



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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Summer, 2020

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

June 14 - Show Us
Your Collection
CANCELLED

July 12 - Ice Cream
Social- Clark House
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 15 - Pewaukee
Boat Show
Pewaukee Lakefront
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 13 - Harvest Fest

Sept. 24-26-Rummage
Sale

Oct. 28 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 5 - Tree Lighting

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 12th, Noon - 4:00 p.m.

WE ALL LOVE ICE CREAM, BUT...The big question for this summer was whether to hold our annual *ICE CREAM SOCIAL* or not. After much consideration and discussion, at this point we have decided we *WILL* have ice cream on *SUNDAY, JULY 12th*. Things might not be quite as we've had them in the past. We are considering not scooping cones or sundaes, but will instead offer pre-packaged products (ice cream sandwiches, bars on a stick, little cups of ice cream like we had in school). This way we can safely protect our visitors but still have an enjoyable afternoon. As with everything else that's happened within the last months, this is all trial and error. We are hoping this will work out and we'll be back to "normal" next year.



As in the past, we will have our wonderful *Easy Days Barbershop Quartet* strolling the grounds from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. serenading us with favorite songs from days gone by. If you have a song request, they might even personally sing for you (think of your wedding song or even happy birthday)!

Old time games for the kids of all

ages will be played on the lawn. Have you seen our amazing "bubble wands"? Tours of the Clark House will be provided. A raffle of wonderful items is planned. We are still hoping to keep things somewhat normal.

Even during these trying times, bills still come in and have to be paid at the Clark House. As the Ice Cream Social is one of our yearly major fundraising events, we hope you'll be able to come on over, enjoy some ice cream and SUPPORT the PAHS. Watch our website or facebook for any updates or changes.

See you *SUNDAY, JULY 12th, NOON TO 4:00 p.m.*

Carole Brinkman
ICS Chairperson

During these historic times:

May opening of the Clark House Museum has been delayed.

We hope to open by mid-June. Check our website, facebook or our voice message for updated information. We miss you!

PAHS Board

Show Us Your Collection - Cancelled

One of my favorite events will take a hiatus this year for reasons obvious. This will give us all more time to dust things off instead of wiping them on our pants the morning of the event. As I like to say, "*there'll be more fun in 2021*"

Cliff Muehlenberg

Antique and Classic Boat Show

by Tom Brick



Hopefully things will be back to “normal” later this summer and you will be able to, once again, stroll along Pewaukee’s lakefront. Here’s something to put on your calendar. The Antique and Classic Boat Show will take place at Pewaukee’s lakefront on Saturday, August 15th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Pewaukee Area Historical Society will have a booth displaying pictures and artifacts of Pewaukee’s early years. And, of course, you can also see classic boats, cars and bicycles. If you would like to help at our booth, contact Tom Brick (262)691-2191.

Driveway Repairs

Our driveway will be getting some needed repairs in the next few weeks! The section at the top which is the flat part, will be replaced by PLM Paving and Concrete. PLM installed it originally in 2007. Time flies when you’re a driveway!

The entire driveway will be seal coated and cracks filled and then restriped. The striping is almost invisible now so it’ll look like new when completed. This is to let you know so the next time you drive up on what appears to be a brand new drive, you’ve arrived at the right place, just freshened up a bit.

NOTE: Event changes are listed on our website, facebook and voice mail.

Paint-a-Thon Coming Soon!

by Cliff Muehlenberg

It’s “ON”! Painters will be phoned when the date is imminent. The weather has been unpredictable and we would like it to be a bit more consistant. Those that have signed up so far are: Tom Brick, Jeff Phillips, Carole Brinkman, Sandy Volmar, Jim Tredwell, Duane Bewer, and myself, Rembrandt (I only do ceilings).

Please wear old clothes, easy for me that’s all I have. If you have brushes that you like to use, bring them. Also bring a scraper or pudgy knife. Everyone will need a pudgy knife. We’ll have rags and plastic tarps. Don’t forget your hat. I’m beginning to feel like my mother! Lunch will be provided.

You know what they say about history repeating itself?

The 1918 Spanish Flu in Wisconsin

by Tom Brick

The “Spanish Flu” first appeared in Europe in late 1917 as WWI raged. As soldiers returned from Europe, they brought the virus to the United States. The first cases were reported in Boston, but soon the virus spread as trains transported people across the nation. It arrived in Wisconsin in Sept. 1918, and by December, influenza had sickened almost 103,000 residents (most were between the ages of 19 and 42). Vaccines were unknown at the time, so many people turned to home remedies including chest rubs, boiled red peppers, sliced onions strategically placed around

the home to “absorb the virus”, bloodletting and laxatives, but none were effective.

On October 10, 1918, Cornelius Harper, the state health officer, issued an order instructing all local boards of health “to close all schools, theaters, moving picture houses and public gatherings for an indefinite period of time”. Posters listed ways to help slow the spread of the flu, such as using a handkerchief when you cough or sneeze, avoiding crowded street cars, washing your hands and not spitting on the floor. In Milwaukee, eight men were each fined \$5 for violating an anti-spitting ordinance.

If a person came down with the flu, he would be quarantined to his residence. An INFLUENZA sign would be posted on the door. The sign warned that all persons sick with this disease are prohibited from leaving the premises or coming in contact in any way with the general public.

In total during the 1918 – 1919 time period, the Spanish Flu killed an estimated 50 million people worldwide, 675,000 in the US and 8,459 in Wisconsin. The worldwide total was much more than all the deaths that occurred during World War I.

Recent Acquisitions

by George Strieter

The following donation has been received and will be displayed as space permits. *Shong Family - Vintage Spatula Whisk
Thank you for your donation!

“And in this corner ...”

Village of Pewaukee Creates Historic Preservation Commission

by Jeff Phillips

The Village of Pewaukee created a Historic Preservation Commission in September, 2019 and first met in April, 2020. The village created the Commission to protect, and preserve sites of historic and cultural heritage, such as landmarks, landmark sites and historic districts.

The Commission consists of members: Charles Nichols (chairman), Bob Rohde (Village Trustee), Kelly Berriman, Tara Sonnenberg, Kevan Tobe, Eric Rogers, and Jeff Phillips (PAHS Board President). Each person was appointed to a three year term.

Candidates for the local historical landmark designation must meet at least one of six criteria. The first is to exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community. Second is to identify with historic persons or with important events in national, state, or local history. Third is to embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type of specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, either of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship. Fourth is the site represents a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect who influenced his or her age. Fifth is that the site must yield, or may be likely to yield,

information important to pre-history or history. Sixth is to be consistent with the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Services National Historic Landmark Criteria as set forth in 36 CFR Vol 1 (7-1-11 edition) Sec. 65.4.

Application for historic landmark status can be made by an individual, or by the landowner. Once the application is approved, that status prevents any building (or site) from being demolished or altered. The owner of the building or site is then expected to keep maintenance of the landmark without changing the exterior of the building(s) involved. An appeal process is allowed if the property owner disputes the designation.

The Village Landmark status only affects sites within the Village of Pewaukee. However, these designations are the first step in the site being eligible for State or National Historic Site application.

With buildings seeking Wisconsin State Historical Status, buildings need to be at least 50 years old, with the majority of the outside structure being or appearing original. Certain allowances are sometimes made, such as new windows looking similar to original. Other such criteria can also apply.

Upon the creation of the Commission in early April, an application for Historic Status for St. Mary's Church was submitted by Village resident Jeannette O'Toole. The application was for the church building only. The application was

reviewed on April 29, 2020 on a five to one vote. The Village filed a legal injunction days later to prevent demolition of the Church.

Currently there are no other buildings of local landmark status in the Village. The Octagon House (officially the Deacon West Octagon House) is the only site in Pewaukee on the National Register of Historic Places, since 1976.

Industry in Pewaukee

by Penny Williams

Pewaukee's lime and stone industry contributed greatly to this area's commercial growth in the early years of the Village. Mr. Solomon Bolles arrived from Oxford, NY in 1844 and is credited with starting the industry.

He bought large tracts of land adjacent to claims owned by Deacon Asa Clark and Lyman Griswold and built a house at what is now 143 High Street.

The area to the north and east of the Village, now Hwy 16, is largely a vein of Niagara limestone, which Bolles recognized as a potential gold mine. He knew that burning the limestone in kilns at high temperatures produces a product known as quicklime, a part of mortar, used in the building of brick and stone buildings.

Bolles constructed a lime kiln near to one previously constructed by Clark, and the two men formed a partnership to produce quicklime. The partnership flourished for many years along with the stone industry. Kilns were a significant supplier in the building of cities in the Midwest. 12,000 barrels of lime produced weekly were shipped to Milwaukee, Chicago and Des Moines.

Large amounts of limestone

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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
Chris R. Lueth Agency Mailing
Cinnamon Roll Crescents

1 (8 oz) can Pillsbury Crescents
½ cup light brown sugar
3 tsp cinnamon
2-3 tbs heavy cream or milk
½ cup confectioner's sugar
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Unroll crescent dough on a large, ungreased baking sheet and separate triangles. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Spread mixture on top of each triangle. Roll up the triangles on an angle and position them on the baking sheet 1" apart. Bake for 9-12 minutes. In a small bowl, mix confectioner's sugar and heavy cream together until combined. Drizzle over rolls.



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!

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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 262-695-0600

Deadline for the next newsletter is

August 15, 2020

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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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ian Burback
Susan Schweda

New Business Member
North Shore Bank

Thank you for your membership!

Join our
Historic Heroes
Of History!

and
Name a brick
after YOU!

(Still \$50 cheap. Order forms online
or the screened porch.)

A Tribute to Tom and Bill Wooley

by Penny Williams

When Bill Woolley passed away in April, Pewaukee lost the last of its true “characters”. He had two brothers, Mark and Perry, but none except Bill inherited the “crazy” gene from their father, Tom.

The family were long established business people on Pewaukee’s lakefront, going from Mrs. Woolley’s Bakery, to a small restaurant, where Tom was always into the hi-jinks he performed. He had a nickel secured to the floor and waited for an unsuspecting customer to try to pick it up. If you ordered pie for dessert, he’d ask you to specify what you wanted, and then proceeded to remind you that “all the pie is punkin here”. Likewise if you ordered ice cream, he told you that there were three choices “plain, white, or vanilla”. The regulars all knew what to expect, and went not to eat, but for the entertainment.

When his cook retired, he could not find a replacement, and so the restaurant was no more. His sons were grown up by then, so the building became “Woolley Boy’s Bar” until it was purchased by the Village in the late 1990’s in order to develop the land.

Over the years, Bill and his dad Tom had many schemes, all to promote the Village that they loved. They had “Ice Ball” tournaments on the frozen lake across from the bar, also reported a “sighting” of a kangaroo in the area along with the ensuing Kangaroo Hunt, which brought many people to the Village. They also sponsored a “Motorcycle

Drop” behind their bar in which a Kawasaki motorcycle was actually dropped and smashed to the ground. The motorcycle was apparently non-operative, but again, many spectators were there. Not all was fun and games. Several years later, Bill served one term as Village Trustee! This was after he had lost part of his leg.

Bill’s last gig was a volunteer weight guesser and ambassador at the Clark House Museum. He approached children who arrived at the Steele Exhibit Bldg. for the annual Harvest Fest and offered to guess their weight, which was verified on an industrial scale provided by the museum. Right or wrong, each child got a prize and Bill had the pleasure of giving a smile to all involved.



Unfortunately, Bill suffered from many health problems which he fought valiantly. He finally succumbed to a stroke from which he never recovered. Bill and his father, Tom, will be sorely missed by those who knew them. Both loved Pewaukee and gave from their heart! There will never again be two folks like Tom and Bill. WE’LL MISS THEM!

Can you Identify?

Wednesday volunteer, Richard Rosenberger, has kept busy during the “Safer at home” by cleaning the vintage carpenter woodworking tools at PAHS. The name “R.Hinz” is stamped on them and we don’t seem to have donation information about them. If you know any background of these tools, (pictured below) please contact the Clark House via email or phone.



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from Pewaukee were used in rebuilding Chicago after the great fire in 1871.

Quantity and quality of limestone diminished in the 1890’s and eventually the business came to an end. Pewaukee’s lime kilns were demolished over the years to make way for other developments, but the county’s remaining kilns can be seen, hidden by trees, to the north of Bluemound Road just west of the intersection of Hwy. F.

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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.

Museum Hours: May 31 – October 25
Wednesdays 7:00–9:00 pm
Sundays 1:00–4:00 pm
Or anytime by appointment

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