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In 1843, a general store and tavern opened, and later that year the land was surveyed and platted into lots by John Fish. The first town meeting took place in 1846, and the railroad arrived in the fall of 1852.

By 1860 the population approached 1,000 residents. It was incorporated on April 4, 1866. Six mineral springs, each known for their medical and therapeutic properties, were an important part of the early years.

Palmyra was officially charted as a Village on May 5, 1874.

From the 1870s to the early 1920s, people from across the country visited to

enjoy the healing waters at the Palmyra Spring Sanitarium. In 1924, the sanitarium became the National Druggist Home, but a few years later interest in the therapeutic mineral water treatments declined and the sanitarium was closed.

Eagle was nearly named Diamond City in the mid-1800s when it became known that a diamond had been discovered in 1876. Eagle was incorporated as a village on Sept. 11, 1899.

Palmyra-Eagle is near the heart of the southern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, which boasts more than 20,000 acres of glacial hills, kettles, lakes, prairie restoration sites, pine woods and hardwood forests, the area offers camping, hiking, biking, snowmobiling and horseback riding.

Local parks are known for their amenities, with Paradise Springs a favorite of residents and visitors alike.

Old World Wisconsin, an outdoor living museum in Eagle, offers a look back in time with its displays, working farm, summer camps and special events.

The Palmyra-Eagle area features smalltown living at its best, with the heart of the greater community always on display.



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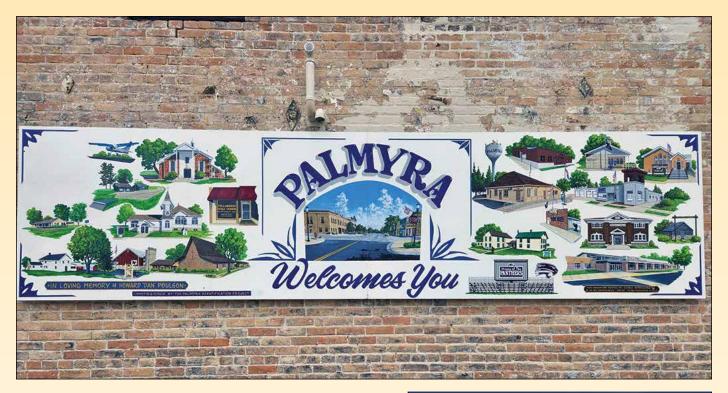
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on the cover: Members of Thomas Holcomb American Legion Post 304 lead the Memorial Day observances in Palmyra. above: The veterans began the day visiting cemeteries, followed by the parade. Afterwards, the main ceremony was held at Hillside Cemetery where local veterans who died were remembered. Thomas Plotz, a member of the Palmyra-Eagle Area High School marching band, played Taps and a bagpiper performed.

TARA LEROY PHOTOS Palmyra Our Town





VILLAGE OF PALMYRA

Celebrating 150

By Dave Fidlin

CORRESPONDENT

In May, the Village of Palmyra held the official kickoff to a summer sesquicentennial celebration along with several other events that are planned.

The village's May birthday party in recognition of the 1874 incorporation featured the unveiling of a mural at the corner of Second and Main streets. Other festivities included the serving of birthday cake at Powers Memorial Library and guided walking tours throughout a number of notable spots in the heart of Palmyra.

For residents and other interested people who were unable to attend the kickoff, there are many festivities on tap this summer.

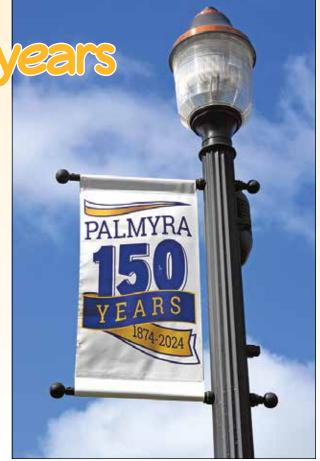
The Palmyra Historical Society and other participants have created a walking tour brochure that spotlights nearly three-dozen notable points of interest, with historical tidbits sprinkled into the document.

Among some of the specific spots highlighted in the brochure are: the Carlin House and Turner Museum, 226 W. Main St.; Otto Scherer Building, 229 W. Main St.; Nite Cap Inn, 227 S. Third St.; and

the Tisch House Hotel, 120-126 W. Main St.

A number of other community events are on the docket and numerous annual Palmyra events are partnering with organizers to include the sesquicentennial celebrations within different events.

Events still yet to come during this sesquicentennial celebration year include: June 16 – Father's Day Fly-In, Palmyra Airport; Friday, June 21 – Music on Main, Two Old Men & Friends: June 22 - Beats at the Beach, Lions Community Park; July 4 – Boat Parade, Lower Spring Lake; July 12 – Music on Main, Paul and Nathan Williams: July 20 - Rockin' in the Park, Classic Car exhibit, food trucks, music at Palmyra Village Park; July 26 - Music on Main, Juli Miller; July 28 – Old Settlers Day, Palmyra Village Park; Aug. 9 – Music on Main, The AlleyUkes; Aug. 15 – Powers Memorial Library's Family Fun Day, Palmyra Village Park; Aug. 23 – Music on Main, Amanecer y Mas; Sept. 14 – Brew with a View, Lions Community Park; October – Lutheran Church Tour and 180-year celebration; Dec. 7 – Christmas parade (Main Street) and Christmas tree lighting (Palmyra Historical Society.)



upper: Local artist Tom 'the Antler Man' Earle spent more than 100 hours on this mural, which was unveiled in May. Earle said it was hand drawn and painted, and was by far, his best work. above: The streetlights in Palmyra are donning banners to celebrate the 150-year birthday of the village.

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Palmyra: rich with history, tradition

Historical Society an ideal place to learn more about the area

By Heather Ruenz

EDITOR

Nestled along the west edge of the scenic Kettle Moraine Forest in southeastern Wisconsin, Palmyra is a charming community of 1,700 people that is steeped in history and tradition.

From its early days, Palmyra would make a mark on Wisconsin history, as when the first Wisconsin railroad was laid through the village in 1852, a posh resort hotel and healing spa was built in 1874, and one of the state's first Old Settlers' Day celebrations was established in 1885.

Many prominent businesses would spring up in Palmyra over the years, starting with a sawmill built in 1847, water bottling companies in the late 1800s, and a prosperous and highly awarded automobile sales business in the early 1900s.

Amid a flourish of development activity in the mid-to-late 1800s, Palmyra gained

notoriety for having one of the "great wonders of the world," which drew nation-wide attention from journalists and celebrity figures alike.

"The wonder still exists, and we'd love to tell you more about it and all the other special things about Palmyra and the surrounding area," the website states.

With so much to boast about, it's easy to see why Palmyra is called the "Heartbeat of the Kettle Moraine."

Exhibits on display

From the historic Carlin House to the modern Turner Museum, the Palmyra Historical Society is filled with information from the past that historical society members want to share with members of the community and beyond.

In the Mary & Terry Tutton Gallery of the Turner Museum, a brief history of

Palmyra and how it has changed over the years is presented with images and other recollections of the times. This permanent exhibit includes history of local buildings and major events that have occurred.

Construction of the Carlin House was completed in 1845 and is one of the oldest and most unusual houses in our area. As a "grout house," built by laying courses of a kind of cement on top of one another, it has won a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is furnished with mostly 19th century antiques, some of which are original to the house. Thus, the house itself and the contents as displayed have historic significance.

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The Carlin House and Turner Museum is at 112 N. Third St., Palmyra. It's open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (from the first weekend in May through the first weekend of December). It features numerous exhibits, partners with the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District to host an art show of creations by local students and has a gift shop with a variety of items available.

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can gain insight into how our Palmyra ancestors lived," the website states.

"Some of our antiques are labeled for easy identification. But the house is best explored with the assistance of a docent, who is always available during museum hours and by appointment," it states.

Newsletters and other publications

The historical society has a complete file of newsletters dating from the first one published in June 1980. These publications are an important repository of articles about Palmyra history and people as well as news about happenings in the time in which they

were written. They can be read online or printed and read at home.

Currently, the online archive includes those published through winter, 2015 (except that the winter 2011 issue is too large to be uploaded. It and more recent newsletters are available to society members.)

The gift shop in the Turner Museum has a variety of other publications available for sale that are either written about or by Palmyra residents, representing a wide variety of topics.

A list of publications available is listed on the society's website.

Recent additions to the list include booklets written by Terry Tutton: Muck Farming in the Palmyra Wisconsin, Area (2013) and Palmyra Springs Sanitarium and Mineral Springs (the fascinating and bizarre story of an era that put Palmyra on the map, 1875-1932).

The Society has an archive of The Enterprise newspaper dating from 1874 to present.

The Carlin House and Turner Museum is at 112 N. Third St., Palmyra. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (from the first weekend in May through the first weekend of December).

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Sharing the joy of making music Palmyra-Eagle Community Bandgoing strong since 1993

By Heather Ruenz

FDITOR

The Palmyra-Eagle Community Band brings programs that feature a real slice of hometown band music ... "Music to put a smile on your face and the tap in your toe."

There are more than 40 dedicated musicians that perform in the band yearround. Performances include selections from the mid-nineteenth century to present day, including Sousa, Civil War, light classical, opera, 40s, polkas, marches, Dixieland, Broadway, show music and more.

"We take pride in developing themed concerts based on a historical event, such as World War II, the Civil War or a period of music such as Sousa, the 40s and American Pops," the website states.

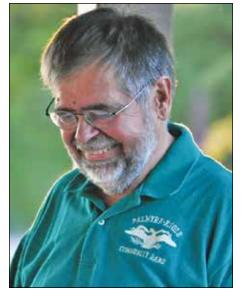
Warren Metzger, president of the band, said they're looking forward to starting its summer season on Friday, June 14 (Flag Day) at Echo Veterans Memorial Park in Burlington at 7 p.m.

"We are hoping to make Burlington one of the band's key summer venues so chose to make it the first stop this year," he said.

Interim music director, James Neist Sr. - who has been a member of the band for years – is currently conducting the band.

Longtime band director Ed Pierce, Music Director Emeritus, retired from the director role last year. He remains in the band filling the role as narrator, vocalist, and baritone horn player. He will handle the narrating for the June 14 concert.

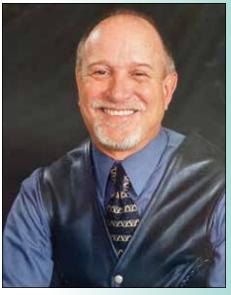
Pierce, who began directing the



Ed Pierce Music Director Emeritus

community band in 1994 - the year after its founding, now serves as its artist in residence. He is a 1971 graduate of WSU Whitewater (now UW-Whitewater) with a bachelor's degree in music education.

In 2003, he was inducted into Wisconsin Band Masters Association, and in 2004, into Phi Beta Mu Professional Band Directors Fraternity, Pierce was the Lebanon Band Director for 35 years, and the 2011 winner of John Philip Sousa Foundation's award for Most Historic Community Band with the Lebanon Band.



Jim Neist Interim Director

He's been a guest conductor in five states, and soloist on four recordings of the 1st Brigade Band, Watertown – an organization which performs on original antique instruments at historical events and community celebrations all over the state.

Pierce is a historian of military music and was President of Heritage Military Music Foundation for nine years, soloist for Time-Life Music Civil War Treasury Collection and guest speaker and soloist for the Governors Reception for the Lincoln Bicentennial at the Executive

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Every Monday

Makers Market. Monday nights, June 3 - Sept. 30, except Sept. 2 (Labor Day.) 4-8 p.m. On Taft St. between N. Second and N. Third St. Live music, food, handmade items, & more.

June 8 Saturday

June 16

Sunday

July 4

July 20

Thursday

Unveiling of the Loewe-Wels-Wilson display and virtual tour at the Palmyra Historical Society, 112 N. Third St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pie and ice cream social.

Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast & Craft Fair. 7 a.m. until food runs out (about 12 p.m.). Watch the planes fly in from all over while you eat a great breakfast! Plane and helicopter rides offered. Performance by Community Band 9-10:30 a.m. Palmyra Airport - W1125 Hwy. 106

Beats at the Beach. Lower Spring Lake Lions Community Park. Live June 22 Saturday music, craft beer, food trucks. 4-8 p.m.

American Legion-Powers Memorial Library 4th of July Celebration. Food, music, refreshments, games. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Village Park

Rockin' in the Park. Village Park, 955 Eighth St. Lions Club. 2-5 p.m. Classic car exhibit, food trucks, adult beverages, soda, water. Big Al &

Saturday the Hi Fi's play from 5-8 p.m.

Old Settler's Day. Village Park, 955 Eighth St. Starts at 11 a.m. July 28 Palmyra Historical Society

Family Fun Night. Friends of the Library. Village Park, 4-7 p.m. Free food, games, and fun. 262-495-4605 August 15 Thursday

September 14 Brew with a View. Palmyra Lions Community Park (beach). Live

Saturday music. 4-8 p.m.

Trick-or-Treating and Halloween Parade. Start at the Palmyra Fire October 26 Hall - 3:30 p.m. Trick-or-Treat to follow until 6 p.m. Dee Dee Moratcek, 262-495-8316 Saturday

November 23 Saturday High School, 123 Burr Oak St.

Palmyra Holiday Bazaar - tons of crafters. 9 a.m., Palmyra Eagle

December 7 Saturday

Lions Christmas Parade. 5 p.m. Main Street Palmyra. Start your Christmas Spirit early. Chili Sale, 6-8 p.m., free hot cocoa, cookies, and coffee.

December 7

Palmyra's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. In front of Turner Museum. 112 N. Third St. Right after Christmas Parade. Refreshments

will be served. Palmyra Historical Society.



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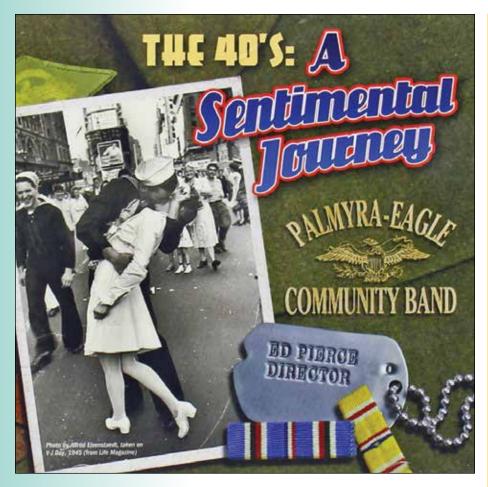
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Mansion in Madison.

He said two of his proudest moments as director were planning and the creation of the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band's CD "The '40s: A Sentimental Journey," and accepting the "Honor Flight" Service Medallion from Mark Grams, Dodge County Veterans Service Officer representing the Wisconsin Honor Flight.

The CD project was inspired by a performance by PECB at an ice cream social and concert hosted by the Eagle Historical Society on July 10, 2011, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Nearly 30 veterans from WWII were publicly honored for their service to this nation at that concert.

The Service Medallion was awarded on March 15, 2013, after Ed donated 200 copies of the band's CD to Grams. The CDs were included in each "mail call" pack for the veterans on the Honor Flight. The Medallion is only given to special supporters of the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. The band had the privilege of playing for an Honor Flight reception on Sept. 21, 2013.

Locally, Pierce was the founder of The Harmony Cornet Band for Old World

Wisconsin and also has directed specialty music programs for Old World. He directed the St. Paul's Lutheran School Band in Fort Atkinson and has inspired many grade school students to strive for musical excellence, as well as inspiring "old students" in the PECB.

He became a published author in 2014 with his "The Prairie Lawyer and the Clarinet Player: The Role of Music at the Gettysburg Address."

He was named the 2014 Bandmaster of the Year for his distinguished work by his colleagues of state-wide band directors at the State Music Convention banquet.

Neist steps up

Music has been a part of Neist's life ever since he saw "The Music Man" at the Avalon Theater at the age of 6. He begged his parents to let him play the trombone, but his arms were too short, so he picked up a cornet instead.

Growing up, he played trumpet with the Milwaukee Lake Band for six years, participating in marching and concert settings for national VFW and American Legion competitions. As a Bay View

Palmyra-Eagle Community Band's 2024 concert schedule

Here is a list of the remaining 2024 concerts the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band is set to perform.

A New Era Begins

June 14, 7 p.m. Echo Veterans Memorial Park 589 Milwaukee Ave. Burlington

Father's Day Fly-In

June 16, 9 a.m. Palmyra Municipal Airport Palmyra

Eagle Historical Society

Ice Cream Social July 14, 2 p.m. Eagle Village Park • Eagle

Pavilion in the Woods

July 27, 1:30 p.m. 36275 Sunset Dr. • Dousman (Access via the drive just west of Grand Masonic Center)

Joint Concert

Palmyra-Eagle Community Band Lake Mills City Band July 31, 7 p.m. 100 N. Main St. ◆ Lake Mills

Cravath Lakefront Park

August 8, 7 p.m. 341 S. Fremont St. Whitewater

Mardi Gras Monday Concert

Sept. 16, 7 p.m. Palmyra United Methodist Church 122 N. 5th St. • Palmyra

Christmas Concert

Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Palmyra United Methodist Church 122 N. 5th St. • Palmyra



The band has a CD, "The 40's: A Sentimental Journey," created by Ed Pierce. It was inspired by a performance at an ice cream social hosted by the Eagle Historical Society in 2011. At the event that year, nearly 30 WWII veterans were publicly honored for their service.





The band (shown above in 1995) got its start in 1993, with four people showing up for the first rehearsal in January. The first concert was in June of that year with 12-14 members; the Christmas concert in December had 22. The band currently averages 40 members.

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Redcat, he performed in the stage, symphonic, and marching bands as well as the pit orchestra. He attended UW-Whitewater where he earned a degree in music education.

Frank Cascio hired Neist as an educational consultant, and over his 30-year career he advanced to vice president and general manager of Cascio Music. He was subsequently named general manager at Mars Music and worked as a regional manager for Boosey & Hawkes Musical Instruments Inc. and Gemstone/Gemeinhardt.

In his college years and as a young husband and father of two, he earned grocery money as a member of the Jimmy Rose Orchestra. While working at Cascio Music, Jim founded the New Berlin Community Band under the direction of Dr. Nick Contorno. After moving to Eagle, he joined the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band, and has been a member for more than 20 years. He's the leader of the Kettle Moraine Blues, a small group that performs a variety of musical genres at local events, and he plays trumpet with

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the Windy Hill Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Craig Hurst.

The Kettle Moraine Blues is the featured ensemble of the PECB and Neist arranges most of the music they perform, which covers a wide range of genres.

Neist said he's excited to serve as the interim director.

How it began

In January 1993, Alice Ventura sent a letter to the editor of the Palmyra-Eagle Enterprise suggesting the possibility of forming a community band in the Palmyra-Eagle area and urging interested people to attend a meeting at the Palmyra Town Hall. Four people attended: Clayton Clark, a former band director at Palmyra-Eagle High School; Glen Rehberg, Palmyra-Eagle Middle School band director who had volunteered to be the unpaid director; George Ventura, Palmyra Township Supervisor, and Alice Ventura.

This group listed possible instrumentalists, agreed to contact them by phone, and set a date (Jan. 21, 1993) for the first rehearsal. The initial rehearsal had four musicians attending (the two band directors, Alice Ventura and Judy Gapp).

The first concert was on Flag Day, June 14, 1993, at Palmyra Village Park, with the band numbering 12-14 members, coming from Palmyra, Eagle, Dousman, and East Troy and ranging in age from high school to retired seniors.

In August of that year the new band played at the dedication of the Irvin L. Young Community Center and later in the fall, presented a concert at Fairhaven – both in Whitewater.

The final concert that year was the inaugural Christmas concert, held at the Community Center by a band of 22 members. The current band has more than 40 members, including several from that initial group.

The band has had four directors: Glen Rehberg, the first year; Meghan Zimmerman, a student at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater who filled in the second summer; Ed Pierce, who directed PECB from August 1994 through December 2023; and James Neist, the band's current interim director.

From the beginning, the band has welcomed anyone who has an interest in joining, and no tryouts have ever been required. Funding for the band comes from various sources.

Donations are sought on a yearly basis from the Village and Town of Eagle and Palmyra and from many of the local service organizations. Although there are no dues, band members have been encouraged to contribute to the kitty at each rehearsal. Donations have also been made by generous supporters, by concert patrons, and by organizations paying a fee for a requested performance.

In 2007, the band was incorporated as a non-profit organization. Summer concert series feature a wide range of music, including marches, show tunes, golden oldies, and themed shows, and are free to the public.

In addition to scheduled performances in Eagle and Palmyra, the band has traveled to Burlington, Concord, Delavan, Devils Lake, Dousman, East Troy, Fort Atkinson, Hartland, Helenville, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lake Mills, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc, Old World Wisconsin, Watertown and Whitewater.

In recent years, concerts have been held at Palmyra United Methodist Church for Fat Tuesday, Easter, Fall and Christmas.

For more information, visit pecb.info, send an email to info@pecb.info or follow the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band on Facebook.

The band, which is all volunteer, rehearses Monday nights at 7 p.m. in the band room at Palmyra-Eagle High School, 123 Burr Oak St., Palmyra.

Those interested in joining can send an email to Warren Metzger at metzgerwarren@gmail.com.

Donations can be mailed to: Palmyra-Eagle Community Band, PO Box 215, Palmyra, WI 53156.

In the fall of 2013, the Palmyra-Eagle
Community Band had the honor of playing for
an Honor Flight reception at Milwaukee Mitchell
International Airport. Recently retired director
Ed Pierce (who remains in the band) is shown
conducting the Honor Flight concert.

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Giving hearts

The Palmyra Mud Slingers ATV Club presented a \$500 donation to the Palmyra Food Pantry in December, from the left: Bob (Bones) Boen, Marlene Frehner (food pantry director), Lucas Sauter and Sadie Sauter. The food pantry is at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 313 W. Main St. It's open the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon, and on the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.



The magic of music returns

Music on Main summer concert series in Palmyra a hit

All are invited to lose themselves once again in the magic of music this summer.

"Bring a chair, sing along, tap in time, and enjoy another season of Music on Main," event organizer Donna Tronca said.

Since 2019, Music on Main – a family friendly street music project – has featured free outdoor music designed to appeal to a variety of age groups.

Talented local musicians will entertain on select Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Main and 112 N. Third streets in the Village of Palmyra.

The 2024 line up began with Kettle Moraine Blues, on June 7. Two Old Men and Friends will take their music to the street on June 21.

The July lineup brings Paul and Nathan Williams to the event on July 12, with Juli Miller set to perform on July 26.

The final two concerts for this summer will feature The AllyUkes on Aug. 9 followed by Amanecer Y Más on Aug. 23.

"Music on Main offers listeners the rare opportunity to enjoy free live music in a casual outdoor setting," Tronca said.

"Music can lift your heart, warm the soul, and just make you feel good. Music is magic!"



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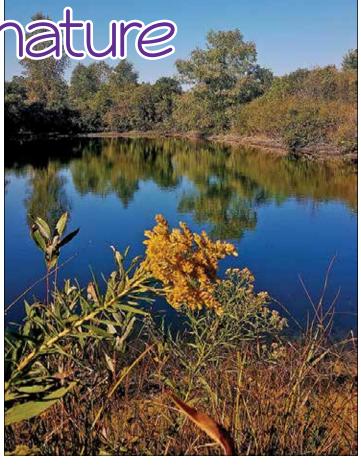
A walk with nature



The Jim Demler Nature Trail, which is behind Palmyra-Eagle Area High School, is a 40-acre preserve on school district property. It was dedicated in 2018, thanks to the efforts of Jim Demler, a PEHS biology/science teacher who taught in the district for 34 years. The district maintains a 1 1/2-mile-long path with the help of students, staff, and area volunteers. The trail boasts several ponds, an oak savannah, prairies, a variety of wildflowers, butterflies, wildlife, and a rare wetland known as a "fen" - which is also home to a rare wildflower the "Fringed Gentian" (above and below.)

TARA LEROY Palmyra Our Town







Ski club continues to have fun, make waves

The Blue Spring Lake Ski Club was reintroduced in 2012, picking up where its predecessors left off years ago.

Originally created in the 1950's, its purpose was to promote the sport of water skiing, water safety and good sportsmanship, to oppose legislation unfriendly to skiers and boat owners, to oppose pollution of recreational waters, to develop fraternal spirit between segments of water sportsmen and to do all other things which will further interest in water skiing.

"Things haven't changed much since the club's original inception. With the new towables and watercraft available today, the need for safety, education, and respect are even more necessary," the website states.

The club's mission includes meeting the following objectives:
- Teach and promote boat and

- water sport safety
 Learn and teach proper skiing
- Learn and teach proper skiing techniques
- Build leadership, confidence and physical skills
 - Develop lasting friendships
 - Provide a fun and safe

environment through the love of water sports

 Put on some great exhibitions to inspire another generation of skiers.

The BSL Ski Club is a 501c3 non-profit organization made up of Blue Spring Lake residents. This is an incredible life experience opportunity for kids of all ages. They learn a variety of skills that will help them for the rest of their lives. They learn leadership, organization, communication, diplomacy, sales, and showmanship.

There is adult management, supervision, and involvement with regards to boat driving and mentoring an overall organization. We have adult mentors who were original BSL Ski Club members as well as professional show skiers and certified drivers from other clubs in the area.

The club is always recruiting new members, sponsors and volunteers. For more information, visit the website at bluespringlakeskiclub.com or the Facebook page, call 414-828-9732 or send an email to bslskiclub@gmail.com.



Members of the Blue Spring Lake Ski Club are shown performing the final show of 2023. The last show each season is a special thank you for all of the sponsors and support the club receives so it can continue to promote safe but fun, friendship and teamwork-building in the sport of waterskiing on Blue Spring Lake.

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