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RECOLLECTIONS

Monticello Area Historical Society News

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Note from the President Mary Davis

Our Museum will be opening Saturday, May 6th for the season. We are continuing our school themed display "Slate Boards to Smart Boards". Before opening, things need to be freshened up, so a cleanup afternoon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th, any time after 1:30. Come if you can help us. With our new season, we also need docents to help with our visitors. Please check your calendars and be ready to volunteer. And a plus this year – we have a new OPEN flag to hang out front, so you don't have drag out that sidewalk sign.

May 25th is the Monticello Area Historical Society's annual meeting. It will be at T & D's Monticello House. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and our meeting at 7:30, followed by our program "National Historic Buildings in Green County" presented by Kim Tschudy. Details about cost and reservations will be available soon. Save the date and plan to attend. Jules Cappelle has been hired as our Collection Archivist. His technical skills and interest in history will be an asset in putting our collections in order.

MAHS

Board of Directors

President - Mary Davis
Vice-Pres. - Hans Sulzer
Secretary - May Burgy
Treas. - Karen Brugger
Member - John Casey
Member - Teresa Dunlap
Member - Sue Rieder

Collection Archivist

Jules Cappelle

Coordinators

Docents - Kay & Bill Dickson
Programs - Paul Rieder
Membership - Carol Schultz

What You Need to Know

Museum

Open

Saturdays
thru October
from 10 am - 2 pm

Our docent coordinators

Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all.

Fund Raising

*Monticello Garage
Sale in September*

Spring Cleaning?
Don't forget to save the good stuff for our fall sale. Just about anything but clothing. If you need it picked up, call one of the board members.

New Monticello Historical Society Facebook Page

MAHSWIS
(Monticello Area
Historical Society -
Wisconsin)

MAHSWIS covers the society's news, community participation and museum updates.

SPRING FLING is May

20th. The Museum will again offer Popcorn and Root Beer Floats for 25cents each during our regular Saturday hours, 10-2. We have the root beer, the popcorn, and the red cups – now we need some volunteers to help with event.

The following Monticello Fire Department history was provided by Robert Buehl and will be continued in the next newsletter.

September 1892, the first chief was Fred Knobel. A dozen rubber coats and hats, a 16 foot ladder for the Hook & Ladder Co., two pike poles and a fire bell purchased in 1893. A fire call consisted of three taps on the fire bell, a continuous ringing of the bell for a five alarm fire. A motion was passed to give the first person to answer a fire call with a team and wagon a \$5 prize. A hose cart capable of carrying 500 feet of hose purchased 1894. Hosemen were Dan Wichser and Rudy Neuenschwander. Nozzlemen were Frank Taft and Dane Richards. Joe Booker tested the engine. Bought two benches for the firemen. A nickel plated trumpet for company use purchased. An oyster supper for firemen and wives or best girlfriends was held. Fire alarm practice from the first tap of the bell until the first stream of water at the Baptist Church took 4 1/2 minutes in 1897. That year was a Fireman's Tournament in Monroe, the firemen went by train and participated in contests such as Hub race, Chief's foot race, Hook & Ladder, Tug of War, bicycle race and hose race. There were prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$3. That year parade coats and caps were purchased as they attended a parade at Belleville. 1898 a motion made that four members of the fire company that enlisted in military service be honorary members until they return. A resolution: Whereas it has pleased the great ruler of the universe to remove from our company our worthy and esteemed member Appleton Taft. Any member elected to the company and not attending the first three meetings be discharged. Firemen's dances proved to not always be profitable. By 1902 the old engine could not be repaired, a new gas engine purchased. A motion made and carried to

pay \$5 per week to any member injured while on duty, not to exceed 10 weeks. It was agreed to let Monroe use the cart and new ball bearing nozzle and coupling. Perhaps the beginning of mutual aid!! Henry Jungst succeeded Fred Gerber, the local undertaker as Chief and was to receive \$15 annual salary. In 1913 a motion passed to tax any member 10 cents for each failure to appear at a regular meeting and 50 cents for failure to appear at a fire call unless he has a reasonable excuse. Failure to pay 3 consecutive times results in expulsion. Voted to have the Village buy a fire whistle to be put on the Electric plant. Confer with the Village in regard to trading the old engine for a chemical engine. John Zweifel elected Chief 1916-1926. Each member to pay \$5 for uniform to be reimbursed when turned in. Jake Krieg, Gerrit Kooreman, Henry J. Elmer and Dick Zentner appointed drivers for fire truck 1927.



From the collection of Lois Iverson (sister of Ralph Hammerly) Her picture is on the following page with daughter Cheryl Feagons as they make a donation of postcards, photographs, and linens on the weekend of her 90th birthday.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Monticello Area Historical Society is the acquisition, documentation, preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to the history and culture of the Monticello area. This collection will be located in our museum, the former Woelffer Drug Store on Main Street in Monticello, Wisconsin.

VISION STATEMENT

The Monticello Area Historical Society strives to promote an interest in the uniqueness of the Monticello area by collecting and displaying artifacts that tell our community history. We further endeavor to enrich the community by connecting them to the past and saving the present to enhance the future.



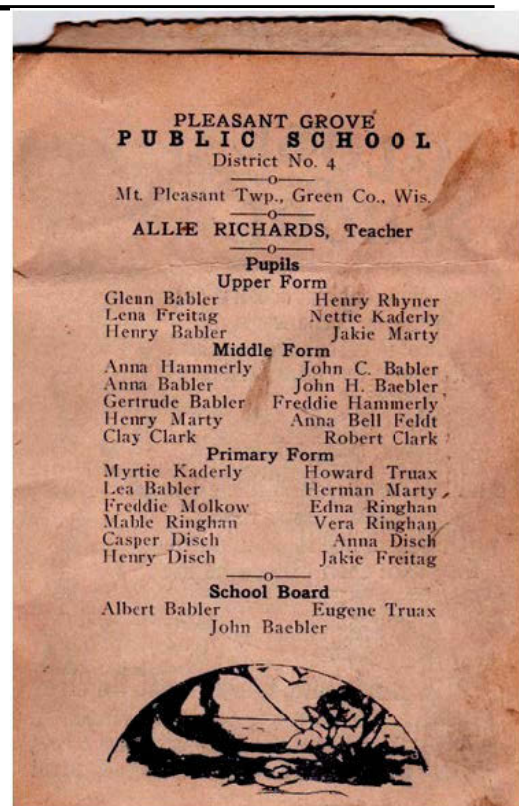
"This and That"

- Life member Eugene Theiler passed away in Milwaukee.
- We welcome new members Marilyn Wittenwyler and Sally Disrud.
- Ms. DeNure and Mrs. Ula's second grade classes toured the museum hosted by Kay Dickson and Karen Brugger.
- Monetary donations received from Sally Stenbroten, Thomas Hefty, Carrie Meyer and Jan Woelffer.
- Bill and Kay Dickson donated Riverboat Rambler and MHS record albums. Look for them in our display cases. Many will remember Ray Schenk, former businessman and musician. A scholarship is given each year in his memory to a deserving senior class member.
- After twelve years decorating the MAHS windows Karen Brugger takes a break. May Burgy has graciously assumed the task. Thanks to the Lioness, Washington 4-H, American Legion and others who have contributed articles during these years. May would be delighted to hear of any ideas or items you wish to display.



**Monticello
100 Years Ago**

Lois Iverson Collection



TO BECOME A MAHS MEMBER

Mail this form and payment to the museum address or give them to our membership chairperson.

Membership year: May—April

Individual dues - \$20/yr

Family dues - \$30/yr

▶ CASH CHECK PAYABLE TO MAHS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, **EXCEPT** JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, IN THE NORTH ROOM OF ZWINGLI CHURCH ANNEX IN MONTICELLO, WIS.

MAHS Museum

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Hours of Operation

The museum will be open
May 7 until October 31, 2016
but can be open by appointment for anyone or a
group wishing to stop by.

For special group or individual tours,
call the museum at (608) 938-4216 or send your request to
mahs@tds.net.

Are you planning a class reunion? Do you have former classmates who would be interested in joining MAHS?

Admission to the museum is free and a quarterly newsletter from your home town is included.

A guided tour of the museum on your reunion date can be arranged.

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