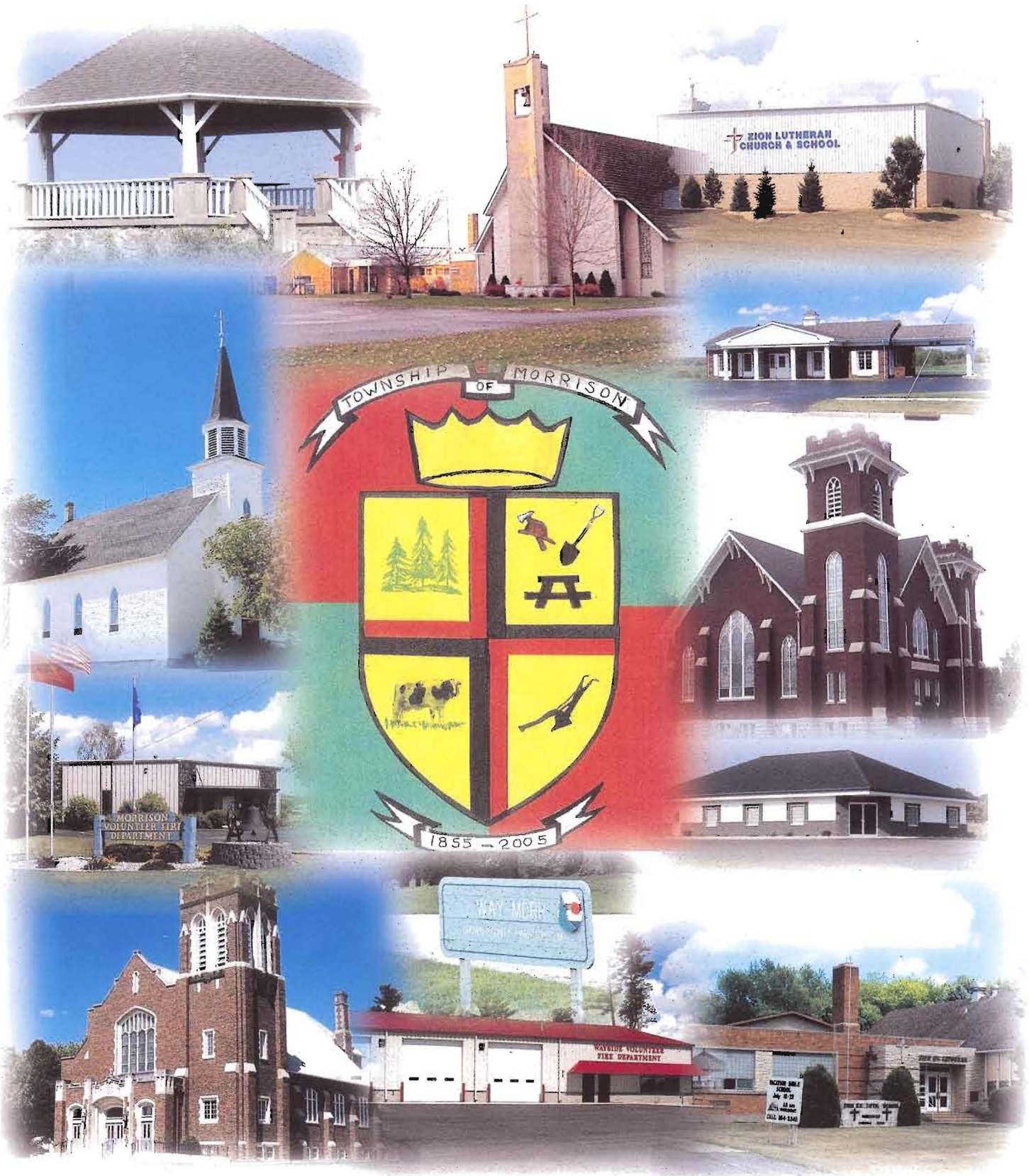


# *Town of Morrison*

## *1855-2005*





# *~Introduction~*

*Throughout the 150 years of history in the town of Morrison, we have seen many changes. This booklet is an attempt to capture the history of the township and its people and to document the natural progression of time and its affect.*

*Some of the old landmarks are gone and new ones have appeared. In this book we have attempted to describe the Town of Morrison as it appears today, and to update its history. We owe much of the information in this book to the original author in 1955, Robert Falck, and to the 125th Anniversary Committee for their hard work and knowledge. It is our honor to take what these people have done and bring this document current. We apologize for the inevitable errors and omissions that have been made - they are unintentional.*

*Some of the major events and technological advances in the last 25 years that have touched the lives of people living here are:*

- The emergence of the Computer Age, including the Internet, personal home computers and entrance and access to a global economy*
- Widespread use of cellular phones*
- The terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001*
- Onset of the Mega-Farms*
- Rap Music*
- Stem Cell Research*
- The Wal-Mart phenomenon and other superstores*
- Compact and Digital Video Disks*

*Though these changes have affected the world and the people living here, the Town of Morrison still remains a small community where neighbors still help neighbors, fire departments are still volunteer and people still gather for music, picnics and fun on a hot summer day. As Green Bay, Appleton and Manitowoc grow outward, we preserve the peace and quiet of a country atmosphere here.*





# *The Beginning of a Community 1855-2005*



*Ariel shot of the Town of Wayside by T.H. Weber*

Governor Cass established Brown County, of which this township is a part of, in 1818. It was part of the Michigan Territory and comprised of what is now the eastern half of the state of Wisconsin. It was named in the honor of Gen. Jacob Brown, then commander-in-chief of the army. By 1951 it had been reduced to its present boundaries.

Originally there were only two townships, Howard east of the Fox River and Green Bay west. As the area became more settled, one new township after the other was established. The original government survey of what is now the Town of Morrison was made in 1834 and 1835.

At that time, lumbering was the major industry. One of the first landowners in the town was James D. Doty, a prominent historical figure in Wisconsin. Another early landowner was Nelson Pendleton.

The Township of Morrison is a complete township of 36 sections and is located in the southeast corner of Brown County in the state of Wisconsin. It is bound on the north by the township of Glenmore, and on the west by Wrightstown and Holland, and on the south and east by Manitowoc county.

Watered by numerous creeks, the soil of the township consists mainly of a gray brown loam and is well adapted to agriculture. In the early years it was well covered by hardwoods, pine and cedar. About 2,500 acres divided into numerous wooded lots and some cedar swamp still remain.

The 2000 census shows the township population to be around 1651 persons, compared to the population of

the 1955 census of 1332 people. The township had three small hamlets: Lark, Morrison, and Wayside.

## **First Settlers**

The first settlers of the Town of Morrison were Rev. Alphonso John Morrison and his wife, Harriet, whose land grant was dated May 13, 1852, and was issued out of the Green Bay land office. They settled here in February of 1851. Their 1st child in the township was born in 1852.

James Clark settled in the Town of Morrison around 1852, and was followed by John Clark. The homes of these early settlers were in the midst of an unbroken forest.

In 1854, the Brown County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution that a new town be set off from the towns of DePere and Wrightstown. They suggested the town to be called Morrison, and the first election of town officers to be held at the house of Alphonso Morrison. Michael Quinn was the first town clerk and justice of the peace.

On July 23, 1855, Mr. Morrison sold his property to Phillip Falck, and moved to Wrightstown. Falck opened up the first store in this area in his house. The first post office was established August 13, 1859, with Phillip Falck as postmaster.

1858 brought great change to the township. Lumbermen and farmers joined hands to clear up most of the land. During the early years the sale of lumber, wood bolts, and firewood was an important source of income.



# *First Settlers*

## **Rev. Alphonse J. Morrison**

Rev. Alphonse John Morrison, after whom the town of Morrison was named, was born in Ohio in 1817. He was a student at Oberlein College in Ohio, and later was admitted to the Methodist Wisconsin conference. He was one of the first Methodist circuit riders to minister to the people of Wisconsin. He married Harriet Adeline Worth at Starksboro, VA in 1844. They came to Wisconsin in 1851 and settled in what is now Morrison. He was one of DePere's first schoolmasters. After leaving Morrison, he moved to Wrightstown where he was postmaster. From Wrightstown the Morrison's went to Omro, WI, where Mrs. Morrison died in 1893. A newspaper clipping mentions that Mrs. Morrison, a Quakeress, lived in Ohio where her home helped to compose the famous "underground railroad" by which escaping slaves were assisted to Canada in slavery times.

In 1911, at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Hattie Burnette Craig, Alphonse Morrison died. He was 94 years old.

## **James Clark**

James Clark, farmer and dairyman, in the town of Morrison, was born in 1827 in Prescott, Canada. In 1849, he came to northern Wisconsin, and settled in Morrison around 1852. He developed a farm of 160 acres, where he lived for 7 years. He then moved to a farm in section 5, where he built a brick residence and substantial out-buildings. In 1858 he married Mary Ann Cleary. They had 9 children. Throughout his life, he held different town and county offices. He died in 1895 in DePere, where he retired when he sold his farm.

## **John Clark**

John Clark, farmer and dairyman of Morrison, was born in 1825 in Prescott Canada. At the age of 23 he came to this country, following the vocation of a sailor with Chicago as headquarters. In 1849 he moved to northern Wisconsin. He then settled in section 18 of the township of Morrison, on 160 acres, in 1852. He married Eleanor Hartnett in 1852. They had seven children. He held different offices at different times in the town. He sold his farm to John Lemke, and moved to Oshkosh where he died in 1896.

## **Philip Falck**

Phillip Falck, who in his lifetime, was one of the leading pioneers and merchants of Morrison township, was born August 9, 1818 in the village of Kondersheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany.

In 1837 Phillip came to New York with his father and mother. He proceeded to Albany, and begun a business peddling goods through the land from a pack on his back. He decided to come to Wisconsin where homes were cheap. He virtually walked from New York to Milwaukee with a pack on his back, selling goods along the way. In early 1843 he reached Germantown and built a log home, and lived there with his friend Frank Snyder, until he married Catherine Hagen in 1847. Catherine was born in 1828 in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and settled in Germantown in 1843. They moved to the Town of Morrison in 1855 and bargained for 200 acres of land with Mr. Morrison. He cleared 12 acres to build a log home. He tilled the land, but it did not produce enough for his family, so he opened the first store in the township out of his home. He built other additions to his home for the store and finally built a detached store. Phillip and Catherine's children were as follows: Jacob, Phillip, Frank, George, Peter, Mark, Catherine, John, Daniel, and Louis. He lived in the township until his death in 1889. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery.



*Philip Falck*



# Town Government

## A LITTLE HISTORY

The name of the first town chairman could not be located but the following men acted as chairmen and county supervisors in the period of 1870-1892: John G. Grosse, C. Kuntz, B. Etten, D.H. Martin Touhey and N. Altmeyer. Town treasurers in the period of 1860-1898: John G. Gross, Charles Krueger, Francis Snyder, Herman Natzke, Nicolos Altmeyer, Fred Borneman, Michael Natzke, Nicolos Etten, Frank Frosch, Gotthief Natzke, Wm. Lemke, Joe Quinnette, Chas. Wendt, Chas. Hubrig, M.J. Flaherty.

Some of the other previous town chairmen were as follows: Wm. Saenger, Henry Wendt, Anton Otto, Rufus Kruse and Walter Beyer.

While checking the records of 1871-1886, a few other interesting items came to light.

In 1875 the town of Morrison showed the highest real estate value of any town in Brown County.

In the gubernatorial election of 1873 the town cast 118 votes for Taylor, a Democrat, and no votes for Washburn, the Republican candidate.

In 1886 terrible forest fires raged through the area that burned the countryside and stopped the mail from getting through.

## TODAYS TOWN OFFICIALS

Today we are served by the present town officials:

Chairman: Todd Christensen, Supervisor: Ron Lemke, Supervisor: Bruce Krahn, Clerk: Colleen Magley, Treasurer: Nancy Pantzlaff, Assessor: Mike Denor, Constable: Ron Kocian, Zoning Administrator: Joy Koomen.

A note to mention on two recent retirees from the town board that served 38 and 36 years respectively were: Janice Christensen, Clerk, and Verona Eichhorst, Treasurer. A thanks to them and all elected official for their service to our township.

## TOWN HALL – THEN AND NOW

The town has seen a little change in the last year, in the realm of town owned buildings. The old town hall built in the early 1900's made it's way down the road to its new resting place, the home of Mike Denor. He had the winning bid of \$3,000 to call it his own. The last town vote was held in the old town hall on November 2, 2004.



*Old Town Hall*



*Town Hall being moved*



*Old Town Hall with new Town Hall being build*

The new town hall was built in 2004, and was ready for its first meeting on December 14th. The town hall was designed and built by Bayland Builders out of Green Bay. It was built on the same lot just a few feet away from the old town hall. The town hall is approximately 2,700 square feet with the capacity to hold about 90 people.



*New Town Hall*



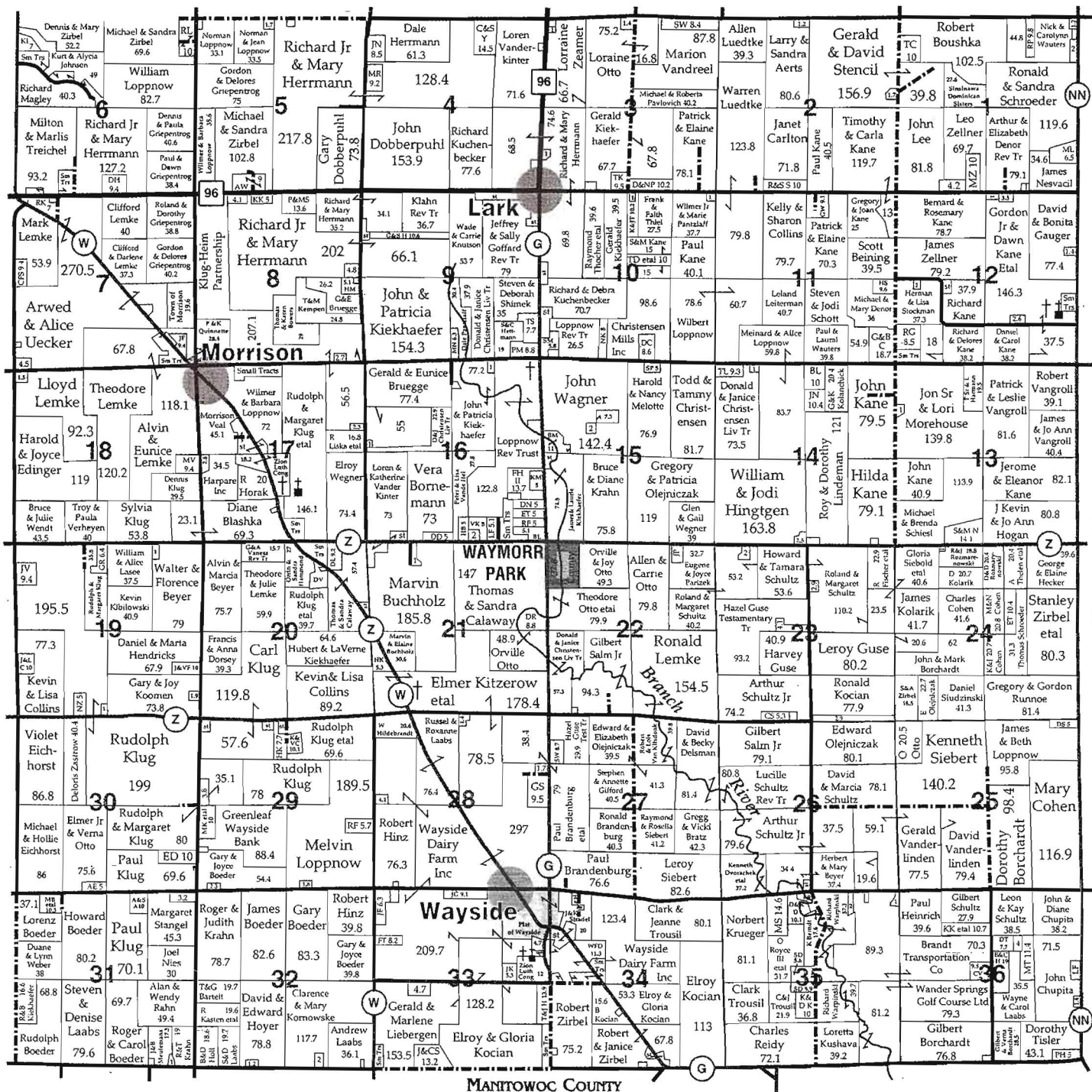


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# Land Clearing and Lumbering

Primitive forests disappeared in the township as the axes of the settlers were used to create tillable land for their farms. Saw, planing and shingle mills began popping up near farms.

In the old days wherever trees grew "making wood" was an important annual chore on the farm, performed mostly in the winter months when farmers had time. The horse could skid the logs easily over the snow. It was also easier to load them on a low sleigh than a wagon. Trees were felled and cut into hauling lengths with ax or crosscut saw. Farmers were anxious to clear more land for crops, and tillable land.

In the early 1860's and 70's lumbering, bark peeling, tie hewing, cordwood, chipping and fence post cutting was at the height of production. The wood industry was flourishing. In 1858, sawmills began to be established. Lumbermen joined hands with farmers to clear the land. Some of the area sawmills were: Albert Haese and Co., John Reif and Co, August Gross, Frank Ronk, William Vergeils, August and Karl Krause, William Brockmann, and Marvin Saenger.



In 1970, Mr. Christensen purchased Mr. Saenger's share of the mill. Christensen Mills, Inc. was formed in 1983, with Todd Christensen joining the operation. At that time a new sawmill was built at the current location. Unfortunately, that mill was then destroyed by fire in 1985, and rebuilt that same year. Fire struck again in 1987, then the resaw was destroyed by fire, and rebuilt again that same year.

In 1993, Don and Todd moved the sawmill part of Christensen Mills, Inc. to Niagara, WI, to be closer to the log sources. The rest of the operation continues with the resaw, gang saw, and trim saw all in Morrison.

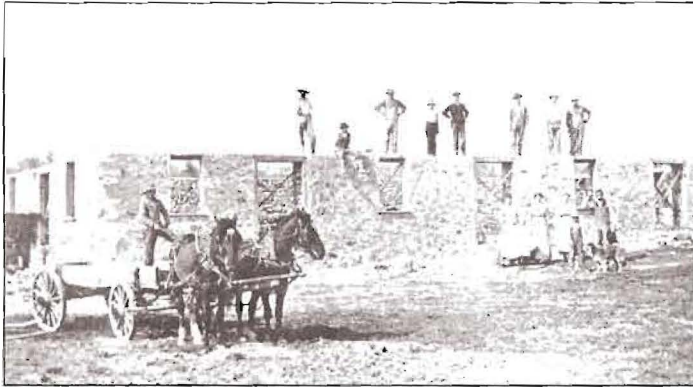
Today, Christensen Mills, Inc. has 27 full and part time employees, processing between 35,000 to 55,000 board feet of lumber daily.



The only remaining lumber mill is the Saenger mill, which is currently a Christensen Mills operation. In 1930, Marvin Saenger and his father Louis, bought an American Sawmill. In 1942, Marvin went into business with Ed Quinnette. At that time, they also began to sell fuel and coal. In 1947, the old mill burned down, and was replaced that fall. In 1955, Helmuth Lemke bought Mr. Quinnette's share, who then sold it to Don Christensen in 1963.



# Barn Building



*Building a barn foundation took about three weeks*

Barn building was an important occupation in the early years of the township. A barn took approximately three weeks to build after the stone foundation was completed. The size of the crew varied between 4 to 8 men. Barns were usually built in spring before the hay-ing season would begin. Barn builders worked from April to November and in 1914 would earn \$0.12 an hour. They worked six days a week and ten hours a day, and usually would walk to work carrying their tools.

One such barn builder was Reiny Siebert from Wayside, who started building barns and houses in 1914. He

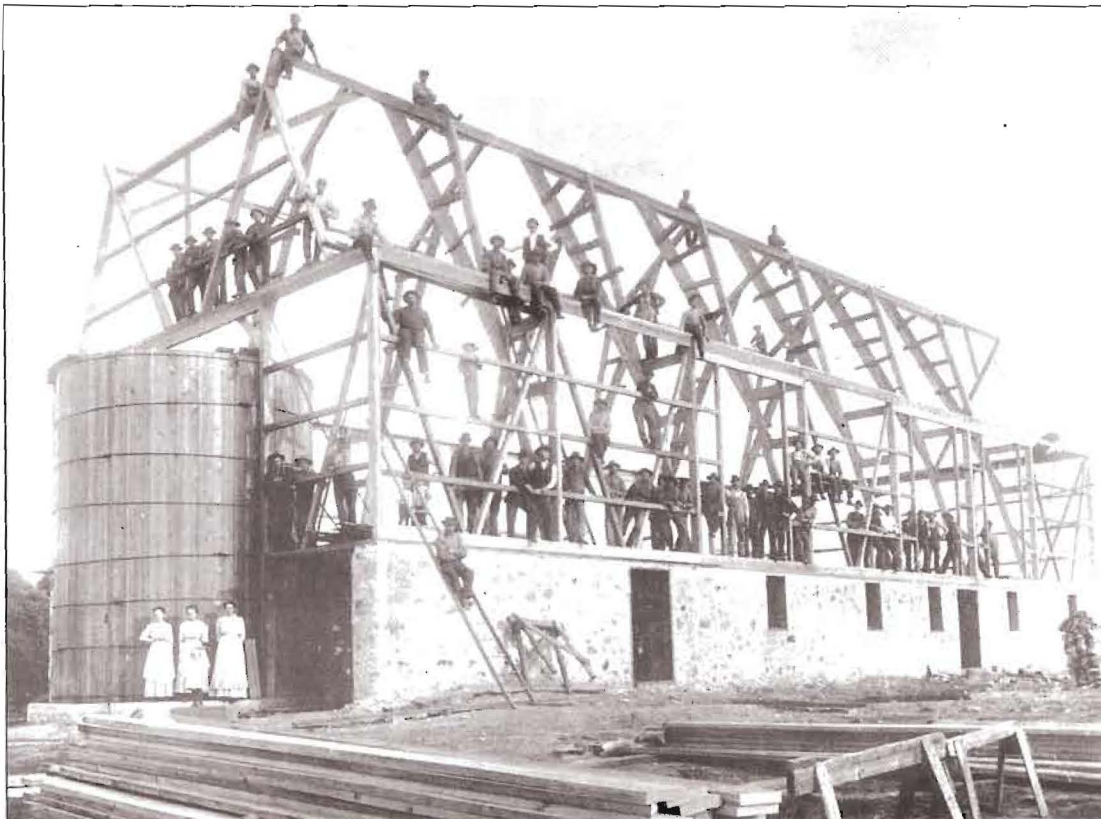
worked with Henry Wertel, Herman Siebert and Ferdinand (Nanny) Griepentrog. Between 1914 and 1930 he helped build 42 barns. Other barn builders in the area were Art Loppnow, Helmuth Ihlenfeldt, Antone Kruse and August Krause.

Some tools of the barn builder were a carpenter's axe, log hook, wooden hammer, corner chisel, dog, mallet (usually made from a large wooden knot), boring machine, broad adz, hand saw, pin iron, cross-cut saw, and slick. In the early years of barn building, beams were hewn by hand. Later all lumber was sawed, kiln dried and trimmed at Wendland's Saw Mill in Wayside.

The most exciting time came when it was time to raise the barn. All the neighbors came to help, usually around 35-45 men. Posts and beams were all marked, sections were laid out, sleepers (floor timbers) were put on first, then roof boards were temporarily put on the sleepers so the men could walk on the floor, posts were put on beams and all pins were laid down. Everything was driven together with sledge and the sections were raised using pike poles.

The day of the barn raising the neighbor women came to help prepare the meals. Long tables would be set up on the lawn filled with food to feed the hungry crew. There was always an ample supply of beer for thirsty workers.

After the barn was raised there often was a barn dance with music provided by the neighborhood musicians, playing a fiddle and accordion, etc. Reiny remembers one time in particular when the farmer asked them at 2:00 in the afternoon if they could be finished with the barn floor by evening because he wanted to have a barn dance. They finished by 8:00 and by 9:00 the barn was filled with people and music.



*Fred Lemke's barn*



# Steam Threshing



*Threshing Crew from about 1890. On John Saenger Sr. Farm.*

One of the most exciting events of the good old days on the farm would be steam threshing: the giant huffing steamer with its appetite for wood, the mysterious threshing machine, the fireman, the water tender, the bundle-pitchers, the growing straw stack, the bins in the granary, cold water from the pump to wash down the chaff, and dinner fit for the threshing crew.

Grain ripened somewhat later in those days. The binder strewed the bundled grain in its wake. It was then necessary to prop up the bundles in shocks until they cured. Shocking required some skill and a lack of a good excuse to have something better to do. Some shockers worked in pairs with pitchforks to set the bundles in place while others worked alone, carrying and setting up pairs of bundles by hand. A field of shocked grain could be a pretty sight but a good wind could reveal who had not done his job well.

Marvin Saegner was in the threshing business for 55 years, since he was 17 years old. The threshing season went from July to Christmas. Marvin's day started about 4:00 AM each day when he fired up the boilers to make steam. About 6:00 AM a hearty breakfast of fried potatoes, fried eggs and kuchen was served. At noon a banquet dinner was prepared by the women. In mid afternoon there was another lunch, followed

by a huge supper, at 7:30 p.m., when threshing quit for the day. A crew usually consisted of 8 or 9 men plus family and neighbors.

Threshing was a time of neighborly cooperation and exchange of work. Farmers helped each other with butchering, silo-filling, sawing wood, shingling barns and houses, but threshing was the highlight. Threshers played an important role in our agricultural history and one must regret at least a little that they have been succeeded by an efficiency that offers little romance for the kids of today.



*1932 Threshing Crew*



# *Early Cheese Factories*

In the early days, with poor roads, and transportation facilities, a perishable product such as milk could not have been marketed in fluid form. The advent of the cheese factories located throughout the town, within easy driving distance from the farm, turned the farmer's eye toward the production of cheese. This turn of events took place in the 1880's and the following years. At one time there were eight cheese factories in the town. Now there are none. The history of Morrison, Wayside, Lark, and Stark factories are revealed in the history of these communities as follows.

The Riverside Cheese Factory was located in Section 26, was started by August Natzke and stayed in the Natzke family until its sale to Herman Wordell in 1910. Herman Schroeder purchased the place for his son Elmer in 1915 and in 1916 he became the owner. Elmer Schroeder operated the cheese factory for about 25 years until Art Johns purchased it in 1940. Shortly after, Mr. Johns built a new modern factory. It was later sold to Lowell John, and then closed in 1964.

The County Line Cheese Factory was located in Section 31. It was owned and operated by Arthur Woldt. The factory was built by Chas. Giese in 1892 and was operated by him until its sale to William Radder in 1902. In 1908 Theo. Sonnabend became the owner. He then sold it to Arthur H. Woldt in 1913, who operated it until 1958 when he retired. He used the building as a residence until his death in 1971. It was then sold to Wilmer Rahn for a residential home.

What was known as the Sunnyside Cheese Factory was started as a farmer's factory in 1904 under the name of Henry Klug and Co. The first patrons were: Henry Klug, S.J. Thompson, Henry Hansen, John

Dorcey, Charles Wendt, William Thiem, and Maurice Brennan. It was sold to Henry Sonnabend in 1906. Ben Krieser took it over in 1908. In 1913 Theo C. Sonnabend purchased it. In 1919 Carl R. and Walter Sonnabend assumed his partner's interest. In 1955 Mr. Sonnabend remodeled the factory. He then sold it to William Novak in 1958. Mr. Novak ran it until 1964 when he closed it because lack of room to expand. Patrons were transferred to Hebels Corner's Cheese Factory in Denmark, WI.

Umnus Cheese Factory, which was located on the west side of Section 7, has been used as a residence for many years. It was started as a farmer's factory sometime between 1880 and 1890. It was purchased by Herman Schroeder in 1903 and he built the present building in 1904. His son Elmer took over the operation in 1914. In 1915 he sold it to Nic Karls. John and William Kabot became proprietors in 1916. Later it was sold to Henry Umnus who in turn sold the business to Ed Klug. The factory was closed by Mr. Klug, and consolidated to his Morrison factory 1 and 1/2 miles away.

Morrison Cheese Factory was built on leased grounds in 1877 from Philip Falck. In 1888 this factory was sold to Dan Falck, who made cheese until it was sold to his brother Louis in 1892. Louis Falck sold the factory to Ben Krieser in 1915. Ed Klug bought it from Krieser in 1918 and operated it until its sale to the Morrison Co-op Dairy Assn. in 1955. It remained the Co-op until 1985 when it was then purchased by Jeff and Lynn Laack, and became a cheese converting, and cream cheese operation, which it remains today.



# *Ice Packing*

An interesting aspect of the business that coincided with the early taverns was the annual task of ice packing for summer cooling. For example, in winter when ice on the Branch River at Kuchenbecker's pond on Highway G was the thickest, 14" by 36" cakes were sawed, floated and loaded on trucks for delivery to Morrison. Local people were hired to pack the ice room located in the northeast corner of the tavern above the main floor. They would utilize ropes, pulleys and ramps. This took 3 days and 150 tons of ice. At the first floor level a 17' by 20' by 7' room made with reinforced concrete would then be used for cold storage all summer long. Room temperature stayed at 38 degree's which was excellent for beer, meat and produce.



*Ice being packed in Henry Michaelson's Ice House about 1928.*

# *Road Building*

Town roads were built by town people. The people were compensated by tax deductions according to the time put in. The rock crushing operation of Jorgenson Construction from Denmark was located at the corner of Hwy 96 and Morrison Road. This was a vital part of the road building process. Men loaded carts by hand and dumped them into the crusher which was run by steam. The crusher screened the rock into different bins. When running, the crusher kept six wagons busy hauling crushed rock to the roads.



*Highway G South of Morrison 1918*



*Rock crushing operation at the time of the building of Highway 96.*



# Early Postal Service

During the early days of postal service, the postmaster was a political plum and postmasters changed with each change of administration in Washington. The business owners in the community were often the appointed postmasters.

At one time there were 4 post offices in the township. With the advent of Rural Free Delivery, better mail service could be given by the rural carriers so one post office after another was discontinued. In 1980, during the last publication of this book, all post offices had been closed with the exception of the one in Wayside. Now only the post office serving our township, is located in Greenleaf. Rural routes serving our area come out of Greenleaf, DePere, Denmark, Reedsville and Brillion.

## Morrison

1859 the Morrison Post Office was the first to be established in the community with Philip Falck as the postmaster. Below is the list of postmasters in Morrison and their appointment dates:

Philip Falck - August 13, 1859  
 John C. Brill - May 20, 1869  
 Philip Falck, Sr. - May 2, 1876  
 Jacob Schmitt - January 15, 1877  
 Frank Falck - October 12, 1885  
 Edward O'Connell - September 25, 1889  
 Philip Falck - September 30, 1893  
 Edward O'Connell - September 16, 1897  
 Frank P. Falck - June 2, 1905  
 Edward Quinnette - December 3, 1918

## Stark

The Stark Post Office was established on August 21, 1869. Following is the list of postmasters and dates of their appointments:

Phillip M. Mahan - August 23, 1880  
 William Worm - May 9, 1887

## Wayside

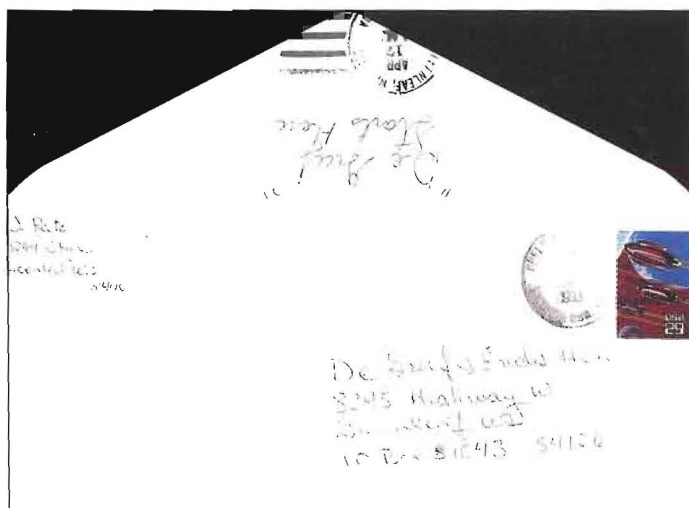
On August 21, 1869, the post office in Wayside was also established. As previously indicated, this was the longest running post office in the township. Its final closure date was April 17, 1993. The names of the postmasters and the dates of their appointments are as follows:

Charles Krueger - August 21, 1869  
 Peter Axen - April 24, 1874  
 Frank Frosch - January 15, 1877  
 Michael Natzke - September 13, 1897  
 George Frosch - November 1, 1901  
 Lillian C. Pfeffer - January 8, 1920  
 Marie T. Pfeffer - January 22, 1924  
 Gilford Siebert - 1957 - 1987  
 Joy Kocian - 1987 - 1993

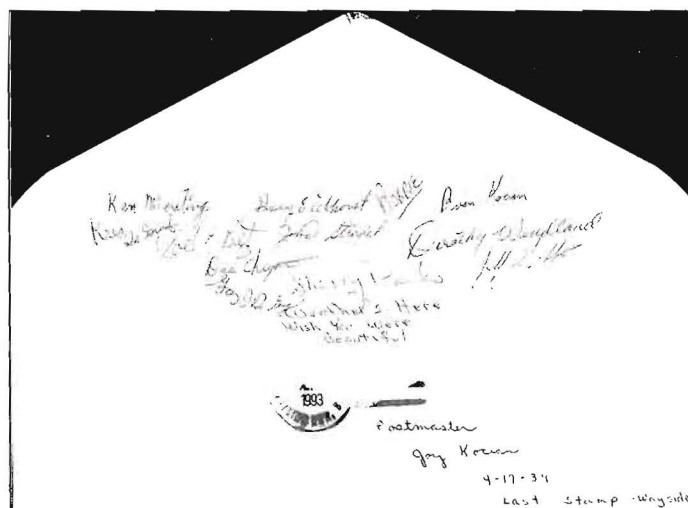
## Lark

The post office in Lark was the shortest running of all the hamlets. Established in 1893 it ran only until March 31, 1914. Names of the postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

Frank C. Saenger - January 17, 1893  
 Sadie Saenger - August 1, 1913



Front of the last postmark in Wayside



Back of the last postmark in Wayside



# Farming

The dairy industry, which has always played such an important part in the economy of our township, certainly needs special mention.

In early years, farming in the town was primitive. Measured by today's standards, life on the farm was rugged and strenuous. Ox and horsepower were used to till the soil. There was a minimum of farm machinery used in years past.

The horse was very valuable to the farmer. So valuable, that some might recall "if the weather was too bad for the horses on Sunday morning, the horses stayed in the barn, and the family walked to church."



*William Kiekhaefer on sweep-arm cutting mower used for cutting clover for seed. Fly nets worn by horses. Picture from around 1908.*

Farming was an art rather than a science. Habits, customs, trial and error, were the basis for most of the farm operations back then.

The first farm market products were grains, hay, eggs, livestock and homemade butter. In early times, these products were exchanged for merchandise. The storekeeper played a very important part in marketing farm products.

Farms and farming have changed dramatically since the 1880's. What would the reaction of the original settlers of the township be today, if they were able to return after 150 years?

In the 1950's the average investment for a farmer in livestock, land, buildings, and machinery was

\$17,000. In 1980 it was \$260,000. In 2005 it could easily top \$1,000,000. In 1955 it was hats off to any farmer whose cows averaged 10,000 lbs. of milk per cow per year. In 1980, 15,000 lbs. of milk, and today's average is 25,000 lbs. of milk per cow per year.

Farming locally has changed even more dramatically in the last 25 years, than ever before. Terms such as "Mega" farms, boasting over one thousand cows have begun to appear in the township. Some farms are now run more like a business, rather than a lifestyle. Most farms in the township today are owned and operated by families, but now hire additional staff and specialized people to maximize the farms potential. Luxuries such as days off, and outsourcing, are becoming more common, things unheard of years ago in farming.

Other terms unheard of in farming a few years ago, were things such as Nutritionists, Agronomists, Computerization, and "Cow Comfort", all of these taking a part in the role of the farm today. Nutritionist work to formulate better feeds for today's herds. Agronomists work on the best land usage and potential. Computerization has help improve the record keeping of not only the animals, but the finances, and land use too. The Internet today is a valuable resource for farmers. It allows them the world at their fingertips for buying and selling equipment and other farm commodities.

Building cow comfort into farms, such as cooling systems, clean sand bedding, more comfortable environments, has raised the potential of cows to last longer, and produce more. Genetics has also helped in the breeding of cows that can produce more milk, and live longer.

Other things that have changed on the farm are the outsourcing of different areas, such as calving, and harvesting. Many larger farms no longer raise their young calves. There are now specialty farms that raise young calves to heifers. Harvesting is now done by custom field operations.

Harvesting leads us into many other areas of farming that have changed. Today most farmers main crops are alfalfa, and corn. The corn is mostly used for silage. Other secondary crops in the area are soybeans, and wheat. Cash crops such as sweet corn and peas are not as prevalent. Equipment used for harvesting and farming has changed. In general, most of the equipment has gotten larger. Larger tractors, plows, and harvesting equipment are used.



Self-propelled equipment is becoming more prevalent. The storage of the harvest has also changed the landscape of farms. Instead of vertical storage silos, a new form of storage is the tarp covered horizontal bunker. These have decreased the labor involved in storage and handling of the crops.

Still preserving the family farm ethics are the many prosperous dairy operation that dot the countryside of Morrison. Here are just a few of the larger operations in the township.

Klug's Dairy has been in the Klug name for over 100 years and is currently owned and operated by Paul, Rudy, and Carl Klug, sons of Rudolph H. Klug. The farm was originally owned by Rudolph's father, Norbert Klug. Farming runs deep in the Klug family. Rudolph's daughters Lisa (Kevin) Collins and Carla (Tim) Kane, both own larger farms in the Town of Morrison. The Klug farm now milks between 450 and 500 cows, with 500 head of replacement heifers. In 1979, they held the highest herd average of all farms in the state of Wisconsin, milking over a 100 cows. The record they held is with 201 cows. They produced an average of 17,654 lbs of milk and 711 lbs of butterfat per cow. Since the 1980's a new housing barn has been added. The Klug farm currently operates over 2000 acres of land in the deep family tradition of farming.

The Wayside Dairy, LLC. owned by the Natzke family has a long history tracing back to 1863, when its German ancestors first settled the land. Since that time, the dairy business has evolved and now includes the fourth and fifth generation of dairy producers.

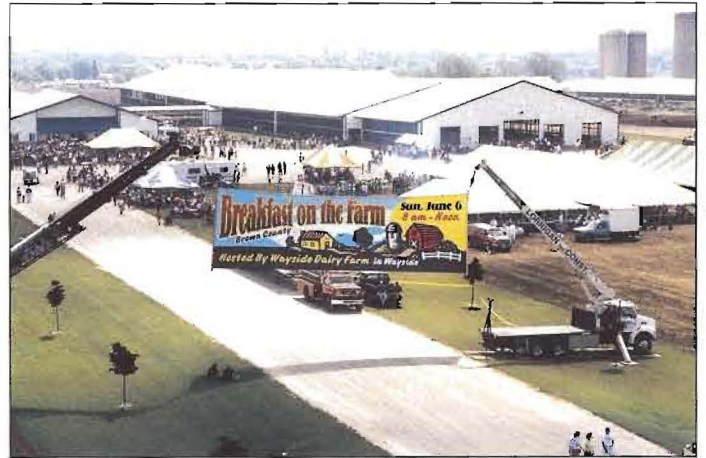
Today, Dan, along with his son, Jeremy and nephew, Paul, runs the 1500 cow dairy farm. Cows are milked three times a day in double-20 milking parlor. Each cow produces 85-90 pounds of milk a day, which equates to the farm handling 100,000-110,000 pounds of milk each day.

Wayside Dairy was completely rebuilt in 2002 after a barn fire destroyed the milking center and many of the outbuildings. The need to rebuild allowed the construction of state-of-the-art facilities, which were built to be as comfortable as possible for both the cows and the 25 full and part-time employees.

In addition to dairy cows, the farm produces corn deluge, and haylage from its 2400 acres of cropland. Also, cottonseed is merchandised to dairymen and feed mills.

"Breakfast on the Farm" was hosted by Wayside Dairy Farm on June 6, 2004. Packers players served breakfast, the Wayside Morrison Concert Band played, there were horse drawn carriage rides, and cows to view. There was also a 7 a.m. church service, attended by many.

The Natzke's are heavily involved in their church community and other farm organizations.



*Ariel view of the Natzke Farm during Breakfast on the farm.*

## THE MILLION DOLLAR COW

Also, for the purpose of history of the township, we must include a different type of farming enterprise. Pearmont Farms was established in 1976. The farm housed a registered herd of foundation Holsteins that became known worldwide.

On November 20, 1982, the record price for a Holstein cow made history in the Town of Morrison. The actual sale price was a cool \$1.25 million. The cow, owned by Tom Pearson, was classified as an EX-96, with records of over 20,000 pounds of milk.

Ivy, a nine year-old cow sired by Osborndale Ivanhoe, led the list on a record breaking dispersal sale that grossed over \$3.4 million on 100 head sold. Cormdale Farms, Inc. Georgetown, Ontario, Canada wrote the record breaking check for Ivy. The new owners goal is to produce offsprings to sell to their customers.

Tom Pearson built Pearmont Farms up to the point before the sale. Most of the cattle were sold under his herd prefix. Pearmont Farms closed soon after the sale.





## VEAL & CALVING FARMS

With the changing of farming, is the addition of new and different avenues of farming. The section on farming would not be complete without the mention of the following operations.

We currently have various veal operations within the Township, one of the largest being Morrison Veal LLC, owned by Neal Zastrow and Gary Leick. Morrison Veal strides to buy a portion of calves locally and raise them for the veal industry. (see Town Business for further information). Some of the other veal farms in the area are owned by the following: Chris Lemke, Ron Lemke, Mark Lemke, and Dale Pantzlauff.

Another new addition to the farming scene is farms that specialize in raising calves. The largest one in the township is Calf Source LLC., owned by an investment group, another is Quiet Crest Farms owned and operated by Jim and Lori Cleven. (see Township Business section for more information on both)

There are so many farms and farming operation in the township, since it is impossible to include all of them, we thank you for your hard work to keep up the rural feel and heritage that remains in the township.





# ***Town of Morrison Hamlets***

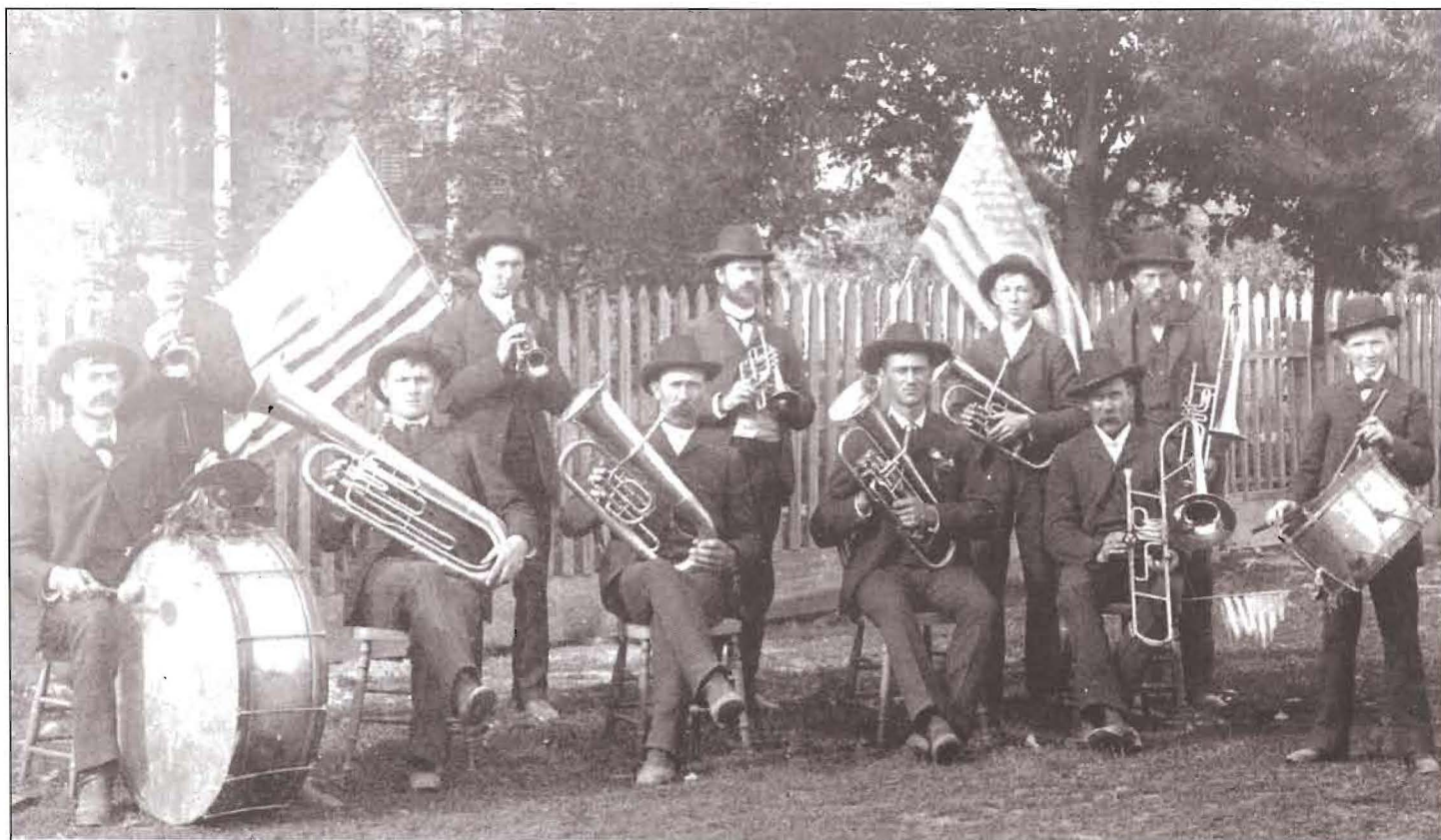
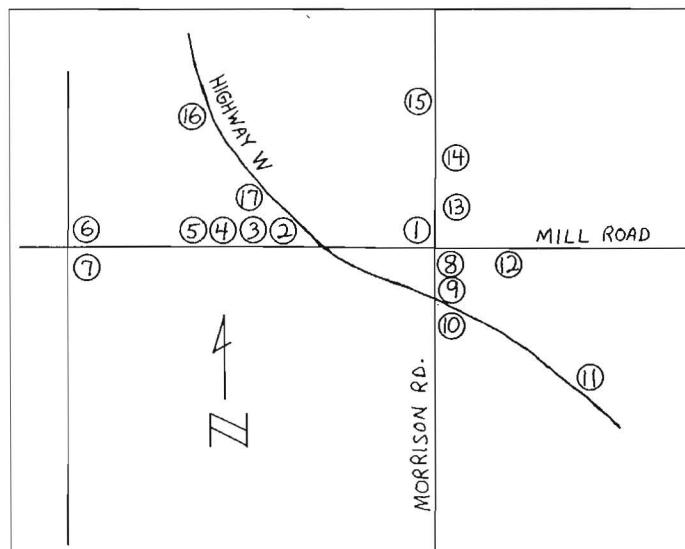
## ***Morrison, Lark & Wayside***

### ***Morrison***

The hamlet of Morrison had its beginning in the fall of 1855 when Phillip Falck, Sr., opened a small general store in the living room of his home. As trade increased he built several additions to his home and eventually built a detached store and saloon.

The nature of the first businesses in the community were dominated by times and the needs of the people. There were General stores, saloons, wagons, blacksmiths, and shoemaking shops.

The musical pride in the area in 1890 was the Lutheran Church Band. They are pictured below with their instruments.



*Standing (left to right) are Charles Wendt, Barney Lempke, "Teacher" Dennigner, William Falck, Herman Wendt and Frank P. Falck.*

*The Instrumentalists seated are: (left to right) Herman Bornemann, Dan Falck, Dr. Albert C. Lempke, Helmuth Ihlenfeldt & Henry Helm.*



# Morrison

## Falck's General Store

Originally owned by Philip Falck, Sr., it was sold to his sons, Frank and Philip, Jr., in 1876. In 1889 Frank Falck sold his interest to his brother Philip, Jr. who operated it until 1903 when he sold it to his son, Frank Falck. Now the 3rd generation in the merchandising business, Frank Falck rebuilt the general store right next to the old one in 1905.

The new store was constructed of concrete block which were hand-made on the site. All the blocks were made on the site by men who worked from sunrise to sunset for \$.50/day plus meals.

The general store provided a whole variety of goods to the community. Mr. Falck was considered a dealer in dry goods, groceries, provisionary, cats, boots & shoes, caps, paints, oils, hardware and eventually

plumbing, heating & insulation. Electrical equipment was also added to the line around the late 1920's.

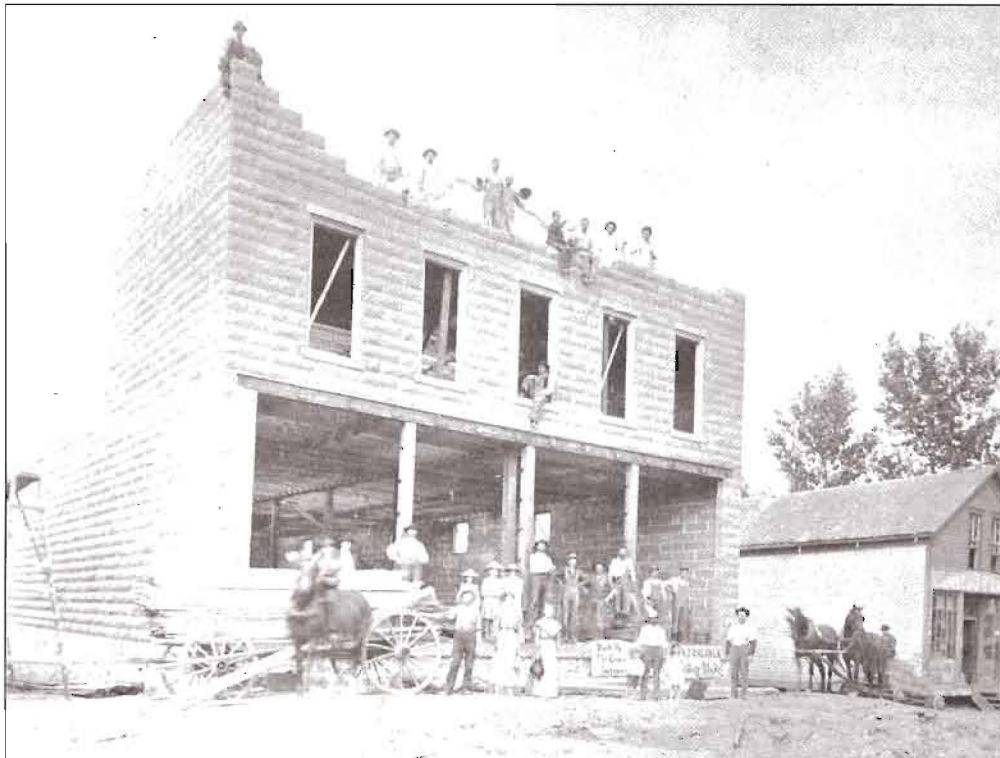
Traditionally speaking, this store was the region headquarters for Christmas toys, candies and fineries. Frank Falck passed away in 1945 after which a complete remodeling was done and ownership changed to Robert and Karl Falck, doing business as Frank P. Falck and Sons. Karl Falck continued to operate the business after Robert's death in 1967 until health reasons forced the transfer of ownership to Mrs. Mildred Falck in 1971.

Retirement for Mrs. Falck was soon mandatory and in 1979 the building was sold to Roger Lemke. Stock and fixtures were liquidated. Mr. Lemke used the store as a print shop, Morrison Printing, and as a residence. More recently the building served as home for the Morrison Café and General Store. This building is currently for sale.



*Philip Falck Store taken about 1892*

*Left to right: Louie Snyder, G. Guyan, Chas. Siefeldt, Philip Falck, Frank P. Falck, Unidentified, Wm. C. Falck*



*Building at right is the old store which was moved to the side to be operated until the new building was completed.*



# Morrison

## Falck's Tavern

In 1888, Philip Falck sold the saloon, originally located right next to the Falck's General store to another son, Peter. In 1893, Peter sold the property to his brother Dan, who replaced it with a new brick building in 1895.

In 1929 Alfred and Grace Falck purchased the establishment from his father (Dan) and called it the Morrison House – but later renamed it Falck's Tavern.

The upstairs social hall was used extensively for political rallies, especially by the Republican party (which was popular in the area at this time), weddings, showers, card parties and cheese meetings. In 1964 Grace Falck sold the tavern and it exchanged owners several times until 1973 when Lloyd and Helen Massey bought it. They remodeled it extensively and created a German atmosphere calling it The Manor House Supper Club. It was a beautiful supper club known throughout the area for



*Left to right: Dan Falck saloon (tavern) built in 1895. Frank Falck store build in 1905. Pictures was taken approximately 1906.*

*The gap between the two buildings was filled in approximately 1908 to be used as a rental warehouse to the store.*

its German cuisine. The restaurant has since closed. It was reopened as different taverns since the restaurant closed under multiple owners but now remains unoccupied.



## Morrison's First Hotel

A two-story brick house, now owned and occupied by the John and Carole Falck family, was Morrison's first hotel. It was built in 1872 by Philip Falck. It served as a hotel from 1872-1888. Guests slept upstairs and the family children slept in the attic. Each room had its own lock which still is the same today. In 1888 Philip sold it to his son John along with the farm. The Craig Falck family resides there now and are the 6th generation of Falck's to reside in this home.



# Morrison

## Paul's Trailer & RV

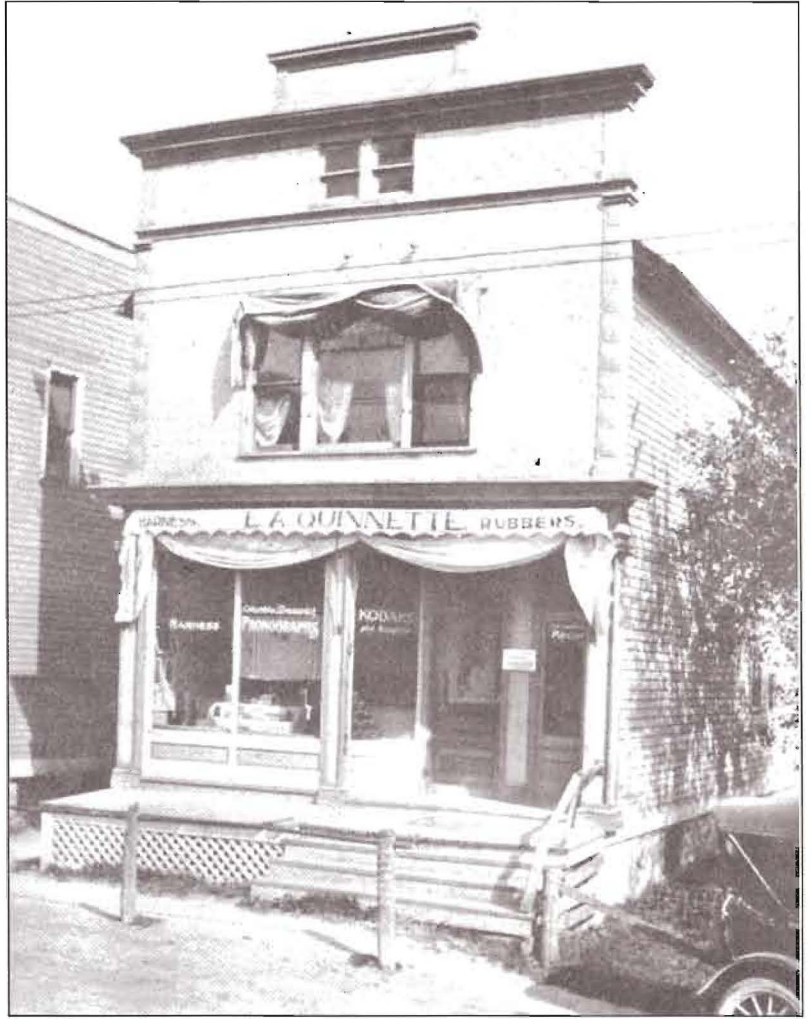
What today is a thriving RV & Camping business started out very different. In 1906 E.J. Groth relocated his harness shop business and built a new harness shop at map position 9, current site of Tilly's, a sewing shop, and apartments. He operated his business here until he rented the shop to E.A. Quinnette in 1918. In 1922 Mr. Quinnette purchased the building. In 1955 Mr. Quinnette sold the property and business to his son Don.

When Don bought the business it was a shoe repair, sporting goods and Zenith radio sales and service enterprise. Appliances and lawn care were added to the business and finally, in the late 1950s, camping trailers were introduced. Don handled the appliances and his wife Ann sold trailers.

In 1978 Don formed a corporation and moved to their new (current) facilities on Mill Road where Paul's Trailer & RV is now located. The business grew with the addition of a partner, son Peter, and 6 employees as years passed. Peter eventually took over the business and moved Quinnette's RV to De Pere.

Apparently RVs are in the Quinnette blood. Paul, youngest son of Don and Ann, attended RV mechanics school in Indiana, worked for a motor home manufacturer and finally moved back to the area to work for his brother Peter. Paul eventually reopened the old Quinnette's RV as Paul's Trailer & RV Center in late 1997. In 2002 Jeff Gibbons joined Paul's Trailer & RV Center as Service Manager and partner to Paul.

Paul's Trailer and RV Center has eight employees, some with an obvious history in this business. Paul's brother Peter is back selling trailers with Paul and Jeff Gibbons, Service Manager, who worked for Don and Ann as a teenager. And on any given day, you can still find Don and Ann, retired for many years now, at the business.





# Morrison



*This was taken approximately 1916 before Hwy. W (Old Hwy 32) was built.*

*Building left to right: Wm Behl Furniture Store and barber shop. (Mr. Behl was also a mortician.); Ed J. Groth harness shop; Building in background was a saloon then owned & operated by Andrew Bornemann*

## Nickel's Funeral Home

The site of what is now Nickel's Funeral Home also has a long history in the town of Morrison as well. In 1870 Adolph Mueller opened a harness shop at map position 10. Later he also opened a saloon. In approximately 1894 he sold the business to Charles Prust who continued the business until its sale to William Behl around the turn of the century. Mr. Behl operated a barber shop, furniture store and undertaking establishment here until he relocated to its new location at map position 8 in 1906 – the current Nickel's Funeral Home.

When Mr. Behl moved from his original location, the building was occupied by Albert Schwahn and then Andrew Bornemann. Andrew Bornemann ran a tavern business until his death and there were numerous tenants. The building was finally sold to Alvin Nickel who tore it down.

## Nickel's Tavern

The Wallschlager blacksmith shop (map position 10) was sold to Henry Michelson who combined the blacksmithing business with a general merchandise store. Carl Giersboch operated a shoe store in the Michelson store for a time. The building was then sold to A.G. Nickel who opened up a tavern. In approximately 1933 the building burned and Mr. Nickel replaced it with a fine new tavern shortly thereafter. Mr. Nickel retired in 1976 and the tavern remained unoccupied. Since 1980, the building burned and was not replaced.



# Wayside

The hamlet of Wayside had its beginning in approximately 1869 when Charles Krueger operated a store near map position 1 – the current location of the bowling alleys. This is the first record of a business establishment in Wayside.

The first businesses in Wayside were much like those in Morrison. There were general stores, saloons, shops for wagons, blacksmithing and harness-making, a brewery and hotel, a sheet metal shop and hardware store and even a theatre.

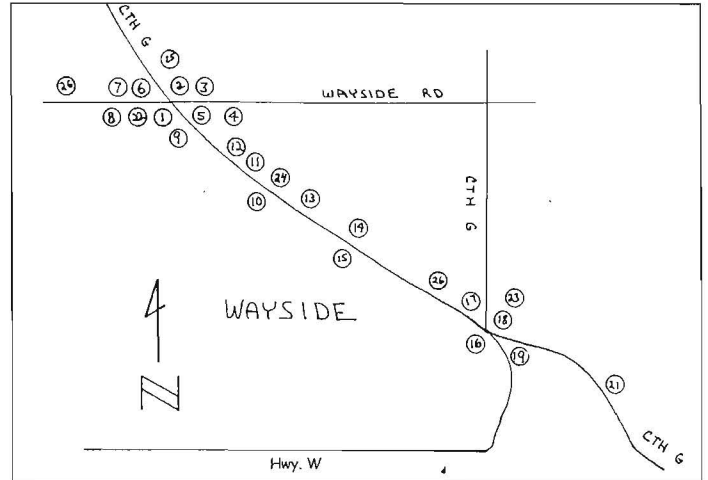
## Krueger's General Store

### Wayside Lanes

The first recorded business in Wayside, Charles Krueger operated what can be assumed to be a general store at or near map position 1, the current location of the bowling alley, Wayside Lanes. Mr. Krueger was appointed Wayside's first postmaster on August 21, 1869.

The store was later sold to Peter Axen and then to Peter Frosch in 1876. Mr. Frosch developed a thriving business and in 1892 went into partnership with his brother George and the business became known as Frosch Brothers.

In 1902 Frosch Brothers sold their business to Maurice Brennan, who later set up his son Den in the tavern business there.



In 1916 Frank Pfeffer purchased the "saloon", as it was known, and in 1934 it was taken over by his son Joseph.

Joseph Pfeffer greatly enlarged and improved the building and installed 4 bowling alleys. In 1954 Pfeffer sold to Gordon Strenn, who rented the business to Riney Kocian before selling to John Kocken in 1970.

Kocken Lanes operated until 1985 until its sale to Ray & Eunice Krueger who ran the business until 1999 and then sold to the current owners, Wayne & Cindy Krueger. The business is thriving still today as Wayside Lanes and are the only bowling alleys in the township.



*Wayside businessmen gathered early in the 1900's for an imposing picture. The distinguished men are: Back row left to right – Otto Nebman, Frank Birkholz, Tom Monahan, Emil Hill, Goerge Schmidt, Albert Borchardt, Ferdinand Vergiel, Mr. Knutson and Tim Burke; Front row left to right – Philip Schatz, Fred Nohr, Otto Hill, Frank Rank, Frank Frosch, Michael Natzke, William Vergiels and Fred Pingel.*



# Wayside

## DeGreef's Ends Here Bar & Restaurant

The tavern shown at map position 2, now owned & operated by Gary & Kris DeGreef was originally built by Frank Frosch in about 1890. Fred Pingel purchased the building in approximately 1890 and added a hotel & residence section. Pingel operated the business until its sale to the Kuntz & Blesser Brewing Co. in 1904.

While in the hands of the brewery, George Frosch operated it as a hotel and saloon with a livery stable in connection. The Kuntz & Blesser Brewing Co sold or transferred the building to the Manitowoc Products Co. Jack Fessler, Mr. Luloff and Rudolph Rose were all operators of the business in the following years. In 1939 Rudolph Rose purchased the business and later sold it to F. Joseph Kloeckner. Mr. Kloeckner made many improvements to the building and resold it to Mr. Rose in 1954. In 1960, Rose's daughter & son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Riney Kocian, took over the business and operated it until 1982. Carol and Hoppy Laabs then owned and operated the business as C & H Corner Bar for years until its present owners, Gary and Kris DeGreef purchased it in March 1992. Gary and Kris now run a very successful bar/restaurant operation that is known in the area for their great burgers and outstanding Friday Fish Fries.

## Log Cabin Tavern

Mr. Schwahn built the unique log cabin tavern that is at map location 17. In 1941 the property was purchased by Martin Rogne who ran the business until his death in 1978. Mrs. Rogne continued to operate the tavern until 1985. It is now part of the Robert Casper Residence.



*Pictured on the left is the Frosch Brother's Store and on the right is Monahan's Tavern & Dance Hall. On the side of the dance hall is Hoffman's.*



## Monahan's Hall

In approximately 1893 Thomas Monahan built a tavern at map position 6 (SW corner of Hwy W & Wayside Rd). In 1898 he added a dance hall. In 1915 he sold the property and business to Mr. Hugo Hill who operated it until 1923 when he sold to A.D. Lewis. Rudolph Leiterman purchased the property in 1925 and converted it into a garage. Other operators following were Beining & Ed. Wierschke, Ray Fritsch, Clancis Pahl, Hilmer Kuchenbecker, Martin Brandt and finally the present owner Virgil Kocian. Mr. Kocian has run a general repair and filling station there since 1962. Mr. Kocian is officially retired now.

## Beimborn's Tavern

Beimborn's Tavern occupied map position 19, the SE corner of Hwys G & W. The tavern was built by Mr. Frank Ronk and later occupied by George Schmidt. Dan Schunk purchased the business in 1901 and operated it until 1918 when it was sold to the Kuntz & Blesser Brewing Co. and later transferred to the Manitowoc Products Co. During this

time there were several operators. In approximately 1926 or 1927 it was purchased by Gust Natzke who sold it to Joe Beimborn.

Mr. & Mrs. Beimborn ran the tavern until Mrs. Beimborn's death in 1957. Then Romona, assisted her father until his death in 1978. His heirs owned the building and the business which was in operation until the county reconstructed the corner and the building was torn down.



# Wayside

## Wayside Apartments (Hwy W)

In approximately 1894 Michael Natzke built a store at map position 10. He sold a general line of merchandise and was an agent for a farm machinery firm. He also served as Wayside's postmaster in 1897. In 1905 he sold the business to Henry Zellner who enlarged the building to accommodate his growing business.

The store was later operated by a Mr. Bergman until the late 1920's when Peter Wouters ran a tavern in the building. Following Wouters, Harvey Just operated a Gamble Store until it was purchased as a residence by Armin Blauert. Alfred Hafeman bought it in 1948 and Mrs. Hafeman continued to live there until she moved to Green Bay. Eugene Behnke operated a barber shop in part of the building until 1956.

## Pro Insulation

The current site of Pro Insulation, at map position 5, first was a wagon shop operated by a Mr. Schassow in the 1870's. William Vergiels ran a furniture store at this location also. The building was sold in 1902 and burned in 1903. The property was purchased by Frosch & Pingel in 1903 and in approximately 1906 George Frosch, Jr. built a store for general merchandising.

The business operated as a general store for many years under different ownerships. Barney Natzke ran the store from 1918 to 1922 when he sold it to Rudolph Worm. John Messer purchased it in 1946 and was followed in business by his son Harold, who then sold the store to Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Greipentrog in 1960. Lloyd Beyer bought the business in 1975 and operated the store until the 1980s when it closed for the sale of general merchandise.

Over the past 25 years, there have been many changes to the building. It has changed hands several times and is now apartments, warehouse space and two offices for Pro Insulation and WMI Supply. The building is owned by Stacey and Rebecca Propson and Peter and Amy Frank.

## Wayside Apartments (Wayside Road)

What are now apartments on Wayside Road, was once a series of businesses. Map position 7, next to Kocian's garage (once Monahan's Tavern & Hall) started as the site of a harness shop. It was operated by Albert Natzke about 1890 and sold 5 years later to Joseph Hoffman.

Just west of Mr. Hoffman, Hugo Hill operated a sheet metal shop and hardware store. In 1898 Hill, finding his place was too small, traded buildings with Mr. Hoffman. Hill sold his sheet metal business in 1905 to Tom and Edward De Wane but repurchased it from the De Wanes just 3 years later. Mr. Otto Hill operated a barber shop in part of the building about this time too.

In 1910 Joseph Hoffman tore his building down and built the cement block building for his harness making shop. The advent of the automobile however, made the business unprofitable and he had to close his doors.

Later Herman Kath opened a heating and plumbing shop in this building but closed the business in 1955. When Rudolph Leiterman purchased the Hill tavern (Monahan's Hall), he also bought the Hill shop and opened a grocery store. In 1927 Sylvester Hauser took over, but sold to Louis Stynski in 1929. Stynski added a cold storage locker service and made several other improvements to the building. He owned the building until 1948 when it was purchased by William Herold. After Herold's death, it was sold to Harold Opper and it has evolved from a private residence to the apartments today.

## Radder's Cheese Factory

In the 1880's a cheese factory was opened at map position 9 by a Mr. Anderson and later sold to Herman Schroeder. Fred Borchardt purchased the business in 1894 and sold it to his son, Albert in 1895. William Radder became owner in 1908, Ed Schroeder in 1919 and Edward Brockman in 1924.

From approximately 1905-1916 (or later) Theo Weber, a photographer, operated a portrait studio in this building above the cheese factory. Dr. Schley, a dentist, used this space in the early 1920's. In 1948 it was sold to the Pauly & Pauly Cheese Co. who discontinued operations in 1952. This building has since been torn down.



# Wayside

## "Tony, The Convict"

A Drama in Five Acts

At Dreamland Theatre

Wayside, Wis.

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1924

AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

Given by Wayside Dramatic Club

ADMISSION: Children 25c, Adults 35c

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Tony Warren, a many-sided character..... Myron Frosch  
 Weary Wayside, his henchman, "too tired to work" ..... Nick Bergman  
 James Barclay, hard-hearted and vindictive ..... Frank Pfeffer  
 Philip Warburton, a social leader..... Harvey Kitzrow  
 Judge Van Cruger, of the Supreme Court..... Gilbert Lenke  
 Warden Burrows, of Sing Sing Prison..... Billy Gibbons  
 Jackson, a negro footman ..... Billy Tisler  
 Lenn, the reputed daughter of Judge Van Cruger ..... Lillian Daley  
 Mrs. Van Cruger, the Judge's wife..... Mildred Frosch  
 Miss Sedley, who takes pleasure in being disagreeable..... Florence Gibbons  
 Saily, with a soul above lash..... Althea Frosch

## The Dreamland Theatre



The establishment that previously occupied map position 12 is still fondly remembered by some local residents. This was the "Dreamland Theatre". Built by Wayside Amusement Company on land purchased from George Frosch in 1913, it was considered a splendid theatre, complete with an orchestra pit. Here towns people were entertained by traveling medicine shows, stage plays and movies powered by the company's own gasoline-propelled generator.

Eventually, however, attendance dwindled as the advent of better transportation made city theatres more accessible. The building changed hands several times and in later years became known as the Wayside Theatre. The Wayside Fire Dept finally acquired the property in 1957 and, sold the building to Mr. Siebert to be moved. This is the building currently located next to DeGreef's bar on Wayside Road.





# Wayside

## Frank Ronk Sawmill

In the 1880's Frank Ronk built a sawmill at map position 23. In 1889 the mill was the scene of a boiler explosion in which one man was killed and several badly injured. The mill burned down in about 1908 and in 1928 the property was sold to Albert Schwahn.

## Planing & Shingle Mill

In approximately 1903 William Vergiels built a planing and shingle mill and cedar press at map position 14. Adjacent to the mill was a small office used by Dr. Kloehn, a Brillion dentist, for his weekly visits in Wayside. He served the community from 1905/1906 until 1913. The building was later moved to map position 18 and used as a tavern. This building has since been torn down.

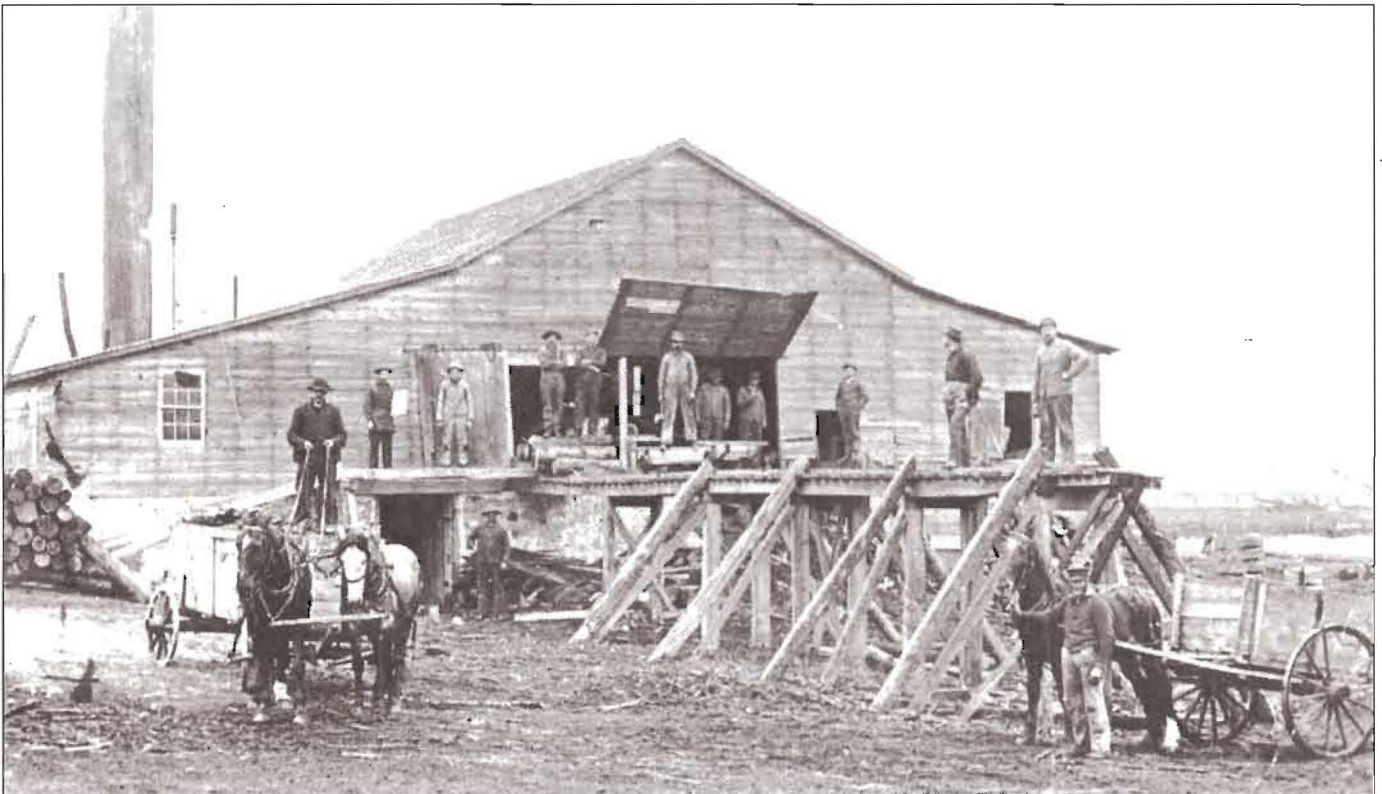
## Planing Mill

Map position 8 shows the location of a planing mill built by August & Karl Krause in 1904. This mill burned down about 1925 when Art Wendland and Kranberg were the operators. Later William Brockman built a new sawmill on this property. The mill has not been in operation since his death however.

## R & R Service & Sales

In approximately 1894 Mr. Ronk built a flour and feed mill at map position 16. The mill was purchased by Joe Konop in 1905 and by the Wayside Roller Mills Co. in 1912. The company went bankrupt and the property was bought by Art Wendland in 1925 or 1926. Mr. Wendland tore down the flour mill and built a small feed mill across the road at map position 17. This mill was later razed.

About 1931 Gust Natzke purchased the roller mill property and built a garage. His son Lawrence operated the garage for a short time. In 1963 Ed Roeske rented the building and later purchased it from Mr. Natzke. Mr. Roeske retired in September 1971 and sold his business to Robert and the late Richard Pischke. It is now R & R Service Station operated by Robert and his son, Jeff.



*Frank Ronk Sawmill*



# Wayside



## *The Wayside Telephone Company*



*Left to right: Michael Natzke, Edwin Kiekhaefer, Tom Monahan, Joseph Hoffman & John Natzke.*

*On the pole are: Charles Zellner (top), Henry Rahn (left) & Charles Kiel (right).*

The first telephones installed in Wayside were at the Thomas Monahan's Tavern, The Wayside Hotel, operated by George Frosch, and the home of Joseph Hoffman.

Shortly thereafter, on July 21, 1908, The Wayside Telephone Company was incorporated by Joseph Hoffman, Thomas Monahan and John Natzke. The business and purpose of the corporation was to carry on a general telephone business. Original subscribers of two shares of stock included Hoffman, M.J. Natzke, Monahan, Natzke, Michael Natzke, Fred Birkholtz and Francis Sullivan.

In 1909 the first switchboard was purchased and Joseph Hoffman was named to tend and repair the switchboard and to furnish a room for it, all for a total of \$200 per year. The switchboard remained in the Hoffman home until the conversion to the new push-button system. This is the current home of Mr. Hoffman's grandson, Darrell (Diane) Suchomel.

In 1911 the company purchased a new magneto switchboard. This switchboard was kept in service

until 1957 and in 1993 was donated to the Wisconsin Telephone Museum in Tomah.

On February 22, 1922, a severe sleet storm virtually destroyed all telephone lines. After several meetings, officials of the company, with financial aid from the local bank, voted to rebuild the exchange.

Over a period of years, the Wayside Telephone exchange area grew more north in the township and Wayside was no longer centrally located. The manual switchboard became overloaded and the service outdated. In 1966 the company made application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification

Administration, for a loan to convert to a dial system. On August 8, 1967, a ground-breaking ceremony was held and marked the start of construction of the present buildings in the Village of Morrison, WI.

During the summer of 1968, another bright chapter was added to the local telephone history when all the telephones were changed from manual to modern one party push-button operation. This made the Wayside Telephone Company the first to provide this type of service in the State of Wisconsin. In the 1980's Wayside along with North East Telephone Co. from Pulaski, WI were major partners in creating Cellcom, a cellular provider. In 1985 the electro-mechanical dial switch was changed to a digital switch.

In 1992 the Wayside Telephone Company was acquired by PTI (Pacific Corp). In 1998 PTI sold the Wayside Company to CenturyTel, a Louisiana based corporation. The Wayside exchange is managed by the Randolph, WI District which also includes Denmark, Luxemburg, New Franken, Casco, Brussels, Seymour, Black Creek, Nichols, Forestville, Little Sturgeon and Shiocton.



# Wayside



The Wayside State Bank, located at map position 24 was organized on May 24, 1911. Some of the organizers were: Thomas Monahan, E.J. Mulloy, Joseph Hoffman, Matt Tisler, Fred W. Pingel, T.E. Dorsey, Henry Zellner, William Radder, August Liebherr, John Natzke, P.W. Schatz, Michael Natzke, Sam J. Thompson, Henry Hauser, George Frosch, Dr. Thomas Burke and A.L. Boock.

The first officers were: Dr. Thomas Burke (President), F.W. Pingel (Vice President) and Oscar M. Boock (Cashier). The bank opened for business on September 29, 1911. Since the organization of the bank, the following presidents have served: Dr. Thomas Burke, Fred W. Pingel, William Saenger, John S. Sullivan, James P. Daley and Earl Prust.

On December 7, 1970 Wayside State Bank merged with the State Bank of Greenleaf forming the Greenleaf Wayside Bank. At the time of the merger, Earl Prust was Chairman of the Board, Amos Natzke was Vice President, David Krutz was Cashier and Eldora F. Tisler was Assistant Cashier.

In 1979 a new bank was constructed at map position 25. It was opened for business on December 15, 1979. A formal opening for the public was held on January 28, 1980. An estimated 1300 people toured the new banking facility. The building is of a colonial design and provides auto banking and extended banking hours.

The old bank building was sold to the Township of Morrison. In 1990 Romell Roeske donated several hundred books to the town and a library was added. Until recently, the Town Board also occasionally used the building for its monthly town meetings and special committee meetings. Since 2004, the building has been converted into a business of a different kind. Pam Kocian recently opened her store "Go Natural" which provides natural options for healing and healthy living as well as massage & tanning services. See the town businesses section for more information on "Go Natural".





# ***Lark***



*August Wendorf*

The Lark Settlement began in 1884 when August Wendorf built a shoe repair shop in connection with his home which was located on the southwest corner of the main crossroads – what is today Hwys G & 96.

The nature of original businesses in Lark were much like the other hamlets, serving its immediate customers with a general store, shoe repair shop and a cheese factory.

## **LARK CHEESE FACTORY & GENERAL STORE**

The first large business place to be erected was a cheese factory owned and operated by F.C. Saenger. It was built on the northeast corner of the crossroads. Several years later Saenger purchased the Wendorf property and, by building an addition to the house, he opened a general store featuring groceries, hardware and dry goods.

On January 7, 1893, a post office was established in the Saenger store for which a name was to be selected. Naturally it was presumed the name would be Saenger's. However, the officials determined it was unlawful at the time to have a business name with more than one syllable. Thus, to describe the Saenger name it was called "Lark", a singing bird. (For more information on the post office, see the postal section, page 10.)

In the 1930's the Saenger Co. sold the old cheese factory to A.F. Otto, who started a garage to repair automobiles. He formed a partnership with Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Maertz to run the garage. The business the Maertz's were in was old iron and junk which they stored at the Ben Hohn farm. The Maertz's were no longer connected with the garage business in 1980 (or before) and A.F. Otto (Tony) is retired.

The Saenger Company built a new cheese factory next to and in addition to the general store. Shortly after the addition, the store, residence and cheese factory were purchased by H.J. Wagner. A cold stor-

age building with locker boxes was installed in the west end of the store in 1945. Mr. Wagner ran the business until 1965 when his son and daughter-in-law, Franklin and Ruby, took over. The cheese factory was no longer in operation.

Ruby, Franklin and their sons Noel and Leon ran this thriving grocery business for many years. Even after Franklin's death in Dec. 1996, Ruby continued to run the store until her health would not allow her to continue and she passed away in Oct. 1997. Stacy Burt ran the store for the Wagner sons until Pat McGuire purchased the building and business in August of 2000. Pat closed the store in July 2003. Plans are now to turn the space into apartments.



*Lark Cheese Factory*



# Lark



*Frank Saenger, Anne Saenger, Wesley & Sadie Saenger. Man in buggy rig is Ed Leonbard, mailman. This was most recently Wagner's Store. Back door on Saenger's Store is the post office. Building behind the store was a tavern built by the Rahr Company of Green Bay.*

## Stark Cheese Factory

Jacob Smith and son Jim started the Stark Cheese Factory. Peter Nies was the first cheese maker. The factory burned down in approximately 1895. It was rebuilt and in 1911 purchased by Louis Worm who moved it further south. Later there were other owners, among them were Mr. Coughlin and Art Fritch. The last owner was Mr. Binsfeld. This factory burned and the owner Mr. Binsfeld was fatally burned.



*Saenger's Cheese Factory & Peper's Hardware Store*

## Blacksmith Shop

Another early business started by F.C. Saenger was a blacksmith shop. Saenger hired Fred Pilger as the first blacksmith, and a house was moved next to the shop as a residence for his family.

After a number of years the blacksmith shop was purchased by David Mass, who kept up the business until

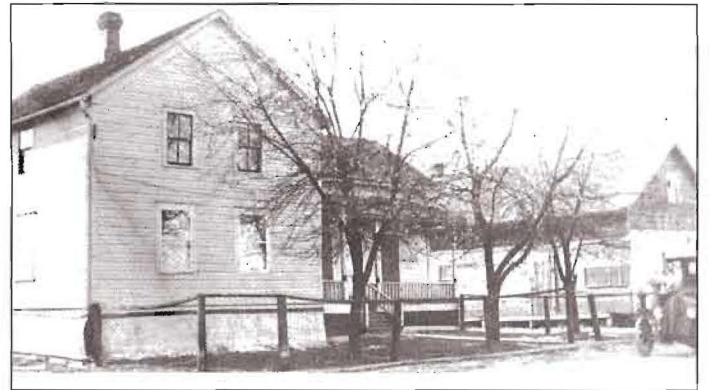
the motor age came into existence and the blacksmith trade declined. The shop was razed and in its place a private garage was built and later remodeled for a dwelling.

## The Rahr Co. Tavern

The Rahr Company of Green Bay built a tavern with a residence in connection. A livery barn to accommodate travelers using horses was also built. These barns were razed in the 1930s because they were old and not used. Numerous bartenders occupied the business until about 1912 when the property was purchased by Albert "Buck" Lueke. In 1944 he sold to J. Butterfield and in 1946 to Victor Cleary.

Vic & Alice Cleary ran the business until 1955 & then sold to George Pallock who sold to Laverne and Delores Couillard in 1957. John Sterletski purchased the tavern in

1960 & then sold to Ken and Elaine Blohowiak in 1965. The tavern, including a large hall upstairs, in which many weddings, showers and anniversaries had been celebrated, burned down in 1970.



*Former blacksmith shop turned into tavern, known as Ken & Elaine's Bar. Next to the tavern is the grist mill whose last owner was Wm L. Nobr.*

## Ken & Elaine's Bar

The residence built next to the blacksmith shop was later remodeled by Clancis Paul and used as a tavern. In 1948 Roy Curtis sold this tavern to Harvey and Alice Zahn who ran the business until Harvey's retirement in 1972. The business was then sold to Ken and Elaine Blohowiak. This tavern is no longer open.



# Lark



*F.C. Saenger Feed Mill - Louie Saenger in doorway*

## Grist Mill

A grist mill was another enterprise built and operated by F.C. Saenger. L.M. Saenger was hired to run the machinery in grinding feed. Several years later the building with equipment was purchased by L.M. Saenger, who also added a planing mill. He later sold it to William Thiele. Thiele moved a house to Lark from his father's premises and added an addition to the residence.

Later the mill was purchased by L.R. Nohr who then sold it to William C. Nohr. W. Nohr operated the mill until it was no longer profitable. He sold the machinery and old lumber in the building. He had the building removed and used the plot for a garden.

## Lark Service Station

An exclusive hardware and machinery business was established by L.R. Nohr when he built a hardware store next to his residence. A Lark service station was added to the business when Mr. Nohr purchased the NW corner lot from William Luebke and erected a building. In 1947 an additional building was added to house the greasing and welding business. Gilbert Wendland rented this property for his welding and auto repair service from 1943-1948. The garage proper was sold to Mike Roffers and then Mrs. Wm. and son Roland who uses it as a private garage. The office section of the garage was transferred to Way-Morr Park in 1960, where it is used for storing park equipment.

About 1936 Mr. Nohr also started a bus line, beginning with one bus, adding another smaller bus the next season and later two large Mercury buses in the summer of 1947. After Mr. Nohr's death, the busses were sold to Daenen in De Pere and Mrs. Nohr operated the hardware store until 1953. She sold the business to William Schmelter. The present owners, Don & Nancy Conard, purchased the shop for their plumbing and heating business in 1964.

## Peper's Hardware Store & Residence

The construction of another early store and adjoining residence was that of H.A. Peper Hardware Co. At first

they handled hardware exclusively, but later it was realized this was not a profitable enough business alone. Therefore, an undertaking establishment was started with William Behl working as the embalmer in company with H.A. Peper. Behl later moved the undertaking business to the Village of Morrison (to the current Nickel's Funeral home site) and the partnership was dissolved. The hardware business was also discontinued and Mrs. Peper started a small grocery store. Mr. Peper then took up the occupation of carpeting.

The Peper building became very rickety and in 1926 the entire structure was removed and a new store was built. An additional residence was added in 1936. Gerald Klekhaefer purchased the store from the Pepers in 1967 and in turn sold it to Art Heinz in 1975.

## The Coop

In 1890 Charles Pelischek built a tavern in the NE corner of the township, (Stark area) that became known as Pelischek's corner. Succeeding owners were Joseph Vanderplas (1932), Timothy Gallagher (1932-1944), H. Kersey (1944-1946), Roy Clark (1946-1947), Rupert Pagel (1947-1949), Leo Leiterman (1949-1976) and Leeland & Carol Leiterman (1976-1998). In 1998 the tavern changed hands to the current owner, Pete Matzke.



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## CHURCHES

### **ST. JOHN EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MORRISON, WI.**

The history of the church dates back to 1855 when Rev. Perrodin in the home of John Rice celebrated the first masses.

In 1859 Rev. Bonduel arrived in Morrison, and John Clark donated two acres of land for the church and Patrick Boyland donated an acre for a cemetery.

The first church was built under the direction of Rev. Sief in 1860, and completed by Rev. Verboot. In 1868 a new church was built. The original date the school was built is unknown. The church records show it existed in 1875.

Rev. Lane became the first pastor listed in 1870, when he celebrated his first mass. In 1876 the Rev. Herbert was appointed to assist Father Lane.

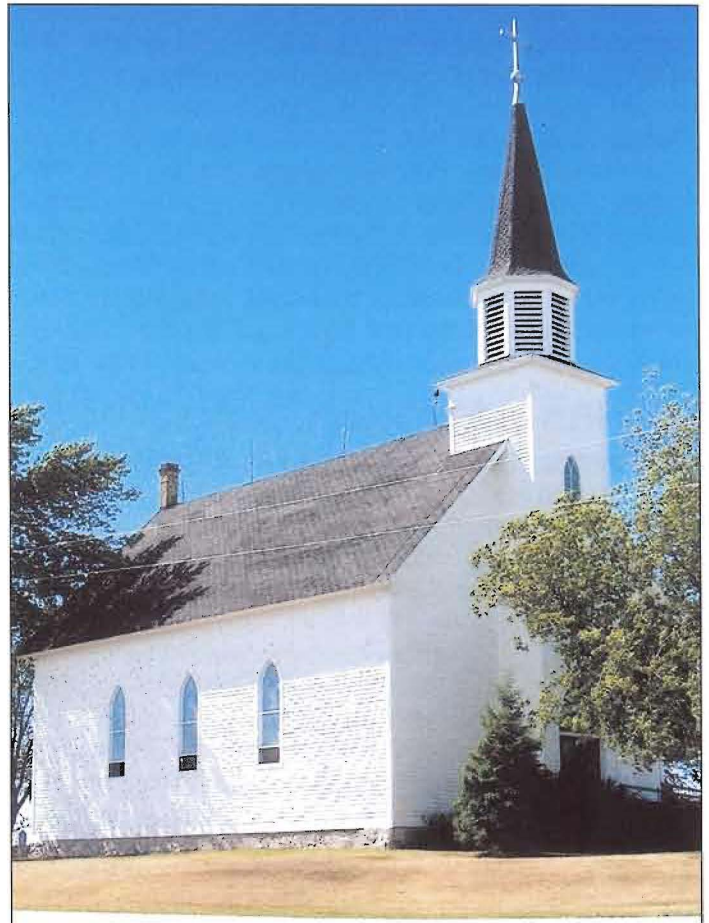
The first native priest to become pastor was Rev. Abb. Gaellweiler who took the position in 1877, and Rev. Andolshek succeeded him in 1878. In 1879 Rev. Holznecht arrived, followed by Rev. William Rice, who later became a monsignor.

A fire destroyed the edifice, school and parsonage in the fall of 1883. A new parsonage was built immediately following the fire. The church construction began the following February.

The congregation was incorporated in 1885, with the above name given.

The following is a list of succeeding pastors: Rev. E. Blume (1884-85), Rev. Conrad Saile (1885-86), Rev. A.N. Buschle (1886-87), Rev. A.P. Masschelein (1887-88), Rev. L. Spitzlberger (1888-91), Rev. P.A. Van Susteren (1891-96), Rev. Francis W. Grier (1896-1901), Rev. Henry Hunch, (1901-05), Rev. Alphonse Roder, (1905-08), Rev. Peter Killis, (1908-12), Rev. A.J. Koerfel, (1912-18), Rev. M.A. Hauch (1918-27), Rev. Francis Schoettl (1918-27), Rev. John Murphy (1927-37), Rev. John Haen (1927-42), Rev. Gerald J. Van Nuland (1942-50), Rev. Francis Helwig (1950-?)

After serving the community for 82 years St. John's closed its door on February 13, 1966. Its 38 families were divided among 4 other nearby parishes. Father Emmet Weber was the last pastor.



*St. Mary's Catholic Church of Stark*

### **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OF STARK**

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Stark was dedicated on June 12, 1884. The first pastor, Father Masschelein, said mass in parishioner's homes prior to the building of the church. He also served the Glenmore parish in 1885.

The Stark parish church is located on the east side of Section 12 on County Trunk N. The first church was destroyed by fire in 1889. Another church was constructed on the site where the building currently stands.

The church has been updated a few times since then, the most current in 1996, thanks to many donated hours and monetary contributions. The steeple was also redone in 2003.

In 1998 the merger of Immaculate Conception Glenmore and St. Mary, Stark, formed St. Mary, Glenmore-Stark. Weekly Sunday liturgy continues.



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On May of 2004 a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated as Dom Peter Funk, O.S.B. celebrated his ordination as a priest, he was baptized in the parish.

The following is a list of some of the priests that have served the parish: Father Thomas Peeters (1956-59), Father Richard Shafer (1959-67), Father Joseph Boehm (1967), Father James DeWitt (1967-70), Father Robert Van Berg (1969-70), Father Patrick Mc Mahon (1970-?). The current pastor, Rev. Lee Kahrs, celebrated 40 years of service this year.

## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first record of an established Protestant church in the Morrison area is that of St. John's which was located in the northeast corner of Section 16 where the Lark cemetery is now. It was founded in 1858 and was served by Rev. H. Fox of Maple Grove.

In 1859 Rev. Beyer of the town of Herman served this congregation. In 1861 Rev. C.F. Keller of Reedsville succeeded him. Because of doctrinal differences this church was dissolved in 1862. The building was then taken over by the Emmanuel Evangelical Church. That same year Zion Lutheran Congregation of Morrison was organized and the following year Zion Lutheran of Wayside was founded. The membership of this church was divided among the following three congregations.



*Emmanuel Evangelical and  
United Brethren Church of Lark*

## EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL AND UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF LARK

This large brick structure familiar to travelers on Highway G, about a half-mile south of Lark, has had several changes of name in the past one hundred and forty-seven years.

Rev. August Huelister, a circuit-riding pastor of Evangelical Assn. of North America, first came to the area in 1856 preaching in the "Hemlock Forests" of the area called Morrison as he went on to minister to his flock a few miles eastward in Cooperstown. Just two years later, his Morrison followers established a congregation and Rev. Peter Held, pastor of Two Rivers Evangelical Assn. of N.A., became their first appointed pastor.

In succeeding years, a merger with United Brethren in Christ changed their name to "The Evangelical United Brethren" and in 1968 yet another merger with the Methodist Church gave them the present title of the "United Methodist Church".

Across the years the congregation has had three church homes. The first, a purchased log building on the site of the present cemetery and the second in the same place, erected in 1873. The present edifice was a short distance to the north dedicated in 1914. Emmanuel Church celebrated their Centennial in 1958. Reedsville Zion Church was made a joint pastorate with Lark in 1968. In 2002 the pastorate was changed to join Lark with Denmark Zion.

The youth program at Emmanuel is very active. They have various fund raisers that enable them to support a child in India. A youth band has also been established, which provides special music for some of the services. United Methodist Women, Sunday school for all ages, Youth Fellowship, weekly worship services and weekly Bible studies provide spiritual growth for the congregation.

The following is a list of ministers who have served the congregation: Rev. Huelister, Rev. Banzhaff, Rev. Zimmermann, Rev. Zelhafer, Rev. Koch, Rev. Kammerer, Rev. Horn, Rev. Harm, Rev. Kahl, Rev. J. Nickel, Rev. Kammerer, Rev. Zickerick, Rev. Eielert, Rev. Schneller, Rev. Strobel, Rev. Kortemeyer, Rev. Friedrich, Rev. F. Nickel, Rev. Trautmann, Rev. J.J. Hoffmann, Rev. Pfluger, Rev. Dorau, Rev. Lautz, Rev. Wendarff, Rev. Habermann, Rev. Glaser, Rev. Rabe, Rev. Schlueter, Rev. Reichardt, Rev. H.P. Jordan, Rev. T.J. Jordan, Rev. Bernhardt, Rev. Allison, Rev. C.M. Knoespel, Rev. Roy Headley, Rev. Merlin Goehring, Rev. Dale, Kelm, Rev. Karl Goodfellow, Rev. Holland Reidel, Rev. Juan Falcon, Rev. John Vaughan, Rev. Cathy Weigand. The parsonage is currently being rented because the current pastor, Rev. Rosa Mayorga, resides in Green Bay.



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*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Morrison*

## **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MORRISON**

In 1862 Pastor C. Gausewitz, Sr. came to Morrison from Reedsville to gather and serve the Lutherans in the community. In August of that year, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) of Morrison was founded. The founding members of the congregation were as follows: David and Wilhelm Buchholz, Philip Falck, W. Freitag, August Greipentrog, Gottfried and Friedrich Gross, Gottlieb Hammel, Christian Kunz, Wilhelm Lemke, Daniel Moschel, Wilhelm Schroeder and George Schweikert.

In 1863 a small log cabin church was erected on the site of the present old cemetery. Pastor Braun and Pastor Kluge served in this church.

Pastor Junkers became the first resident pastor serving this congregation from 1872-1878. During his ministry the first parsonage was built on the present site, and it still stands today. Through the years many Pastors have served the congregation, and built the church community.

The second church structure was built in 1882. In 1914 lightning struck the steeple of the church. The fire did not take the building, but the steeple had to be rebuilt and the bell had to be recast. This building served the congregation until 1927. The new church was completed in fall of 1927.

The congregation grew, and in 1937 celebrated its 75th anniversary. At that time there were 546 souls and 406 communicant members. In 1952 Mr. J. Stradel of Wayside redecorated the church interior. In 1962 the church celebrated its Centennial, and again in 1968 the church interior was redecorated. In 1980 there were 453 communicant members, with a total of 572 total members. Today the parish shows over it's 143 years of history, that they stand strong in faith, with the congregation numbers of 567 souls, 425 communicants members, touching over 252 households in the area. Their choir today has 45 members, and a church band with 22 members.

The following is a list of other ministers that have served the parish: Pastor Roeck (1878-87), Pastor G.W. Albrecht (1887-91), Pastor F. Ave. Lallemand (1891-98), Pastor Julius Kaiser (1898-1905), Pastor W. Henkel (1905-12), Pastor Bruno Gladosch (1913-45), Pastor E. Froehlich (1945-46), Pastor Dr. Henry A. Koch (1947-69), Pastor W. O. Loescher (1979-2001). The current Pastor is Randall Ott (2002- Present).

## **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION OF WAYSIDE**

Pastor H. Fox of Maple Grove served the Lutherans beginning in 1858, followed by Pastor C. Keller of Reedsville, who led the flock until 1867. The following men organized the congregation in 1863: Herman Natzke, John Natzke, Herman Nohr, John Krueger and Ferdinand Wallschlaeger. The church was incorporated in 1865. That same year the church was built.

In 1868 the congregation became a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In 1870 a parsonage was built. The first school was built in 1872, which was then replaced in 1882. In 1883 a new brick church was built, replacing the existing one. The church was remodeled in 1928 and in 1937. In 1953 a new altar and pulpit was installed.

A 100-year celebration of the church took place in 1963. There were 400 communicant members, 558 baptized, and 100 school children at that time.

In 1967 the old church was razed and was replaced by a new church with a school connected.

Zion celebrated 125 years of blessings in 1988.

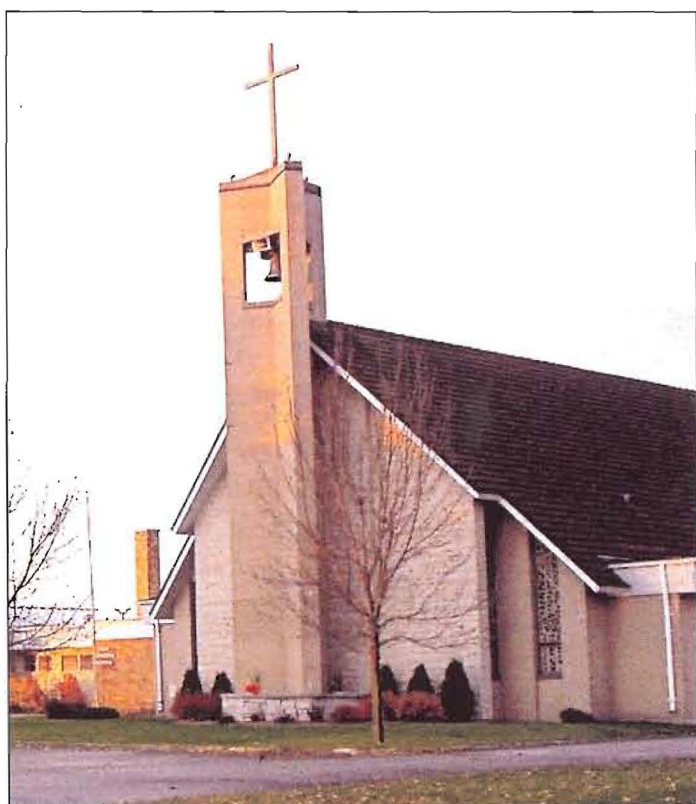
The following is a list of other ministers that have served the parish: Pastor F. Schneider (1881-89), Pastor H.W. Grumm (1890), Pastor G. Loeber (1891),



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Pastor C. Strassen (1891-96), Pastor G. Duerr (1896-1902), Pastor L.G. Dorpat (1902-20), Pastor L.J. AveLallemant (1921-47), Pastor Paul Schedler (1947-53), Pastor H.A. Harthun (1953-72), Rev. Camman (1972-78), Rev. Gerald Wittmaier (1978-85), Rev. Donald Stein (1985-95), Rev. Dennis Sundell (1996-01), Rev. Brian Beardsley (1996-00). Currently Rev. Steve Kline, and Associate Pastor, Rev. Andrew Thompson serve the parish.

There are currently 1090 baptized members, and 756 communicant members.



*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wayside*

## SCHOOLS

### Zion School – Morrison

A Christian Day School was built around 1863 on the present site of the current school. In 1888 a new school building was erected out of decorative fieldstone. At that time it was told that no less than eighty pupils were crowded into a one-room schoolhouse.

Around 1886, Teacher Frank Gruett was the first resident teacher, and many followed in his footsteps.

In 1938 an additional classroom was added to the original fieldstone school. A new teacherage was built in 1949 to replace the original one built in the late 1800's. The school itself was starting to outgrow its walls. A new school addition complete with additional classrooms and kitchen were added to the existing old school in 1953. The addition of an all-purpose gymnasium-kitchen and shower rooms took place in 1974, and was dedicated in 1975. Currently today, there are 90 children in the school, lead by principal Brian Humann.



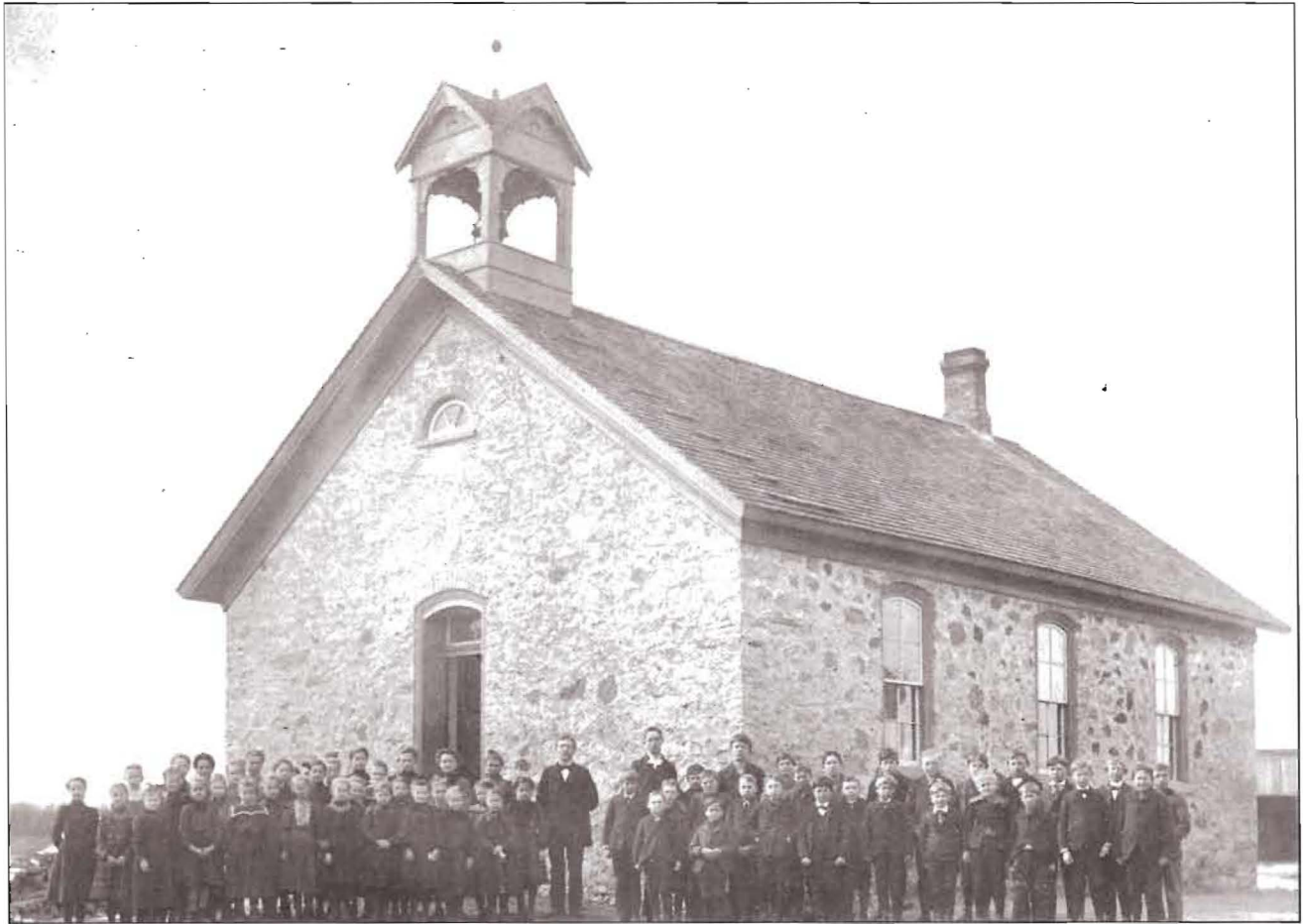
*Schoolhouse built in 1888.*



*Zion Evangelical Lutheran School 2005*



# *Churches and Schools*



*Wayside Lutheran School around 1902*

## **Zion School - Wayside**

1872 marks the beginning of the Zion School. The first school building was erected that year, and it served the congregation until 1882. A new building was built in 1882, but then replaced in 1906 with a two-room schoolhouse. The present schoolhouse and parish hall was built in 1952. As stated above, the church was connected to the school in 1967. In 1972 Zion School celebrated 100 years.

A new addition to the school was built in 1977, which consisted of 2 classrooms, a youth room, storage and restrooms. 1988 brought the addition of the kindergarten program. And soon to follow, in 1991 the beginning of the 3 and 4 year old preschool program was developed. A gym, commons, and classrooms were added in 2000.

Currently there are 11 part time and full time teachers. To date the enrollment is approximately 151 students preschool through grade 8. The current principal is Ron Schroeder.



*Zion Lutheran School in Wayside 2005*



# *Churches and Schools*

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The system of supervision of public schools by a county superintendent was not established until the 1870's. Most of the information of the first schools was taken from reports made to the county by Town Superintendent of Schools. The first such report for the town of Morrison is dated in 1856. It stated that there were 4 school districts, 2 of which did not have a finished schoolhouse, and one district not reporting. It also stated that the number of children attending school was ten, averaging 3 months of school. By 1859 all four districts were operating schools.

In 1872 there were six districts reporting, all of them operating schools. 1898 a school was shown in Lark. These 6 districts remained until 1955, when consolidations cut the districts within the township to two, both operating schools. The Wayside School on Hwy G, closed its doors in the late 1960's.

The town of Morrison currently is divided among five school districts, those being: Reedsville, Brillion, Wrightstown, Denmark and De Pere.



*Wayside Public School around 1909*



*The Lark School about 1909*



# *Morrison Fire Department*

## **History & Locations**

The Morrison Fire Department began its existence as a friendly association in 1905. It originally functioned as a bucket brigade.

William H. Behl was the first fire chief. In 1910 the department was incorporated. The minutes of the organizational meeting read as follows:

"At the first meeting of the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department held at Dan Falck's Hall on Nov. 14, 1910, sixteen members were present and elected Wm. H. Behl, chairman and Frank P. Falck, secretary of the meeting. Officers were elected as follows: President, Wm. H. Behl; Vice President, E.J. Groth; Secretary, Frank P. Falck; Treasurer, John Falck; Directors, 1 year, Ernst Uecker; 2 years, P.J. Niles, Dan Falck; 3 years, Wm. C. Kriehn, Wm. Snyder."

In 1911 they decided to build a one-story brick fire station, 24 feet wide and 40 feet long. The land was bought from Daniel and Josephine Falck on March 2, 1911 for \$1.00. The fire station was wired for electric lights in 1918.

In 1946 a 20 ft x 40 ft addition was built to the fire station. The residents of this community had built, centrally located, a 35,000 gallon underground water reservoir some years before. When it was learned that an addition was to be built to the fire house, they donated sufficient money to include a 20 x 30 underground tank within the building.

Prior to 1949 the fire station had been heated by stoves. That year a modern oil-burning furnace was installed.

In the summer of 1975 a flag pole and planter were constructed to commemorate the deceased members.

The Morrison Fire Department provides service to more than 1000 property owners. They serve parts of 4 different townships - Glenmore, Rockland, Morrison and Holland. Membership in 1955 was 80 members, in 1980 there were 77 members and today there are 40, active members and 8 honorary.

## **Equipment**

One of the first acts was to buy a fire bell and mount it on a forty foot tower in the center of the village. Next a 60 gallon hand drawn chemical fire engine was purchased. In November of 1911, a double 40 gallon chemical fire engine with two horse draft, was purchased.

On August 12, 1925 the department decided to motorize its equipment and bought a Reo fire truck with a 300 gpm rotary pump from the Waterous Fire Engine Co. The horse drawn chemical truck was retained, but in 1929 the chemical tanks and ladders were mounted on a 1-1/2 ton Chevrolet fire truck.

In 1935 a 5 HP fire siren was purchased and the fire bell and siren were mounted on the roof of the fire station.

In 1946 a 2-ton Dodge truck was purchased from the Morrison Garage and the Howe Fire Equipment Co. was given a contract to build a fire truck with a 500 gpm rotary pump and other necessary equipment on the chassis.

In 1951 a 300 gpm pump was purchased from the Wisconsin Fire Equipment Co. In January 1970, a 3-phase 10 hp Federal Siren was purchased.

In December 1972 a 5 hp electric pump was installed in the water holding tank at the fire house. This helped improve the refill time on the fire trucks as a 1200 gallon tank can be filled in 3-5 minutes.

In August 1978, two-way radios were added to all the fire trucks for better service & communication.

## **The current fire-fighting equipment is:**

1973 Ford 1000 gpm Seagrave Pumper

1978 Dodge 250 gpm Pierce Mini-Pumper

1985 Ford 3000 gpm Vacuum Tanker

2001 Freightliner 1500 gpm Pumper

2004 Freightliner 4000 gallon Vacuum Tanker

2003 Polaris 6 Wheeler, All-Terrain Vehicle  
w/utility Trailer

## **Fireman's Picnics & Fireman's Hall**

1941 was the first year that the Fireman's Picnic was held on the Evergreen Ballroom grounds, rented from Len Detrie and E.A. Quinnette. Before this the afternoon picnic was held in Kitzerow's woods and the dance was at the Evergreen.

On July 22, 1958 the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department bought the Evergreen Ballroom and grounds from E.A. Quinnette and Len Detrie.



# *Morrison Fire Department*

Plans were made to remodel and repair the inside of the Evergreen Ballroom and build outdoor restrooms at this time. Placing of picnic buildings and re-landscaping the grounds was also planned.

In July 1959, the outdoor restrooms were completed and also the outdoor bandstand. A Band concert was held on July 9, 1959, to celebrate the new buildings.

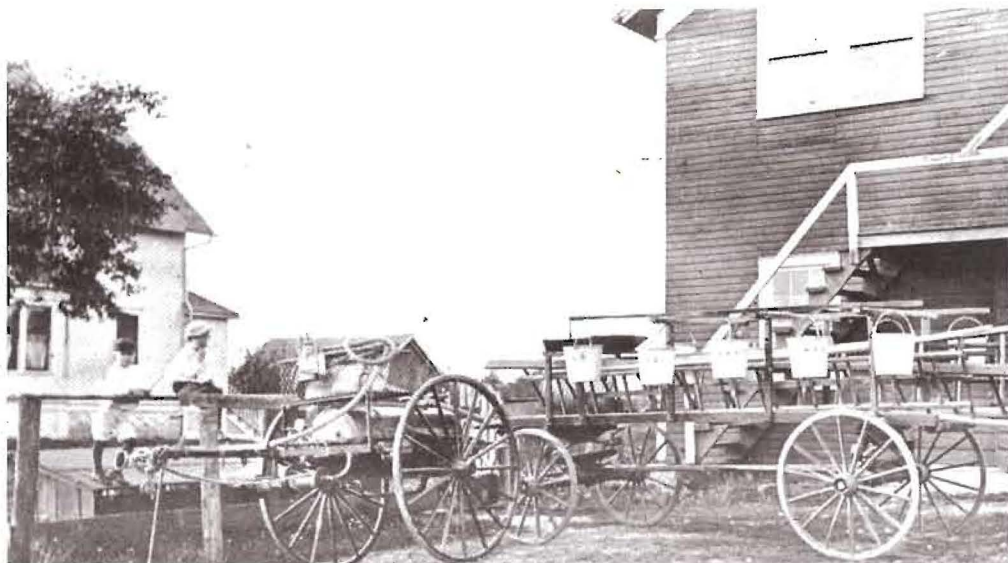
On September 27, 1959, one of the first dances sponsored by the Fire Department was held to celebrate the new 1959 fire truck delivered on July 26th. The music was by the Jolly Musicians, a home town group consisting of Harry Olp, Robert Pischke, Karl Ihlenfeldt, Carl Hagenow, Paul Falck, James Falck, Paul Krueger and Howard Klug.

In August, 1961 an 8 x 8 x 8 walk-in cooler was built onto the Evergreen Ballroom. In July 1964, a 16 x 54 ft outside bar was completed.

In the summer of 1966 the inside of the Evergreen Ballroom was completely remodeled. Paneling was added to the walls and the bar room was completely changed. In 1970 a building was brought up from Zion Lutheran Church that was used as the kitchen during picnics.

In September 1971 the name Evergreen Ballroom was changed to Morrison Firemen's Hall. In October 1971 the meeting room at the fire house was remodeled. Insulation, paneling, paint and new lighting were added.

In October 1973, it was voted by the Department to add on to the Fireman's Hall. Indoor restrooms along with a meeting room and a small addition to the main bar were to be added. This project was completed one year later with the first Firemen's meeting held on October 7, 1974.



*Morrison's first Fire Department Equipment. It was housed at the home of Helmuth Ihlenfeldt, Sr. in Morrison in his workshop and in Edwin Groth's harness shop. Edward Sr. and Helmuth Ihlenfeldt, Jr. are on the picture, dated around 1910. Unit 1 is the 60 gallon chemical fire engine, charged with acid & soda to pressurize the water. Unit 2 is a horse-drawn book & ladder wagon.*

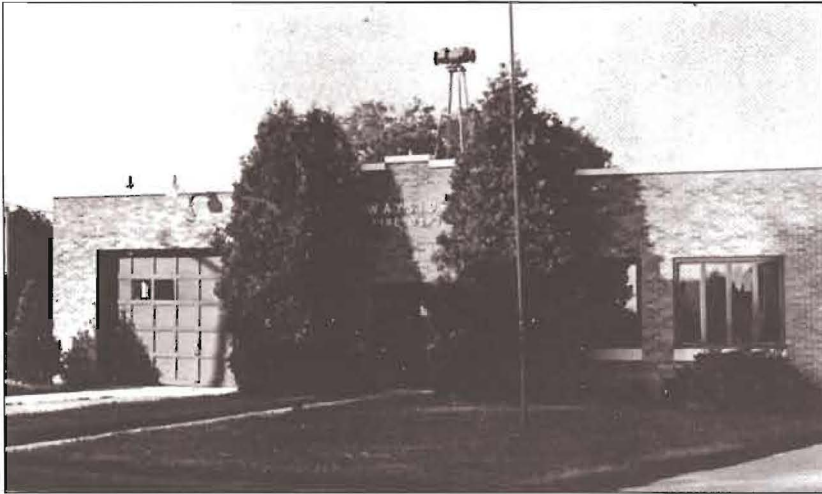
## **Fire Chiefs & Officers**

The following men have served as fire chief: Wm. H. Behl (1905-1925); Al Falck (1925-1936); Ed A. Quinnette (1936-1940); Clarence Schwartz (1940-1954); Karl Falck (1954-1957); Rudy Falck (1958-1971); Arwed Uecker (1972-1986); Robert Pischke (1986-2004)

2005 Officers are: Bill Lasee, Fire Chief; Dan Uecker, Assistant Fire Chief; Robert Pischke, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; Paul Cappelle, Treasurer; Kerry Ambrose, Secretary.



# Wayside Fire Department



*Old Wayside Fire Department*

## History & Locations

The Wayside Fire Department was organized in 1898 and incorporated in 1900. The first equipment was stored in a fire station which was located just west of what is now the bowling alleys.

In 1901 the department joined the Eastern Wisconsin Firemen's Association. In 1906 the fire department purchased land from George Frosch southeast of what is now Pro Insulation. In 1909 they moved a warehouse building to the location that they bought from Dennis Brenann. A foundation was built and the building was improved by sheeting and plastering the inside. A 6-inch well was drilled inside the fire house. This building (currently torn down) served as Wayside's Fire Station until the construction of a "new" fire house and meeting room in 1958. The location of this new fire house was right next door on, the former site of the Wayside (Dreamland) Theatre.

Today the Wayside Volunteer Fire Department has a newly built fire and meeting house. It is on the same property as the Fireman's Park in Wayside on Hwy G and was completed in November of 2004. The "old" firehouse is currently for sale.

## Equipment

The first equipment was a horse-drawn hook and ladder wagon with fire buckets. In 1901 a wooden hand pumper was purchased and this served the community for many years. In 1902 a hose cart was purchased to

supplement the pumper. About this time a bell tower, complete with fire bell was erected. In May, 1903, the minutes of a meeting show that the department authorized the construction of a well and two cisterns to hold water for fire protection.

In 1917 a new hook and ladder wagon with two chemical tanks was purchased from the Prospect Mfg. Co. at a cost of \$400.00. In 1918 another fire cistern was constructed.

A Chevrolet fire truck with three 30 gallon chemical tanks was purchased in 1923. In 1931 a Studebaker fire truck with a 350 gpm rotary pump was purchased from the W.S. Nott Co. This truck was replaced in 1951 by a Chevrolet 2 ton truck with a 500 gpm piston pump purchased from the Howe Fire Equipment Co.

Between 1958-1970 the fire department had a used Chevrolet truck with a tank to haul water. In 1971 a new Chevrolet 1500 gallon tank water truck with a mounted pump was purchased. In 1972 a second 1,000 gallon tank truck was bought. In 1978 a fully equipped Chevrolet truck with a Pierce Mini Pumper was added and radios for the three trucks for contacting Brown County Police if extra assistance is needed.

## Current fire equipment used is:

- 1976 - Mini Pumper
- 1988 - Pumper
- 1994 - Equipment Van
- 1998 - 3000 gallon Tanker
- 2000 - 4000 gallon Tanker



*New Wayside Volunteer Fire Department*



# *Wayside Fire Department*

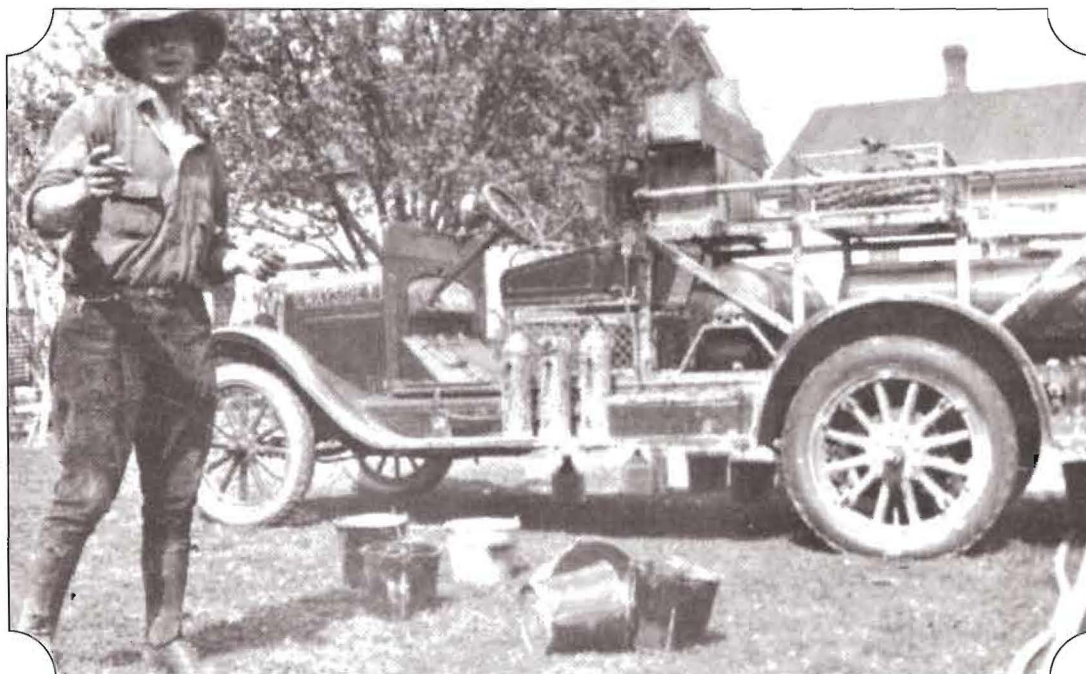
## **Fireman's Picnics**

Some of the early firemen picnics were held at Natzke's woods, just north of Hwy W (former Hwy 32) between the present Natzke farm and Vic Laab's farm. During the depression years of 1932 to 1934 the Wayside Fire Department purchased land, with the help of the WPA labor built a beautiful park, east of town on Hwy G. The fire department and churches have used this park for their annual picnics since 1934 and on summer weekends it is in demand for family reunions, outings and weddings. In 1978 6 additional acres were acquired for parking ground and other functions (i.e. the Rough Rider's Horse Show).

## **Fire Chiefs & Officers**

Fire chiefs who have served the department in the past are Tom Monahan, F.W. Pingel, Geroge Frosch, Hugo Hill, Tom De Wane, Otto Neuman, Wm Adder, Anton Nesper, Art Wendland, Len Shimek, A.A. Blauert, Wm. Brockman, Wm. Herold, Riney Kocian, Ray Siebert and Ron Kocian.

2005 Officers are: John Stradel, Fire Chief; Brian Kocian, Assistant Fire Chief; Joel Nies, President; Jeff Kocian, Vice President; Kevin Burke, Treasurer; Dan Vercauteren, Secretary.



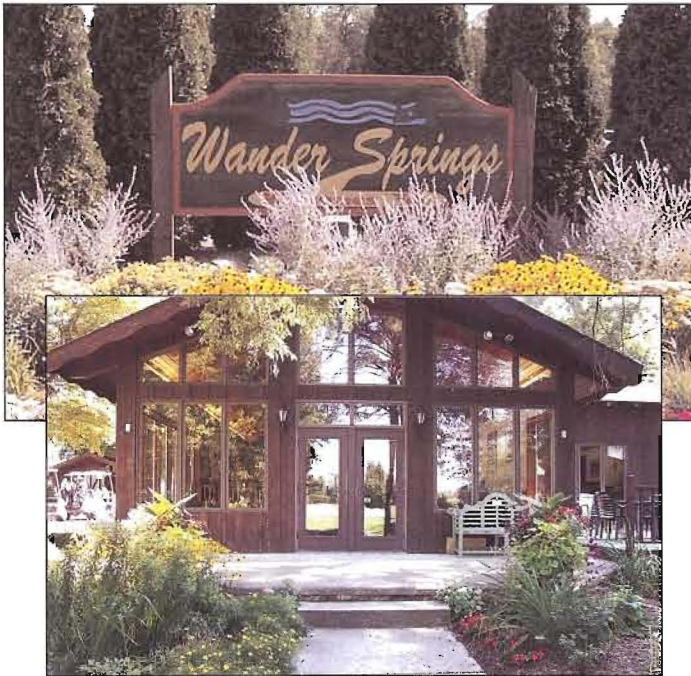
*George Neumann with Wayside Fire Department Truck.*



# *Township Businesses*

**PAT'S QUALITY AUTO BODY** is now located in the building that was once the home of the Morrison Garage. Pat McGuire purchased the building in 2002, and has been working on restoring it. Currently they are operating a part-time body shop, and will soon have a full service auto body shop along with car sales. Located on Hwy W in Morrison.

**MORRISON PALLET INC.** owned and operated by John R. Schuster, Sandra Schuster, and John T. Schuster. They have been in business approximately 28 years, manufacturing new, used and repaired pallets. They are located on Hill Road.



**WANDER SPRINGS** was the creation of Bob and Lavern Brandt. Families also included in the creation were Julie and Dale Casper. It was sculpted out of the original Brockmann, Reidy, Natzke and Bouchardt Farms. A carving left in a tree near the 1st nine of the Springs Course, became the namesake of the course: "Wandering Springs, William Bockmann, 1938". The Spring 9 opened in 1987, followed by the Garden course in 1991 and the River course in 1997. Wander Springs now boasts 27 holes nestled around glacial spring feed streams and ponds. There is also a club house and pro shop that reflect the rustic

German heritage of the area. In 2001, the Brandt's sold the course to Tom Theisen, who currently owns it today. They have a grill that features an extensive menu, and offer Friday night Fish Fries. Wander Springs is located east of Wayside, on Wayside Road.



## **BRANCH RIVER TROUT HATCHERY AND VINEYARD**

Owned and operated by Steve and Andrea DeBaker, this licensed fish hatchery, plant nursery, and winery is operated under the Branch River Farms umbrella. The DeBaker's have been selling and raising trout for commercial kitchens, and private ponds for 23 years. The first vineyard plantings were established in 1995. More information can be found at [www.troutspringswinery.com](http://www.troutspringswinery.com). They are located at 8150 River Road, East of Wayside.



# ***Township Businesses***



**STONEY CREEK FARMS** a greenhouse owned by Donna Etling, started over 13 years ago. The green house specializes in unique and unusual containers, and pre-planted planters. Donna's husband Jim's specialty, hand crafted twig containers, adds to the greenhouses offering. They are located on Stone Road, at 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Wayside Road.



## **CHRISTENSEN MILLS, INC.**

Owned and operated by Todd and Don Christensen. Family owned by the Christensen's since 1970. (Sanger Sawmill prior to that - see Land Clearing and Lumbering Section). There are currently 27 full and part time employees, processing between 35,000 and 55,000 board feet of lumber daily. The lumber is produced for the pallet industry, using the parts for pallets, boxes, skids and crates. They are located at 3993 Mill Road.

**COUNTRY CROSSROADS BP** Providing high quality Amoco fuels, beer, soda, lottery and convenience grocery items. This business was founded in 2001 by Tom and Connie Soderlund. It serves the rural area north of Morrison on Highway W.



**CINDY'S CAFÉ**, attached to Country Crossroads BP, Cindy's Café, is owned and operated by Cindy and Ron Beyer and children. Established in 2003, Cindy's menu's range from breakfast to full meals. Homemade breads and rolls are one of the many specialties you'll find there.



## **EVERGREEN BAR**

is operated by Dave Van Pay and the building and property is owned by Paul Quinnette. Closed as a tavern for several years after the Morrison Fire Dept owned it, Paul purchased the business in November '99. He ran it until October 2004 when Dave Van Pay began leasing and running the establishment. See pages 35 and 36 in the Morrison Fire Dept information for more historical details on this business.



# *Township Businesses*



## **WAYSIDE PARKVIEW ESTATES**

Parkview Estates serves as a tangible expression of God's love by responding to the needs of the elderly in the area. They address the needs of their guests with a full range of quality residential and health care services. Located on Churchview Court, Parkview Estates offers 3 meals, housekeeping and laundry services. There are also community outings, along with social activities planned. Established in 2002, by a variety of local business owners and community members, they are here to serve the area. They are located at 838 Churchview Court in Wayside.

**MEADOWLARK TREE FARM** owned and operated by Jeff and Sally Goffard, specializes in raising specimen shade trees and ornamentals since approximately 1995. They are purposely slow grown without a high fertilizer program, to duplicate the conditions once the tree is moved to its permanent location. They are located 1/2 mile south of Lark on Hwy. G.

**CASHMAN'S AUTOBODY** currently owned and operated by Steve Cashman, since 1989. They specialize in custom painting, and collision restoration, for trucks, tractors and cars. They are located at 6754 Roffers Road.



## **GREENLEAF WAYSIDE BANK**

Greenleaf Wayside Bank has been a proud partner in servicing the financial needs of the community since 1911. Currently there are three offices to service your needs: Greenleaf, Wayside, and Wrightstown.

**[www.greenleafwaysidebank.com](http://www.greenleafwaysidebank.com)** They are located in Wayside on Cty. W.

**LEDGE VIEW CABINETS** opened in 1987 in Lark, by Bob Fritsch. Ledge View Cabinets specializes in kitchen and bathroom cabinets, along with china hutches, entertainment centers, office components, and many varieties of countertops. They are located on Hwy 96.



# *Township Businesses*

## **LAACK CHEESE CO., INC.**

Jeff and Lynn Laack began their cheese operation in the building know as the Morrison Dairy Co-op, in 1986. They currently employ 20 people, servicing over 400 customers. Their customers include grocery and cheese stores, restaurants, pizzerias, supper clubs and other distributors throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. A retail cheese outlet store is located at the plant. Laack's specializes in aged cheddars, cream cheese spreads, cut and shredded cheeses. (see also Early Cheese Factories)



**WAYSIDE LANES** currently owned and operated by Wayne and Cindy Krueger. Other owners have been: Gordon Strenn, 1954-1970 (operated by Riney Kocian), John and Ann Kocken 1970-1985, and Ray and Eunice Krueger (Wayne's parents) 1985-1999. The lanes were updated in 1988 with under-lane ball returns, and in 1999 with automatic scoring. Wayside Lanes is open September through May, with leagues 6 nights a week.

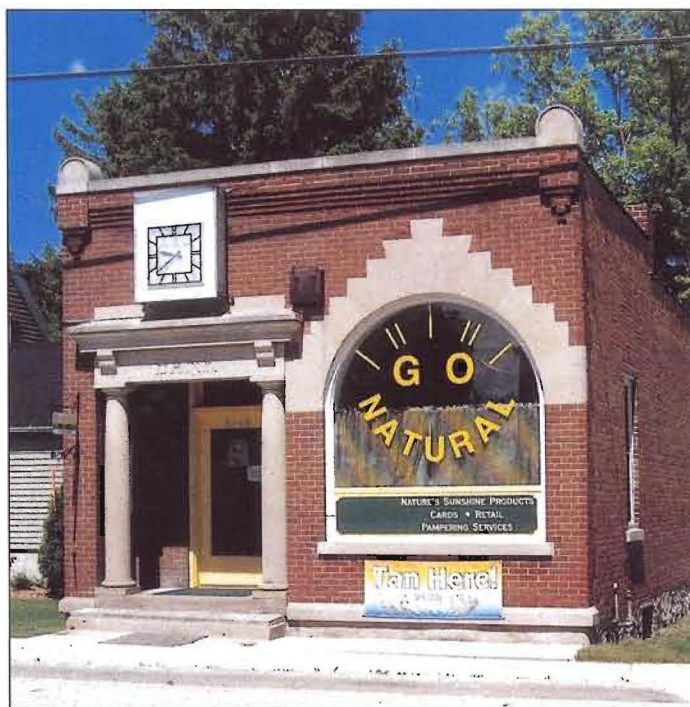
**ZEAMER WELDING** Jamie and Jeff Zeamer started Zeamer Welding in 1994. Employing nine people, they specialize in agricultural welding on-site, and also in their shop.

**WAYSIDE BEAUTY SALON**, open since 1960 is still operated by Mildred Siebert in her home. She employed one other beautician at one time.

**CALF SOURCE LLC.**, located at 3586 Coopers-town Road, was started in 2000. Currently they employ 40 full time people, with Lewis Anderson as the General Manager. They are a custom calf raising operation that raise for 36 different dairies throughout northeastern Wisconsin. They raise calves from day one until they are 6 months.

**LEE LEITERMAN CONSTRUCTION**, owned and operated by Lee Leiterman, specializes in new home construction, remodeling, siding and cabinet making. He is located at 4433 Mill Road.

**NIES CUSTOMER SERVICES, LLC**, owned and operated by Joel and Marilyn Nies. The business was started in 1997. They specialize in barn roofing, and are located at 8122 Morrison Road.



**GO NATURAL** on County Hwy W. is owned and operated by Pam Kocian. Opened in the old Wayside Bank, they specialize in natural health products, tanning, conditioning wraps, greeting cards and small gifts. Pam is also trained in relaxation massages.



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**RON KOCIAN EXCAVATING** started in 1975 at 7637 River Road. Ron was originally involved in the road building of the area. He has done excavating work for farmers, businesses and private home-owners for over 30 years. Ron is currently the Town Constable.

**STRADEL'S ARTISTIC STUDIOS**, founded in 1923 by J.J. Stradel, as a family business, currently is owned and operated by Joel and Cheryl Stradel. Over the years the business has seen many changes. Years ago most projects were just cleaning, painting and decorating. Now they have evolved into a general contract mode that includes things such as carpentry, lighting, tiling, carpeting and hardwood floor installation. Along with that is the sale and installation of church pews. They have expanded to renovate churches not only in Wisconsin, but also MN, IA, IL and Upper MI. They are located at 3637 Man-Cal Road.

**QUIET CREST FARMS** owned and operated by Lori and Jim Clevon, raise newborn to 6 month old calves. They currently have 6 employees and are located on Holly-Mor Road.

**ADOLPH ROEHRIG TRUCKING** moved to the town of Morrison in 1961, and settled at 7919 Morrison Road. Adolph started his trucking business in 1953. He has received a certificate from the state for 50 years of safe and outstanding trucking. He currently hauls gravel and other material for local farmers and businesses.

**TISLER TRUCKING LLC.**, started in 2000, is currently owned and operated by Mike and Patti Schenian. In addition they employ 4 other people who help make up their excavating and hauling business. They specialize in hauling sand, gravel, topsoil, decorative stone, and blacktop. They also do some snow removal for the township.

**NPS INSURANCE** started in 2002, Carrie Nohr wants to meet all of your insurance needs. Carrie along with two other agents, under the

umbrella of Nohr's Professional Services provides insurance for auto, home, commercial, renters, business, life, and health. They pride themselves in honesty and integrity.

[www.nohrprofessional services.com](http://www.nohrprofessional services.com)



**PAUL'S TRAILER & RV CENTER** is owned and operated by Paul Quinnette and Jeff Gibbons. Paul reopened the former Quinnette's Trailer & RV in late 1997 and it has been thriving in business ever since. They offer sales of trailers, RVs, Uhaul rental and a full service department among other things in this business. They are on track to have a record year. See page 17 in the Morrison Hamlet information for more historical details on this business.

**PIONEER BUILDERS LLC.** owned and operated by Brian Kocian, specializes in home building and home remodeling. It was started in 2001.



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**MORRISON VEAL LLC.**, located on Morrison Road, south of Morrison, has over 1000 calves. Owned and operated by Neal Zastrow and Gary Leick, they were one of the first barns to go onto liquid feed for white clover. Today they have five employees including Dale Pantzlaff who manages the operation. The business was started in 1987. An affiliated business with Morrison Veal is Quality Veal, owned by the above-mentioned Neal, Gary, and Dale, and also Dave Dubois. They specialize in a labor lease agreement by housing calves in other barns.



**CEDAR SIDE SALON** is a fairly new business in the Town of Morrison. Located at 3668 Wayside road in the home of Jeff and Kathy Gibbons, Cedar Side Salon opened for clients in 2004. Business is thriving as Kathy has 2 part-time cosmetologists and is looking for another full time beautician to join her staff. Cedar Side Salon is a full service hair and nail salon, in business to meet the needs of the community and surrounding area. Originally from Georgia, Kathy has planted her roots in this area and is happy to bring her 25 years of experience as a beautician to Wayside.

**DEGREEF ENDS HERE** is currently owned by Gary and Kris DeGreef. They purchased the business in March 1992 and it has grown it into a thriving part of this community. Located in Wayside this tavern and restaurant has become known throughout the area for their great burgers and Friday Fish Fries. See page 20 in the Wayside Hamlet information for more historical details on this business.



**R & R SALES & SERVICE** is full service garage and vehicle sales operation serving our community since 1971. For more historical information on R & R Sales & Service, see page 23 in the Wayside Hamlet section of this book.

**PRO INSULATION** is owned and operated by Stacey and Rebecca Propson. Once ThermPro Insulation, the business started as a partnership and has grown to sole ownership today. The business focuses mainly on new construction serving the areas as far south as Milwaukee and as far north as Egg Harbor in Door County. There are 6 full time employees and some seasonal help during the warmer months when building season is at its peak. For historical information on the building Pro Insulation now occupies, see page 21 in the Wayside Hamlet section.



# Township Organizations

## ROUGH RIDERS SADDLE CLUB



Sylvan and Nancy Stahl and Jane and Don Kalies had an idea to start a riding club in the area. The two couples rode together often.

Near the Kalies' new neighbors had moved in from Green Bay, originally from South Dakota. These folks also owned a horse, a saddle bred mare. These new residents were Chuck and Edna Isley and their three little boys.

Jane and Don knew that in Wayside there were some people called Kiekhaefer and they too had horses. Their son Jim had a Palomino mare.

By the end of that Sunday afternoon lawn party a list of "Horse People" had been completed. People who would be interested in forming a riding club. The very next evening stops were made at the Kiekhaefers and Isleys. Both families thought it was a good idea and worth a try.

The interest grew, and at the first meeting Hubert Kiekhaefer was appointed chairman. He explained to the group of 30 horse loving people the purpose of organizing a riding club was to promote saddle riding and help promote interest and encourage people to take part in saddle riding activities. An organizing committee was chosen that evening consisting of Chuck Isley, Don Kalies, Hubert Kiekhaefer, Sylvan Stahl and Gil Wendland. These 5 met on their own and nominated officers for this new club.

The next meeting was held on July 20 and the first officers were elected. They also discussed possible names for the club. Nominations made were Rough Riders, Boots and Saddle and Star Riders. Rough Riders, suggested by Delton Sense, was the winner.

On September 21, 1959 the club discussed the club colors and voted on Turquoise and White. The mem-

bership dues were set at \$1.00 for adults and .50 for children 12 and under.

It was decided to hold a horse show in conjunction with the Wayside-Morrison Lions Club Chicken Barbecue. They also decided to ride in the Brillion parade on August 8. They ended the year by riding in the Reedsville Homecoming parade October 24, 1959 and sponsoring a dance at Kubales' Hall in Reedsville.

In 1961 the club had a contest to name the club newsletter. La Verne Hennessey submitted the winning entry. It was named "*The Rough Riders Roundup*".

The club continues to grow and now has over 200 members with more joining almost every meeting. It consists of 4 generations of horse lovers. We have trail rides, campouts and hayrides. Our annual Horse Show is the end of August, and there's a Fun Show in September for club members only with classes for all ages. And we also ride in parades. We contribute to the local charities and organizations. We award the "Don Kalies Outstanding Youth Award" at our year-end party, the Jamboree. It is a very family oriented club with children of all ages welcome at every activity.





# ***Township Organizations***

## **4-H CLUBS**

### **What is 4-H?**

The 4 Hs in the 4-H Club stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The main event for the 4-H Clubs in our area is the Brown County Fair. Fundraisers like "Booyah Fest" and summer cookouts collect money for attendance and support of the activities at the fair. In addition, the 4-H groups do some community service as well. The Morrison 4-H, for example, arrange cookie & muffin bags to hand out to the elderly, organizes and runs a children's Halloween Party and participates in the Hunter's Safety programs.

### **The History of 4-H in the Town of Morrison**

1939 is the first year in which there is a record of a 4-H club in this township. It was called the Kitchen Kettler's 4-H Club and had 11 members. The same club operated in 1940 also. Beatrice Ohlrogge was the leader.

In 1941 and 1942 there were no 4-H clubs in the Town of Morrison. Then in 1943 there was again 4-H activity in the township when a club in Wayside formed with 20 members. Mr. B.E. Dobberpuhl was the leader. The Morrison club was also reactivated in 1943 under the leadership of Lyla Treichel and Ruth Rosenbaum.

In 1944 girls and boys separated in the Morrison 4-H Club but were joined again in 1945 with Mrs. Elmer Eichhorst, Mrs. Reinhardt Treichel and Mr. Elton Sonnabend as leaders. In 1946 Mrs. Robert Falck led the Morrison Club and Mrs. Alfred Hafeman joined the leaders in the Wayside Club.

The Morrison 4-H Club has remained strong ever since. The Wayside 4-H Club remained strong alone until the mid-1980's when it joined with the Glenmore 4-H Club to form the Glenmore-Wayside 4-H Club.

In 1950 the Stark Shamrocks were organized under the leadership of Mrs. Jerome Kane and operated until 1951 when the club disbanded.

### **Morrison 4-H**

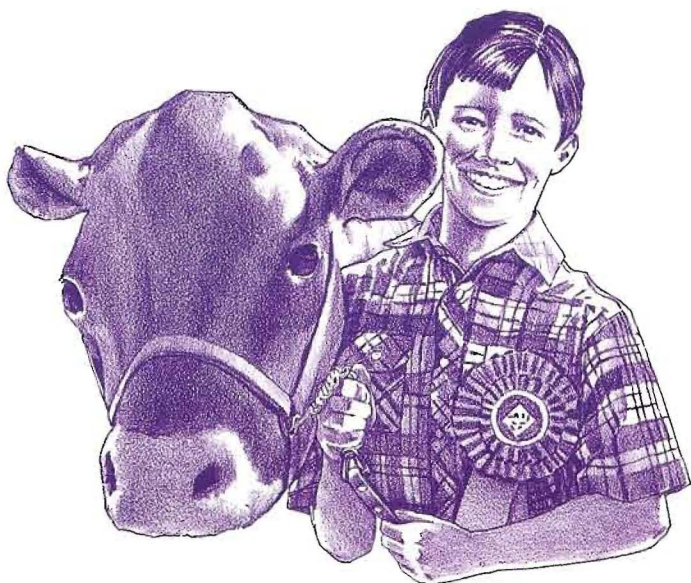
In 1980 the Morrison 4-H Club had 72 members and participated in many of the same activities the current members do. They were active in local affairs, dairy judging and herdsmanship, and cleaning and raking the Firemen's Hall grounds each spring.

Past leaders of the Morrison Club include, but are not limited to; Mrs. Elmer Eichhorst, Mrs. Robert Falck, Franklin and Grace Falck, Ray and Margaret Wendt, Eleanor Nickel, Doris Klug, Hollie Borths and Barbara Pischke. The Morrison 4-H Club is still going strong with 60 members currently. Current advisors are Mary Johns and Betty Rosenbaum. Rocky Rosenbaum is the President.

### **Wayside 4-H**

The 1980 Wayside 4-H Club had 43 members and was active in many community affairs, including the Brown County Fair. They were the proud possessors of the Herdsmanship Trophy for 2 years prior.

Some of the former leaders of the Wayside Club were Mrs. Al Hafeman, Mrs. Walter Hafeman, Mrs. Ed Roeske, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kiekhaefer, Rev. Schedler and Mrs. Orville Otto. Approximately 15-20 years ago, the Wayside 4-H Club joined with Glenmore and formed the Glenmore-Wayside 4-H Club.





# ***Township Organizations***

## ***The Wayside-Morrison Lions Club***

**The Wayside-Morrison Lions Club** was sponsored by the Reedsville Lions Club and held its charter night dinner at Kubsch's Hall in Kellnersville on May 14, 1951. The first club officers were Clarence Schwartz, President; Harold Meser, Secretary; Karl Falck, Treasurer; Norbert Griepentrog, Lion Tamer; Lloyd Humblet, Tail Twister; Wm. Herold, 1st Vice President; Al Falck, 2nd Vice President; Herbert Falck, 3rd Vice President; Directors were Ed Roeske, Robert Falck, Riney Kocian and Reine Siebert. Other charter members were Armin Blauert, Wm Daley, Len Detrie, Rudolph Falck, Sylvester Fels, Alvin Nickel, Joseph Pfeffer, Donald Quinnette and E.A. Quinnette.

The Lions' motto is "We Serve" and that is exactly what they do each year. The Lions raise money through fundraisers to support those in need both in our community and throughout Wisconsin. Annual events have included a chicken bar-b-q at the Rough Riders horse show, the golf outing held at Wander Springs Golf Course, and offer chicken booyah and hamburgers at community events. The largest fundraisers of the year currently are the Harley Raffle held in the fall and Branson North held in the Spring.

The money raised by the Way-Morr Lions goes to a variety of charities and needy community members. From a child in the township that needs special medical treatment, to building a wheelchair ramp, to donating money to the camp for the blind, run by the Lions of Wisconsin, the money is raised only to be spent on those in need.

In addition to fundraising and donation activities, the Way-Morr Lions also support the community in other ways. Music in the Park, organized by Jeff Goffard, has become a pleasant community event in the summertime. Held at Way-Morr Park, a variety of live music is provided for entertainment and an ice cream social at no charge (supported by the Way-Morr Lions and community donations). Hamburgers, Hotdogs and other amenities are served by the Way-Morr Youth Sports group as a fundraiser.

One of the club's members, Lion Ellsworth "Zeke" Hart, served as District Governor of District 27-B for the

1961-1962 Lions year. He represented the district at the International Lions Convention in Paris, France. The Way-Morr Lions have attended every state convention that was held at various sites throughout the state and usually a float was entered in the Lions Parade.

In 1980, five charter members were still active members of the Lions club. Today there is just one, Karl Falck. Today's club is one of the strongest in years with 32 active Lions members.



### **Way-Morr Park**

This is one of Brown County's most beautiful parks in a natural setting with the Branch River flowing through and an artesian well running year round. It's a family oriented park with a variety of playground equipment, complete picnic facilities, tennis courts, two baseball diamonds and horseshoe pits.

In 1958 groundwork was laid for the establishment of Way-Morr Park. An option was taken to buy the land (9 1/2 acres) which was surveyed and finally purchased, mutually by the club and Brown County. Over the years the park has grown to 32 acres owned by Brown County and 1 acre owned by the Way-Morr Lions Club. Land was purchased from Fred Otto for \$300.00 per acre.

In the fall of 1958, the Town Hall had to be moved to a club donated site across Hwy G and the Lions completed the purchase and installation of the first shelter house on park property.



# Township Organizations

## The Wayside-Morrison Lions Club

In the following years, many improvements were made to Way-Morr Park with rake, shovel and sweat by the Way-Morr Lions. Way-Morr Park was dedicated and opened to the public with a dedication service and public picnic on June 11, 1961.

In 1962 the club constructed an enclosed 26' x 42' shelter house. The building has a stone fireplace and was constructed of cement block and a wood frame. All the work that fell in the capabilities of the members was provided by the club. The shelter was constructed entirely by club members.

The newest shelter house was built in 1969 and provides ample space for meetings and family reunions. On August 8, 1977 an open shelter was dedicated to the memory of all the deceased members who so faithfully upheld the motto of Lionism - *"We Serve"*.

In 1989 the County installed the new playground with the help from the Way-Morr Lions. New plans for the park include installing a new (possibly covered) bridge, a new shelter, a gazebo and a basketball court.

### Presidents of the Wayside-Morrison Lions Club

1. Clarence Schwartz	1951-1952	19. Earl Treichel	1969-1970	37. Art Heinz	1987-1988
2. Alfred J. Falck	1952-1953	20. Raymond Siebert	1970-1971	38. Ron Kocian	1988-1989
3. Herbert Falck	1953-1954	21. Herbert Treichel	1971-1972	39. Neal Zastrow	1989-1990
4. Reinhard W. Siebert	1954-1955	22. Elroy Lemke	1972-1973	40. Bob Schlender	1990-1991
5. Edward A. Quinnette	1955-1956	23. Franklin Falck	1973-1974	41. Gary Leick	1991-1992
6. Robert P. Falck	1956-1957	24. Milton Treichel	1974-1975	42. Alan Lasee	1992-1993
7. Harold J. Messer	1957-1958	25. Marvin Klug	1975-1976	43. Lloyd Beyer	1993-1994
8. Ellsworth Hart	1958-1959	26. Leo Christel	1976-1977	44. Ray Siebert	1994-1995
9. Hubert Kiekhaefer	1959-1960	27. Sylvester Fels	1977-1978	45. Dan Natzke	1995-1996
10. Helmuth Lemke	1960-1961	28. Ronald Kiekhaefer	1978-1979	46. Marvin Zeamer	1996-1997
11. Bernard Kane	1961-1962	29. Frederick Natzke	1979-1980	47. Ervin Kerkhoff	1997-1998
12. Karl W. Falck	1962-1963	30. Donald Gibbons	1980-1981	48. Ray Siebert	1998-1999
13. Robert J. Zirbel	1963-1964	31. Melvin Loppnow	1981-1982	49. Gary DeGreef	1999-2000
14. Harvey Zahn	1964-1965	32. Virgil Kalies	1982-1983	50. Cliff Hammond	2000-2001
15. Lloyd Humblet	1965-1966	33. Myron Kaster	1983-1984	51. Jim Blashka	2001-2002
16. Elmer Eichhorst	1966-1967	34. Elmer Treichel	1984-1985	52. Stacey Propson	2002-2003
17. Edwin Roeske	1967-1968	35. Ervin Kerkhoff	1985-1986	53. Jeff Goffard	2003-2004
18. Alvin Wegner	1968-1969	36. Roger Kasten	1986-1987	54. Lloyd Lemke	2004-2005





# Township Organizations

## Clubs

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## Band



### MODERNETTES

The Modernettes Homemakers Club was organized in 1965. Their motto is *"Preservation and Improvement of*

*Home and Community Life"*. Currently there are approximately a half a dozen members who meet regularly. They are involved in making baby blankets for teen parents. They also have made cancer caps for local hospitals. At Christmas time they choose a local family in need to support. The Modernettes attend community and cultural events as a group.

### MORRISON AND WAYSIDE HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

Per the information gathered, both of these clubs have disbanded since the printing of the 1980 Town of Morrison booklet.

### WAYSIDE-MORRISON CONCERT BAND

Started for the 100-year celebration back in 1955, this band has been together now over 50 years. It was the idea of Gilford and Ernst Siebert to have a band for the celebration, and it has continued from there. Today there are around 17-18 members at any time from the local, and not so local areas. At one time the band boasted over 35 members. Today for an event you might see about 12 to 15 musicians show up. Many members don't live in the Wayside, Morrison area, but have some tie to the area, and a love for playing music. The band practices 3 to 4 times a year, and performs for local events, parades and have even played at the last two "Breakfast on the Farms".

There is no band leader per say, but Carl Hagenow will help you out with getting things together. He has been with the band since its inception. Jay Stradel also helps Carl with the calling and arranging of events. This year they will be playing at the 2005 celebration.



# ***Township Celebrations Past and Present***

## **1955 CELEBRATION**

Historically it was a year to be remembered. This was the year when the people of the community were enjoying the privilege of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the hamlet of Morrison and the township.

The proposed anniversary celebration started out as a modest beginning, but then developed into the largest celebration the community had ever held to that date. The Wayside-Morrison Lion's Club was a big part of the sponsorship. Queens were selected, both old-time and modern, along with attendants in waiting. A coronation ball was held on September 11th, with crowning ceremonies included. Old-fashioned attire had fast become the uniform of the day. Beards of all descriptions adorned the faces of those able to grow them.

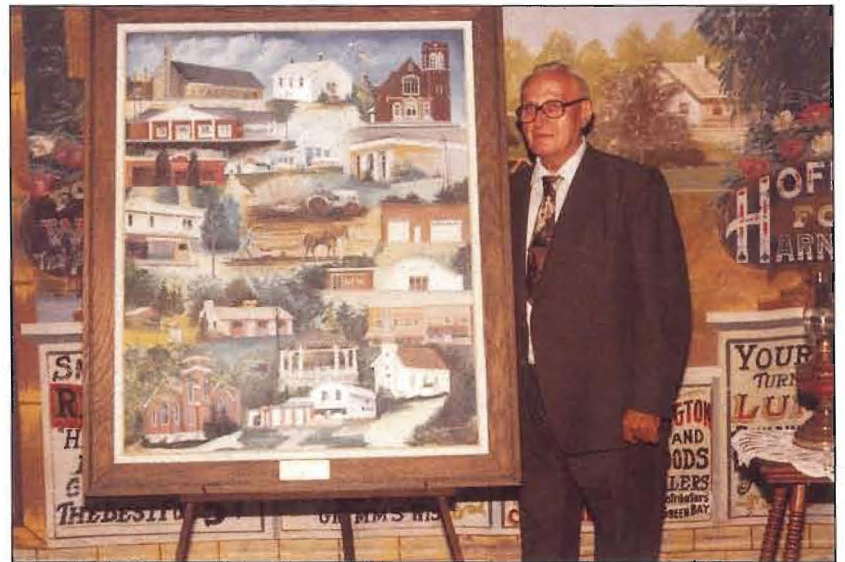
September 18th, the day of the celebration was sunny and warm. Preparations for this "Our Centennial" came together, and over 17,000 people lined the parade route for the 12:30 parade. Eighty-eight units passed through the parade depicting horse and buggy days of the past. Quartets and concert bands entertained the crowds throughout the day. A beard-judging contest was swamped with competitors. Dancing to both old-time and modern music capped the festivities. The thought of the day was "May it always remain in your memory".

## **1980 CELEBRATION**

After months of planning, the town of Morrison celebrated its 125th year celebration in grand style. The celebration started with a 125th anniversary coronation banquet and style show, which was held at Van Abel's on September 3rd. Ron Kiekhaefer was the Master of Ceremonies. The banquet, attended by over 450 people, started with the selecting of Lori Daley as the queen. Princesses, Debbie Bruegge and Elaine Loppnow were also selected, along with a 125th Anniversary couple, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Falck. A fashion show, entitled "Down Memory Lane", featured fashions dating back to as early as 1850.

On Sunday, September 14th, a parade started off the festivities at noon. Various antique vehicles, floats, and marching bands treated the crowd that attended. Along with a parade, a Beard Contest was held, in which 52 people participated. In the afternoon, the Wayside-Morrison concert band played. Later in the evening the Don Schlies Orchestra provided music for dancing. Throughout the day people could walk through an exhibit in the firemen's hall that showed displays of soap making, spinning, quilting, and candle making. Some of the clothing from the fashion show was also there.

To commemorate the celebration a book "the Township of Morrison 1855-1980" was on sale. The book cover was a mural painting of the area, done by J.J. Stradel. It was also announced in the paper that plenty of TV's would be on hand to be able to watch the Packers play that day.



*J.J. Stradel with Composite Picture he painted for celebration.*



# ***Township Celebrations Past and Present Past Celebrations***



*Top Left: Karl Falck picture with Molley Gaterman on front porch.*

*Center: Queen of Morrison - Lori Daley*

*Rest of Picture: Parade festivities*



# 2005 Celebration

The celebration is to be held on August 6th, 2005 with various events throughout the day.

A Beard Growing Contest will be held! Registration took place February 20th at the Wayside Fire Departments Winterfest. Seventeen men entered the contest, and the area beauticians will be judging. Beards are to be judged on: best groomed and most creative.

Other events throughout the day include: a horseshoe tournament, a time capsule to be buried, and a Parade that will feature the 1820's - 1840's Wagon train and many more entries. Entertainment throughout the day will be the Dorf Kapelle Band, the Wayside Morrison Concert Band, and a D.J. in the evening. Booyah, along with hamburgers and brats will be served to top off the day.

The Town of Morrison Queen, Kayla Guns will be crowned. The following is an excerpt from Kayla's winning essay:

*"Living in a small community has given me several opportunities that many of my friends that live in town don't get to experience. Some of these opportunities were simply a lot of fun, such as riding 4-wheelers or snowmobiles in the open fields, walking out the back door and into the woods, or sitting by a campfire in the backyard. Other opportunities were hard work, that taught me responsibility such as picking stones, or milking cows. One other opportunity I had was to attend a small school in Wayside, which has given me many friends and fond memories. I think this is a great opportunity to represent Morrison, to everyone who will be attending the Sesquicentennial, in a way that will show them the kind people that live here."*

We would like to give a big thanks to the three people who have worked so hard to put this celebration together: Jenny Wasmuth, Julie Ossmann and Bruce Krahn. A special thanks to other members of our township who have helped: Kevin Burke, Bob Fritsch, Dan Uecker, Bill Lasee, Rick and Betty Rosenbaum, Art and Marlene Schultz, Colleen Magley, Jay Stradel, Alvin Beyer, Dennis "Spiker" Eichorst, Tom "Tucker" Kocian, and any others we may have forgotten.

This celebration booklet will also be for sale to commemorate the 2005 celebration. It was written and researched by Rebecca Propson and Kim Gillett.

The new Town of Morrison Flag will be unveiled in its true form at the festival. Ron and Bev Kiekhaefer designed the flag. Here is the meaning behind the design:

The colors red, green and white are colors from the flag of Ireland, and represent the early Irish settlers of our township. The colors black, red and gold are from the flag of Germany and represent the early Germany settlers. The colors were chosen to honor those hardy pioneers.

The open crown on the shield is the traditional heraldic emblem for a municipal government. It is colored gold to symbolize the wealth of the land well adapted to agriculture, watered by many creeks and in early years covered by hardwood, pine and cedar.

The cross dividing the areas of the shield symbolizes the churches of our township and their important roll in our history.

The pine trees represent the logging industry that was a major source of employment for early settlers. Sawmills were established and lumbermen joined hands with the farmers in clearing the land.

The cow on the flag represents the dairy industry, which is still important in the township today. The early pioneers' main source of income was from dairy farming. It also represents the cheese factories in the township. At one time there were eight cheese factories in the town that encouraged the farmers to turn their attention to the production of milk.

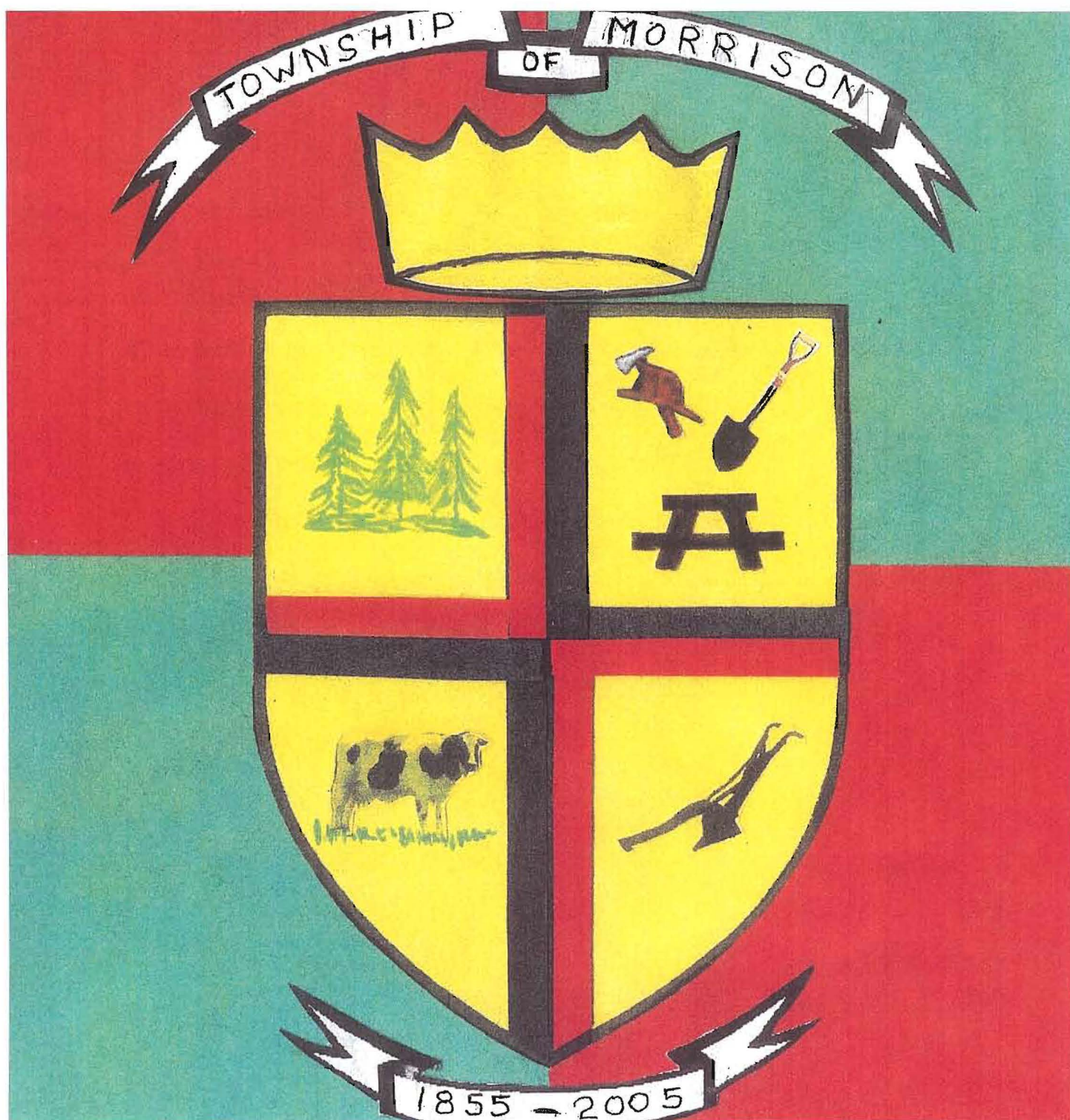
The plow honors pioneer agriculture. It represents early farming and the clearing of the land in the township. The sale of lumber and firewood was an important source of income. The raising of feed crops was of prime importance being raised for sale and also for feed for their animals. Some land was devoted to canning crops such as peas, beans, cucumbers and sweet corn.

In the top right quarter of the shield is a picnic table representing the beautiful landscape of our township and the area of Way-Morr Park, which is a gathering place for residents of the township and for all of Brown County.

There is also a fireman's helmet and axe, which represents all of the service clubs in the township since its establishment. It also recognizes the pioneers and the significant role they have played to mold our community.



# *2005 Celebration*



*Town of Morrison Flag for 2005 designed by Ron and Bev Kiekhaefer.  
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# *Thank You ~ and ~ Dedication*

*We would like to take the time to thank everyone who told us their story, lent us their books, and shared their memories with us to put this booklet together. This booklet was a collage of the past Town of Morrison 1855-1980 booklet with addition of updated information of people, businesses, and events of the past 25 years. We dedicate this book again to the memory of the families and individuals who settled in the township of Morrison since 1855. We thank everyone for their help.*

*Rebecca Dropson  
and Kim Gillett*

