



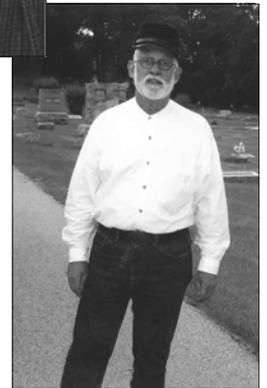
# PEWAUKEE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer Newsletter 2011

## CIVIL WAR CEMETERY WALK

### A huge success!

After many months of research, the Civil War Exhibit opened Sunday, May 29. On June 19 we held our first Cemetery Walk at Forest Hill Cemetery on Prospect Avenue. We featured Civil War veterans and had people (some in costume) at some of the sites, speaking about a vet's service record and their life in Pewaukee. The Historical Society received assistance from Pewaukee Boy Scout Troop #13 (Tracy Blumberg, Assistant Scout Leader). The young men handed out programs and also spoke at some grave sites. We had a wonderful turnout that day and received many compliments. Special thanks to the following for all of their help with this successful event: Dick Hoffmann, Tom Brick, Kathy Novack, Sandy Vollmar, Carol Brinkman, Dan Heibler, Gordon Merz, George Strieter, Kathy Sampson, and the following Scouts from Troop #13: Dexter Blumberg, Jeremy Frodl, Conner Pribyl, Devin Pribyl, Sam Knepprath, and Mark Liedke. Also, thanks to co-chairs of the event, Jim Willis and Sharon Strieter.



## 2011 Calendar of Events

**July 17** - Ice Cream Social, 12-4 pm  
(Including the Steele Family Exhibit Hall Dedication)

**September 18** - Harvest Fair

**October 19** - Quarterly Meeting

### **Clark House Museum Hours:**

Open May 29-October 30

Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm

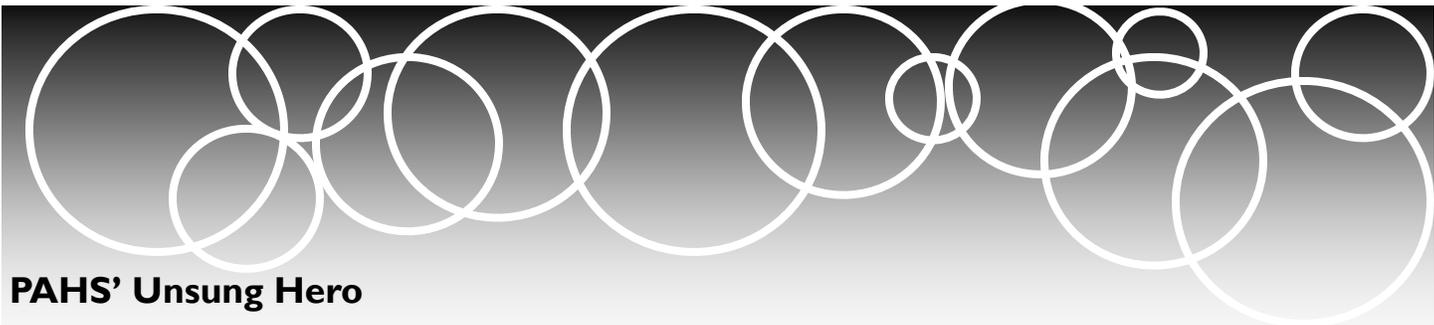
Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm

Or always available by appointment.

### **Upcoming Newsletter**

If you wish to submit an article for the upcoming newsletter, contact Kelley Woldanski at [woldanski@pewaukee.wi.us](mailto:woldanski@pewaukee.wi.us) by August 19, 2011.





## PAHS' Unsung Hero

The PAHS Board recognizes there are many volunteers that spend countless hours of their time helping to make the Society the great organization it is. We would like to take a moment to recognize one or two people who deserve credit for their extraordinary efforts. In this newsletter, we would like to recognize and thank **SHARON STRIETER**. Sharon has spent countless hours on preparing exhibits for the museum and working on other special events. This year she has been the "go-to" person for the Civil War exhibit and co-chaired the cemetery walk held on June 19. The Board is very grateful for all of her work! Thank you Sharon!

## Archive Donations

**Carol Smith Kettner** - over 150 photos of Pewaukee taken in the 1920s.

**Carol Brinkman** - Photo of Pewaukee dairy (horse & buggy); list of Pewaukee businesses in 1940; glycerin and rose water bottle from Pewaukee Pharmacy.

**Mel Story** - Marine uniform accessories including duffel bag; a large braided rug.

**Barry Carpenter** - letter sweater from Pewaukee High School.

## Clark House Tours

The Clark House has had the following special visitors this year:

- April 12 - Boy Scout Troop
- April 21 - Kettle Moraine Garden Club
- May 17 - 2 High School AP History classes
- May 24 - Senior group from Redeemer UCC - Sussex
- June 3 - 4th grade class
- June 9 - 4th grade class

If anyone would like to help with tour groups, please call Jim Willis at 691-3144 or Sharon Strieter at 691-0081.



## Book Find

### A Sawdust Heart: My Vaudeville Life in Medicine and Tent Shows

Leaving his home in Wisconsin at the age of twelve, Henry Wood spent the years 1910-1940 traveling in medicine and tent shows that featured various vaudeville acts, from skits to full-length plays. Wood worked in medicine and tent shows during a time in America when actors who portrayed unsavory characters on stage were often accosted and bruised on the street by angry patrons. Many were also refused service in restaurants and rooms in hotels. During this age of American innocence many residents of isolated small towns and villages believed the actor and the character he played were one and the same. From 1910 until 1940, Wood was one of these loathed stage villains and not only survived the indignities, but thrived.

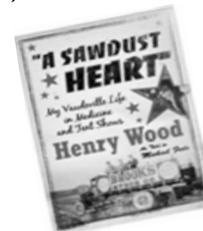
A SAWDUST HEART: My Vaudeville Life in Medicine and Tent Shows

By Henry Wood

As told to Michael Fedo

University of Minnesota Press, 152 pages, 2011

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Once a stagecoach inn, the **Clark House** 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 are listed on the first page of this newsletter.



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