during the winter, join leagues and stay in touch. It was called Perrigo Lanes for a short time before becoming Lakeview Lanes.

Madeline and Bill had four children: William, Jr., Penny Perrigo-Wistl, Robert and David, Sr. All four children went to Mrs. Caughlin's First Grade, then on to Lakeside Elementary and Arrowhead High School. Robert and David still reside on the lake.

The Perrigo family lived in  
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*(Shangri-La.. "The Big House" cont'd)*

The house from 1956 to 1992. Madeline and Bill sold the house to the Schweda's and retired to Marco Island, Florida.

The Schweda's then sold the house to Dr. John Kelly.

When Dr. Kelly decided to sell the house, the Perrigo's considered buying it back. However there had been too much water damage resulting from the house not being properly winterized forcing it to be razed.

On May 12, 2018 the Perrigo's and their lake community neighbors had one final party with the house, the Demolition Party. A video was taken as they watched the house come down.

Will said, "(As kids) we were blessed to have lived there and couldn't have lived in a better place. We were lucky."

Penny recalled, "Everything in the powder room was velvet, the curtains...everything. It was beautiful."

David reminisced, "During the summer we took care of the house. We painted the stucco, planted the fourteen large urns with flowers. We did everything. And there were 48 steps on the lakeside staircase. Plus so many wonderful memories of the sailing crews on the front lawn."

Robert remembers, "Shoveling the driveway after a snowstorm, 48 stairs to the front porch and running through the front porch screen door *(thanks Will)*."

The house may be gone, but the memories live on.

*(Stop by the Steele Exhibit Building to view our new exhibit of "The Big House".)*

## What you missed?

*by Cliff Muehlenberg*

If you weren't able to come to PAHS Collection Event this year, our earliest event each year, then you missed a special Sunday afternoon. Each year, we have members bring collections of things accumulated over many years. Things you may remember but have not seen for a long time, unusual things you've never seen and fun things perhaps from your childhood.

All of the above (my favorite answer in multiple choice) were displayed this year. It's pure fun to see it again or for the first time.

This year there was a Snoopy Collection, Gettlesman beer memorabilia, 19<sup>th</sup> Century collection of doll buggies, an unusually beautiful collection of china, collector coins, White House Christmas ornaments and all kinds of Waukesha Beach memorabilia. If you don't come, you won't know what you've missed.

Watch for it next year! In the meantime, we hope to see you soon!



## Thanks Carole . . . .

for representing PAHS at . . .

Pewaukee's  
National  
Night  
Out!  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>



We appreciate YOU!!

## So good to see everyone at the Ice Cream Social!

*by Karen Merz*

The weather was beautiful and it seems like everyone was looking for something to finally get out of the house for on a Sunday afternoon. We had a great fundraiser Ice Cream Social on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



Entertainment by the  
*Easy Days Barbershop Quartet*

Thank you to the following:

- \*Bubba's for donating their delicious homemade custard.
- \*Pick 'n Save-Pewaukee for donating a gift card used to purchase supplies.
- \*Super Scooper volunteers for dishing up the ice cream.
- \*All PAHS volunteers on hand to setup, cleanup and "run the show".
- \*Carole Brinkman for organizing the event
- \*AND everyone that attended and purchased a treat.

We had a very successful event and look forward to seeing everyone at Harvest Fest.

## **“And in this corner...”**

### **Gone, but not Forgotten . . .**

*by Penny Williams*

Once an important part of the landscape of rural Wisconsin, the one-room school is a thing of the past. Some were converted to homes, some are still used commercially, and some are just derelict buildings on the side of a minor back road. They might be gone, but many are not forgotten by older generations, some of whom attended the one-room school on Capitol Drive near the east limits of the village. In official records, it was known as Unionville School, but it was better known affectionately as Pumpkin Hollow School to anyone who lived in the area 50 to 60 years ago.

Records for Pewaukee Town School District #7 go back to Sept. 30, 1867, when a meeting was held to elect School Board officers. At that time, the people also voted to raise \$140 to cover costs for a seven-month school year. Of that, \$70 was for teachers' wages, \$30 for books, and the balance to cover purchases of firewood and any other necessities. Subjects taught were orthoepy (pronunciation), orthography (spelling), reading, penmanship, mental and written arithmetic, English grammar, geography, U.S. history, theory and art of teaching, algebra, physiology, physical geography, natural philosophy and geometry. If a student was apt, he might have been taught Latin if the teacher was qualified. All grades from one through eight were taught in one room by one teacher, but not all grades were taught the same subjects. Age was the determining factor in what was taught at what time. At that time, anyone who graduated from the eighth grade could go out and teach in any rural school.

Margaret Caldwell, a village girl, was hired to teach in 1867 for \$71 for a seven-month school year. She eventually went to medical school to become Waukesha County's

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Thanks for your business membership!

### **NEWSLETTER**

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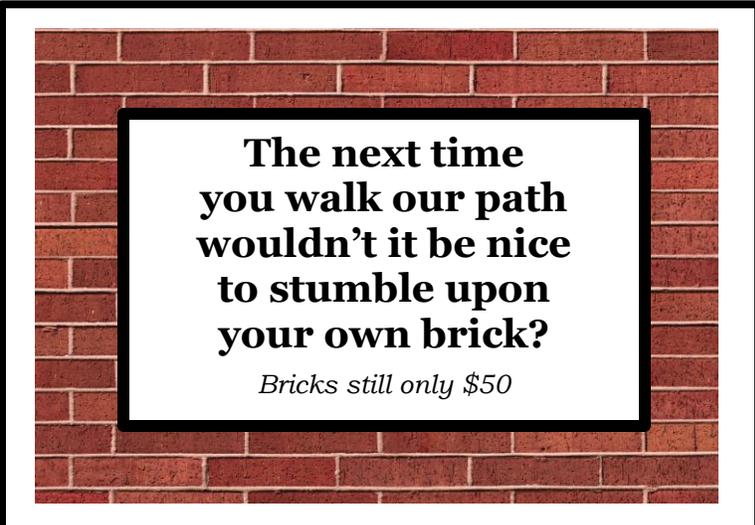
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**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**October 15, 2021**



**The next time  
you walk our path  
wouldn't it be nice  
to stumble upon  
your own brick?**

*Bricks still only \$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  
Alexandra Lerch-Gaggl*

**PICKLED EGGS**

12 eggs, hard boiled and peeled

For the pickling liquid use:

8-10 mustard seeds, dry

5 Juniper berries, dry & slightly cracked  
with the blade of a knife

1-1/2 cups Apple Cider Vinegar

1/2 cup water

4-5 twigs of fresh dill, cut into 1/2-inch-  
long pieces

8-10 small onions, peeled

3 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients for the pickling liquid and bring the mixture to a boil, simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Meanwhile place the eggs into a clean pickle jar, then pour the hot liquid over the eggs. Make sure all eggs are covered. Cover the jar with the lid or a plate and let stand for at least 3 days at room temperature to enjoy the pickled flavor. If covered properly all the time, the eggs and onions should be good for up to 3 weeks. Best served as additions to a nice hearty sandwich or just by themselves for a refreshing savory snack.

*Note:* I adapted the ingredients because I did not like the usual sweet, sour taste.

*OK to no refrigeration,* in the olden days refrigeration was not really an option, which is why food was smoked or pickled.

*One Man's Trash  
is another Man's  
Treasure*

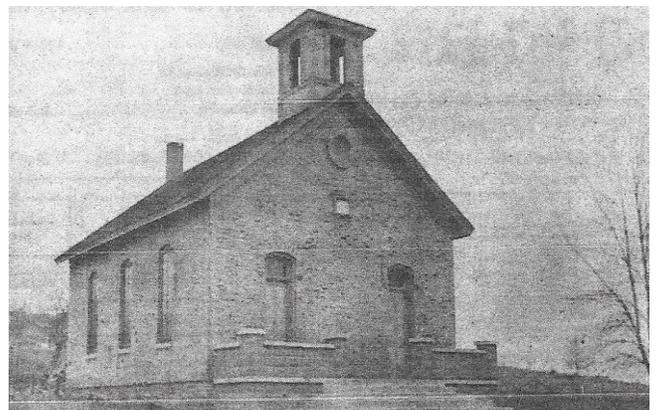
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*(Gone, but not Forgotten, cont'd)*

first female physician, and one of only a few in the state. The first school was apparently a log building, which was replaced by a wooden building in 1874 on a vote of 31 to 13. The old school was sold by bid for \$25 and was moved from the site on horse-drawn rollers. Each year, the budget grew as more necessities were purchased. Text books were purchased and sold to students at cost. Heating progressed from wood to a coal stove and the necessary coal bin. 1886 brought other improvements, including desks, wall maps and charts, a blackboard and kerosene lamps. By 1899, the budget had risen to \$300.

Eventually, the existing brick building was erected and in 1904 a tower bell was installed to summon students to school. A water well was dug on the property in 1914. The school continued to improve and eventually was under control of the State Department of Education, which set two separate outhouses 30 feet apart and separated by a solid board fence 7 feet tall.

There are people living in Pewaukee today who went to Unionville School for the first eight grades and completed their education at Pewaukee High School. Unionville continued in operation until 1962, when all one-room schools were ordered closed by the Wisconsin Department of Education. The building is now used commercially, but one important feature of the building will be forever preserved. The brass bell that called students for so many years now hangs in the tower of the Clark House, Steele Exhibit Building.



Unionville School, Pewaukee

*Note: This picture and article written by Penny was previously featured in 2007 in the Waukesha Freeman.*

**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.

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