



McFarland Historical Society

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Open House at the Museum

Our open house at the museum at 5814 Main Street, will be held from 10 am until 3 pm on Memorial Day, May 27. It features a bake sale, food booth with ice cream sundaes, hot dogs and beverages, horse-drawn carriage rides from 1 to 3 pm, and a look at all of our interesting displays, many of which are new. The Norwegian log cabin, farm display in the annex, and the Larson House Museum at 6003 Exchange Street will also be open from 1 to 4 pm.

Bake Sale and a Plant Sale on Memorial Day

Bring your special pies, cookies, bars and other desserts to the museum either Sunday, May 26, from 1 to 4 pm or Monday, May 27, from 9 until 10 am. If you are unable to bake, please make a donation to the McFarland Historical Society. We have one of our major fundraisers on Memorial Day and we really appreciate your donations. Also, stop by the Larson House for a plant sale from 10 to 4 pm for some great deals on healthy sun and shade-loving perennials.

Strawberry Shortcake Social at the Larson House

This wonderful event is in its fourth year on the lawn of the Larson House. This year it will be held on June 23rd from 1 to 4 pm. It features freshly picked strawberries, homemade shortcake, and lots of ice cream and whipped cream for the best early summertime dessert ever! Hotdogs and beverages are also offered. Outstanding entertainment, lawn games and free tours of the Larson House Museum round out a great family-friendly afternoon. Don't miss it!



Picnic at the Larson House

This year in place of the Chocolate Fest we decided to try something new: a traditional picnic at tables or on the lawn at the Larson House with some very untraditional guests providing entertainment. It took some doing but the ghosts of John and Julia Larson have agreed to be your hosts and tell you a bit about their beloved home at 6003 Exchange Street in McFarland. The Larsons were very musical and John and Julia may even sing a few songs and tickle the ivories. The picnic will be held August 11 from 1 to 4 pm with a rain date of August 18. Just bring yourselves, a good appetite and an attitude of adventure.



Bob Kolek, Dale Marsden and Rod Clark frame up the Maxwell auto picture.

New Displays Abound at the Museum on Main Street

Your board of directors has been busy working in the museum this spring. We completed the displays in the new addition, now called our "Lake Waubesa Room." We moved our Main Street McFarland display to a new location. We organized our toy display in a new cabinet. We erected a large photo of a Maxwell automobile and old auto-related artifacts where Main Street McFarland used to be. We added to the displays about village doctor William MacLachlan and University of Wisconsin president Conrad Elvehjem. We set up a new lobby display titled, "Notable Women of McFarland," and a new window display called "Simply Amazing Things." Be sure to visit our open house on Memorial Day to see all the new displays throughout the building.

Obituaries

Martha Fager

Martha Fager of Lyons, Colorado, and formerly of McFarland, died Feb. 11. Martha and her husband, Harold, were the longtime owners of the McFarland House and active members of the McFarland Historical Society. After Harold died, Martha moved to Lyons to live closer to her son, Gary. She is survived by her son and two grandchildren, Daniel and Ruthie. Condolences may be sent to Gary Fager, P.O. Box 111, Lyons, Colorado, 50540.

Obituaries (Cont.)

Sylvester A. "Pete" Peterson

A loving man and devoted father, Sylvester A. "Pete" Peterson, age 90, of McFarland, was taken by the good Lord on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, after a brief illness at Meriter Hospital. He was born on July 23, 1928, in Rio, the son of Alvin and Carrie (Olson) Peterson. He married Loretta Shields on Sept. 3, 1963, in Madison. She preceded him in death in 2011. Pete worked as a supervisor for Oscar Mayer Food, Inc., for 39 years, retiring in 1989. He donated 26 gallons of blood through the Red Cross throughout his lifetime. Pete was a volunteer extraordinaire, working with various groups including the Second Harvest Food Pantry (the REDI group), at Red Cross blood drives, with a group who restored wheelchairs for the needy and for Oscar Mayer Christmas parties. He was a member of the Madison Elk's Lodge #410 and the NRA. His favorite past times were playing Euchre at the Esquire Club and cheering on the Packers, Brewers and Badgers. What he loved most was spending time with his family. Memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice Care or the McFarland Lutheran Church. "Big Papa Pete!" Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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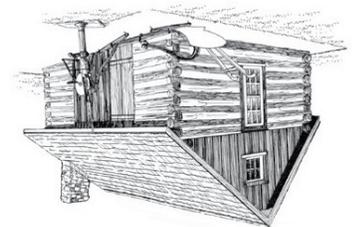
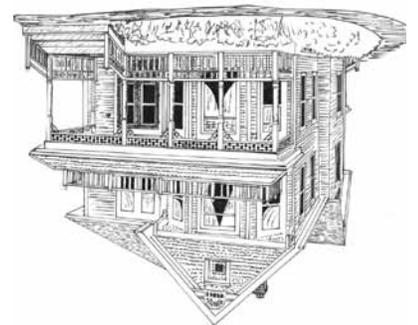
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