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Monticello Area Historical Society News

Year 2021, No. 3

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Museum Open

Saturdays May thru October

from 10 am - 2 pm

Our docent coordinators Bill & Kay Dickson welcome all volunteers. Call them at 938-4315.

Dear Friends,

There is a crispy rustle to the leaves and a few are starting to turn. I had hoped we could gather for a general meeting this fall, but the statistics are not encouraging.

This summer's Museum openings have been less attended, but very appreciated by those venturing in to see our exhibits. Thank You docents!

A routine inspection of our HVAC systems found the main floor AC mortally wounded. In spite of it being the peak of our heat wave, Lanz had us cool in less than two weeks

It is still a time of caution and uncertainty. We truly appreciate your continued interest, involvement, and support.

Stay Well,
Mary Davis

**Monticello Area Historical
Society Board Election has
been mailed.**

Please return ballots.

1927 MAHS

Yearbook

By: Karen Brugger

Visitors were requesting to view MHS yearbooks (annuals) so they are now placed in the cabinet below the MHS sports, band, etc. exhibits.

The first yearbook was published in 1927 almost a century ago by the Senior class and printed by Mayer Printing Company of Madison. It was titled "Monti-Hi", no mention of the cost and dedicated to Edyth R. Blum, class advisor and friend throughout their high school days. Corydon Rich was principal with the entire faculty numbering four persons. There was no mention of subjects taught. The school board was made up of three members. There were 20 graduates, twelve girls and eight boys. It is interesting to note there was football, basketball and track for boys sports and all participated. Since many farm boys at that time I was surprised to see this. Girls sports were volleyball, track, baseball and the first girls basketball team organized that year.

The Freshman class numbered 29 with five leaving at the end of the year, perhaps turning sixteen years of age and having to work on the farm. It states a number of the boys received "seats of honor" in the nearest position to the principal's desk. The class held a carnival "The Follies of 1923." the boys basketball team won the Monroe

district championship and entered the State tournament where they played three games. There was no mention of band or chorus but there were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts (organized 1927), Dramatics, Declamatory and Oratory.

Advertising by H.L. Karlen Ford, Karlen Theatre, Monticello Bakery, Frautschy Studio, Arn & Zweifel Co., People's Supply Co., Monticello Nash, Flips Pool Hall, M.E. Lynn Hardware, C.M. Stauffer Blacksmith, Carl Tanner Meat Market, A. Schuler Standard Station, J. Zentner DDS, Karlen & Steinman Lumber Co., Woelffer Drug Store, Masshardt Meats, Elmer's Dairy, Monticello Restaurant, H. Horne DDS, Dr. E. Blumer, P.J. Altman Electrician, W.A. Loveland Attorney, Trumpy & Grenzow Grocery, Bank of Monticello, Babler & Barlow Northwestern Life insurance, Monticello Messenger, Gerber's Barber Shop, J.J. Voegeli Hardware, Fred W. Voegeli Furniture & Funerals, B.L. Clark Veterinary, Kooreman Insurance, P.J. Babler Cigar Mfg., W. Wichser Heating, Plumbing & Farm Machinery, Curtis Barber Shop, O. Wyss Harness & Leather Goods, Monticello Auto (Buick & GMC). Can you imagine that many business places in a village the size of Monticello at that time?

We have no other yearbooks until 1946. Would anyone have one from 1927 to 1946? Is it possible there were none published for almost twenty years? Hope to get some response from our readers.

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.

Monticello Area

Historical Society News

New on our website under publications:

[A Perfect Pair, The History of Landjaeger in Green County, Wisconsin](#)

By Jesse Brookstein

[The Memoirs of Fred G. Blum, Jr. and Miriam Gale Eye Blum](#)



1936 This barber shop was part of Monticello Hotel. Roy Ogden was the barber. The other barber is unknown. The children are Carl and Aline Wyss.



Monticello Hotel Bar, widely known as the "Casino" at that time. Helen Wyss, Otto Wyss, and Roy Webb in 1940. The new bar will be opening yet this year and we look forward to the bar that is coming—complete with a historic look and a story.

Monticello Area Farms





September 15, 2021 Grand Opening ribbon cutting for the Java Lava. Nikkoleen Bongard is the current owner. Formally the Morning Mug owned by Traci Bartles.



Thank you Lion's Club for staining the back stairs of the museum. Pictured are Linn Lederman and Mike Davis.

Weak and Miserable?

Does the least exertion tire you out? Feel "blue" and worried and have daily backache, lameness, headaches, dizziness, and kidney irregularities? Sick kidneys are often to blame for this unhappy state. You must act quickly to prevent more serious trouble. Use *Doan's Kidney Pills*, the remedy recommended everywhere by grateful users. *Ask your neighbor!*

An Iowa Case

Mrs. Fred Combs, 204 First Ave., Red Oak, Ia., says: "I could hardly stand on my feet at times, my back was so sore and weak. Sharp, knife-like pains would shoot through my kidneys. Hearing so many speak highly of Doan's Kidney Pills, I bought a box and after taking them a few days my back felt stronger and I was better in every way."



Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
 FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

Monticello Messenger April 7, 1921



Jim Lemon

VERONA

Feb. 16, 1978 - Aug. 17, 2021

Jim Lemon, son of former-known Monticello resident Elmer J. Lemon passed away of pancreatic cancer,

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

ROBERT W. McFARLAND, OF MONTICELLO, WISCONSIN.

IMPROVEMENT IN FARM-GATES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **59,621**, dated November 13, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT W. McFARLAND, of Monticello, county of Green, State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Gate or Farm-Gate; and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the arrangement and combination of the main lever, pulleys, and V-shaped frame with an adjustable gate, so that the gate can be opened and closed by a person on horseback or in a carriage.

A represents the ground, in which the posts B and C are permanently set. The post C is higher than the rails D of the gate, and has a slot, E, and two incline-arms, V V, that are also slotted, as at F, the arms forming a V-shaped frame, with a cross-brace, G, at top. The main lever H operates in the slots E and F on a fulcrum, J, in the post C. At each end of the brace is a pulley, K. The rails D are supported by and operate on pivots L in three high posts, M, that are constructed of two flat rails, so that the gate-rails D operate between them, so that the front part of the gate is adjustable by raising or lowering when required to be opened or closed. Another rail, N, above

the gate-rails D, is set at an incline from the back of the gate to the front, pivoted at front at P, and resting on bolt R, so as to slide back when required to open the gate and raise the front of the gate.

The latch S rests in the groove of the cap of the gate-post B. A rope, T, is permanently fastened to the lever H at U, passing around the pulley K, thence around the pulley W, and knotted to the end of rail N; thence again extending to the opposite pulley K, passing round it and fastened to the lever H at X.

By catching hold of either end of lever H and pressing it downward, the rail N raises the gate and opens or closes it, the red lines showing the operation of the rope T upon the rail N and the gate, so that the gate is not prevented from being opened in snowy weather, the gate rising above the snow and swinging on an upright rod-hinge, Y.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The V-shaped frame, lever H, pulleys K, rope T, sliding rail N, when constructed and arranged in combination with the adjustable gate, as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

ROBERT W. McFARLAND.

Witnesses:

J. FRANKLIN REIGART,
JOHN S. HOLLINGSHEAD.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Lifetime dues - \$500

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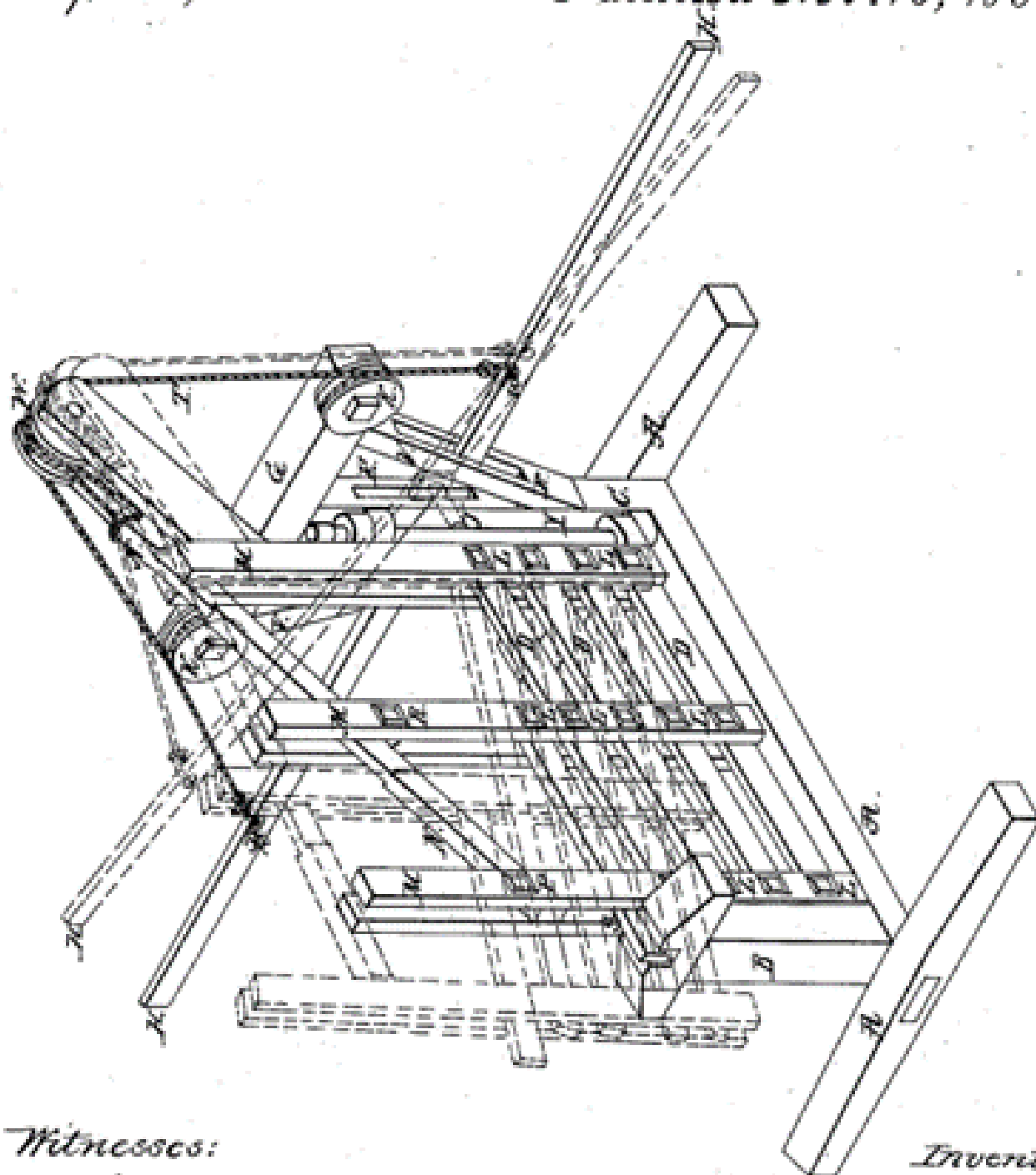
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R. W. McFarland,

Automatic Gate,

N^o 59,621,

Patented Nov. 13, 1866.



Witnesses:

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Jos. H. Stevens

Inventor:

Robert W. McFarland

By his Atty

J. Franklin Hayward

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE MONTICELLO AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS NORMALLY HELD THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, **EXCEPT** JULY, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, IN THE NORTH ROOM OF ZWINGLI CHURCH AT 7:00 PM ARE ON HOLD AT PRESENT.

MAHS Museum

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Hours of Operation

The museum will be open
May until October 23, 2021
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.

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

Please consider including the
Monticello Area Historical Society in
your will.

A guided tour of the museum can be
arranged for all groups anytime.

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