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East Street

When the first 40 acres were purchased to form the **Village of Adams**, later to become Baraboo, East Street, as we know it now was the easterly boundary, West Street was the westerly

boundary and South Street was the southerly boundary. The north boundary may have been Eighth Street.

Once East Street reaches the northern boundary of the city, the road becomes County Highway A.

S4067 Highway A (East Street)

The October 10, 2015 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that **Tyler and Karalee Leatherberry** have taken a leap of faith after 20+ years of grain farming in Baraboo to open their agriculture tourism business at S4067 County Highway A.

Leatherberry Acres offers two themed corn mazes--one for adults and one for children, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, wagon and barrel train rides, "pumpkin chunkin" cannon launcher and trebuchet launcher, arcade games and ag fun activities. There is also catered food and a store.

520 East Street

The **McGann Company** purchased the old **Ambrose Kelly** property at the corner of East and Fifth Street in November of 1940 from the former owner **Mrs. M. E. Seales**. Their plans were to erect a funeral home after the residence was razed.

In November of 1941, the announcement was made of the opening of the new **McGann Funeral Home**. It was so designed that that the spaciousness of the chapel would be adaptable for small or large gatherings. Also, other rooms of the home were so arranged that they could be merged with the chapel by large doors.

Eighth Avenue

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603 Eighth Avenue

It was reported in the July 28, 2016 issue of the BNR that after 36 years of continued business, **Andy Haskin's** trusted

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employee, **Steve Kowalke** had become the new owner of **Action Electric** and was in the process of moving the business to 503 S. Boulevard, Suite 2.

A Mexican grocery would move to Eighth Avenue under a proposal coming before Baraboo leaders on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Las Milpas Mexican Store, currently located along U.S. Highway 12 in November of 2016, is looking to occupy the former Action Electric building at 609 Eighth Ave. The Plan Commission will review operator **Adolfo Morales** preliminary concept for the site.

Morales' offer to buy the building has been accepted, contingent upon city zoning approval. The neighborhood's current zoning doesn't allow for a grocery. Morales isn't proposing significant changes to the building or the site. He would like to add a Fast-Food, Taco-Style, to-go style restaurant to the building within the next year or two. He plans on up-grading the exterior with siding and brick...also installing new doors and windows.

Should his plan get a preliminary nod, Morales will return with a full submission to be reviewed by the commission.

Adolfo Morales and Ana Torres returned to the Plan Commission a month after providing a floor plan showing how the vacant Action Electric building at 609 Eighth Ave. would be renovated and reopened as Las Milpas Hispanic Store.

This time, they brought architectural renderings depicting how the building's exterior would look. It shows sandy brown vinyl siding accented by masonry and maroon awnings.

"I like the looks of it," said Commissioner James O'Neill. "It's very attractive."

The store has outgrown its location off U.S. Highway 12 and is looking to move and expand.

"We're trying to see what looks better," Morales said. "I want to do it better."

Commissioners voiced support for the plan and voted unanimously in support of rezoning the property to allow for its use

as a grocery store. The proposal will be the subject of a public hearing before the City Council next week.

"It's certainly going to be an improvement over what exists there," said City Engineer Tom Pinion.

Along with Las Milpas, part of the building holds "**Diva Party & Rentals**".

606 Eighth Avenue

In 1953, **Leroy (Bob) Capener** purchased a parcel of land on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Summit Street. A small building occupied the property that had been operated as a gas station and a metal building attached which was used for repairs

Capener built on to the gas station and installed new gas pumps. He purchased a few used cars for resale. Several years later an all metal building was added to the back of the original building. A new service department was included in the expansion and made possible the servicing of three cars at one time.

In 2015, **Capener Motor Sales** celebrated a total of 89 years in business in Baraboo. This includes the time Bob's father was in business.

620 Eighth Avenue

Circus Town Chrysler-Plymouth, located at 620 Eighth Avenue in 1977, probably earlier and later.

In the Baraboo Newsletter, Newscape, dated Fall/Winter 2016...there is an ad by **Hales Legal Service. Linda L. Hale, J.D., PhD.**

637 Eighth Avenue

Mike's Charcoal Grill & Bar was located at this address in 1960 and as late as 1963. He may have moved to 819 Second Avenue.

641 Eighth Avenue

O'Keefe's Park Street Grocery was located at 641 Eighth Avenue from 1947 to 1958, maybe earlier and/or later. **Ellen Kreul Brodie** and **Jan Kreul Paske** recall their parents having **Kreul's Grocery** across from Ochsner's Park in 1960-1962, maybe earlier and/or later.

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Betty Krueger recalls one side of the store housed the Krueger **Barbershop** at one time.....

844 Eighth Avenue

The following is a reprint article from *BARABOO Wisconsin, Volume II 1850 to 2010*

1942 Trailer Camps

In February of 1942, several trailer camps were being planned to house workers coming here to work at the Powder Plant. The Island Trailer Camp Court was expected to be complete about the end of February and would be on the north end of Island Court. Floyd Pope was the owner and it was expected that his investment would be around \$10,000. It was expected that at some later time the camp would accommodate 175 trailers.

The other camp would be north across the river from Island Court at 844 Eighth Avenue and would be conducted by **Harold Fulmer** adjacent to his residence. Fulmer planned on locating his tavern, the **Wander Inn** next to his residence also.

Mr. Rice was busy constructing a camp for 25 trailers at Rice's Riverview Trailer Camp at 819 Second Avenue. There would be room for 25 trailers and the service building would be in the basement of the Rice building which would also include a laundry, a recreation room and shower facilities. Several other camps were in the planning stage.

The September 22, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that **Domino's Pizza** owned by **Deb and Harry Nelson** will move from 413 S. Highway 136 (old Highway 12... attached to Turner's Gas Station) to 844 Eighth Avenue after a new building is constructed. The new building would most likely have room for three or four tenants, most likely restaurants.

The couple told city leaders that a corporate directive requires that Domino's franchises become "pizza theaters," with

plenty of seating and room for customers to watch pizzas being made.

They added that the rerouting of U.S. Highway 12 to a bypass route west of town played a role in the couple's decision to move. Traffic past the existing restaurant may diminish, while an exit off the bypass may send more traffic to Eighth Avenue. This month a competitor, Pizza Ranch, moved from the existing U.S. 12 to a new building near the bypass.

City leaders agreed the Eighth Avenue property is ideal for restaurants looking to serve BHS students and families attending school events. "This will be a popular site," said City Administrator Ed Geick. By the second week in June of 2017 the new restaurant was open. The grand opening was held on August 24, 2017.

900-924 Eighth Avenue

The January 17, 1991 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that Wausau Homes of Wausau Wisconsin announced the appointment of **J. A. Verthein Construction Company** of Baraboo as a dealer for its south-central region. Jerry and Gerry Verthein, a unique husband/wife team have been designing and building homes and condominium projects for over 32 years.

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302 Eighth Street

Baraboo Garden Decor Store Stands Out

Towering metal sculptures represented just some of the garden decorations generating curiosity at Eighth and East Streets in May of 2017. It's adjacent to the **Wild Apples Floral**, that **Michelle Tirrel** created a majestic menagerie of outdoor décor.

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Red Shed Garden & Gifts offered plants, patio décor and gifts. What once was a lawn next to the flower shop became home to gazebos, birdbaths, metallic peacocks and trellises.

Tirrel partnered with Wild Apples owner **Missi Blum**, who said curious shoppers often poke their heads in to see what's going on. "There definitely is more attention," she said.

Red Shed hosted a grand opening celebration June 2-4, featuring drawings, food and live music.

Thanks to Ben Bromley, for the preceding excerpts taken from his article in the May 24, 2017 issue of the Baraboo News Republic.

604 Eighth Street

In July of 1976, **Kluge's Corner** was located at 604 Eighth Street handling Wheel Horse lawn and garden tractors with all the attachments.

825 Eighth Street

El Vallarta Restaurant is located at 825 Eighth Street as early as 2010 and as late as 2012 when it moved to 506 West Pine Street in West Baraboo. There it changed its name to **Los Napoles** and operated until closing in 2015.

Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant's owner **Jose Vera**, who was born in coastal Vera Cruz Mexico, was named business of the year in January of 2016. The restaurant has been in a former **Dairy Queen** building at 825 Eighth Street since March 2, 2012.

Despite operating a second location in Adams, owner Jose Vera frequently can be found in his flagship Baraboo restaurant greeting patrons at the door, checking on their tables and occasionally distributing complimentary shots of tequila in the dining room.

902 Eighth Street

It was reported in the Oct 22, edition of the Baraboo News Republic, that the **Fan Faire Costume Shop** would close its doors after the upcoming Halloween season. Owner **Cindy Doescher** and her husband **Roger** had been in the event business for over 20

years. Eventually the store phased out rentals and for the past three years had concentrated on sales.

929-935 Eighth Street

In 1961 **Reine Darrow** moved his store from Elizabeth Street to 935 Eighth Street.

In May of 1969, **Dick Darrow** purchased the two **Partee Port Liquor Stores**. By 1973 he had built the North store, renamed **Darrow's Party Port Liquor**, located at 929 Eighth Street, into one of the finest wine selections in all of Sauk County.

1117 Eighth Street

On September 18, 1972, fifteen years of speculation and rumors came to an end with the opening of the all new and modern bowling facility known as the **Thunderbird Lanes and Lounge**. Complete with automatic pinsetters, under-lane ball returns, and computerized scoring, the lanes and building were completed within 19 weeks of ground breaking.

Preliminary plans and ideas were presented to a group of local businessmen by **Don McConaghy** and **Matt Pinion** in December of 1970. The organization of **Thunderbird Enterprises, Inc.** took place in January 1972 and along with the acquisition of the **Long Branch Saloon** it signaled the start of construction drawings with completion planned by Labor Day 1972. It would seem as though the purchase of the Long Branch Saloon was necessary to obtain a liquor license.

The January 25, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that the Thunderbird Lanes, owned by **Jim and Toni Nelson** who had purchased the business in May of 2013 after it had fallen into foreclosure, made so many improvements that local and regular customers can't remember all of them. The improvements included repainting the alley's interior and exterior, a new roof and adding horse-shoe pits for summer horseshoe leagues. They also built an entertainment program that included live bands, DJ music and banquet services. It was mentioned that **Amberly Zurawski** had been the manager since 2013 also.

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1139 Eighth Street

It was reported in the Fall/Winter 2016 edition of the Newscape that the city may have a buyer for the empty **Brittingham & Hixon Lumber Co.** building located at this 1139 Eighth Street. It is known that the lumber company was located here as early as 2014.

It is also known that they were still on Broadway in 1994. Further investigation will have to be made to determine when they moved and when they closed.

1204 Eighth Street

Kurt and Tina Gunderson founded the **Peking Buffet** at 1204 Eighth Street in 2002. The couple met at a Madison buffet. Kurt had majored in English in college and cut a deal with Tina. He offered to help her with her English if she would help him with Chinese cooking....and as Kurt stated..."Suddenly we were married".

During this update in 2016, the couple mentioned that this is the "Year of the Monkey" and it would be a great year.

With more than 100 menu items, Peking Buffet offered customers lots of variety, but the restaurant's all-you-can-eat crab legs have kept patrons coming back. Crab legs can cost between \$14 and \$30 per pound, making Peking Buffet's \$12.90 endless serving, available on Fridays and Saturdays after 4 p.m., quite popular.

1212 Eighth Street

I am not sure how long these entities have been at this location, but in, September of 2016, there were listings for **ESAD** (?) doing business as **Badger Ridge Plaza** leasing to **Standrock Group Call Center. Address Unknown**

1215 Eighth Street

The Baraboo News Republic reported on the pies of the **Log Cabin Restaurant and Bakery** in a July 2016 issue. The restaurant was founded in Baraboo by **Mary and Todd Wyss.** It

was not clear what year they started the restaurant but the paper thought about 20 years prior.

Gordy Ringlestetter, who serves as Head Chef and General Manager also heads up the pie-making efforts,

1219 Eighth Street

When **Pete Premo's** new store was constructed in 1970 it was three times the size of the downtown building.

In 1973 plans were underway for an addition adding 50 percent more space. Soon the addition of Ski-Doo Snowmobiles, and Mallard Travel Trailers were added to their product line.

Premo's downtown business was founded by Pete Premo's father, **Stanley H. Premo** in 1929.

1220 Eighth Street

In June of 2016, there was hope that a move by **Carr Valley Cheese** to purchase the former **Isenberg Hardware** building would help spur a new era of economic development in the area. Carr Velley general manager, Patty Koeneg said the location would serve as a production facility with 15 - 20 employees. Koeneg went on to say "We are surrounded by really good customers that already carry our cheese, Pierce's, Quik Trip, The Meat Market and Viking, so we don't need a retail outlet

Elizabeth Street

706-708 Elizabeth Street

In July of 1944, a dream finally came true for Reine Darrow, for he had always wanted his own grocery store. He bought the former **T. R. Williams Store** from **Harold Wickus** who had purchased the store a short time earlier.

It became **Darrow's I.G.A.** and all members of the family in some way became involved in the grocery business. However, the son **John Darrow** was involved only in the Carnation Milk and the baby food section. The thing remembered, about what the neighbors called the little store, was the large glass candy case that sat in front of the large glass window in front of the store. It was always loaded with penny candy, and in the corner of the glass case

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was a box which contained all the candy receipts. This money helped to make the payments on the store.

The busiest times of the day were between noon and 1:00 as it seemed that all the kids from the old Second Ward grade school, which was across the street, were in the store.

When business became better an addition was added on to the store towards the Williams house. Eventually the house was purchased by the Darrow's so that the store building could be enlarged again on the south side.

The Second Ward school house was eventually destroyed by fire so out went the candy case and in came a larger check-out counter. Eventually the store became affiliated with Super Valu so it eventually became necessary for the business to move to larger quarters at 935 Eighth Street. **Darrow's Big Top** name was chosen. The move happened on August 3, 1961.

In the autumn of 1965 a sign on the former Darrow store read "**The Pit Stop**". Slot cars, which had become very popular across the nation, were the feature with kits, parts, and accessories being available in the pro-shop.

In addition to the racing, four pool tables were also installed.

In July of 1966, it was announced that **Mrs. R. E. Darrow** had sold the building at this site to **Arthur Schultz** and **Don Topham**. It was expected that that the building would be remodeled to make it suitable for the **A and S Wholesale Sporting Goods, Inc.** business which would be operated by Schultz, with space left for office rental.

708 Elizabeth Street, Suite I

During its 20th year at Suite I, 708 Elizabeth Street, **Colleen James**, Director of **Innervisions Counseling in Baraboo**" moved her offices to "840 South Highway 12, Suite I", (corner of South Boulevard and U.S. Highway 12).

Fifth Avenue

109 Fifth Avenue

Donald E. Ploenske, 80, passed away on December 27, 2016. Don started **Town and Country Carpet Cleaning** in 1974 and operated it until 2004 but continued to work alongside of his son **Chad Ploenske**.

First Avenue

101 Second Avenue

Former Post office

Doug Atwell and **Teresa Hoffman** are set to buy the former Baraboo School District administration office at 101 Second Ave. They want it rezoned for residential use, as they plan to renovate it and use it as their home. They plan to close on the sale at the end of this month.

Pinion noted that although the property lies in a commercial area, the downtown business district is dotted with single-family homes. "The neighborhood still has some residential character," he said.

Atwell and Hoffman said they plan to preserve the building, which originally served as a post office. They'll alter the entrance, but keep the windows intact. A loading dock would become a deck, and in time the parking lot could become a yard.

"We want to restore it exactly the way it is," Atwell said.

The commission didn't vote on the proposal, but offered informal support. "I'd like to see the building preserved," said Commissioner Pat Liston.

"I admire your courage," added Alderman Tom Kolb, referring to the significant investment the building will require. The school district decided to move its staff into an office building in West Baraboo and sell its former headquarters due to structural problems, mold, asbestos and other expensive maintenance needs.

"Anytime we can save something, it's always beneficial," said Commissioner Roy Franzen. "Our town has a good heritage, and this would help keep it."

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First Street

219 First Street

In August of 2015, the city council approved the plans of **Mark & Diana Lee**, who recently had purchased the property at 219 First Street after five years of sitting vacant. The Lee's hope to install a bakery, a collectable shop- and climate-controlled 5 X 8 lockers at 219 First Street. The new business would be called the "**Blue Force Collectables**".

This building had previously housed a jiu-jitsu dojo, the Baraboo News Republic and an Assembly of God church

Key to the Lee's plans is establishing a commercial kitchen for Diana which has been dubbed the **March Hare Bakery**.

They stabilized the structure and built a series of temperature-controlled storage units. They set aside 400 square feet for Blue Force Collectables, a shop featuring "Star-Wars" figures, Lego miniatures and other treasures. The shop was a side-line for Lee, a Baraboo police officer.

Fourth Avenue

100-104 Fourth Avenue

The formal opening of the new **Warren Hotel Cocktail Lounge** was planned for the Christmas week of 1940 after several weeks of extensive remodeling in the bar and lobby of the hotel. The Cocktail Lounge space was doubled using up part of the lobby.

A unique feature of the lounge was a new serpentine bar in the shape of an "S", with a decorative canopy following the same "S" shaped lines as the bar. The bar was of Circassian walnut, gaboon ebony and satinwood. The back bar featured many quaint figures of Italian porcelain. The lighting for the bar was Neon that for the remainder of the room was fluorescent. The decoration for the rest of the room was in shades of rose, with a touch of blue. The carpet was a deep rose and the striped wall paper, a dusty rose with touches of blue in the ceiling.

The booths were built-up, cushioned davenports of a beautiful shade of turquoise mohair, and the tables were of natural wood, while pull up chairs for the French booths carried out the same design and color. The stools were of natural wood and chromium with cushions of deep rose.

106 Fourth Avenue

Cellar Speakeasy Lounge & Vintage Port Restaurant

Baraboo restaurateur **Taffy Harrison** opened the **Cellar Speakeasy Lounge** at 106 Fourth Avenue in October of 2015. The lounge is in the basement of her **Vintage Port restaurant** and is open Thursday thru Saturday evenings. The restaurant was opened in 1999.

Harrison is a Baraboo native who moved to California after high school during the height of the health food movement, which started out West. She attended the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley and moved back to Baraboo in 1999.

116 Fourth Avenue

As mentioned in Volume III, **Delmo's Pizza Palace** was located at this address. That article failed to mention that **Mr. & Mrs. Neal J. Riopell** were partners with the Befera's.

116 Fourth Avenue

MONKS TO BECOME BARABOO BURGER CO.

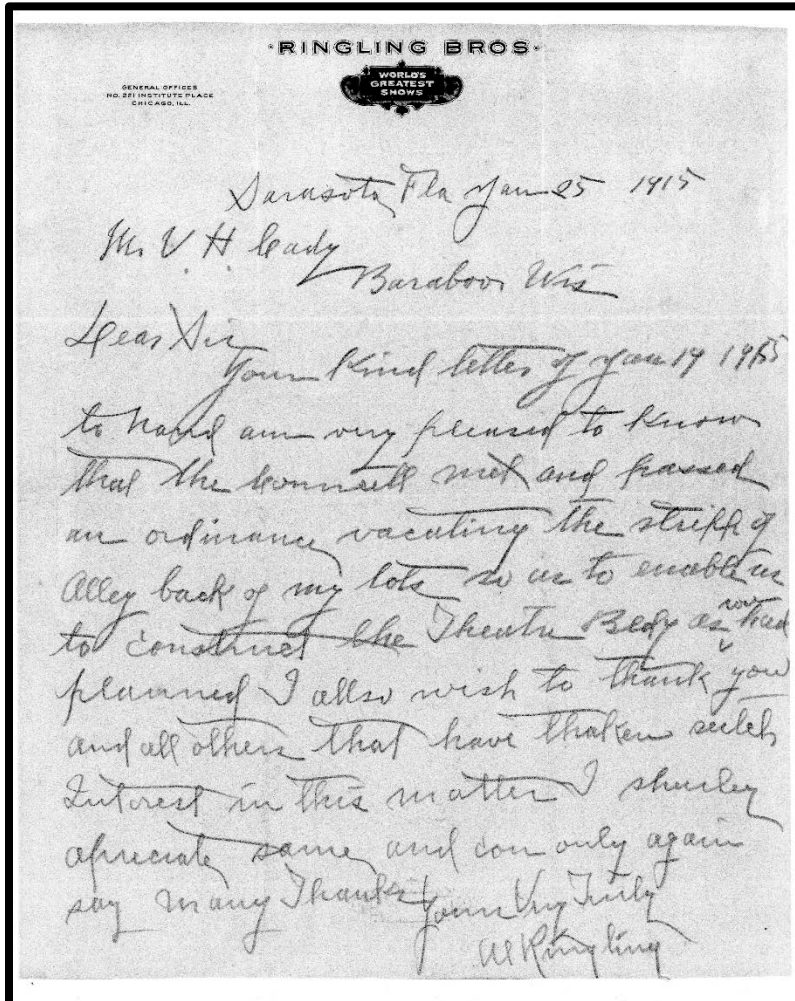
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015.....Due to a disagreement with the home franchise office, owner of **Monks Restaurant** in Baraboo, **Eric Meyer**, chose to disenfranchise his restaurant from Monks and to rename it Baraboo Burger Co. Meyer said that going independent would grant him more control over the business.

In addition to launching Monk's in Baraboo, Meyer partnered with **Dan Collar** and **Tom Heller** in opening a Monk's at the Wilderness Resort in Lake Delton. During recent years the three feuded over Monk's Bar and Grill Franchise Groups corporate hierarchy, prompting Meyer to split from the organization.

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Meyer said that his staff of 20 won't be serving burgers or beers until mid-November, but all were offered jobs cleaning, painting and helping with renovations.

134-140 Fourth Avenue



The preceding correspondence was written to the Baraboo City Attorney (Virgil H. Cady) by Al. Ringling thanking him s as follows:

Sarasota, Fla Jan 25, 1915
Mr. V. H. Cady...Baraboo Wis
Dear Sir
Your kind letter of Jan 19, 1915. Am very pleased to know that the council met and passed an ordinance vacating the strip of alley back of my lots so as to enable us to construct the Theatre Bldg as we had planned. I also wish to thank you and all others that have taken such interest in this matter I surely appreciate same and can only again say Many Thanks.
Yours Very Truly
Al Ringling

 It was reported that during the second week of November 1915, tickets for the opening of the **Al. Ringling Theater** were sold out in four hours and twelve minutes. On a Wednesday evening, November 8 of 1915, the new **Al. Ringling Theater** held its Grand Opening with a capacity house. All the Ringling brothers were there except for John who was in New York at the time. **Al. Ringling** and his wife occupied a box near the center of the semi-circle of boxes. **Governor Emmanuel Philipp** occupied one of the two mezzanine proscenium boxes.

 Before proceeding with most recent restoration of the Al. Ringling Theater (2015-2016) we shall return to May 24, 1934 when the Baraboo News Republic reported on that day that the theater was making ready for new seats and carpeting.

"Last week the auditorium was a maze of scaffolding, erected for the washing and re-starching, from dome to floor, of the auditorium interior.

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The mezzanine and lower foyers, both of which are to be re-decorated also were gone over in preparation for the painting and re-stenciling.

The big red velvet stage curtain and proscenium valance and drapes are down for cleaning and before many days the drapes and valances at the forty auditorium openings will also go to the cleaners. In addition to the above work, tile floors are to be laid in the retiring rooms, the lobby done over, some changes in light fixtures and many other improvements too numerous to detail are to be made.

With these extensive plans becoming realities, there are busy weeks ahead till the time for the installation of the luxurious new upholstered seats and carpet.

Both the new seats and carpet are special orders, now being manufactured to harmonize in color and design with the original beauty of "America's Prettiest Playhouse." Complete description of the new seats, which means upholstered seats for the entire main floor, will be given later. However, a general idea of them is gathered from the statement that they are being made by the American Seating Company, one of the world's largest seating firms of Chaise mohair backs and leathered covered seats. The Chase factory is also making the new seamloc (seamless) carpet, the latest thing in carpeting, which will be laid over thick Ozite.

It is thought (by the writer) that a Grand Opening (Re-Opening) was held on Sunday and Monday, July 15 & 16, 1934.

Al. Ringling Theater's Repair

In 1990 **Joan Pierce** was contacted by the then Al Ringling Theater's Manager **Richard Goddard** to create replacements for the fabric panels in the main chandelier in the Theatre. Over the seventy-five years the heat and age had reduced the fabric to a brittle state. The recreations were produced exactly as the originals after researching the panels and consulting outside sources. Three layers of fabric were used to defuse the lighting of the bulbs to give an overall glow verses the individual bulbs showing their existence.

So, for twenty-five years Joan's work has assisted in keeping the ambiance of the **Al Ringling Theatre** alive and presenting its visitors the grandeur that the Ringling Theater had strived to create.

In November of 2009, it was reported that **Guntis Apse** was leaving the theater group to work on his art, landscape paintings. Taking Apse's place was **Ben Marks**, a longtime artist who has been restoring buildings for 20 years. Marks moved to Baraboo about a year prior and runs an art shop, Bonsetti's Ragg and Bone Shop, next door along with his wife.

In May of 2015 it was reported that the Al. Ringling Theater Friends had hired an Executive Director to lead the theater into its second century. **Stephanie-Lamb Bested** would take over in late June. Miller-Lamb had been a member of the ART Friends for three years. **Ben Marks**, who served as interim co-manager along with **Beth Rozman** had left the ART Friends organization for other opportunities.

July of 2015 proved to be a good month for the theater. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation pledged up to \$249,455 toward the restoration of the Al. Ringling Theater. The theater had been closed and was expected not to re-open until 2016. The grant was contingent upon certain requirements. WEDC Secretary Reed hall informed the city it must submit a description of the project, among other conditions.

Under the proposed conditions, the grant contract would have to be filed by September 30, 2015.

The Baraboo News Republic reported on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016...**Frank Sinatra Jr.** would perform at the Re-Grand Opening of the **Al. Ringling Theater** on Feb. 20, 2016. A week of entertainment was planned...as follows.

Feb 20...Frank Sinatra Jr.

Concert by Frank Sinatra Jr. on Feb. 20...represents a convergence of centennial celebrations...Sinatra is on tour celebrating the 100th anniversary of his father's birth, which occurred a month after the Al. Ringling Theater opened.

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Feb 21... "Food Patriots"

ART Friends will partner with the Baraboo Public Library to present a screening of the documentary "Food Patriots"

Feb. 22...None

Feb. 23...Paul Wolter

First of two-part presentation by Paul Wolter, President of the Sauk County Historical Society, "The Art of the A.R.T." free presentation examining the theater's history, architectural design and artwork.

Feb. 24...Paul Wolter

Second of two-part presentation of the theater by Paul Wolter... "Masters of Grandeur--The Early Works of Raupp & Raupp" free presentation examining the early works of theater architects George and Cornelius Rapp.

Feb. 25... "Speedy"

The silent film "Speedy" will be shown on Feb. 25 in a nod to the Al. Ringling Theater's early days.

Feb. 26...Maggie Mae

A country show by regional favorite Maggie Mae on Feb 26.

Feb. 27...Organ Concert

An organ concert featuring the reconditioned Barton Organ on Feb. 27.

This celebration is in fact probably the theater's third Grand Opening, the second Grand Opening happened on Sunday and Monday nights, July 15 & 16, 1928 with the introduction of the new \$15,000 Golden Voiced Barton Organ.

Baraboo News Republic Article (Friday, Jan. 22, 2016)

Al. Ringling Grand Reopening

Standard tickets to the grand reopening of the Al. Ringling Theatre sold out in a day, leaving only premium seats for a Feb. 20 concert by **Frank Sinatra Jr.**

Tickets went on sale Monday morning, and the \$55 seats were gone Tuesday morning. Still available are \$150 seats in the

sixth through 10th rows; as well as a special VIP package that includes \$350 seats in the third through fifth rows; and a package for sponsors that include \$600 seats in the first two rows or the balcony boxes.

All told, more than 500 tickets have been sold, leaving fewer than 200 available. "People have been very excited, not only about our guest artist, but to see the reopening of the theater," said **Stephanie Miller-Lamb**, executive director of the Al. Ringling Theatre Friends. "We have had people call from as far away as California, so the interest is high and widespread."

The concert will signal the end of a seven-month, \$3 million restoration campaign a quarter-century in the making. It also will mark the beginning of the 1915 playhouse's second century of providing live entertainment. And for many, it will be their first chance to see downtown Baraboo's gem buffed to a high shine.

"They're just going to be awed. Overwhelmed," said ART Friends president **Charlene Flygt**, who spent Monday on the phone fielding ticket orders. "We've been waiting for this for a very long time."

As ART Friends celebrated the theater's centennial last fall, Sinatra Jr. embarked on a tour celebrating the centennial of his famous father's birth. ART Friends built special ticket packages around the concert, including a \$350 VIP experience that includes seats in the third through fifth rows, dinner at the Kaminski Bros. Chop House at Chula Vista Resort, and transportation. A sponsor package priced at \$600 includes seats in the first two rows or balcony boxes, mention in the program, dinner at the Chop House, transportation, a private reception after the concert and a commemorative souvenir.

Frank Sinatra Jr. brought a 20-piece band, as well as the classic songs popularized by his father. The centennial concert is titled "Sinatra Sings Sinatra, As I Remember It" and features a multimedia retrospective of life on and off stage with the icon. Sinatra's father, Frank Sinatra Sr. was born a month after the Ringling theater opened in 1915.

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The concert kicked off a week of special programming. On Feb. 21, ART Friends partnered with the Baraboo Public Library to present a screening of the documentary film "Food Patriots." That was followed by a two-part presentation on the theater's history by Paul Wolter of the Sauk County Historical Society on Feb. 23 and 24. The week wrapped up with events that required tickets. The silent film "Speedy" was shown Feb. 25 in a nod to the Ringling Theatre's early days. That was followed by a pair of concerts, a country show by regional favorite **Maggie Mae** on Feb. 26, and an organ concert featuring the retooled Barton organ Feb. 27.

Frank Sinatra Jr. Dies

Frank Sinatra Jr., 72, died of cardiac arrest March 16, 2016, less than a month after he had performed his show at the Ringling Theater. He was on tour in Daytona Beach Florida at the time of his death. He is survived by one son, Michael.

Frank Sinatra Sr. died of a heart attack on May.14, 1998 at the age of 82.

Madison Trust for Historic Preservation awards

When: 5:30 p.m. May 19

Where: First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr., Madison

Cost: \$50

Contact: Call (800) 838-3006 or visit www.madisonpreservation.org

A pair of Sauk County institutions are about to pick up historic preservation awards.

This week the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation listed (**Dr. Evermor** see Volume VII, Section I) and the **Al. Ringling Theatre** among its 2016 award winners. The organization annually recognizes building, design and construction projects that maintain the character of historic places in Madison and the surrounding area. The awards ceremony will be held May 19, 2016.

The theater won recognition for undergoing a \$3 million restoration project. Celebrating the playhouse's centennial and propelling it into a second century, the long-awaited project restored the downtown Baraboo gem to its original luster.

"We're very pleased that the prestigious Madison Trust for Historic Preservation has chosen to honor our amazing theater," said Beth Rozman, associate director of the Al. Ringling. "The cooperation and efforts of our donors, as well as the state and federal governments, made funding this restoration possible. We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of the project."

A dozen recipients will be recognized for restoration projects, new construction efforts, and advocacy work. Vince Micha, senior project architect for the 2008 eco-friendly addition to Frank Lloyd Wright's 1951 First Unitarian Meeting House, will deliver a presentation.

The Madison Trust is dedicated to saving historic places through advocacy and education. A volunteer board of trustees guides the nonprofit organization. It works with state and local historic preservation groups and is a local chapter of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"Preserving and renovating historic structures and landscapes creates jobs, protects the environment, and revitalizes neighborhoods," Madison Trust board president Sam Breidenbach said. "I encourage community members to join us at this gathering so they can learn more about the innovative historic preservation work that is being done in Madison and the surrounding area."

Pave Party Planned for the Ringling Theater

A Paver Party was planned for October 28, 2016 along with the installation of the celebrative bricks under the marquee. The party would celebrate the projects progress. Eighty pavers were sold and it was expected that many more would be sold after or during the celebration.

It was in July of 2015 that the ART Friends won city approval to replace portions of the sidewalk with commemorative

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pavers. Bricks were sold in three sizes for donations of \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Fourteenth Street

703 14th. Street

Construction was started in July of 1965 on a new medical clinic in Baraboo. **Dr. Eugene L. Weston**, a native of Baraboo would join **Doctors John T. Seibert** and **Gerald J. Holmen** in the new clinic which as known as "**Medical Associates**". The new building, which opened on July 25, 1966, was located at the intersection of 14th and Tuttle Streets.

The building originally housing Medical Associates and recently the **Davis Duehr Dean Eye Clinic** was in the process of being razed the first part of March of 2016 to add more green space to the **St. Clare Hospital** property.

According to **Ron Schaeztl**, Vice President of Operations for the Hospital, during the past year the building has been used for a tactical training area for local emergency responders. The furniture in the building was donated to **Habitat for Humanity Restore**.

Fourth Avenue

144 Fourth Avenue

Somehow missed in previous issues of the Baraboo History books, there was a **Flambeau Factory Store** located at 144 Fourth Avenue in 1978 and possibly 1979.

146 Fourth Avenue

In Volume-I a very brief note was made as follows:

"**Ansel N. Kellogg** had operated this business back during the civil war." (Referring to the Civil War)

There is certainly more to be offered on this gentleman as follows...

First ... let's get his name right. it is "Ansel Nash Kellogg". "Second...let's understand that the business was that of publishing a newspaper...

Ansel was born on March 20, 1832 and died on March 23, 1886 in Reading, Pa. He graduated from Columbia College, N.Y. in 1852 and moved to Wisconsin in 1854 and settled in Portage where he worked on the *Northern Republic*. In 1855, he moved to Baraboo where he edited and published the *Baraboo Republic* in partnership with H. A. Perkins from 1856 to 1860. Kellogg was the sole owner from 1860 to 1862. In 1861, due to the shortage of help caused by the Civil War, Kellogg made one of the first uses of the "patent inside", utilizing printed pages of war news from the Wisconsin State Journal. Patenting this idea, he moved to Chicago in 1865 where he formed the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Publishing Newspaper Publishing Co., which supplied printed pages of national and foreign news to weekly newspapers. He also published the *Western Railroad Gazette* in Chicago from 1866 to 1870, and the railroad Gazette in New York from 1870 to 1873. Ansel died in Chicago.

A "Memorial Sketch" of Kellogg was made in 1887 and printed for private circulation...as follows:

ANSEL NASH KELLOGG

"There is an energy of moral suasion in a good man's life, passing the highest efforts of the orator's genius."

The grief which follows a good man's body to the grave partakes largely of self-pity. It is our own loss we feel and mourn, not his; and it soothes the deep yearnings of affection to dwell on the qualities of mind and heart, and the incidents that manifested them, which made the living presence so dear.

Very helpful in this way, is a record, however brief, of the story of his life; and those traits of character that marked his active usefulness in the world, and made sunshine in the home circle. For in moments of sadness and discouragement, the dulled sense finds

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relief in suggestive words, which seem to recall half-forgotten memories; and in their light to revive hope and trust,

Says Tennyson:

"I sometimes hold it half a sin
To put in words, the grief I feel;
For words, like nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within,
But for the unquiet heart and brain
A use in measured language lies.
The sad mechanic exercise
Like dull narcotics, numbing pain."

When Sir Walter Scott lay on his death bed, his son-in-law Lockhart bent over him to catch the last faint utterances. "Be a good man, my dear" said the great novelist. "That is everything."

At that supreme moment, fortune, the world's praise or blame, all, indeed, that men strive so passionately to acquire or avoid, seem but as toys and aims of children; and the cultivation of an upright character the noblest ambition. Such, however, does not appear to be the current opinion amongst our busy workers in general. They are apt to render homage to the man who has acquired riches, without scrutinizing too closely the means employed to win them. So much, indeed, is condoned in this way that it might almost be feared that in this good, Christian world of ours, it is held by many to be success and not "charity" that "covereth a multitude of sins."

But the subject of this brief memoir--prepared only for a limited number of his nearest relatives and friends--was one who combined in a harmonious and well-balanced character, the faculties of which distinguished a leader in the industrial world, with the rare virtues which constitute a Christian gentleman.

Ansel Nash Kellogg was descended from a family long and honorably known in the Colonial history of New England as far back as 1665. He was the son of Frederick Kellogg and was born in Reading, Pa., March 20th, 1832, being the youngest of six children.

Two years after his birth the family removed to New York; and in due time Ansel became a student in Columbia College. Here he perused his studies with diligence and graduated second in his class in 1852. The close application to study however is held to have been one cause by impaired hearing, from which he suffered much inconvenience in after life.

On leaving college the young graduate entered the office of Richard Upjohn, one of the most noted architects of his day, and passed a year under his tutelage. Circumstances, however, did not favor the adoption of this profession; and the pupil's mind was evidently towards journalism.

The great west appeared to offer the widest field for journalistic enterprise, and accordingly we very soon find him on his way to Minnesota, to negotiate for an interest in an established newspaper. Failing to conclude a satisfactory arrangement he turned his steps to Baraboo, Wisconsin, where he assumed the editorship of the Baraboo, "Republic." This was in 1855, and he retained that charge for ten years succeeding.

Here in 1859, he was happily united in marriage to Miss Anne E. Barnes, who survived him in widowhood with their two children, both daughters.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the country newspapers suffered serious embarrassment, owing to the enlistment of their compositors and pressmen for service in the army. It was on one occasion, when it seemed impossible to issue his paper in time, that Mr. Kellogg's fertile mind conceived the idea, afterwards developed and perfected in his system of Auxiliary Printing.

The first Auxiliary Print formed part of issue of the "Republic" of July 10th, 1861, and the success of the plan was demonstrated.

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By tireless energy and care to extend and perfect every branch of the business, the enterprise was built up from small beginnings, to take rank amongst the most prominent and useful of the time.

In October 1871, occurred the great fire of Chicago, so widespread in its calamitous results. The Auxiliary Printing establishment, with its presses, type, books and papers, and the building which contained them, was reduced to ashes. For the moment, it seemed as if the business had received its death blow, so complete was the destruction of everything needed to carry it on. Yet, such was the courage and persistent energy brought to its revival, that in four months after the fire had spent its fury, it could be cheerfully announced that the new presses, working under many difficulties, were supplying as many country journals as before.

The close and kindly relations existing between Mr. Kellogg and everyone in his employ were signally and most helpfully shown in the dark hour of apparent ruin. His men came around him with cheerful alacrity to render any service practicable, at any personal sacrifice of time or remuneration, as soon as he should see the way open to revive the business; and when it was evident that that but few of the compositors and pressmen could be employed for some time, the rest sought temporary work to be able to return to their beloved and honored employer at the shortest notice. This, it should be added, occurred at a time when the demand was unusually great, competent printers found it easy to secure permanent employment at very high wages. Equally remarkable was the adherence of the conductors of country newspapers during the time of trial, to the source of their auxiliary sheets. Obligated for a season to resort for their supplies to competitors of Mr. Kellogg, all but very few seized relations with him; and nothing could present more happily the personal esteem and confidence in which he was held, than the cordial and congratulatory powers of perception, calculation and organization. His active mind was quick to see the important points of every

subject brought before him; and his fertility of invention was equally prompt in devising methods to carry out useful suggestions. He not only possessed great administrative ability; but the keen insight of a sympathetic nature into the character of persons with whom he held relations. He chose his subordinates with care, and then reposed sufficient confidence in them to give full play to their individual powers; looking rather to results than to details. Always reluctant to blame, while ever ready to award deserved praise, his sense of justice was so well recognized, that from the humblest worker to the occupier of the most responsible post, were attached to him by strong ties of respect and affection. Under his patriarchal rule words of discontent were seldom heard amongst those in Mr. Kellogg's employ. Their confidence in him was never shaken; for while the man who proved untrustworthy was quickly discarded, the honest and industrious were sure of recognition and reward.

Like most men of fine temperament, Mr. Kellogg had an intense dislike of contention, and an anxious desire to avoid giving offense to others. If ever he found that through some misconception and haste he had been misled into an unfavorable judgement of anyone, none could more promptly or gracefully acknowledge the error, and offer frank apology. Such cases, however, were singularly rare.

It is remembered by not a few in Mr. Kellogg's employ, how soon under circumstances afflicting to any of them, he would become aware of their trouble; and then how he would hasten to relieve them from duty, send them home to the sick wife or child, and proffer such advance of money as urgent need might call for.

Is it any wonder that an employer so just, thoughtful and kind should be well served, served with head, heart and hand? Or that his undertakings should prosper more because of such faithful service.

The same spirit prevailed in all business actions. While scrupulously honorable in the fulfillment of every obligation, Mr. Kellogg was never harsh or exacting. He was not one of these impulsive people, miscalled generous, who are ever ready to respond unthinkingly to every solicitation for money or personal

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exertion; he knew the great mischief of misdirected benefactions to the recipients of them. But no one was more prompt with material aid and sympathy where real service could be rendered. Especially it was a pleasure to him to extend a helping hand to worthy adventures in the journalistic field; as many a prosperous editor and publisher of the country press could testify to-day, from personal experience. That his trust was rarely abused shows with what admirable discrimination his benefits were conferred.

The great and growing business founded, fostered, and developed by Mr. Kellogg, attained at last a magnitude and a diversified character which imposed too heavy a burden on his strength.

The constant labor and conscientious oversight of every department which the enterprise had received from its inception, was now steadily and surely undermining the health of the founder. He was finally compelled to seek relief in a divided responsibility: accordingly, in January 1881, the business was reorganized because of a joint stock company, Mr. Kellogg retaining for himself and family, a controlling interest. The other shareholders comprise the managers of branch houses in other cities, and the heads of departments in the central establishment whose long and faithful services claimed special recognition.

During the last three years of his life, Mr. Kellogg made several trips to Europe, visiting especially the Springs of Carlsbad. But the hopes founded on the influences of change of air and scene, and the advantage of the highest professional skill, were doomed to disappointment. Returning to the United States with declining strength, he found temporary relief in the southern climate; but no skill or affectionate care could prolong his earth life, which ended at the close of his fifty-fourth year. In person Mr. Kellogg was of middle height, of dark complexion, and of that spare and wiry frame which betokens activity and endurance. His features, well-formed and regular, and the dark expressive eyes surmounted by a fine intellectual forehead, gave the impression of culture and refinement. His manners had the self-possession but unassuming and courteous air of the true gentleman; and derived somewhat of

that pathetic charm from the constant endeavor, during conversation, to limit the inconvenience to others arising from his imperfect hearing.

By those who had the privilege of intimate acquaintance his companionship was much prized, for the wide and accurate knowledge he possessed on a great variety of subjects, his clear judgement, and the moderation with which he advanced his own convictions.

His conversational powers were indeed remarkable, for with a rich store of information, a power of apt illustration, and a keen sense of humor (never trespassing on forbidden ground) intercourse with him was rendered a high profitable pleasure.

With an ardent love of music, Mr. Kellogg joined a refined and cultivated taste in art and literature; and the varied powers of his mind were also successfully directed to the study of mathematics, in the higher branches of which science he was reckoned a proficient.

But beyond his taste and intellectual acquirements, beyond his genius for organizing and directing business affairs, beyond his unfailing courtesy and deserved success, was his innate goodness, his tenderness, his justice and his liberality. He had a religious sense of personal responsibility; but his sympathies were not circumscribed by his creed. His religion was not a phrase but a corrective and motive force, silently dominating his life action, and breathing a spirit of wide charity, and a quick and cordial recognition of worthiness in other man.

His personal friendships were based on, and sustained by personal esteem, and warmly cherished. He never forgot or undervalued an obligation.

An accident in his early life throws a pleasant light on this trait of character. When as a young man Mr. Kellogg traveled west, as mentioned in the slight sketch of his history, he was unfortunate enough, while yet far from his journey's end, to miss a stage coach by which he could have reached it. Nothing daunted, he essayed to travel on foot; lost his way in the woods, and after wandering many a weary mile, foot sore and exhausted, he came upon a solitary log

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house which in that wild place he approached somewhat doubtfully. A glance through the doorway revealed some copies of the "New York Tribune", a sign of civilization which encouraged a request for food and shelter. These were readily recorded; but when one the morrow, rested and refreshed, the young traveler offered to pay for his entertainment, the only compensation the good women of the house would except was a promise that her guest would occasionally "drop a few pennies" into the contribution box of the episcopal church. The singular agreement was ever afterwards, under all circumstances, religiously fulfilled; and thought the "pennies" in course of time became "dollars," the memory of the good Samaritan of the Minnesota forest, was always gratefully associated with the offering.

It was in the home circle, however, where the wealth of Mr. Kellogg's genial nature could expand itself most freely. In the minds and hearts of his family the memory of husband and father may not perhaps associate itself with many remarkable incidents on which to dwell; but it is enriched far more by the numberless tokens of tender affection, wise counsel, and protective care, which every day brought forth. Watching over his family with a loving desire to anticipate every want or wish which could properly be gratified, he seemed devoid of all selfish considerations which could oppose or modify plans for their pleasure or advantage.

And now, too, it is clearly seen how during the last few months of his life on earth, when the inevitable separation was gradually growing near, with what thoughtful affection various little attentions and services habitually rendered to wife and daughters, were one by one quietly omitted in order that the loved ones might be gradually prepared for the coming change.

His physician, writing to his family, cannot withhold the impression made upon his mind by the traits of character which his patient manifested in his last illness; and a beautiful and touching picture it presents.

"What I saw of him in his illness, his patience, his consideration for others, his quiet bearing, his perfect resignation, his tenderness towards his, family in view of his real condition--

which he fully appreciated--his last hours of calm reflection, testified to me that he was a man of rarely well-ordered life.

"His adieus to all, his 'Good night,' and then his quiet adjustment to his natural position in sleep, and his quiet adjustment to his natural position in sleep, and his peaceful transition--the most peaceful I ever saw- were in harmony with his life. He was in full possession of his faculties and clear deliberate judgement, to the last moment. He illustrated the great truth that faith and hope, unflinching, shutout fear. His end was indeed 'Peace.'"

A few words from an old friend and classmate of Mr. Kellogg's, John W. Harper, may fitly be introduced here:

"Mr. Kellogg was a man of rare business foresight and tact, indomitable will and personal magnetism; a mathematician of unusual powers, and citizen of blameless life. Not long before his death he delivered to his eldest daughter a manuscript copies of some new and valuable method of calculus. His name is often recorded in the Patent Office at Washington. After years of ill health, borne with characteristic fortitude, he died peacefully in the presence of his family at Thomasville, Ga., whither he had gone with the hope of recruiting his waning strength."

Of such one it may be truly said that "The world is richer because of his having lived in it."

*"Where hast thou been this year, beloved?
What hast thou seen?
What visions fair, what glorious life,
Where hast thou been?
The vail! the vail! So thin, so strong,
Twixt us and thee,
The mystic vail, when shall it fall
That we may see?*

No dead, not sleeping, not even gone,

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*But present still,
And waiting for the common hour
Of God's sweet will.
Lord of the living and the dead,
Our Savior dear;
We lay in silence at thy feet
This sad, sad year."*

APPENDIX

IN MEMORIAM

*A Tribute to the Memory of
Ansel Nash Kellogg*

At St. Matthews, at Bedford, N.Y., on last Whitsunday, the services were of an unusually interesting character. The new windows so long expected had been placed in position the previous week. As a work of art, they will attract much attention.

The figure in the memorial window represents the Angel of the Resurrection seated near the empty tomb, pointing with upraised finger to the Heaven, while he announces that the Lord has risen from the grave. In the upper distance is seen, against the bright clouds of the Easter dawn, the three empty crosses, while at the feet of the angel are blooming, fresh and gay flowers. The lovely face, exquisite in its expression of spiritual beauty, is thrown into fine relief against the wonderfully rich coloring of the ruby wings whose amber tips catch the early sunlight. The deep red drapery about the figure is finely tones down by the opalescent mantle that falls from the shoulders to the feet. The border of conventional lilies and leaves is most gracefully combined with spots of varying color; and when the afternoon sun shines through the window, the effect is one of dazzling brilliancy. Below the words "He is Risen" is the inscription: "In memory of Ansel Nash Kellogg, born March 20, 1832, died March 23, 1886."

At the morning service, the rector, Rev. Lea Luquer, in presenting Mrs. Kellogg's gift to the church, made the following address:

"It seems proper that a few words should be said by me about the new windows, which have doubtless attracted your attention by the beauty of the designs. These windows are presented to St. Matthew's Church by Mrs. Kellogg of New York City, with the understanding that one should be a memorial to her late husband, Ansel Nash Kellogg, who was a dear and valued friend of mine from childhood. We were playmates at school, classmates in college, and close friends in after life. For several years before his death he was a frequent and welcome visitor at the Rectory; and was so much charmed with the quiet scenery of the country around us, and interested in our quaint and simple church, that after his death an application was made at my special request for permission to place here this memorial which will serve to adorn the House of God.

"A man of pure character, wide culture, refined taste and wonderful energy, he was admired and loved by a wide circle of friends. In the higher branches of mathematics, he was an expert, and but a few years ago completed a series of formulae for simplifying logarithmic calculations, which are entirely original; and may prove of great service to engineers and students. It was a high honor to know such a man, and a deep grief to part from him. A devoted husband, a loving father, a firm friend, a keen lover of art and music, a humble Christian, he will always live in the memory of those that knew him; and be remembered as an example of indomitable perseverance, unswerving, probity, delicate sensibilities, and loving gentleness."

**240 Fourth Avenue
Baraboo Public Library History**

In 1903, the Baraboo Public Library opened at 230 4th Avenue. Before 1903, the library was housed in a room at the City Building. The library was chartered by the State of Wisconsin in 1895.

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The 6,000-sq. ft. building was designed by Louis Claude of the Madison firm, Claude and Starck. Louis spent his youth at his parents' home at Devil's Lake, giving special meaning to his selection as the architect. A \$15,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie made the construction possible. Carl Isenberg, a local contractor, was the builder. Architecturally, the building is of the neo-classical style with an exterior of brick and limestone. The roof is of clay tile. Interior features of note are the red oak woodwork and a frieze in the east reading room, originally the children's room, that is a copy of *Cantoria* by Donatello. There are two fireplaces, one upstairs and one downstairs.

At the opening of the library, the collection numbered 5,000 books. Story hours for children were begun in 1908. The library has been in continuous operation since 1903 except for a 3-month closing in 1936 following a fire that damaged the west and central areas of the main floor. The fire began in a basement room being loaned to a WPA sewing project.

From 1941 to 1945 library service was extended to some 13,000 construction and plant workers who came to establish Badger Ordnance Works. Following the closing of the plant in 1945, Badger Village was converted to housing for married veterans returning to study at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. They, too, sought library service from Baraboo Public Library.

In 1963 the Sauk County Library was established. As such, library service was officially extended to the whole county. A countywide cooperative system, with headquarters in the basement of the Baraboo library, provided the impetus to new growth for the library.

In 1975, under the first available Wisconsin State aid for library systems, Dane and Sauk Counties formed the

South-Central Library System. Later Green and Columbia Counties joined, and in 1996, Portage, Wood and Adams Counties all became part of the South-Central Library System.

The first major space change occurred in 1969 when the children's library was moved to the basement. More remodeling in 1975 provided a new checkout desk, new reference shelving, and an AV Room in the basement. In 1982, Baraboo undertook a major remodeling and addition project, increasing the library's space from 6,000 sq. ft. to 15,000 sq. ft., providing handicapped accessibility with an elevator, upgrading the library's energy efficiency. The cost of the project was \$718,000 with funding provided by the City of Baraboo and \$100,000 of Library Trust Funds. Architects for the project were Strang Partners of Madison, Wisconsin. Special care was taken to preserve the architectural integrity of the building. In 1981 the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Exterior remodeling in 1996-97 replaced the front steps, added concrete benches and planters, new lighting and landscaping.

The library entered the computer age in 1985 with the installation of an automated circulation system and online catalog, in cooperation with a consortium of South Central system libraries. An updated system was installed in 1994, operated by LINK, the name of the new cooperative venture encompassing 24 libraries. LINK expanded to in-library public access computers and dial-in access from home soon after. Library patrons now have electronic access to over 2,000,000 volumes. Patrons may place holds and the items are delivered to system libraries five days a week. In 1997 staff and public Internet access was introduced.

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Although a vital member of the [South Central Library System](#), the library is an independent municipal library governed by a library board appointed by the mayor with the approval of the City Council. The administrator of the library is the Library Director, who functions under the direction of the board.

In July of 2017, the city of Baraboo pledged to double the size of its promised \$5 million contribution towards the 2020 library expansion if the expansion could wait until 2021.

Fourth Street

101 Fourth Street

On Jan. 1, 2017, former employee **Rachel Rosenblum** bought the business from **Jeanne Panucci**. Rosenblum is the shop's fourth owner since it was founded in 1993 by glass artist Nancy Jo Dillman.

Panucci bought the store in May 2013 from art therapist Christine Kortbein, who had bought it from Dillman in 2006. Panucci sold because she needed to devote more time to her interior decorating business, Sophiablue. "That's my focus, career-wise," Panucci said.

116 Fourth Street

Michele Miller purchased **Ardyth's Sew-N-Vac** in 2013 from her mother Ardyth Anderson

124-126 Fourth Street

From **Scott Forbes** on Facebook....My great-grandfather, **John Elkington**, in his **blacksmith/cooper's shop**, probably the building at 116 4th St., Baraboo, where Ardyth's Sew n Vac is today. I suspect this is close to turn-of-the-century; it's on a postcard addressed to his oldest son who's away at school, and the writing is by his daughter, Maud - my grandmother - who's clearly still at home. "Home" is the big brick house on Crawford St. that

John built in 1883-5, and which still stands; my daughter, her mother, and John's great-great-great grandson live there now. Most of the tools in the picture were hand-forged by John, and the family still has many of them

127 Fourth Street

In December of 2015, **Jennifer Loveless** applied for a class B Beer License for "**Countryside Refind**", located at 127 Fourth Street.

135 Fourth Street

In August of 2015, the city council federal loan for authorized the city's Community Development Authority to apply for a **Baraboo's Public Safety Building** project. The city's plan for capital projects allocated money for construction of the facility from 2016 to 2019.

The January 28, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that the city of Baraboo was set to pay **MSA Professional Services** and **Zimmerman Architectural Studios** \$633,000 to design a 52,000-square foot facility to be used as a Public Safety Building for the corner of Oak and Second Streets. This would become a new home for the police department as well as other city offices.

The year of 2016 found the city of Baraboo still wrestling with the need of a new **Public Safety Building** to replace the present one located on Fourth & Ash Streets that regularly houses a staff of 28 police, fire and administrative employees. The city council has been studying this problem for the prior 10 years. The present building has been in use for 53 years.

A building site for a new building has been mentioned as being at **320 Oak Street**, the SE corner of the Oak and Second Street intersection. This site originally was the site of the old red-brick High School, later being used as a Junior High School prior to its demolition, and at the time of this writing being a much-needed parking lot.

It was reported in the Spring/Summer, Vol. XV, Issue 33 of the Baraboo NewsScape that the City Council had recently

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approved a contract for architectural design services with the team of Zimmerman Architectural Studios of Milwaukee and MSA Professional Services of Baraboo for the design of the new Public Safety/Administration Building.

Plans were also mentioned for a roundabout at the Lynn Street and South Boulevard intersection.

Later the May 21, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that plans were in the making for a new Administration and Public Safety building site. The "now" site was on the south river bank between Vine Street and South Blvd. The 41,000 Sq. Ft. structure would include space for the Police Department, administrative offices and a common area. There would also be room for 100 parking spaces. The plans for a building off from Oak Street was scrapped.

The May 26, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News stated that the City Council had voted unanimously on the preceding Tuesday to place the new city hall and police headquarters on the river front.

On May 23, 2016, the City Council voted unanimously to establish a \$600,000 line of credit with a local lender to finance design of a new police station and city hall. The most attractive bid came from the Community First bank which offered a \$587,000 line of credit at an interest rate of 1.16%, with closing fees of \$600.

To follow the construction of the new municipal Building...go to Volume VII, 101 South Boulevard.

Gateway Drive

916 Gateway Drive

In February of 2016, Ken & Mary Dressen, owners of the **Pizza Ranch** received approval from the Baraboo Plan Commission to construct a new restaurant on Gateway Drive near Walmart and Teel Plastics on 1.5 acres in the **Gateway Business Park**. Since 2006 the couple had rented space on Log Lodge Court off from West Pine Street in West Baraboo.

On Thursday, September 15, 2016 the Pizza Ranch opened at this address. At this time, this business was alone in the Gateway Business Park. The couple had opened the Pizza Ranch in a former

office building in West Baraboo 10 years ago. The location never was ideal. The new restaurant was 1000 square feet larger than the prior restaurant.

Hill Street (West Baraboo)

615 Hill Street

(Baraboo News Republic...March 2, 1973)

Hill Wiring & Woodworking owned and operated by **Max Hill Jr.** and **Doug M. Hill** has been in business in this area for over 30 years. Max Hill Jr. had been associated with his father and brothers in the **Hill Electric Company** up until 1957. He started **Hill Wiring** in West Baraboo at that time, and his home also served as his place of business.

Due to business growth, a larger building was required and was constructed in 1965 in West Baraboo.

Doug Hill joined his father in business after his discharge from the Navy in 1965. Doug is married and has one daughter.

Larry Hill is involved in the woodworking area of the business. **Pat Reiger**, a Baraboo boy has been with the firm for 3-1/2 years.

A new sign was put in place in March 28 of 2016 marking the 100-year anniversary of Hill's Wiring. The Baraboo High School technical education department created the updated numbers on the sign which was placed on Linn Street in West Baraboo.

Hitchcock Street

421 Hitchcock Street

Chateau De Muire Beauty Shop is located at this address in 1977...probably earlier and/or later.

426 Hitchcock Street

In March of 1959, **Willard F. Teelin**, President of the **Insemikit Company** announced plans to expand their

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manufacturing facilities. A new corporation, **Teel Plastics** would construct a new building just north of the then present facility on Hitchcock Street. Teelin would assume the responsibilities of President of Teel Plastics. It is thought that the new building was connected to the present building and maintained the same address. They are still listed at this address in the 2014-2015 telephone directory. Teel Plastics still has a manufacturing facility at this address in 2016.

501 Hitchcock Street

Owners **Brandon & Nicki Green** opened **Pulse Fitness & Training** on October 15, 2015. Pulse Fitness & training is a 24/7 access facility with top-of-the-line equipment and offers personal training, group classes, online training, racquetball, tanning rooms and child care.

600 Hitchcock Street

In 1986, it was reported that the Baraboo Common Council had approved a resolution to vacate 1.2 acres of Myron Park and allow its sale for use as the future **Baraboo Athletic Club**. The vacant Soil Test Building located on the corner of South Blvd. and Hitchcock would be renovated. In return, the city would receive \$8,500 which would be used to upgrade other city parks, including the nearby Campbell Park.

The club owners are Bonnie Sauey, Jim Owen and Deborah Homan. The building will be owned by **Pacjets Limited** and rented to the athletic club. Craig Sauey, president of Pacjets, said that the project will include complete outdoor, as well as indoor renovation.

Lake Street

700 Lake Street

Mrs. Elsie Barfield had a grocery store at 700 Lake Street in 1947, probably earlier and/or later. The Anstedt's purchased the business, renaming it **Anstedt's Cash Market** and conducted

business there from 1949 through 1962...possibly earlier and/or later

925 Lake Street

In September of 1965, Eagle Signal Company, a division of E. W. Bliss announced they would break ground for a new 30,000 square foot building on October 7. The new plant would be on Lake Street east of the Golf Course. The building would be leased from the owner, W. W. Deppe. In early 1966, Eagle Signal was operating at the new location, the grand opening ceremony was held on February 16, 1967.

When the ground was broken in October, the size of the building had been changed to 40,000 square feet. The elephants from **Deppe's Circus** were on hand and lent an interesting atmosphere to the ground breaking. It was said that they symbolized Baraboo as the Circus City and gave **Governor Knowles** a well-known Republican symbol.

In 1976 City Directory, Eagle-Signal was listed as a **Systems Division of Gulf & Western Industries Inc.**; **C.E. Corson**-Manager and **George Rambo** Assistant Manager.

In September of 1990, 66 employees of **Eagle-Signal Corporation** were notified that the company would be closing their Baraboo plant no later than September 30, 1991 although the actual target date was July of 1991. The operation was being transferred to Austin, Texas.

1201 Lake Street

The Baraboo News Republic reported on 5/10/2016 that **Angela McMurray** and her husband **Ed Witczak** opened "**Eli's Off-Road Parts and Performance**" at 1201 Lake Street.

The business will make custom parts—roll bars. Fenders, lift kits for Jeeps and other vehicles. The business, named after the couple's four-year-old son, moved from a temporary site to Lake Street on April 1, 2016. This site was the former location of **Sand County Contracting**.

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Linn Street (West Baraboo)

157 Linn Street

Baraboo's **American Family Insurance** agency made what **Sheila Link** hopes will be the last in a series of transitions Wednesday.

The 31-year American Family veteran is moving her office from 157 Linn Street in West Baraboo across to the former **Apel Associates** on Eighth Street located across from the Viking Express Market which she had recently purchased. Link is adding her daughter **Zairra Link** as a commercial sales specialist. Apel is consolidating local operations in its Prairie du Sac office.

Last May she took over an agency that was long run by **Jane Franzen**, who was succeeded briefly by **Carlos Monroe**. In October, Link's agency absorbed clients formerly served by the retiring **Jeff Janek** at an American Family office on Baraboo's east side. Link splits her time between agencies in Baraboo and Portage. 674 West

423 Linn Street

The July 26, 2016 issue of the Baraboo News Republic reported that the **Baraboo School Board** had approved a resolution to draft a formal offer to purchase the **Badgerland Financial** building at 423 Linn Street in W. Baraboo for \$662,000.

The board earlier had the chore of deciding between the Linn Street Property and the former **Boardman & Clark** law office at 619 Oak Street in downtown Baraboo.

Log Lodge Court (West Baraboo)

1000 Log Lodge Court

In February of 2016, **Ken & Mary Dressen**, owners of the **Pizza Ranch** received approval from the Baraboo Plan Commission to construct a new restaurant on Gateway Drive near Walmart and Teel Plastics on 1.5 acres in the **Gateway Business Park**. Since 2006 the couple had rented space on Log Lodge Court off from West Pine Street in West Baraboo.

Lynn Street

An Explanation regarding Street and Avenue addresses south of the Baraboo River and/or the Third Ward.

Streets addresses were found East of Quarry Street and Avenues were found West of Quarry Street. At the time that these designations were made...Quarry Street, on an old map, ran North, terminating at the river. There was 252.48 feet (three building lots) east from Quarry Street to the beginning of the last lot (NW corner of the intersection of Vine and Lynn). That lot had 82.75 feet of frontage on Lynn Street. It is with those facts that I have assigned locality of the that building-lot as 127 Lynn Street which I also found as an early address.

(127 Lynn Street

Sometimes known as 101 Lynn Avenue)

In April of 1917, **Daniel N. Trump** found himself appearing in front of the court of H. L. Halsted...charges; allowing gambling devices in his hotel and selling liquor without a license. A short time later a gambling table, roulette wheels, chips, a barbell almost empty of Willow Springs rye and bottles of Ruhland beer were removed from the hotel.

212 Lynn Street

Railroad Property Sales

Misc. C&NW Property sales (1963-1976 records) have been locate at this address of the C&NW Depot because this writer knows of no other address in Baraboo to place them.

7-24-1963 Authority A.F.E. 90987

Land sold to David L. Deppe, est. No. P-1302, (Deed No. 70190) (18' Easement to C&NW)

8/12/1963 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to Sauk County Highway Department (Deed No. 70347), (TRK Easement of 1-29' Strip to C&NW) (Drawing. Easement 7021.65 to C&NW)

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9/19/1963 Authority A.F.E. 91170

Land sold to Zachary Onikul, Est. No P-1536, (Deed No. 70186). (20' Easement granted to C&NW) (30' Easement reserved to C&NW).

10/7/1963 Authority A.F.E. 91161

Land sold to A. L. Brown, (Q.C.D. No. 70226), (118' Easement to C&NW) (Two driveway easements to C&NW)

12/31/1963 Authority A.F.E. 91332

Retire 210' I.C.C. Track No. 195 & 280' I.C.C. Track No. 191 by sale to Zachary Onikul.

3/4/1964 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to M. C. Smith & Francis Smith, Wife, (Deed No. 70876) (Est. No. P-1840 Easements Granted)

9/4/1964 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to M.C. Smith and Francis Smith (QCD No. 71425).

12/11/1964 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to Cities Service Oil Co. (QCD No. 71450)

10/15/1965 Authority A.F.E. 92173

Retired westerly 982' of track No. 172-Including two T.O. & transferred 1219 Ft. of I.C.C. Track No. 173 to I.C.C. Track No. 172.

6/12/1966 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to Sinclair Refining Co., (Deed No. 73011)

4/10/1968 Authority A.F.E. 93113

Land sold to Sauk County Farmer's Union Co-op Supply Co., (Deed No. 74648)

3/20/1970 Authority A.F.E. 93867

Land sold to Deppe Bldg. Corporation, Inc. (Deed No. 75884)

4/2/1970 Authority A.F.E. 94999

Land sold to Ralph D. Pierce and Lila Pierce (Deed No. 75906).

4/31/1970 Authority A.F.E. 81774

Install Signal Headquarters in Freight House.

3/20/1970 Authority A.F.E. 94035

Retire depot by sale to the Deppe Bldg. Corp., Inc.

9/7/1973 Authority A.F.E. 90256

Retire Trk. Scale & Trk. No182

9/7/1973 Authority A.F.E. 90256

Retire Trk. Scale & Trk. No182

8/1/1974 Authority A.F.E. 90278

Retire various Yard Trks.

11/30/1974 Authority A.F.E. 90673

Retire Terminal Portion of I.C.C. Trk No. 177 by sale.

11/13/1974 Authority A.F.E. 90646 & 90000

Land sold to Zachary Onikul (Deed No. 78936)

9/2/1975 Authority A.F.E. 96799

Land sold to Wisconsin Power & Light Co. (Deed No. 79358)

9/22/1975 Authority A.F.E. 90949 & 90000

and sold to Zachary Onikul (Deed No. 79389 may be 293839)

8/31/1976 Authority A.F.E. 91192

Sold 265' of I.C.C. Trk. No. 177 to Zachary Onikul

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212 Lynn Street (continued)

Baraboo Railway Depot

The September 24, 2016 issue of the "Baraboo News Republic" Reporting...A new committee was working to put Baraboo's long-dormant train depot back on track.

At the time, the depot was owned by **Sally Glorch**. Her family's business, Servo Instruments, used the building for storage for decades. The Glorch family, which owns Servo next door, bought the depot in 1978. Sally Glorch told the committee that her father, **Gordon Glorch**, felt an attachment to the depot as he had held a railroad job as a young man. He and his wife died in 2015.

The 1902 depot had holes in the roof and some structural decaying. At one time, the building housed the Chicago and North-Western Railroads division headquarters' offices and saw up to 18 passenger-trains--and another 50 freight-trains--daily in its heyday. In 1903, 388 men worked there.

The division headquarters left Baraboo in 1933 and the last passenger train departed 30 years later.

Sally Glorch offered to have the roof repaired, at an estimated cost of \$100,000 as a gift in memory of her parents. It was said that the depot was eligible for the state and national Registers of Historic Places, making it eligible for 20 percent credits on state and federal taxes for preservation.

The December 17, 2016 issue of the "Baraboo News Republic" Reporting...A committee working with the depot's owner to repair and market the building decided Monday to request proposals from prospective buyers. Committee members agreed their next step should be to gauge interest from developers who might envision new uses for the building. Because the depot is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, state and federal programs would offer up to 40 percent tax credits for restoration work. New mechanical equipment will be needed, as will interior remodeling. The city will post a request for proposals on its website, and reach out to development agencies. An announcement also may be placed in trade publications.

In addition to state and federal tax credits, a new owner could benefit from the depot's location in a city tax increment financing district. This city encourages growth by creating special taxing districts, wherein a portion of property tax increases generated by new development are used to offset the cost of that development work.

229-235 Lynn Street

This address housed the Ruhland Brewery for a good portion of the mid to late 1800's. However, there were others who conducted the brewery and the saloon at this address. In an earlier volume, we speak of the Baraboo Brewery. It now has come to light that **G. Ruckland** was the man behind this operation.

300-324 Lynn Street

In August of 1916, the **Johnston Fuel & Warehouse Company** was planning to erect a grain elevator and cold storage at 300-324 Lynn Street where the firm had been in business for several years.

E. S. (Elmer?) Johnston, who had recently sold his furniture and undertaking business to **A. S. Kingsford**, would have an active management in the new business.

Johnston purchased the furniture and undertaking business from **Charles Wild** some years prior and had made that operation a great success. During the time, he owned the furniture store, he also managed the fuel and warehouse business, but found the task to be too great and sold the furniture store to Mr. Kingsford. Johnston planned on having his new business open for the next business season.

334 Lynn Street

Sauk County Farmer's Union Co-op Supply Company

On April 10, 1968, the railroad sold a parcel of land south of Potter Street to the Sauk County Farmer's Union Co-op Supply Company. (Map Ref. No. 11)

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Lynn Avenue

201 Lynn Avenue

In 1969 **Edward's Agri-Supply Inc.** was operating in northern Wisconsin. **Jack Edwards** stated in 1973, after seven years in business, that he got lucky when **Seaman-Gunnison** moved out of Baraboo and left their building at 201 Lynn Avenue empty at the time that he was looking for a building.

Madison Avenue

525 Madison Avenue

Approximately 75 residents as well as **Rep. Robert Kastenmeir**, came out Sunday afternoon, August 23, along with Director and Lead Teacher **Lou Ann (Marquardt) Hirschinger**, to witness the dedication and Ribbon Cutting of the new **Children's Day Center** at 525 Madison Avenue.

The Children's Day Center, operated by People Care Inc., and located at St. Mary's Ringling Convent had been providing day care for children 2-1/2 to 10 years of age since 1975. It was forced to relocate when the convent decided it needed the space back.

The new site featured a two-story center with room for up to 50 children. The \$100,000 facility was financed through loans, fund-raisers and donations. The land was donated by **John and Carol Hoppe**.

Maxwell Street & Family

The following is a continuation of Trivia Section IV in the original Volume II. An interesting note regarding the new Maxwell house on Maxwell Street is the fact that William Canfield wrote about the existence of inverted animal-shaped excavations on that property at one time.

Inverted mounds meant that instead of rising above the surface they were lower than the normal surface. More on this subject can be found in Canfield's book, "*Outline Sketches of Sauk County and Old Settlers*" p. 15-16.

Moore Street

700 Moore Street

Gregg McArthur, president of **McArthur Towel and Sports Warehousing** and/or **McArthur Professional Towel Mills'** announced that operations of the 700 Moore Street Company were moved out of Baraboo in December of 2015. The company's 18 employees lost their jobs when McArthur Towels' parent company **WinCraft** consolidated warehouse operations in Winona, Minnesota. McArthur would continue his employment with WinCraft at the Moore Street address while daughter **Lexie** would head up another McArthur business, **McArthur Properties**, that of searching for tenants to fill the Moore Street facility.

The company had not produced towels since 1972 while in more recent years the company had provided warehousing and decorated towels made overseas. McArthur explained that "thanks to its licenses to produce towels for franchises...over the years, including the Green Bay Packers' "Title Towel" and the Pittsburgh Steelers' "Terrible Towel"...the company had 30 employees as recently as the late 1990's.

The Baraboo News Republic reported on June 28, 2016, that the McArthur building at 700 Moore Street had become a business incubator.

Tenants in 2016 included **Next Level Creative**, **Great Day Real Estate** and **Hilisal Textile USA**, also offices for **Sauk County Development Corporation**, and the local **Boys and Girls Club**.

Mulberry Street (West)

Important!!!! See Section V.... this Volume for more on West Mulberry Street

648-674 W. Mulberry Street

Founded in what was once part of the Berkley Addition, the **Ritz Corner Outlet, Inc.** was in 1973 one of the oldest established businesses in West Baraboo, having been established

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18 years earlier by **Mrs. Carol Markee**. The original building was 2800 square feet until 1959 when the first addition of 2,660 Sq. Ft. was added to meet customer's needs.

In 1969 **Richard Markee** joined his father in business and once again expansion was required. The second addition was a steel-structured building with over 2,700 sq. ft. Again in 1971 another addition was made adding 3,240 sq. ft.

648 W. Mulberry Street

Owner Chef **Michael Althen** of **Elite catering** was born & raised in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. He has been in the food service industry since he was 14 years old. With his thirst for knowledge and his desire to expand his talents he quickly learned all the aspects of any restaurant in which he has worked. In 1986 Michael graduated from Fox Valley Technical College with a degree in Culinary Arts. He then went on to a journeyman'ship at the Drake Hotel in Chicago for 3 years. In 1993 Michael and his wife **Debbie** purchased the Oaks Dining and Spirits, Merrimac WI.

In 1996 Michael & his wife Debbie started catering. In 1997, they won Restaurateurs of the Year for Southwest Wisconsin. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they closed the doors to the restaurant and continued to cater under the **Elite Catering** name. With continued hard work, they have come to be known as creative, reliable caterers with some of the best food around.

In May of 2013 Chef Michael was presented the Portage School Board's award for Outstanding Contribution to Education at the Portage High School during the annual School Board' Awards ceremony.

Chef Michael worked with the young chefs in the Portage School District food service for a couple of years, serving as the mentor for the district's first ever high school culinary team to compete in Milwaukee.

674 W. Mulberry St.

(West Baraboo)

The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Friday October 19, 2012 at **Jitters Coffee Company** at this address. Jitters advertise the finest quality fair trade and organic coffees.

By June of 2013 (and no doubt earlier) this building is sitting empty and a for-sale sign is posted.

Jacque and Vinnie Molinaro planned on opening **Mulberry Corner Resale and Antiques** in the strip mall at 674 W. Mulberry Street on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Their prior business was **My Cousin Vinnie's Resale** in Adams County.

Diane and Dean Collison founded the **Wild Bird Barn** in 1989 in a WWII Quonset hut. The business moved to a highway 12 location where they stayed for 16 years, eventually moving to this strip mall location.

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Shear Trendz Opens

The West Baraboo salon, **Shear Trendz** opened at 674 West Mulberry Street in May of 2017, run by veteran stylists who sought to create a business focused on client satisfaction.

"We wanted our clients to be able to relax," **Missy Hollis-Katcher** said. She's one of four stylists who spent a month transforming a former resale store on West Mulberry Street into a bright salon decorated with repurposed items. **Jina Mueller** labels the salon's aesthetic "shabby chic." "Gotta love Pinterest," **Cindy Langer** said.

Upon leaving Haircut Express, the stylists spent several weeks renovating their new space. They installed walls and floors themselves, learning how to hang drywall and use nail guns. Shear Trendz opened May 15.

"It was crazy," Mueller said. "We were here 'til 1, 2 in the morning." "A lot of laughs, a lot of tears," Langer added. "This didn't come easy."

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They chose the location, which longtime locals will remember as the former home of Sears, because of its ample parking and accessibility? **Melissa McMullen** said. "We've been busy since the day we opened."

Shear Trendz hosted an open house from 4-8 p.m. June 16. The event featured live music, giveaways, food and drinks.

Oak Street

320 Oak Street

The year of 2015 found the city of Baraboo wrestling with the need of a new **Public Safety Building** to replace the present one located on Fourth & Ash Streets that regularly houses a staff of 28 police, fire and administrative employees. The city council has been studying this problem for the prior 10 years. The present building has been in use for 53 years.

A building site for the new building has been mentioned as being at **320 Oak Street**, the SE corner of the Oak and Second Street intersection. This site originally was the site of the old red-brick High School, later being used as a Junior High School prior to its demolition, and at the time of this writing being a much-needed parking lot.

401 Oak Street

On September 2, 1975, the C&NW Railroad sold a parcel of land located on a spur-line in the Depot/Potter Street intersection to the **Wisconsin Power and Light Company**. This parcel lies on the opposite side of the spur track of a parcel which was sold to Zachary Onikul's in November of 1974. (Railroad Map Ref. No. 17).

Cindy Kozel moved her year-old business in October of 2015 from the **Coffee Bean Connection** building, that she had outgrown, to a long time open space at 401 Oak Street, which formerly was home to **Wisconsin Power & Light**, and renamed it **Yarn's Art Cafe**. Kozel would offer coffee and espresso as well as hot beef sandwiches with plans to expand the menu to include

Panini's and soup. The grand opening was held on October 31, 2015.

In November of 2016, there is a sign on the window that the Yarn Shop is closing and moving to Portage.

Invictus Voices features Ho-Chunk family food from the Funmaker family, who had conducted a restaurant located at 618 Oak St. and had lost their lease in February of 2017.

They later found a vacancy at this location and re-opened later in the spring of 2017.

404 Oak Street

With market forces working against his electronics store and Radio Shack suffering corporate woes, **Kevin Vodak** is pulling the plug on a downtown Baraboo institution.

Vodak TV Sales and Service is closing Saturday after nearly 63 years in business. Much has changed since his parents, **Harley and Nancy Vodak**, joined forces with his uncle and aunt, Joe and Barb Vodak, to start the business in 1954. They started out selling Kelvinator appliances and RCA and Zenith TVs at night in space adjacent to the family's lumber yard in North Freedom. "They started it as more of a hobby," Kevin Vodak said. "The business just kind of progressed."

The business outgrew its original location and in 1960 moved to Baraboo, to a former bicycle shop at the corner of Oak and Second streets. Fire claimed a neighboring grocery store in December 1961. The Vodak's bought that building, too, and moved their store there in 1963.

The store became a Radio Shack franchise in 1974. In the early 1980s the Vodak's bought the building to the north, the former home of the Baraboo News Republic, and moved the service department there. In 1990, **Joe Vodak** sold his interest in the business to his brother Harley, whose son Kevin then joined the team.

At its zenith in the late 1990s, Vodak TV had a satellite office in downtown Wisconsin Dells and employed 12 people full-time, plus part-timers. The Dell's store closed after four years in business. On Saturday, Vodak's two remaining employees – **Cheryl Burris** and **Gary Fuller** – will end 50-year careers working at the store.

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"I keep waiting for the huge sense of relief that's not there yet," Vodak said. "It's hard to do, it's hard to take. That's life."

*Ben Bromley,
News Republic, Jan.14, 2017*

406 Oak Street

Harlan Page Jr., co-publisher of the Baraboo News Republic, died in March of 1967. Page had been associated with the Baraboo News since January of 1919. He became associated with his father, the late H. K. Page and his brother Curt Page when the Baraboo Daily News purchased the Baraboo Republic and the two papers merged in the late 1920's.

407 Oak Street

Baraboo Broadcasting owners, **Anne and Jeff Smith**, boosted their WRPQ-FM signal by moving their FM transmitter from a tower on Waldo Street to a **Pointon Communications** tower on the Baraboo bluffs. It was in 2009 that the Baraboo Broadcasting Company acquired the 99.7 FM frequency from a Mauston station it was on August 10, 2016 that the FM frequency boost went into effect.

The following from Ben Bromley's Column in the Baraboo News Republic. Dated July 3, 2017

In June of 2017, **Kory Hartman and his wife, Jamie Martinson**, bought WRPQ's radio and television stations from longtime owners Jeff and Anne Smith. Hartman said they will preserve the stations' commitment to local programming. WRPQ broadcasts Baraboo High School sports, downtown parades and Baraboo City Council meetings. It also carries a listing of community events and airs interviews with local decision-makers. After a year of negotiations and federal approvals, the couples closed on the sale in June. The Smiths have retired, but still own the building.

Disc jockey **Gene Allen Scott**, whose ties to the station date back to the 1970s and continue today with weekly oldies show, said WRPQ will flourish under new owners with a community focus WRPQ broadcasts at 740 AM and 99.7

FM. It operates the city's cable access channel and broadcasts Retro TV, featuring reruns of vintage shows, on cable Channel 10 and Channel 43 over the air.

He's an Upper Peninsula (Michigan) native who got started in radio at his hometown station in Iron River. Hartman has held a variety of broadcasting jobs, including a stint as a TV weatherman, and currently moonlights as a storm chaser for the Weather Channel and CNN.

Station History...

- 1961 - Baraboo Broadcasting Co. is incorporated with 12 stockholders
- 1967 - WBOO - 740AM begins local sunrise to local sunset operations from studios on the second floor of Baraboo National Bank
- 1983 - WBOO is sold, and the new owners change the call sign to WRPQ
- 1985 - Federal Communications Commission allows the station to broadcast after sunset. The station begins play-by-play coverage of Baraboo Thunderbirds sports
- 1991 - WRPQ is sold to current owners Jeff and Anne Smith
- 1998 - W43BR Retro-TV-43 signs on the air from a tower atop the Baraboo Bluffs. The station gets picked up by area cable TV operators and continues to enjoy cable carriage and over-the-air viewership
- 2002 - Sauk Prairie Eagles Sports Network is established. Live telecasts of select football, basketball and wrestling are featured on cable systems serving the Sauk Prairie area
- 2009 - FM operations are added as transmitting equipment is installed on an existing WRPQ-AM tower on Waldo Street

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- 2015 – Live streaming of the station is added at wrpq.com. The station begins working with Baraboo High School to provide audio broadcasts to complement its telecasts on The Cube
- 2016 - Weekly shows begin from a broadcast studio in Sauk City at McFarlanes'. The FM signal gets a boost when transmitters move from Waldo Street to a tower owned by Pointon Communications in the Baraboo Bluffs
- 2017 – Smiths sell stations to Kory Hartman and Jamie Martinson

420 Oak Street

(Excerpts from Ben Bromley's column as reported in the Baraboo News Republic Newspaper on April 10, 2017)

For five years, **Neat-O's Bake Shoppe** has returned from the Midwest Foodservice Expo in Milwaukee with top prizes. Last month, **Amanda and Tony Nieto** won awards in nine categories. Their medals—along with Tony's Rising Star Award, his bread basket made of actual bread, and Amanda's cakes depicting geodes and a patriotic eagle – are now on display.

Amanda's cakes have won awards for several years. This year, she won a silver medal in the non-fondant wedding cake category for her buttercream cake featuring geodes made of rock candy. She also took silver in the People's Choice category for her fondant and Rice Krispie treat cake depicting an eagle draped in an American flag.

Tony walked out of this year's event wearing so many medals, he commented he felt like a 1990s rapper. He took Best in Show for his bread sculpture of a bread basket. Every piece, down to the flowers and bees resting at its base, is made of actual bread. "You can eat every part of it," Amanda said.

423-423-1/2 Oak Street

This writer stands corrected regarding an item in "Volume III of Baraboo Wisconsin 1850 to 2010". Through a reader's sharp eye, I was corrected on the brand of the following early automobiles.



Patricia Losch Lyons wrote the following (giving credit to her husband) This is a great photo, although none of these vehicles are Model T Fords. The Model T rolled out of the factory in October of 1908 and was basically introduced as a 1909 model, while some prototypes were indeed labeled as 08 cars. In any event, the cars in this photo (while some are Fords) predate the Model T by almost 2 years. Starting from the right, and working back to the rear of the lineup. The car in the front #1, is a 1907 Ford Model R. Car #2 is not a Ford and appears to be a 1906 Autocar Touring, Car #3 is a Ford but appears be a 1906 Model N due to the absence of running boards. Car #4 is much earlier and

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appears to be a 1904 Ford Model AC but is hard to tell. Nevertheless, its plowshare fenders, upright steering and steep sloped rear compartment is typical of the Model A and AC's. Finally, Car #5 appears to be a Curved Dash Oldsmobile. That car has no steering wheel but rather a tiller handle for directing the car.

South Boulevard

215 South Boulevard

In July of 1976, **Steve Anderson** and **Ronald Lestikow** were doing business at this location as **Sunset Realty**.

Third Avenue

133 Third Avenue

In August of 2015, **It's All About You Yoga** is advertised as having their entrance at this location.

Third Street

104 Third Street

The November 28, 1938 issue of the Baraboo Newspaper announced that an Evanston, IL man, **James C. Shepherd**, had purchased **Prine's Ben Franklin Store** located at 104 Third Street. Assisting Mr. Shepherd will be his daughter and son-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Zibble**.

Free Spirit Designs by Maday, also known as the **Studio of Life Learning Center** opened during the summer of 2017 above the corner building located at the SE corner of Third and Oak Streets. This address, due to being on a corner has had more than one address over the years, sometimes at 100 Third Street and other times at 104 Third Street.

Maday best describes herself as "A textile art educator, motivational speaker, sustainability graduate student & avid urban gardener, with a passion for color and making". She draws inspiration from nature's colors to fuel her artwork, informed by her Cuban heritage, with energy and texture".

106 Third Street

In 1948 Arthur **Waddell Refrigeration Sales and Service** moved from 106 Third Street to 1140 Fourth Street.