



Newsletter #3 Fall/Winter 2015

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Earlville Community Historical Society meets on a monthly basis at the Museum on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30p. Please consider joining us!

WE HAVE NEEDS FOR...

1. Mannequins or dress forms
2. Pictures or memorabilia from Maple Leaf Lake
3. Family histories (genealogical studies) from Earlville families
4. A complete EHS football uniform or any other complete uniform from boys or girls sports
5. Binder-type photo albums
6. Picture frames of all sizes
7. EHS Yearbooks from the 1930's, 1940's, as well as 1950, 1953, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1976-2015

Please call **Anna Svendsen** at **815-246-9039** or drop by the Museum during business hours if you have any of these items to donate.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016!!

Annual Memberships

Annual members pay \$10 per individual which is renewable each year between November and January. Annual family memberships pay \$20 for parents (which includes children 18 and under).

Earlville Community Historical Society is a 501(c)3^[w1] organization (not-for-profit). We appreciate all levels of donation and membership. If you're interested in joining us, please see the Membership Form at the end of this newsletter.

Or please consider a...

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime members pay \$100 per individual member with *no renewal*.



Looking for some help with...

GRANT FUNDING! If you have any resources or knowledge to share please contact **Marcia Farley** at **815-246-9877**.

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

It seems as though every day we are the recipients of some great new "finds" at the Museum. It's impossible to list everything, but thought that you might be interested in some of the new "old" things:

- *James Malley "dress blues" Marine Uniform - *Jo Malley*
- * - *Joan (Kreiter) Gibson*
- *4H sewing project (skirt) from 1950's - *Wanda (Mooney) Kofoed*
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MUSEUM UPDATES

Lots of action on the Museum's second floor this summer thanks to the many members who have shared their time and talents!

1. Windows and walls have been repaired and ready for paint - Terry Wolff, Stan Meloy, and Rich Goodbred
2. Wainscoting cleaned and stained by Tracy Smith
3. Plexiglas covering old pictures which were discovered upstairs (and other handyman jobs) - Larry Maly
4. Metal ceiling brushed clean- Rich Goodbred
5. Electrical updated - Jack Anderson and his son, Brian
6. Prior to painting the ceilings the entire area (walls and floor) was cleaned and covered - Anna Svendsen, Carol Landers, Paula Goodbred, Stan Meloy, Kris Goodbred and Janice & Terry Wolff. Lunch was provided by the Carters and Flickingers 😊
7. Ceiling spray painted - Jack Anderson and his son, Brian
8. In addition to all of the work inside, the 3 chimneys have been capped.
9. Additional signage was applied to the windows at the entrance of the Museum



IMPORTANT DATES

2015

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| Dec. 10 | Hist. Soc. Mtg (6:30p) |
| Jan. 14 | Hist. Soc. Mtg (6:30p) |
| Feb. 11 | Hist. Soc. Mtg (6:30p) |
| Mar. 10 | Hist. Soc. Mtg.(6:30p) |
| Apr. 14 | Hist. Soc. Mtg.(6:30p) |



"We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing." - George Bernard Shaw



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And check out our website:

www.earlvillehistory.org

GENEALOGY

CITY OF EARLVILLE DOCUMENTS

We have uncovered a number of documents from the City of Earl that reach back into the mid-1800s. A few of the interesting "finds" include:

*Individual oaths of office for city departments which include solemnly

Are you working on a genealogy study of your family? Did you know that you can find cemeteries and specific grave markers anywhere in the country (and beyond) by websites such as www.findagrave.com

www.billiongraves.com

If you ARE doing a genealogy study on your family, we would LOVE to have a copy of it for our family files.



swearing that the person has not been involved in a duel and promises not to engage in a duel during their term in office.

*Original contract with the electric company to provide electricity to the city

*Book of Ordinances from 1863 which had to be "recompiled" after a 1867 fire

destroyed all of the records which were stored in the home of A.B. Conklin.

WELCOME!

We enjoyed seeing some new faces at the Museum during the EHS Alumni weekend and during Lionsfest. Thanks for taking time to stop in and visit. We hope you enjoyed the experience. Tell your friends and neighbors!!!



MUSEUM HOURS

Summer Hours

Saturdays 10a-2p

Sundays 12p-2p

Or anytime by appointment call

815-246-7076 or 815-246-9778

If you are in town for a special get-together with friends, reunion or family gathering, please give us a call! We'd be happy to open up the Museum for you!

NEXT PROJECT

Now that the second floor ceiling is painted, our next building projects are:

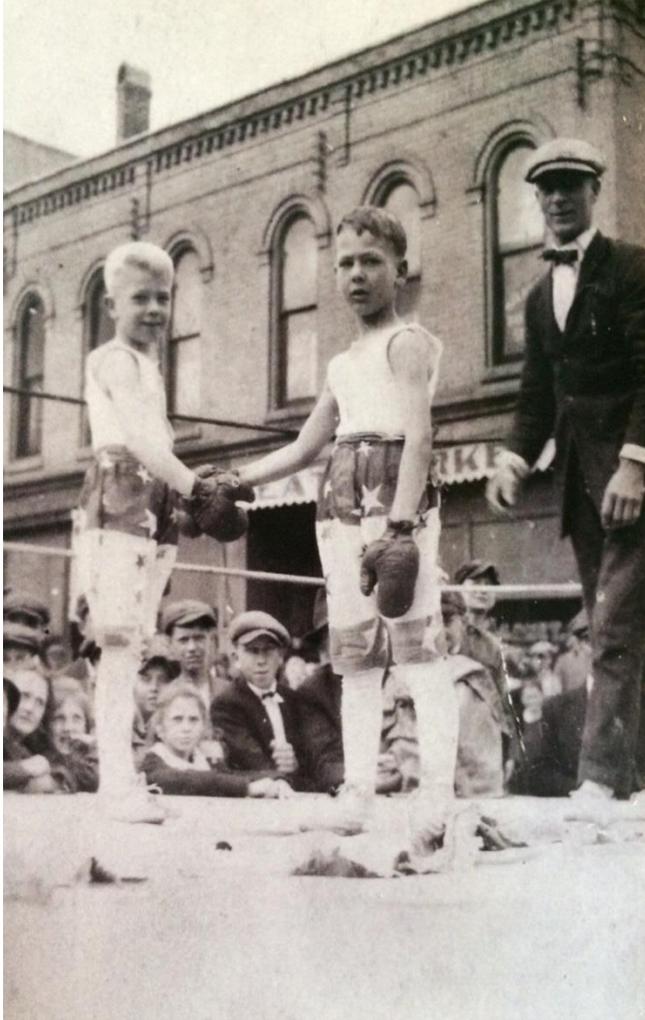
1. Tuckpointing the outside wall on the south side of the building
2. Install new gutters across the back (west) side of building
3. Taping and painting the walls on the second floor
4. Refurbishing the floor on the second level

Our building is old (1901) so there is always upkeep to be considered - age of the furnace, plumbing, etc. We exist solely on the generosity of our members and friends and appreciate any and all donations to help address those expenses.



THE SPORT OF BOXING IN EARLVILLE

We've heard several stories about the history of boxing in Earlville, especially during the Depression Era, but would like to speak with someone who has some more knowledge about the subject and possibly some documentation. As we understand it, a boxing ring would be set up downtown at the corner of Ottawa and Railroad streets during most all community events. This is a picture of two young boys shaking hands in that ring downtown. Can you help us identify them?



Other bouts were held at "Indian Arrow Camp Ground^[w2]," "Gregg^[w3]'s Hall," and the gymnasium in Earlville. Boxers from as far away as Chicago came to Earlville and the surrounding areas to participate in bouts. We aren't certain about the exact locations of the Indian Arrow Camp Ground or Gregg's place^[w4], so if

you have any information on that please call or email us!

Jim Hall, who currently lives in Earlville, boxed in Ottawa along with some other young men back in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He told us that Chick McGary was very knowledgeable about boxing and very encouraging to them. We'd love to hear some stories or find some documentation on Chick's history with boxing.

Local names that are mentioned in articles from the 1920s and 1930s include:

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| Charles Bader | WW Gregg |
| Sam Thompson | Wm Thompson |
| Lloyd Blecher | Eddie Rochford |
| Irvin Strouss | Ray Strouss |
| Wilbur Beschoner | Del Smith |
| Frank Sullivan | Carl Jump* |

Carl Jump won the right to advance to the Championship of the Chicago Golden Gloves, Heavyweights. He sustained a badly fractured hand prior to this fight but fought anyway despite not being cleared by the doctor. This was the one and only fight that he lost.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member

Renewal

Membership Type/Dues (after initial payment, dues are collected each November)

Individual (\$10.00 annually)

Business/Institution (\$25.00 annually)

Family (\$20.00 annually)

Individual Lifetime (\$100 one-time payment; no annual dues)

Member(s) Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

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Send this form and your dues to the following address:

Earlville Community Historical Society

Attn: Membership

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