

Pulaski Area Historical Society, Inc.



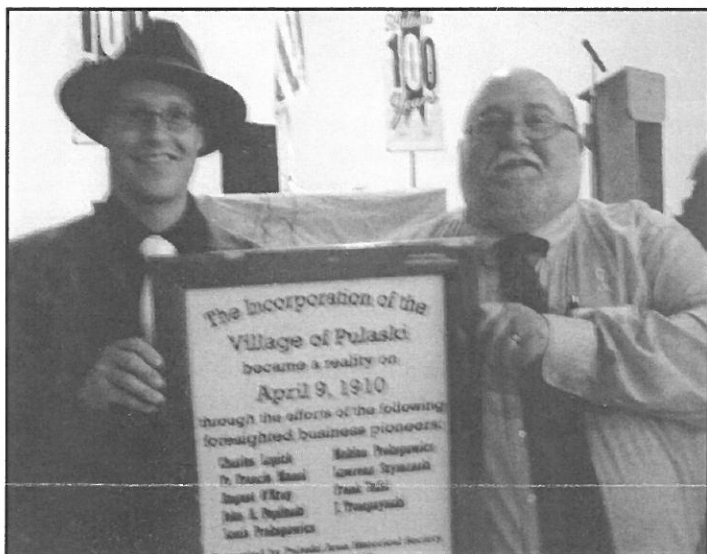
Newsletter

PULASKI, WISCONSIN



SPRING 2011

"Dedicated to the preservation of the heritage and traditions of the Pulaski Area."



On October 10, 2010 Pulaski Area Historical Society President Chris Jaworski presented Village President Keith Chambers with a memorial plaque at the centennial celebration of the Incorporation of the Village of Pulaski, April 9, 1910. The plaque lists the names of the business pioneers responsible for the incorporation. The plaque was skillfully crafted by John Pitzen the technical education instructor at Pulaski High School.

Your Help Is Needed

Submitted by John Mihalko

The Historical Society would like to recognize individuals and groups from the area (Pulaski School District). An example is Dave Magee's Harness Racing display, now at the museum.

Names of individuals and groups with stories and pictures are needed to recognize the achievement of people who were born, raised or have historic roots in the area.

Displays currently in progress are: one-room schools (1-8 grade) that sent children to Pulaski High School; Boxing team members from the Pulaski High School (1944-1949); and local band members from the area.

Requests for stories include data and pictures about local individuals who entered religious life, authors, radio and tv personalities, successful race car drivers (oval, drag, horse), and people in the news.

Please submit any information or contact John Mihalko, P.O. Box 948, Pulaski, WI 54162.

Spring Bake Sale May 6

Our **SPRING BAKE SALE** will be held on **FRIDAY, MAY 6** at North Shore Bank, 165 N. St. Augustine Street, from 8:30 until noon. We ask members to bring their home-made bakery to North Shore Bank from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to support this project with bakery, please consider a monetary donation.

The committee is Theresa Bialozynski, Sharon Bauer, Diane Wichlacz, and Marian Schroeder. Proceeds will help maintain and operate the museum.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. THANK YOU.

Can You Help Solve the Mystery at the Museum?

The Historical Society was very fortunate to receive a collection of photographs from Joseph Homel, Jr. that were taken by his father, Joseph Homel, Sr.

Joseph Homel, Sr. was considered the village photographer. He also was a photographer for the *Green Bay Press Gazette*. Joe Homel and his wife Irene were charter members of the Pulaski Area Historical Society.

The collection consists of photos of families, weddings, 50th wedding anniversaries, First Communion, business places, individuals, churches and various miscellaneous other subjects.

Some of the photos have been identified, but many are a mystery. The photographs have been filed in categories and are ready for solving the mystery. Some of the family pictures that have been identified thus far are: Adamski, Blohowiak, Banaszynski, Bieda, Bussiere, Jankowski, Krysiak, Kubiak, Malcheski and Mroczynski.

Visit the museum to see if you might be included in this collection of photographs.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John and Renee Malcheski who on March 29, 2011 received the Chamber of Commerce Community Service Achievement Award. It was a well-deserved award.

History Goes Up in Smoke!

Submitted by Marian Schroeder

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, the Laney School/Maple Grove Town Hall was burned down, by decision of the Maple Grove Town Board. An enormous piece of history was destroyed.

Laney School was built in 1928 after the building on the premises that had served as the school building since 1867 was considered unfit for school purposes.

George Hanson, a local Laney resident was the main builder of the new school. There was indication that the school board had received blueprints from the State Department of Building and Plants. However, the Ainsworth School in the Town of Westcott in Shawano County was the model that Hanson followed. Hanson was known to build without using a blueprint – “He had all the knowledge of building in his head.”

For 83 years it stood as a masterpiece, proudly providing an excellent for the education of many students, collectively an extensive amount of memories and friendships.

In 1997 through the diligent efforts of the late Arthur Smurawa, a member of the Pulaski Area Historical Society and the Della Rucker Preservation, the Laney School was put on the National and State Register of Historic Places.

Taken from the application: “One-room schoolhouses in



particular should retain a high level of integrity inside and out to be eligible for the National Register.” The Laney School demonstrates a high level of integrity, particularly with regards to the buildings public facade and spaces which have greatest impact on the building’s public perception and identity.

The Laney School effectively represents the areas of historic significance to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Laney School played a pivotal role in the development of the Laney area providing space for necessary educational, social, cultural success of the Laney community.

Laney School was the first and only school to be put on the National Register of Historic Places.

Farewell Laney School from many students and teachers.

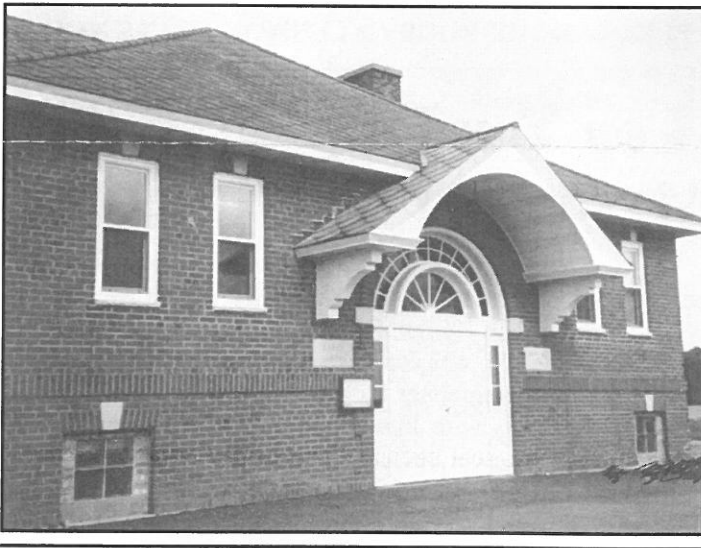
Archaeology Presentation May 1

Wisconsin’s State Historical Society has declared May Historic Preservation and Archaeology month. During this month long celebration, communities throughout Wisconsin plan many local and regional events to promote historic and prehistoric places for the purposes of instilling community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showcasing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. More information on statewide archaeological presentations, in the month of May, can be found at www.wisconsinhistory.org <<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>>. Click on the archaeology link.

In response, the Town of Chase has decided to showcase its recent archaeological work that has taken place at the Chase Stone Barn Park. Archaeologist, Bob Fay, of Old Northwest Research, will display artifacts found near the barn and will interpret what the original farmstead looked like and offer insight on the Krause family who built the stone barn. Mr. Fay’s presentation will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 at the Chase Stone Barn Park site. The public is welcomed and the barn will be open for tours.

Chicken booyah will also be served and offered for sale. Feel free to bring your own containers for carry home purchases. All booyah proceeds will benefit restoration fund raising efforts for the Chase Stone Barn Park.

Please join the fun of learning about local history, meeting friends, and enjoying home cooked chicken booyah all while promoting and benefiting a good cause. For more information on the stone barn, please visit: www.townofchase.org.



Historically Speaking

Memorial Park in Pulaski was originally named Pulaski Fairgrounds. In the 1920’s fairs were held at the ground, also horse racing and community events. There was a grandstand where people could sit to view the events. Does anyone have a picture of the grandstand?

Share Your History

The Pulaski Area Historical Society would like to invite anyone to submit an article for publication in our newsletter. The article could be about your family, a family business, or any historical information about Pulaski or the surrounding area you would like to share. If you wish to submit an article please contact Marian at 822-5856.

Generations of Marnochas serve Pulaski

This speech was prepared by Ruth (Marnocha) Uelmen for a presentation at the Pulaski Historical Society annual banquet and meeting, about the history of Marnocha Barber family on October 27, 2010.

The first generation of the barbers in our family was Joseph Marnocha, my grandfather who was born in 1897. His family originally lived in Hofa Park and moved to Seymour where my great grandfather ran a tavern.

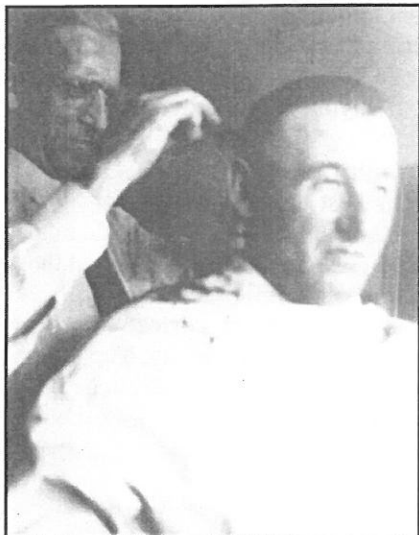
In the year of 1913, Joe was a sophomore in high school. Because of a boyhood prank concerning a dart and a classmate's derrier, he got kicked out of school. Grandpa was quite a baseball player, and I guess "ole lefty" was just as accurate throwing darts as he was baseballs! After some suspension, the school administrators wanted him to come back to school, but he wouldn't. Thus, began his barbering career, at the shop next door to his parent's tavern, at the age of 16. His training came from the barber he worked for.

A few years later in 1916, a barber from Pulaski approached Joe and asked him to run his shop while he went to the service. An agreement was made that upon his return, Joe would have a job with him there. This was at the site of the Tri-County Hotel, better known today as Classics Hotel and Saloon operated by Greg Matuszak. When the owner came back, however, promises were not kept. Joe had to leave that shop.

Grandpa also served in World War I. Sometime later, upon returning to Pulaski, he barbered in the Steve Kurowski building, known to most in Pulaski as "Joe's Bar" and now as "Sassy's on the Strip".

He built the present building, where we have our business, at 121 West Pulaski Street, for himself as a barber shop in the year of 1933, he was 36 years old then. In those days, work was done when it was available. "Make hay while the sun shines," so to speak. Grandpa would be open Saturday nights late, into early hours of Sunday, after the town dances at area dance halls. Men were in town, with money in their pockets, and would get haircuts and shaves before they left to go home. Sometimes that was at 2:00 in the morning. You could get a haircut for 25 cents and a shave for 15 cents back in the day.

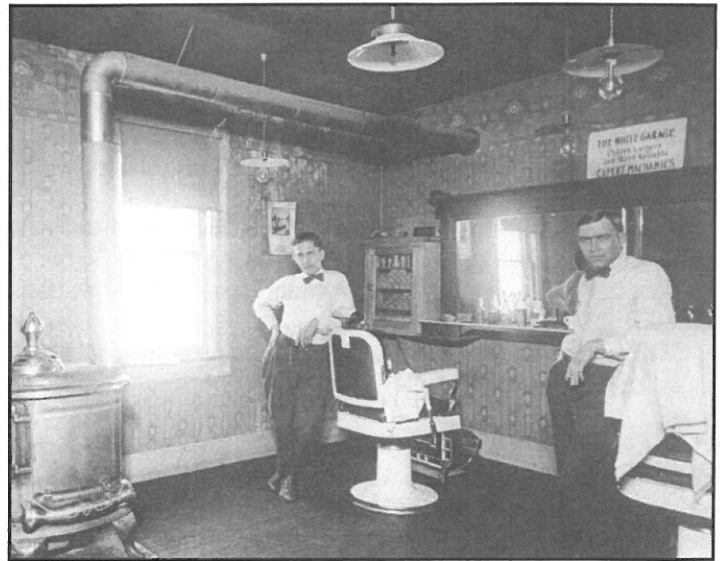
Shaves were a really big part of the business until about 1980 and with the advent of blood diseases and personal razors



Joseph Marnocha gives Edward Malcheski a haircut.

you could purchase, the service became unnecessary. My dad, Donald, was 12 years old in 1937 and would join his dad at work during these times. He'd get the haircuts started, put hot towels on faces, preparing for shaves, finish up the services and clean up. Soon, the state inspector, quoting the child labor laws, put an end to this.

In exchange for the late night hours Grandpa would put in, he would often go duck



Joseph Marnocha is pictured on the left in 1916 at the Tri-County Hotel (presently Classics).

hunting in the morning, and would open whenever he got back. Rumor had it that Joe liked to play a little poker, and more often than occasionally there would be a game in the back room of the shop.

Later, when Don was 16 years old, he legally could help around the shop, which he did until he was drafted into World War II at the age of 18. Shortly after high school graduation, Don left for the Army. On his return, he trained to be a barber by going to the vocational school on Broadway Street in Green Bay one day a week to learn the science and bookwork qualifications of the license, and worked with his dad the remainder of the week, who taught him the practical training.

From the year 1946, to the present year of 2010, Don has been walking many a mile around that barber chair, working full time at our present location. A period of 65 years, and more considering the years from age 12 to 18.

Don's younger brother, Gerald, known to many by the nickname, Bucky, joined Don and their dad working as a barber in 1948. In January 1962, Don and Bucky became partners of ownership. I remember family evenings going to the shop to clean. We each had our jobs. My mom, dad, brother, and sisters would switch off cleaning every other time with my Uncle Bucky's family.

On days off from school, we would play behind the shop together in Chester Gajewski's woods right behind the legion building, to the west back here. There was one tree at the corner of that woods that was particularly beautiful this time of year, so red and orange. We loved to climb those trees, and run through the trails. We'd also stop in the shop to sweep, whenever we'd pass by on our bikes. It usually meant a quarter from grandpa or uncle, and don't forget, a stick of gum! We still give Wrigley's Doublemint and Juicy Fruit gum to our little customers.

Sadly in 1970, Bucky passed away, due to colon cancer, at the young age of 42. This led to my brother, Steve, joining the business. After graduating from high school, he attended the vocational school in Green Bay fondly remembered as "Broadway U". This was the final year of the school being at

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Country Pride Realty receives Preservation Award

This year the Pulaski Area Historical Society presented the Historic Preservation Award to Lori Stephan of Country Pride Realty. Following is Stephan's acceptance speech.

In anticipation of tonight, I wrote two speeches, a long one and a short one: I'll give you the short one. Thank you. But it seems there might be enough time for the long one as well, which is: Thank you very much!

Seriously, I want to thank Larry Puzen and the Historical Society for nominating my building at 144 W. Pulaski Street. I am honored to receive the Third Annual Historic Preservation Award.

Back in December of 1982, Don and Irene Wright sold the

Marnochas continued

the Broadway location. His apprenticeship education continued at the brand new NWTC campus. He began barbering in the year of 1972 and has 38 years in the business.

During the 70's the industry saw a big change. Men were growing their hair long and began "styling" their hair, using blow dryers, and getting perms. Pretty soon, shops were becoming Family Styling Centers and offering men and women's haircutting, styling, perming and coloring. That's where I came in. We became members of the Romer Franchise which taught barbers a more modern style of cutting hair with a razor. Also offering a complete line of hair care products, which we still sell today. They had seminars regularly which I would tag along and attend. This peaked my interest in the field. After graduating from high school, I attended the barber program at NWTC in Green Bay. They included men's and women's haircutting, perming and coloring in the curriculum. At that time, the state had separate schools and licenses for barber shops and beauty shops, but over the years the two crossed over so much and all shops were offering the same services. The state revamped the whole program. Now what's taught is uniform. There's one curriculum and the same license for all hair stylists.

I began my career in 1978 and as of this past June, have been at the shop for 32 years. We've come a long way since 1916, but building relationships and celebrating life, going through ups and downs with our customers, building those relationships that go from generation to generation is what's special about being a small business in a small town.

P.S. After the program, Maddy Krawczyk, told me a story of how Joe Marnocha borrowed the money to Lucian Krawczyk to buy the Model Bakery which was on the property on the corner of Pulaski Street and Flora Street, on the site where Smurawa's Bakery is now. He later built the new Red Owl Store farther back on the property, and tore down the old building. He worked at the Cashway Store across the street from the present Marnocha Barbers and Stylists building on Pulaski Street before that. When Maddy moved into town to teach school from Marshfield, on the first day she moved in, the lady who lived downstairs asked her if she smoked. Maddy said yes and the lady said, "I know where we can get cigarettes. Let's go to the Cashway store, Lucian will sell us some." That was the first day she lived here, first time she met Lucian, and they ended up getting married. My mom, Arlene Marnocha worked at the Red Owl store in the bakery and as a check out girl about 1970 until 1977.

building to Bruce MacArthur. I was told that the Wright's had used it as a photography studio and that may explain the tile that was glued on the original hardwood floors that they used for their photography. Mr. MacArthur decided to use the building as several unlawful apartments on the upper and lower levels.

I had started my real estate career with Olejniczak Realty in 1996 and focused most on the farming area in the Pulaski School District. Three years later, I decided to open my real estate office in Pulaski. I had lived in the area since 1977. I love old buildings and researched several buildings that had been renovated to get great ideas. I am a cheerleader of small villages that have downtowns. In fact, if you remember Project Pulaski, it was a group that focused on our downtown. Please don't get me wrong, I don't mind malls, but malls are everywhere. Keeping the history and nostalgia of the past is priceless and that is what I had focused on. The building was in total disarray. The storefront had been blocked with wood and small windows. The back of the building had an enclosed staircase that was extremely unsafe. There was a large lot, but no parking as the majority was lawn area.

We decided to do the demolition work ourselves with family and friends and we also hired the "youth group" from St John's and they were very helpful. You can see in some of the pictures, the amount of work that went into it. We gutted it and exposed the brick. The inside brick was not the traditional brick like the outside, but evidently they called it, fluted brick. It's beautiful. No money or valuables were ever found in the walls by the way!

We hired a company called Direct Development. They were specialists in renovating old buildings. They completely replaced and updated everything from the storefront windows, to refurbishing the hardwood floors, new roof, windows, furnace, water heater, baths, a large asphalt parking lot and the list goes on . . . we were able to take a small square of the original storefront window and we intercepted it into our office transom window area.

We currently have approximately 1,500 square feet on the main floor that was customized for my office and we have a one bedroom and two bedroom apartment upstairs. Both apartments were also renovated and the building was DILR approved and met all current building codes.

I did a title history search and have deeds that go as far back as 1920 and have history logs from the early 1900's. I brought copies of this information, if anyone is interested in checking it out.

I was told by many locals that the building was known as the Blue Moon tavern and is best described as having great Steve's Chili. I was told that the chili was actually made in the garage from the home at 640 St. Augustine Street and that they ran the bar and grill. Evidently the family name was Steven Kurowski? Many of you may know or can correct what I'm talking about. I've had customers walk in and say, Yup, I was served my first beer here. I was also told they had a kitchen fire and my office floor has evidence of where it was. Father Patrick Gawrylewski tells me that he lived in the upper apartments with his parents.

With that being said, I would invite any of you to please stop by and visit with me. I'd love to hear your stories about the history of the building and I'll have the coffee pot on! Again Thank You!

PAHS Reports on Annual Dinner Meeting

Submitted by Norine Heuser, Secretary

Chris Jaworski, our president, began the evening with a prayer before the meal. After that we enjoyed czarnina (duck soup) and roz l'kury (chicken soup) along with a complete baked chicken, polish sausage with sauerkraut dinner followed by a pumpkin dessert.

The program started at 8:00 p.m. when he thanked the two members of the Pulaski High School Jazz Band for their pre-dinner music, Tony Hieronimczak for keeping the museum grounds looking so good all year, Greg VanAsten for the snow plowing, Gloria Morgan and Elaine Grygiel for their great job on the Centennial celebration and Super Ron's (John Ullmer and Carol Bieda) for the wonderful meal.

Our officers were introduced: Treasurer - Larry Szymanski, Secretary - Norine Heuser, Curator - Marian Schroeder, Vice-President - Pat Budz, and President - Chris Jaworski. Next the board of directors was introduced: 2008-2010 members are Tammy Brzeczowski, Bob Budz and John Mihalko; 2009-2011 members are Sharon Bauer, Larry Puzen and Harry Slezewski; the 2010-2012 members are Norine Heuser, Jim Zajac and Diane Wichlacz.

Harry Slezewski made a motion to dispense from reading the secretary's report. Larry Puzen seconded. Harry then made a motion to dispense the reading of the treasurer's report and Bob Muck seconded that. Both motions carried.

Election of the 2011-2013 Board of Directors was next on the agenda. Tammy and John are running again but Bob is stepping down. Chris Jaworski was the nominating committee and had the following people agree to run: John Mihalko, Tammy Brzeczowski, Elaine Grygiel and Don Mannigel. Larry Puzen nominated Mike Blohowiak as another candidate. Damon Szymanski made a motion to close the nominations. Richard Styczynski seconded. Motion carried.

Chris gave a report on the UW-Madison class project which Professor Danielle is offering with four of her students. They toured our museum and will design a collection management policy for us as well as possibly catalog our items and teach us how to better display and store them.

He then spoke about the Stone Barn and gave a history of its background. He also explained the various large donors that have already contributed as well as the Jeffris Foundation grant. Larry Puzen gave a detailed report of the treasury and Tammy Brzeczowski shared her feelings about this project. Ballots were handed out to the members to vote whether or not the PAHS should donate \$5000 to the Stone Barn Foundation. The results will be discussed at the next board meeting in November.

Marian shared the various people she did research for during the year: Nsight Telservices, a Glenbrook music teacher, the Pulaski Pharmacy, a Fairview teacher, the Department of Transportation, a Spanish teacher and Robert Lee Associates to name a few. She thanked Sue Winter for chairing the Cemetery Walk. She also thanked the tech ed teacher from the high school who made the plaque we presented to the Village of Pulaski listing the names of the people responsible for its incorporation.

Pat Budz thanked all of the volunteers who help throughout the year. She presented Theresa Bialoszynski a plaque and gift card to thank her for her many years of service to our society as its treasurer. She then presented Bob Budz a plaque for his

years of service. She asked for volunteers to work at an upcoming Polish/English Mass on November 12.

Norine did a membership report explaining that we have 240 members and 13 business members. We gained 11 new members this year.

Chris presented Lori Stephan from Country Pride Realty the Third Annual Preservation Award. She gave a brief description of her building (the former Blue Moon Tavern) and explained how it was updated. She invited all of us to go look at it and share any memories we may have about that location.

Chris then introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Ruth (Marnocha) Uelman. She gave a very interesting report of how the Marnocha Barber Shop began and how it progressed to where it is today.

The results of the Board of Directors voting were reported. The 2011-2013 members are Tammy Brzeczowski, John Mihalko and Don Mannigel.

Door prizes from various businesses were given out.

Bob Gracyalny made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard Styczynski seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Heartfelt Sympathy

The Pulaski Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the families of: John Wendzikowski and John Malcheski.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- April 25 - Board meeting, at 7:00 p.m., PACE meeting room.

MAY

- May 6 - Bake Sale at North Shore Bank, Pulaski, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

JUNE

- June 7 - August 25 Museum open Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- June 11-12 and June 25-26 - Museum open 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- June 27 - Board meeting at 7:00 p.m., PACE meeting room.

JULY

- Museum open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- July 2,3,16,17, 30, 31 - Museum open 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- July 23-24 - Pulaski Polka Days - Museum open 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- Museum open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- August 13, 14, 27, 28 - Museum open 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

- September 26 - Board meeting, at 7:00 p.m., PACE meeting room.

OCTOBER

- October 11 - Count Casimir Pulaski Day
- October - Bake Sale, date and time not set.
- Annual Meeting at the American Legion Hall, date and time not set. Board members elected.

NOVEMBER

- November 28 - Board meeting, at 7:00 p.m., PACE meeting room.

Visitors are always welcome. Anyone wishing to visit the museum may call (920) 822-5856 or (920) 865-7875 for an appointment.

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Check out www.pulaskihistory.com
for a variety of information about the Pulaski area.

Membership Information

The Pulaski Area Historical Society invites new members and welcomes anyone whose membership has lapsed to join us once again. We value your participation in our society as we work toward keeping the history of the Pulaski area alive for future generations.

Categories of membership are as follows: Individual \$10, Family \$20, Junior \$5, Annual Sustaining \$100+, Business/Professional \$25+. Dues are paid on a yearly basis from January 1 through December 31. Payments received after October 1 will be for the following year. Anyone wishing to join can send their name, address, phone number and check to: Membership Chairperson, PAHS, P.O. Box 944, 129 W. Pulaski St., Pulaski, WI 54162. Donations are also accepted to help maintain the Pulaski Area Museum. Please see the form below. Thank you.

Pulaski Area Historical Society Membership

Name: _____

(List name as you would like it to appear in our listing.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Type of Membership:

- _____ Individual \$10.00 _____ Business/Professional \$25.00+
_____ Family \$20.00 _____ Annual Sustaining \$100.00+
_____ Junior \$5.00

A donation in addition to membership _____

_____ I prefer to be a DONOR ONLY, and enclose \$ _____

A gift to the Pulaski Area Historical Society is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

The Society Thanks . . .

All who brought baked, donated money or helped in any way for the success of the fall bake sale at Premier Community Bank.

Robert Budz for serving as a director for the Pulaski Area Historical Society.

Bob and Brenda Bryfczynski of Fine Line Graphics for the many years they have printed our newsletter and the many courtesies donated to the society.

Pat Budz who has served the historical society in so many ways - bake sales; making posters and recognition certificates; written articles for the newsletters; chairman of volunteers, annual dinner; working at the museum and public relations.

Claudia Ryczkowski for organizing and computerizing the six scrapbooks of obituaries and prayer cards.

To all the individuals who donated items to the museum - Barbara Ferfecki, Eugene Wielgus estate, Margaret Adasiewicz, Warren and Elizabeth Dickson estate, Leon Czech, Frank and Theresa Joswick Family fund, Joseph and Peggy Homel, Fr. Patrick Gawrylewski, Winn Bukowski, and Doris Malcheski.

To all members who volunteered their time and talent for the benefit of the historical society, and those who have renewed their membership.

PULASKI AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

2011 President Christopher Jaworski

Vice-President Larry Puzen

Secretary Norine Heuser

Treasurer Larry Szymanski

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2011-2012-2013 Tammy Brzeczowski, John Mihalko, Don Mannigel

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