



# 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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## Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!

June 10 - Show Us  
Your Collection  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

July 8 - Ice Cream  
Social  
Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Aug 18 - Boat Show  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Lakefront

Sept 9 - Harvest Fest  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark House Museum,  
Steele Exhibit Bldg.

Sept 27-29-Rummage  
Sale

Oct 31 - Fall Mtg.

Dec 1 - Tree Lighting

### Show Us Your Collection

Check your calendar for *Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>*. If you have an hour or two open between Noon and 4:00 p.m., plan on stopping by the Clark House/Steele Exhibit Bldg. to learn about what people collect.

Do you have a collection that you'd like to display?...We would love to see it. We still have a couple tables available, call or email us to save a table (info above). Tables are free to our members and \$10 for non-members. Tables will be located inside the Steele Exhibit Bldg. unless you'd like to display outdoors. Everyone is welcome, no admission charge.

### Antique & Classic Boat Show

by Tom Brick

The Antique and Classic Boat Show will take place on Pewaukee's Lakefront on *Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>*, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Historical Society will once again have a booth where we display pictures and artifacts of

Pewaukee's early years. There will be old and/or classic boats, cars and bicycles on display and also food and refreshments for purchase (they are not old or classic). Make sure to stop at our booth and say "Hi". If you would like to help, contact Tom Brick (262) 691-2191.



### Ice Cream Social

Do you need an excuse to treat yourself to ice cream? We can help you on Sunday, *July 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon - 4:00 p.m.* if you visit our *Annual Ice Cream Social* at the *Clark House Museum / Steele Exhibit Bldg.*



Easy Days Barbershop Quartet

We will again feature entertainment by the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet as well as activities for the kids. Stop by, relax, purchase that ice cream treat you've been wanting and check out the museum. Bring an old ice cream scoop, or any old item related to ice cream and receive a \$0.50 discount off your purchase. **Special offer:** Take a chance to win a \$100 Anton's Salon & MSpa gift certificate.

Plan on attending this event to support our Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Everyone is welcome, no admission charge.

### Clark House Museum is Open

Spread the word, the Clark House Museum is open for free tours on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. until the end of October or always by appointment.

## Upcoming Fall Events

*Volunteers are always needed for our events. Please consider helping at one of our upcoming events by calling or emailing the Clark House (contact information on page 1)*

### HARVEST FEST

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon – 5:00 p.m.**

On the grounds of the Clark House Museum.

This annual event is a great time to learn about old-time crafts. We will again have many hands-on activities such as shelling corn, grinding coffee beans, churning butter, just like your ancestors did and old-time games for the kids. There will be demonstrations of wood carving, a black smith, weaving, spinning and many more. The American Heritage Dancers will again entertain us and if you're willing you might learn to square dance. Lunch/supper, produce and baked goods will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss Harvest Fest. No admission charge.

Invite a friend or two!

### RUMMAGE SALE

**September 27-29**

Start saving the items that you no longer need because someone else will want them! Please keep them until the drop off dates on *September 19, 23 & 26 from 1-4:00 p.m. and September 22 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.*

We need a variety of general rummage sale items.

We CANNOT accept:

TVs, computers, food, cosmetics, perfume, clothes, large furniture, drapes, electronics, large appliances and exercise equipment.

This is a great fundraiser for our society, we appreciate your donations!

## Eagle Project #3

by Cliff Muehlenberg

Our soon-to-be Eagle Scout Aaron Rooney and his band of merry scouts, mom, dad, scoutmaster and people just getting in the way like Dick Rosenberger and I, gathered for the initial dig on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The project is the outdoor exhibit area along Prospect Avenue. And it has lights to light the exhibit.

The new exhibit area will serve two purposes, an area to feature items like the John Deere plow pictured and to display the community Christmas tree. A large pipe that will hold a large tree is in the center.

Scouts of various sizes and ages began arriving at 9 am. The industrious scouts set to work like a band of elves in a Disney movie. By 3 pm the exhibit area was dug out and the 70' long trench for the electrical was dug. They disappeared as quickly as they had arrived.

Then a minor electrical miracle happened. My former neighbor Kevin Cecka pictured, who happens to have graduated "magna-cum-electrical" was listening to me explaining the scout project. He immediately interjected, "I can wire that for you!" I was as surprised as when I leaned on a farmer's electrical fence in my wet swimming suit!



Electrical by Kevin Cecka

When Kevin says he'll do something, it's as good as done! Not only did he do the job but saved PAHS a pile of money. If you see Kevin around town, be sure to say "thanks".

The following Saturday, the scouts returned and built the perimeter wall with Fond du Lac stone and filled the interior with red granite which is Wisconsin's state stone. But I'll bet you already knew that!

(PS: Scouts are not allowed to do electrical work in their projects.)



Aaron Rooney is standing (with sunglasses) to the right of the sign with his crew of workers



Completed project – watch for changing displays

Many thanks to all involved. It takes much planning, organizing, fund raising, material gathering, and pizza to make a project like this happen. Thanks Aaron and your mom and dad, et al for making this project a reality!

## “And in this corner ...”

by Tom Brick

The Archives. . . the items that the historical society collects are comprised of two main categories. There are the artifacts that we see as exhibits, such as the ice harvesting equipment, farm implements, and old kitchen appliances that you see when touring the Clark House and the Steele Exhibit Building. The second category is the archives, which are mainly newspaper articles, pictures and maps (mainly paper items). Some of these are on display, but most are stored in our alphabetized files and boxes on the second floor of the Clark House.



The main categories in the files are (1) local family histories (from Able to Zoschke), often used for genealogy research, (2) Pewaukee Village history, (3) local businesses, (4) local churches and (5) special topics (sports, boating, railroads, Waukesha Beach, etc.) An alphabetical card file helps determine if we have any information on the family or topic you are interested in. We often get letters or emails from people from many parts of the country asking us to check the archives for information on a certain family or topic.

All year long on Wednesday



From top left clockwise: Sandy Volmar, Helen Ackley, Penny Williams, Barb Johnson

afternoons the above pictured ladies are looking through newspapers, magazines and donated records for items that may be indexed and added to the archives. It is a never ending job, and our archived files continue to grow as people continue to make history. Our job is to preserve that history for current and future generations.

### Welcome New Members

Following are the names of our newest PAHS members.

Anton's Salon & MSpa  
Bubba's Frozen Custard  
Groff Insurance &  
Financial Services

Horner Plumbing Co., Inc.  
The Gaggl family, Alexandra,  
Wolfgang & Alex

Thank you for joining PAHS. We hope to see you at an upcoming event.

### Girl Scouts Win Silver Award

by Kathy Sampson

Nedda Besharat, Sydney Gergen, and McKenna Kloss, members of Troop 2553, were awarded a Girl Scout Silver Award for the podcast of a walking tour of historic sites in Pewaukee which they prepared. Their podcast includes interviews with long-time residents of Pewaukee Penny Williams, Jim and Barb Connell.

Sharon Strieter, and others. The podcast also includes descriptions of the historic sites which are part of the walking tour: Old Stoney, the Octagon House, the Three Sisters Homes, Pewaukee Beach, churches, the Connell farm (original site of Asa Clark's home) and others.

Recipients of the Silver Award were recognized at “Girls Change the World”, the Girl Scout Award Celebration held at MATC on May 21. The girls can work individually or as a group to identify a community issue and then develop a project to address it. Nedda, Sydney, and McKenna chose this project as a way to help visitors and residents become more aware of Pewaukee's history. They were grateful for the help provided by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society, its members and friends: Bob Rohde, Charlie Shong, Carole Brinkman, Michael Norman, and Dennis and Kathy Sampson.



Pictured left to right: McKenna Kloss, Nedda Besharat, Sydney Gergen, Kathy Sampson

Instructions for using the podcast are available at the Clark House.

## BRICKS

*are going fast!*

Just the other day  
I saw one getting a speeding  
ticket!

Order yours today \$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  
Ted Volmar*

**Peanut Butter Cookies  
with Peanuts**

Note: All ingredients at room temperature

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound butter (two sticks, salted)
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cups dry roasted peanuts (lightly chopped)

\*Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl.

\*Cream butter, add sugars, beat or whisk until fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, add vanilla. Beat in peanut butter.

\*Gently stir in flour mixture and chopped peanuts until just incorporated (Do not over beat).

\*Roll dough into large ball, wrap in saran wrap and refrigerate for at least one hour.

\*Pre-heat oven to 370° (adjust rack to lower middle section)

\*From large dough ball, remove approx. two tablespoons of dough at a time, form into a ball. Place each ball on an ungreased cookie sheet, about two inches apart. Using the back of a dinner fork dipped in cold water, press each ball in a cross hatch pattern to a thickness of about one quarter inch thick.

\*Bake cookies for 10-12 minutes. (Edges of cookies should be just starting to lightly brown, they will not appear to be fully baked). Cool cookies on cookie sheet until set. Move cookies to wire rack until cool.

*Note: I use an electric stand mixer. . . I tried to cream butter by hand and I thought my arm would fall off!*

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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!

**Schedule a Group Tour**

Clark House group tours are available anytime, call to schedule. Pewaukee H.S. history students toured on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We love to share our history!



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.

**NEWSLETTER  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

**Karen Merz - email:**

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**August 15, 2018**

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## **Honor Flight, A Day Like None Other**

by Cliff Muehlenberg

We left Mitchell Field Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 am (cst). Every veteran has a Guardian. Elise, my younger daughter, was mine. Honor Flight wants veteran's kids as Guardians so the experience passes to another generation.

Before taking off, a Color Guard presented the colors on the tarmac between our two Honor Flight planes and two vintage WWII planes from the Confederate Air Force, Crites Field. They also did a fly-over for us just before we taxied to the runway.

Arrived Dulles at 9:20 (est) to bright but overcast skies. The spring green was stunningly vibrant shining through. The beauty and renewal of spring was not to be silenced. Our buses had a police escort. If you've ever had a police escort, the feeling is very special. Creating that feeling is exactly the aim of Honor Flight. Regardless of whatever a veteran's role was in preserving freedom, appreciation, respect and honor is directed to every single veteran. It is and truly was amazing!

Our first memorial was the Pentagon Memorial memorializing the 184 lives lost on 9/11. The youngest victim was a 3 year old girl. It's an unusual memorial but understanding the symbolism makes it make perfect sense. The new stonework on the side of the Pentagon is easily identified lacking the patina of the original.

The plane struck the exact center of that side of the building.

Next, to Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard. The audience is reminded to be silent out of respect. If you've ever seen it, you'll never forget it. Every foot step and slap on the rifle can be heard. Taps were played.

Surprisingly, there are many other style headstones you'd see in any cemetery. Of course, there are row after row of the simple white headstones used for most. Graves are also placed on the side of hills you wouldn't think even possible. No space is wasted. Arlington is the final resting place to over 400,000. And currently has about 20 burials a day.

Next was the Air Force Memorial dedicated in 2006. The three spires reaching into the sky are reminiscent of the contrails made by the Thunderbirds performing the bomb-burst maneuver. Having just "three" spires suggest the missing-man formation. The highest stainless-steel spire reaches 270 feet.

The Korean Memorial. Is impressive and somber. Nineteen 7+ foot tall figures on patrol with four branches of the military are represented. Figures are made from stainless steel each weighing 1,000 pounds. The statistics of the war are etched in stone side by side for comparison. As all war's statistics are, you'll walk away shaking your head in disbelief and sadness.

Then to the Lincoln Memorial. Abe was waiting. He is huge. But if you don't like

steps, buy a postcard. The view from the memorial is spectacular and fitting.

Vietnam Memorial Wall. Just before the Wall is The Three Soldiers statue(s) representing three ethnic groups of our fighting force. A European-American, an African-American and a Latino-American. I've seen many pictures of this statue and it appeared to be monotone. It's actually in color with skin tone and weapons color suggesting reality.

Approaching the Wall, were two separate veterans in wheel chairs. As I passed the first one I heard him say, "I don't want to go (down there)". As I passed the second, I heard him say the same thing.

Elise and I proceeded to take a very long walk past the length of the very long wall with 58,300 names on it (the most current info I could find). Some names are still added when someone dies from war wounds. There were many people viewing the Wall, searching for names. All are listed chronologically by date of death. Somber is inadequate.

Roosevelt Memorial: President from 1933 to 1945. Many of his great quotes are etched in stone concerning illusive issues that still wait to be solved. His memorial has four large waterfalls increasing in size to represent the increasing challenges of his presidency.

The return to Mitchell. On the flight back, we had "mail call". Each veteran's name was called and given a

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catalog envelope of mail filled with letters from family, friends and surprise “guests”. I began reading and had tears rolling down my face. I had the fattest envelope of anyone.

The reception at Mitchell was utterly unbelievable. It was over the top’s top! Scores of every branch of the military lined both sides of the concourse saluting all veterans as we walked between them.

I have often had my salute returned but this was the only time I was saluted! Breathtaking.

Beyond them, was a Drum and Fife band playing patriotic music. And beyond them was the Kettle Moraine High School Band, the full band!

And beyond them were so many well-wishing, appreciative people shaking our hands and thanking us for our service it was amazing! And like being in a movie where WE were the stars! I had to pinch myself that it was really happening.

Friends and family were among them holding signs and waving flags or just waving like crazy!

.....and my Guardian (angel) Elise was never more than an “elbow’s-length” away.

I am truly blessed to be an American, to have family and many, many friends.

God Bless America! (and don’t forget to thank Him.)  
Semper Fi

Cliff, Thank YOU and ALL VETERANS for your service to our country and for your very touching and heard-felt message of your Honor Flight day!



Cliff & Elise at the DC Mall

*Editor’s Note: The following message was passed along to me that Cliff wrote days prior to the Honor Flight and I feel that it is worth sharing...*

In two days May 5, 2018, I will be making a very special trip in a single day. For me it will be a trip of a lifetime. I am extremely *honored* to be a Honor Flight veteran traveling to Washington DC. I have never been there before.

Making the trip even more special is that my Guardian will be my younger daughter Elise, who is as excited about the trip as I am. Again, I am honored.

There will be two planes of veterans making the trip on Saturday from Milwaukee. Our plane will have 4 WWII Veterans, 19 Korean Veterans and 120-some Vietnam Veterans. I am honored again to be in their company.

We will be visiting the WWII memorial, the Korean Memorial, the Vietnam Wall memorial, the Lincoln memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and perhaps others if time allows. All of us will be saying hello to fellow veterans who died so that we didn’t have to. And we will extend our deepest gratitude for ourselves and all Americans. God bless America. Sleep well in your warm bed.  
Semper Fi

## Spring Meeting Highlights

by Candy Muehl

Jim and John Kopecky and Barb Kopecky Daniels provided an interesting program for our Spring meeting telling about the early days of the Kopecky IGA in Pewaukee (later the Sentry Store).

Their father worked at Allis Chalmers and they talked about buying the small store at Edgewood where their mom worked but decided not to. The next day when Mr. Kopecky was at work, Mrs. Kopecky bought the store from Mr. Metzger. The family lived above the store until 1944 at which time they moved across the lake, remodeled a barn and it became Kopecky’s IGA.

During WWII, people were issued food stamps, their dad would “float” people until they got their stamps. When they started selling cake mixes, no one would buy them so their mom baked a cake and gave out samples... sales increased!

The Sentry Store was opened on January 27, 1970. Their dad had the store for 10 years. His sons weren’t interested in running the store so he leased the building to WCTI and then sold it to Godfrey Co.

Mr. Kopecky cared about his customers and his employees. A few of his employees attended our meeting and told about working him.

It was definitely a simpler time when people cared about each other and were kinder and friendlier. We could use another Mr. Kopecky and his Sentry!

## **Aaahh... Vacation Time**

by Penny Williams

Vacation time is upon us, and it is interesting to find out just how people of 100 years ago spent their summer days off. Back then, Pewaukee was about 45 minutes from Milwaukee by rail, so it was a mecca for vacationers. Of course there were the usual resorts around the lake which offered fishing, swimming, and boating, but there was also one very popular vacation spot which offered a very different form of recreation.

Known as Fairview Farm, located at what is now the intersection of Capitol Drive and Hwy. 164, it was a peaceful getaway from the hustle and bustle of city life! There was room for up to 24 lodgers at one time, and the dining room was reserved for them. The house was built on a slight knoll and surrounded by lawns and shade trees of all kinds. There were hammocks and swings, and screened-in porches to provide cool and protected places to enjoy summer's lazy days. For those who wished, there were pleasure trips into the village several times weekly, and on Saturday night a lodger could take a hay wagon ride into town to enjoy the weekly dances held at the hotel.

Back at the farm, the meals served were of the finest fresh dairy products, vegetables and fruit grown on site. Can you imagine having a breakfast of farm-fresh eggs, with ham or bacon from pigs grown right there where you were staying?

The best part of all was the room rates. One person in a room \$8 per week, two per room, \$7 each per week, three

or more, \$6 each per week. Children under 10 years of age were charged only \$4 each per week, and transient rates were \$1.25 per day. It was a far cry from today's rates, making for a cheaper, more relaxing vacation. Maybe for the vacationer those were the "GOOD OLD DAYS"!

## **Tribute to two long time PAHS members...**

*Nancy Norris 1929 – 2018*

by Penny Williams

Nancy Norris was a life member of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society and took an active role in past displays and exhibits. She was very instrumental and helped Orel Rooney with the Native American Exhibit. As an outgrowth of that work she was in contact with the Potawatomi tribe and did extensive work to create an exhibit which helped members understand Native American languages. She also helped with the painting of the Waukesha Beach mural in the Clark House Museum.

As a resident of the Lakeside area of Pewaukee Lake, she also did a good bit of study of Lakeside Resort, including the various cottages which were part of the resort. That effort resulted in a display of the cottages which stood in our exhibit hall. She also made the curtains that we now see in the "Dentist's Office" in the Clark House Museum.

We will miss her willingness to help wherever she was needed!

*Charles "Chuck" Westcott  
11/18/1932 – 04/17/2018*

by Carole Brinkman

When you speak of the "early days" of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society, the name Chuck Westcott is sure to come up. In going back into the old minutes of the museum, I found Chuck listed as President in November 1990 – 1992. These were our formative years when we purchased our current building. There were many long meetings to discuss what our vision of a museum was, and how to pay for all the remodeling that needed to be done. He served tirelessly as Fundraising Chair in 1993; Vice President in 1994; a Board Member from 1998 to 2001, and Treasurer from 2002 to 2005. After a well deserved "retirement" from being on the Board, Chuck would still be found at the Clark House volunteering for many projects. He would often be a "scooper" at our annual Ice Cream Social. Chuck was always willing to serve wherever there was a need. He was a life-long resident of Pewaukee. His friendly smile and kind words will be missed by those who knew him.

## **Recent Acquisitions**

by George Strieter

Donated by Jennifer Allison from the estate of Johanna Allison: Vintage tennis rackets, dolls and doll suitcase.

Thank you! Donations are used in displays in the museum as needed and help us to keep history alive for future generations.

**Pewaukee Area Historical Society**

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**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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