



# 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 always by Appointment

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Winter, 2015

## Events

### Mark your Calendars

Dec. 5 - Community  
Tree Lighting  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Clark House,  
Steele Building

### 2016 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 27 - Quarterly  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Community Room  
Pewaukee Library

April 27 - Quarterly  
Meeting

June 12 - Show Us  
Your  
Collection

July 10 - Ice Cream  
Social

July 27 - Quarterly  
Meeting

Aug 20 - Boat Show

Sept 11 - Harvest Fest

Sept 22-24 - Rummage  
Sale

Oct 26 - Quarterly  
Meeting

Dec 3 - Tree Lighting

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Dec. 5, 2015**  
**2:00-5:00 pm**  
By Tom Brick



The Pewaukee  
Kiwanis Club is  
sponsoring the  
annual Community Christmas Tree  
Lighting hosted by the Pewaukee  
Area Historical Society at the Clark  
House Museum and Steele Exhibit  
Building on Saturday, December  
5th for kids of all ages. Activities  
include:

**2:15 pm:** Santa and Mrs. Claus  
arrive in a Pewaukee Fire Truck  
with police escort.

- Take pictures with Santa (bring your own camera).
- Santa's gift shop for the little ones to purchase a gift for mom and/or dad at \$2.00 per gift, which includes gift wrapping.
- Kids can make an ornament to take home.
- Cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club.

**4:00-5:00 pm:** Caroling with the  
Civic Broadway Singers.

**5:00 pm:** Community Christmas  
Tree will be lit.

Please bring a nonperishable food  
item for the Pewaukee Food Pantry  
and place it in the Ski Club boat in  
front of the Clark House.

Twenty-five poinsettia plants will

be given away in a Free Raffle thanks  
to the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club.

Our Community Christmas Tree  
has been donated by Christine and  
Franz Weber, the new owners of  
Schulte's located at 811 E. Wisconsin  
Ave., Pewaukee. Please remember  
them with your business and thank  
them for their donation.

## PAHS Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting is  
scheduled for *Wednesday, January  
27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.* at the  
*Pewaukee Public Library, Community  
Room, located at 210 Main Street,  
Pewaukee.* After a brief business  
meeting, our program will be pro-  
vided by Bill Camplin. Bill was born  
and raised in Pewaukee and current-  
ly is co-owner of Café Carpe in Fort  
Atkinson that was featured in a NY  
Times article several years ago. Bill  
is a singer, songwriter and will talk  
about growing up in Pewaukee.  
Mark your calendars and plan on  
joining us for an interesting evening.

## Membership & Life Member Update Forms

All members are receiving this  
newsletter in the mail (no emails this  
time only) so that we can provide the  
enclosed forms for your use.  
Membership forms are included for  
those annual members and life  
members are receiving update forms  
so that we can update your contact  
and volunteer information. Please  
help us by completing the forms as  
soon as possible.

## New On Display!

By Mark Muehl

We have a new display in the athletic section of the Clark House, an autographed University of Wisconsin football jersey of former Pewaukee Pirate, Wisconsin Badger and current NFL superstar J.J. Watt!



Justin James “J.J.” Watt was born on March 22, 1989 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to parents Connie and John Watt. J.J. attended Pewaukee High School, where he was a four-year letter winner in football and also lettered in basketball, baseball and track and field. During J.J.’s senior year, he became a breakout football player, earning the Woodland Conference Player of the Year Award and first-team All-State, All-County, All-Area, and All-Conference selections as tight end and defensive end.

After one year at Central Michigan University, J.J. gave up his scholarship to walk-on at the University of Wisconsin. J.J. decided to forgo his senior season at Wisconsin and entered the 2011 NFL Draft. On April 28 2011, he was selected in the first round by the Houston Texans and was the 11<sup>th</sup> pick overall.

On December 21, 2014, J.J. recorded his 54<sup>th</sup> sack as a Texan in a win against the Baltimore Ravens. With that sack, he surpassed Mario Williams as the franchise

leader in sacks. He also had 20.5 sacks on the season, becoming the first player in NFL history to have 20 or more sacks in separate seasons.

For his outstanding season, Watt was unanimously named to the 2014 All-Pro First Team as a defensive end and named to the All-Pro *second* team as a defensive tackle. Watt was also named to the 2015 Pro Bowl where he was named captain on defense. During the game, J.J. recorded a fumble recovery and an interception and after the game was named Defensive MVP. He also won the Defensive Player of the Year award, one of the few to win the award multiple times. He also became the first defensive player since 2008 to get votes for the MVP award, receiving 13, and was voted by other players in the NFL Top 100 list as #1 in the 2014-15 season.

And thanks to J.J.’s mother Connie Watt, for getting J.J. to autograph the jersey for us!

## New Projects – Help!

By Sharon Strieter

I will be starting a new research project this winter. I am looking for photos of our older Pewaukee homes and any information you have about the house.

Also, we will have a Valentine display at the library again. If you have a photo of you and your spouse when you were a younger couple please contact Sharon Strieter at 262-691-0081.

## Harvest Fest Square Dancers

By Kathy Sampson

Very popular at this year’s Harvest Fest was the square dance presentation. Eric Tangman, caller for the American Heritage Dancers, was the lively caller. Dancers represented several clubs such as Spring City Squares and came from Dousman, Elkhorn, South Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Waukesha and West Allis. The dancers ranged in age from 15 to 82 years. Caller Tangman called various moves, steps, turns, and partner changes in a logical sequence that the dancers could perform. After demonstrating a number of dances, the dancers chose members of the audience to be their partners. The “volunteers” did quite well following the calls to “honor their partners, allemande, do-si-do, and promenade”.

Square dancing is related to dances of early France, England, and Europe but really came into its own in the United States. Increased interest in American folk music in the 1950’s also revived interest in square dancing. The square dance is the official dance of 19 states although Wisconsin clings to the polka.

The best part was that all of the dancers expressed that they want to be invited to Harvest Fest again next year. They enjoyed themselves so much that they waived their fee this year!

## Welcome New Member

Lois Schlachter has joined PAHS. We extend a warm welcome.

## “And in this Corner ...”

By Jim Tredwell with extensive assistance from Mike Ackley (1974 PHS grad / Air Force Academy 1978)

The Asa Clark family tree, including photos, is on display in one of the front rooms at the Clark House Museum. We have decided to take a new look at some of that family tree and their descendants.

Asa Clark is the son of Ebenezer Clark and Eunice Lyman Pomeroy and he was born in Massachusetts in 1786, but lived in Vermont as well as Massachusetts. Following Eunice's death in 1791, Ebenezer married her sister Mindwell Pomeroy in 1793 and they had two children (both died young) and following her death in 1803, Ebenezer married a third sister (Elizabeth).

Asa's wife was Naomi Lyman, daughter of Timothy Lyman and Elizabeth Pomeroy. The name should be familiar as Elizabeth married Asa's father Ebenezer following the death of her husband (Dr. Timothy Lyman) the result is that Asa Clark's mother-in-law was also his step sister. Naomi had four siblings, and one of her brothers, Elihu Lyman, moved to Pewaukee.

Asa and Naomi had three sons (Timothy Lyman, Asa Mosley and James Hawley), all born in Vermont and all came to Pewaukee.

Timothy had two children (Harriet and George) while in Wisconsin and he married Sarah A... (no last name found) and they moved to Neosho Falls, Kansas in the

1860's but he is buried in Pewaukee.

The namesake son (Asa) married twice. His first wife was Fidelia Bradley and they had two children. Fidelia died at age 29. His second wife was Sarah Hardman. Asa and Sarah also had two children. We know that three of the four children married and had children. Asa stayed in Pewaukee and died in 1881 and is buried in Pewaukee as are both of his wives.

The third son, James, married Margaret Currie and they had three children. All three married, but so far we have only found children for one of those offspring (Helen and her husband). James stayed in Pewaukee and died in 1865. Margaret was still living as of 1880.

Stay tuned as we follow the Clark family tree into the 1900's and let's see if we can find some descendants in the 2000's. . . . .

### How Did Brandt Court Get It's Name?

This was a question of a recent caller at the Clark House and Sharon Strieter did some research and found the following:

Fran Brandt, son of Jacob Brandt, owned land on the south side of the lake. He purchased the farm north of the village to establish a dairy. He was a milk hauler to Hartland. Mervin L. Brandt, his son, and daughter Alice Heinzelman, took over the farm and dairy in 1948 after Frank's death.

Mervin L., in 1955, contracted for a Golden Guernsey Co-op milk route, later moved to the village on Main

Street and delivered Golden Guernsey milk products in the village area for years. Merve, (as he was known to all) and his wife, Mary, (nee Gibbons) of Milwaukee, had seven children who left Pewaukee after they were grown.

Brandt served as village trustee for two years and was elected village president, serving a total of ten years. Intensive industrial growth and civic improvement took place under his administration. The village purchased lands along the railroad tracks east of the village for an industrial park to prevent land speculation for those who intended to locate industries here.

Oakton Avenue and Main Street from the east end to the Baptist Church were widened, with new curbs and sidewalks and new modern street lighting. Electric cables were placed underground and telephone lines moved to the back of all structures on the streets. Brandt's advice to the village board and citizens was "Clean up, improve, and stay that way!" He was credited for doing all this with only a slight increase in taxes, the larger percentage paid by the property owners on a time-payment plan. He organized a study to draw up long range plans for the village's growth and improvement. The plans have not been strictly adhered to, but the improvements have continued under succeeding administrations. Brandt Court, bearing his surname, a small subdivision, was laid out south of Maryknoll Drive and north of the entrance to the village, at the eastern end of Main Street.

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## Harvest Fest Raffle Winners

J.J. Watt Mini Helmet – Loretta Hagen  
Coaster Wagon – Mary Person  
Packer Shawl – Laurie Dehart  
Wisconsin Afghan – Tom Brick  
Packer Hats – Mark Benson  
Apron & Casserole Set – Kathy Sleeva

## Lucky Winner!

By Liam Person (with help from my grandmother Mary Person)

Hi! My name is Liam Person. I am 5 years old and a student in Mrs. Hollander's class at Pewaukee Lake Elementary School. I am the lucky winner of the Historical Society's Harvest Fest raffle of the Janesville wooden wagon.

I was so excited when my grandmother told me she was buying raffle tickets to possibly win the wagon. When she did win, I jumped up and down! My first ride in the wagon was around the gazebo and grounds of the Clark House. We brought the wagon home in the back seat of my mom's car.

We have done many fun things with my new wagon. We have gone for rides in the neighborhood, picked up colorful leaves, twigs and pinecones. I have given other kids rides too. My mom really likes it when I take my wagon and pick up my outside toys.

I love going to the Clark House. My two favorite things so far have been; ringing the bell in the Steele Building and playing with bubbles at the Ice Cream Social. I had a lot of fun too turning the crank to take corn off the cob at Harvest Fest.

My family has lived in Pewaukee since 1980. Before I was born, they lived for twelve years on Pewaukee Lake at 417 Park Avenue. My grandparents bought that house from the banker in Pewaukee. The house is situated on one-half acre and is heavily wooded. In 1991, my family moved to Park Hills where we live now. The gentle hills are just right for my new wagon.

Thank you to the PAHS Board of Directors and everyone for planning all the fun events at the Clark House. Someday, I am hoping to be a helper too. I am especially lucky to have won the beautiful Janesville wagon. Thank you!

## BUSINESS MEMBERS

**Cornerstone Tax & Accounting**  
**5 O'Clock Club**  
**Molly Maids of Lake Country**  
**Pewaukee Dental**  
**Spargo Salon & Spa**  
**Wall Family Dentistry**  
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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!

## 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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**Questions? Call Karen at 262-695-0600**

**Deadline for the next newsletter is**

**March 18, 2016**



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry stores on Meadowbrook and in Delafield. If you shop at the Meadowbrook store, please request a "Friends" sticker for your receipt. 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.

## **"Like" us on FACEBOOK**

And be the first to hear about PAHS news and events!

**[www.facebook.com/pewaukeehistory](http://www.facebook.com/pewaukeehistory)**

**Back to Black Print . . . .** The color print in the Fall 2015 newsletter was due to an error at the printers but wasn't it nice? Like color pictures? . . request your newsletter via email and enjoy the color pictures in every newsletter.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Tour the Clark House Museum

By Karen Vega, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Pewaukee Lake Elementary School

During the last week of September, early October, the third graders at Pewaukee Lake Elementary School visited the Clark House Museum to explore the wonderful exhibits, and they learned from the volunteers about all of the important historical events that have happened in our community of Pewaukee. The third graders study Pewaukee's past, present and future, as well as compare their community to other communities around the world as part of their Social Studies curriculum. This visit is a great way to connect students to their community's past. Students examined artifacts, questioned their uses, and learned what people in our community did to create this fabulous place where we now live, work, and have fun together. The students donated over \$420.00 as an appreciation to the incredible work the Pewaukee Historical Society does for our community. The visit really makes history "come alive" and teaches the children the importance of knowing the past in order to look to the future!

## Rummage Sale Success

By Helen Ackley

Our rummage sale fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to our volunteers that helped setup and work the sale as well as those that donated items. Remember to put all your unwanted items in a box for next year's sale.

## Thank you 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders!



Nine third grade classes "passed the hat" and collected \$471.80 for the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Tom Brick, treasurer, is pictured accepting the student's donation prior to their tour. We appreciate their generous donation!

We also enjoyed receiving thank you letters written by all of the third graders. They listed many things that they enjoyed seeing at the Clark House. The things that were listed most often were the washing machine, ice harvesting, kitchen tools, dentist chair, telephone, ice box, typewriter and phonograph.

They all mentioned that they want to visit again and we hope that they bring their families to the December 5<sup>th</sup> tree lighting.

## Keep the Home Fires Burning

By Tom Brick, PAHS Treasurer

As the fall and winter months arrive, the Pewaukee Historical Society's monthly expenses for heating and snow removal increase, while our receipts generally decrease. This cash flow problem causes us to dip into our reserves to pay bills. Please consider a donation to PAHS to help us balance our winter budget. Donations are tax deductible.

*Brandt Ct. (from pg. 3)*

Merve served as county supervisor four years, on the Pewaukee Planning Board eight years, on the County Park Planning Commission two years, later as chairman of the Waukesha County Park Commission. He was a member of the local Chamber of Commerce Knights of Columbus, the County Mental Health Clinic Board, the planning and executive committee of local St. Mary's Parochial School when it was built and Wisconsin's S.E. Planning Commission. The village board, when he retired in 1969, presented him with a plaque bearing a Certificate for Meritorious Service to the Village of Pewaukee. Merve was never one to shirk his responsibilities, very seldom absent from a meeting. He passed away in 1975.

## Tours Made Possible by PAHS Volunteers

Sept. 15 – Questers group from Oconomowoc toured and held their meeting in the Steele Building. We accepted their donation for use of our facility.

Sept. 29, 30, 10/1, & 10/7 Nine 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes from Pewaukee Lake Elementary School – annual tours.

Oct. 28 – Pewaukee Boy Scout Troup Pack 13.

**Need something for that hard to buy person on your list?**

Order a personalized **BRICK** still only \$50. Order forms are available at the Clark House or on our website.

**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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