



# Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum  
206 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

**Museum Hours:**  
May through October  
Sundays 1-4 pm  
Wednesdays 7-9 pm  
or anytime by Appointment

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Spring, 2019

## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

Apr. 24 - Spring Mtg.  
7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 21 - Community Night 7:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.  
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S. History students)

June 9 - Show Us Your Collection  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 7 - Ice Cream Social  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug. 17 - Boat Show  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept. 8 - Harvest Fest  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept. 26-28-Rummage Sale

Oct. 30 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 7 - Tree Lighting

### PAHS SPRING MEETING Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Steele Exhibit Building

It's time to get together and forget about that winter weather that cancelled our January meeting.

Following a brief business meeting including the election of 2019 board members, Tom Koepp, Mgr. and John Ruf, Board Member of the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District will update us on what's happening on Pewaukee Lake and the surrounding watershed areas.

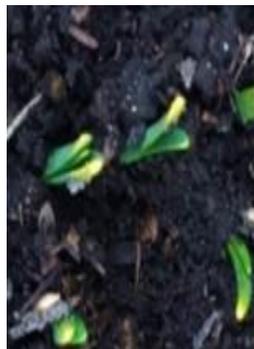
This should be an interesting evening of learning and you might also be able to get to see some old friends See you April 24<sup>th</sup>!

### SPRING HAS ARRIVED

by Karen Merz

The garden is starting to sprout at the Clark House and that means that our busy season can't be far behind. The Clark House Museum will begin free tours again on May 26.

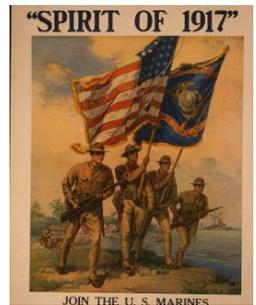
If you are interested in volunteering, don't wait until we call you, simply call the Clark House and let us know. We'll get you in touch with the right people. Another way to help, plan on attending our events and spread the word, your support is appreciated!



### COMMUNITY NIGHT Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Steele Exhibit Building

Don't miss this interesting event presented by Mr. Yuskis' Pewaukee High School history students. This year's event will highlight "World War I in Pewaukee and America".

As in the past, Community Night is planned as an interactive presentation and a wonderful way to support our local students. The students will present information that they have researched but encourage family stories of that time period from the audience. Do you have memories of a family member talking about that time period? Invite a friend and plan on attending.



### Growing Your Family Tree

by Tom Brick

Over the years, many people have used the archives in the Clark House to help them with their genealogy projects. We have many files indexed by family names, old phone books, pictures and school records. If you're going to finally tackle that project, contact us to help you add a few Pewaukee branches to your tree.

Also, if you already have organized your Pewaukee family tree, we would love to have a copy of your information to share with our future generations.

## Show Us Your Collection #6

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Our newest event is now 6 years old. Remember when you were? Me neither.

I have to remind some that claim they collect nothing that it's just not so. It might be they've had it for so long a time they don't even recognize it as a "collection"!

Maybe it belonged to mom or a relative and you rescued it from being donated. Or maybe it's packed away in the box it came in so long ago. Most have more than we think or like to think we have.

This event is short and only from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. All that have participated have discovered 'new old things' they may not have thought about since they were much younger, maybe age 6?

Tables are free to PAHS members or \$10 to non-members. Call 691-0233 if you'd like a table to "*show off your stuff*". Or just stop by and see ours.

## In Memoriam . . . .

by Penny Williams

Although we don't usually make note of a member's passing, I felt that these two individuals rated mention.

*Ken Coshun*, owner for many years of the Lake Pharmacy in Pewaukee passed away in January and was buried on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Although he was not a native Pewaukee, Ken purchased the original Post Office building on Oakton Avenue when it became available in November of 1958 to establish Pewaukee's second pharmacy. The village was growing, and despite the predictions of an "Old Timer", that he wouldn't last more than two months, Ken not only was successful, but went on to build a new and larger store at Main and East Wisconsin Ave. He and his

wife, Bev, put down their roots in the Pewaukee scene and after a few years purchased a home on Lake Street where they raised their daughters. Both girls graduated from Pewaukee High School.

When it was organized in the 1990's, Ken and his family became Charter Members of PAHS and have been Life Members ever since. In the early days Ken volunteered at the Ice Cream Socials and taught everyone how to make the perfect root beer float that never ran over. Ken retired several years ago, but he never forgot his Pewaukee ties and friends.

*Jack Koeppe* is the second person that I want to remember. Jack attended Ken's funeral and passed away less than a week later. He and his family are also Charter and Life Members of PAHS. Jack's connections to our village go back more than 100 years and there is now and has always been a Koeppe involved in Pewaukee and the surrounding area. He taught his family well, leading by example, and although he was 95 years old when he passed, he never forgot his roots. Jack's grandfather, Herman Koeppe, came to Pewaukee in the early 1900's and operated a combination grocery and dry goods store. His father, Harry, had a successful gas station and car dealership, first on East Wisconsin Ave. across from where the Clark House Museum is located and later across from the lakefront. After his service in World War II, Jack returned to Pewaukee

and started Koeppe Realty. He was Pewaukee's only realtor for many years and knew the Village and surrounding area and its residents well. In recent years, although retired, his interest in Pewaukee never waned. Most recently he took part in the Clark House "Show Us Your Collection" event with a scrapbook he had made detailing Pewaukee history.

Both men will be missed as the epitome of old-time Pewaukee.

## Improving America

by Tom Brick

Wouldn't it be a good idea if leap year day was moved from February 29<sup>th</sup> to June 31<sup>st</sup>. . . that way, we would have one less day of winter and one more day of summer.

## 2018 Tree Lighting

The afternoon was filled with fun activities but the rain came down in buckets during the lighting of the *real Christmas tree*. See the article on the next page about the tree.



# “And in this corner ...”

by Carole Brinkman

How often do you travel along West Wisconsin Avenue and the beachfront area? Have you ever noticed the large stone monument across the street from Brewers Two coffeeshop and wondered what it was? I am here to answer your question!



Originally a similar monument had been erected south of the dam near the swimming area. An inscription reads “To honor those who served humanity in the Great World War 1914-1918”. On the reverse side is stated “Erected by the people of the village and township of Pewaukee – 1919”. An addition stating “and of all following conflicts” was added at a later date.



Attached to the flagpole is a bronze plaque stating “For those who served with valor and honor in our military service to defend these United States and millions of people around the world. With a special gratitude to those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve

## Krasinski donates Community Christmas Tree

by Cliff Muehlenberg

This is the first year to have a live Christmas tree in a number of years. For many years, the blue spruce on the corner of the property was the community Christmas tree. That was until it out-grew the Park and Rec Department’s high reach equipment. That tree is a memorial donated by the Janine and Dick Knutsen family.

It once again became possible this year because of our new outdoor exhibit area on the Prospect Ave. side of our property. The

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our freedom”.

World War I	1914-1918
World War II	1939-1945
Korean War	1950-1953
Vietnam War	1957-1975

Erected July 4, 2001  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin by the Harken Family.

Many Pewaukeeans have served our country over the years. In our attempt to honor them, our newest exhibit at the Clark House Museum will be focusing on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pewaukee American Legion Post 71, chartered in 1919. Our exhibit will open on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day weekend, with hours from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and run through Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to come and learn of Pewaukee’s military past, and, the next time you’re downtown, stop at our lakefront memorial and pause for a moment to remember . . . .

exhibit area was the Eagle Scout project of Aaron Rooney and completed this past summer.

The exhibit area has electrical and lighting controlled by a timer due to the in-kind electrical magic of Kevin Cecka. And he’s never even been a scout.

The exhibit area is filled with red granite stone, which is Wisconsin’s state stone as advised by our “rock star” Richard Rosenberger. In the center is an 8” diameter pipe dug 36” deep to hold our Community Christmas tree.

When I mentioned to my friend Tom Krasinski, that we were again going to be able to have a 15 foot live tree, the first in a while, Tom asked, “Where are you getting the tree?” Without missing a beat I said, “Uh, I don’t know”. He said, “I’ll pay for it, how much does it cost?” I didn’t know that either but I knew the spirit of Christmas was alive and well in Tom!

Like most projects, many people were involved in making it happen. From the Eagle Scout coordinator Terry Hoepner, Aaron Rooney’s fellow scouts that dug, filled, constructed and even sweat, Aaron’s parents, the PAHS board, Kevin Cecka who made the lights go on, volunteers who chose the tree, stuffed it in Duane Bower’s little red truck (it looked like the tree was driving), decorated it and finally Tom Krasinski for his generosity (*which we hope continues*).

Many thanks to all involved and keeping *the spirit* alive all year long!

**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  
Helen Ackley*

**Aztec Salsa**

- 25 grape tomatoes, cut in quarters
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 3 green onions, diced
- 1 can Delmonte Southwest Corn  
(drained and rinsed)
- 3 avocados, diced

Mix the following together and then combine with the above five ingredients.

- 1 pkg. Good Seasons Italian Dressing (dry)
- 1/4 c. olive oil
- 1/4 c. red wine vinegar

Serve with scoops tortilla chips

ENJOY!



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. Penny Williams will take it from there. Thanks for remembering.

**It's BRICK planting season. . . .**

Dick got knee pads for Xmas and he's itchin' to use them. . .

Somebody *please* buy a brick.

Don't want to see him cited for loitering. . . .again.

Still only \$50 (even our prices are historic.) Order forms are available inside the side porch at the Clark House and on our website.

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(262) 695-1600**
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- WaterStone Bank - (262) 696-5200**

These businesses are partnering with us to show their support to the Historical Society. 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!

**Welcome New Members**

Mary Gram  
Maggie Spada of Edward Jones

Thank you for your memberships. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

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

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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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