Edgar Organizations

Centennial Committee
Co-chairpersons - Molly Untiedt, Richard Guenther
Treasurer - Bill Fergot

The Centennial Committee held their first meeting on September 17, 1996. For the most part of 1996 the committee spent time "brainstorming" on what they wanted to do for the centennial celebration. The committee talked to people in the community, encouraging them to be a part of the celebration, formed individual committees for various projects and elected officers. Some of the ideas that came about were; ethnic bands playing on every street corner in town, surrey rides, organ grinders with monkeys, etc. Then reality struck! Where do we get the money!

The Village of Edgar provided "seed money" and the committee held a $50.00 drawing. This gave the committee the money they need to start. Businesses in the area were also contacted for donations.

An official logo was selected for our centennial, it appears on our T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, cookbooks, history books and schedules.

The schools were drawn into the spirit of the celebration when members of the committee spoke with teachers and students giving them brief stories of interesting events that took place in Edgar's history. This got the school systems primed and ready to dig into the history of Edgar.

A pictorial postal cancellation stamp has been sketched and will be available to cancel all letters mailed on July 29, 1998, the day Edgar turns 100.

By the year 1998, various service organizations stepped forward to help fulfill some of the projects that were planned. Business people became involved and everyone was discussing what type of clothes they were going to wear for the event. People were checking out garage sales, goodwill stores and attics looking for hats, drapery material and anything else that would make the perfect outfit.

After almost two years of planning, things started falling into place. The following committees were formed for the centennial:

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - Joan Baeseman and Eunice Tess, Co-chairpersons - Allen Huebsch, Treasurer - Dave Guralski, George Schueller, Dewey Schulz, Bill Tess, John & Deb Menacher, Deb Gauerke, Gary Fergot, Dan Merkes, and Ron Hahn.

LOGISTICS COMMITTEE - Rick Schroeder, Vic Schueller, Scott Borchardt.

COOKBOOK COMMITTEE - Jan Thurs, Linda Berens, Sue Schroeder, Mary Knoeck, Kris Guenther, Molly Untiedt.

CRAFT SALE/DEMONSTRATION - Karen Schmidt.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Molly Untiedt, Mary Guralski, Richard Guenther.


CLOTHING MAKERS - Ruth Hall, JoAnne Pelatzke, Sandy Durr, Krystle Knetter.

Edgar Lion’s and Lioness’ Club

The Edgar Lion’s Club was chartered on January 17, 1951. After being organized on December 12, 1950, the Wausau Lion’s Club was the sponsor of this club. The Charter members are as follows:

A. F. Baeseman, S. E. Hutchins, Charles J. Barrett, Rev. Wm. Knoblock, James Beidel, George Maki, Donald Brady, John B. O'Neill, Frank Cartwright, Charles Ramaker, Father O. J. Cramer, Dr. H. A. Schulz, Stanley Gallenberg, M. D. Singkofer, Harold Gohdes,
A. C. Wagner, Raphael Hawley, Dr. H. D. Lasher.

The Edgar Lion's Club fund raising activities through the year are; Homecoming food stand, Texas BBQ, Bowling Tournament, Softball Tournament, Ice-Out Contest, Christmas Tree Sale and Senior Citizen Dinner.

The proceeds from the club's activities go to sponsor the following; scholarships, boy scouts/cub scouts, youth baseball/softball, Camp Rosholt, Leader Dogs, park improvements, SADD/Post Prom, Quest and the Circle of Joy.

Contributions have been made to various community projects such as the Jaws of Life for the fire department.

The Lion's Club motto is: "We Serve."


The Edgar Lions' Club was organized in 1986, with the help of Past District Governor, Adolph Garke of Dorchester. Main organizers were Marge Derby, Marlene Untiedt and Sharon Waara. The club was very active for a number of years and was disbanded in 1995. Al Joswiak was liaison officer.

Edgar Troop 37

Edgar Troop 37 became chartered on September 25, 1930. Its first scoutmaster was Ed Hart and their sponsoring organization was the Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church of Edgar. They had a roster of 19 boys. Charlie Sharpe Jr., one of the original scouts still lives on Beech Street in the same house where he was born. Three fourths of the boys in this original troop served in the military in World War II.

In 1932, Earl Rundle became scoutmaster. Mr. Rundle was the area Phillip's 66 gasoline and fuel oil delivery man.

In 1933, Clarence Plehl was the scoutmaster. He had approximately 15 scouts. Some comments in their log book; "One canoe in good condition. Nine scouts went on a 14 mile hike. During past year troop funds totaled $7.00, of this amount $2.50 was spent for troop equipment, supplies etc. Finished the year with $4.50 balance. Suggestions and recommendations: More moral support is needed."

In 1934 Dr. William W. McNoun became scoutmaster. His comments included; "At present four scouts in uniform two without. Plans are on "foot" to secure new uniforms for all scouts."

For the ten years that followed 1934 there are no written records of the scout troop.

Beginning in 1944 until 1949, Rev. Stricker was scoutmaster. The troop was sponsored by the Sawyer American Legion Post at that time.

1950 to 1951 Lowell Meyers became scoutmaster. He operated a saw mill business at the time. The troop was sponsored by the P.T.A. during this period.

1952 to 1953 George Maki was scoutmaster, he was principal of the Edgar High School. In 1952 the troop was still being sponsored by the P.T.A., the following year the Edgar Lions Club took over sponsorship.

1952 was an exciting year as the troop had its first Eagle Scout in Peter Puchner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Puchner.

1954 to 1955 Calvin Ledbetter was scoutmaster, he was also the village marshal at the time.

1956 to 1959 saw George Fergot as the scoutmaster. It was in 1959 that the name changed from Troop 37 to Troop 437. This was due to the State being divided into districts and the hundred series showed what district a troop belonged to. Rib Mountain was the district which Edgar was in and the four hundred series was given to that district.

So Edgar became Troop 437.

1960 to 1964 Marvin Wulk was scoutmaster. He was the owner and operator of the Wulk's Bowling Alley.
In 1965 Rennie Lindner from Lindner DeLaval, which consisted of supplying and installing farm equipment, became scoutmaster.

1966 Larry Thompson became scoutmaster. Larry was the owner and operator of Thompson Plumbing and Heating. Larry had some experience dealing with the Boy Scouts as his son, Larry Jr. had become an Eagle Scout while the Thompson’s were residing in Wausau.

1967 to 1980 Dave Guralski was scoutmaster. He was a die maker at the James River Co. paper converting plant in Wausau.

Dave recalls; “I became Scoutmaster of Troop 457 at the request of Larry Thompson. I didn’t know too much about scouting, although I was a scout for a short period of time in 1944 and 1945 when Rev. Stricker was the Scoutmaster.”

“I had been a scoutmaster for thirteen years, taking a break in 1978 when Richard Wirkus became the scoutmaster.”

“I ran the troop mostly by myself, but at times had excellent people to help out, such as: Larry Thompson, Harvey Wilhite, Clarence and Danny Durr, Rev. Harvey Jaeger, Vic and George Schueller and Schueller Lumber Co. who provided the troop many times with vehicles and material etc. George was our troop treasurer for 12 years. Danny Durr was one of my former scouts who later became my right hand man.”

“During this time two boys became Eagle Scouts and they were my two sons, Greg in 1974 and Roger in 1976. Roger became the first scout in troop history to win a palm on his Eagle badge, by earning 29 merit badges. Both boys held leadership positions in the troop and also were members of the Order of the Arrow.”

“In 1977 Brent Jaeger became the first scout since the beginning of the troop to win a religious award and it was presented to him in a special ceremony at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church. He was the son of Rev. Harvey and Gloria Jaeger.”

“In the thirteen years, I was with the troop at Camp Tesomas for one week of summer camping which is located near Rhinelander, Wisconsin. For seven summers I had to
acquire a weeks vacation from work to do this each time. We’d also go winter camping at Tesomas on weekends and also winter camping around the Edgar area. Once on a winter campout it rained so much we were forced to leave, because of flooding and another time we camped out in -20 degree weather. Steam came off their sleeping bags reminiscent of cattle in the barn at winter time.”

“Four years we went swimming during the winter months, three or four times a winter, from the YMCA in Wausau to the high school pool in Colby, we would hire Fischer’s bus and then invite the cub and girl scouts to participate. Also for four years we would have rifle safety and target practice in the National Guard Armory, up in their indoor rifle range. Two scouts, Brent Jaeger and Roger Guralski won National Guard Certificates because of their abilities with a rifle. Later on we camped at Fort McCoy, US Army base, staying in the barracks and then for a whole weekend witnessing training activities.”

“I remember a time in the Ackley Forest near Merrill, on a spring campout, and we slept in home-made lean to’s. When I awoke in the morning just inches from my face wood ticks were hatching and crawling all over the place. I moved to another spot real quickly.”

“In 1974 I had the largest number of registered scouts of any troop in Edgar. There were thirty-four registered boys of which there were six groups of brothers.”

Campouts in 1975 and 1976 were held for a weekend on the banks of Scotch Creek. There the scouts built a “monkey bridge” which is a rope bridge. They also held canoe races during these weekends.

During this time the scouts also assisted as a Color Guard at some flag raising ceremonies for high school football games, Memorial Day parades and at the posting of the colors at the new fire station dedication on September 28, 1975.

In 1981 Dave Guralski stopped as scoutmaster but continued his involvement in the troop. He worked in the scouting program as Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman and Committee Member also Neighborhood Commissioner and District Camporee Organizing Member. He continued his involvement for ten years after being scoutmaster.

1981 to 1982 Brian Newman, a former scout became scoutmaster.

1983 to 1984 Henry Jones was scoutmaster. Ending the 1984 with just one boy in the troop.

1985 Leroy Hall became scoutmaster and brought the troop back to a membership of eight boys.

Bruce Kralcik became scoutmaster after Leroy Hall. Bruce remembers the following about his involvement in scouting:

“My start in Scouting began when my son, Josh, was eight years old and became interested in Cub Scouting. We attended the recruiting meeting together. With Josh becoming a Cub Scout and me becoming a committee member. Nancy Lang was his den mother and I served as a helper/planner on the Cub Scout committee. When he was old enough to become a Webelos Scout, I volunteered to be Webelos leader. I served in this capacity for one year, after which Josh joined Troop 437 and I became the new Scoutmaster of Troop 437, succeeding Leroy Hall. At this time, there were five Scouts in the troop; Josh Kralcik, Kevin Borchardt, Kari Karon, Ryan Johnson and Chris Gaffney. We held our weekly meetings in the old Edgar Village Hall, now Weinschenk Consulting. After about a year, I attended the Scoutmaster Training and learned more on what was involved in being a successful Scoutmaster and having an active troop.”

“One of the first things we needed to address was our lack of funds. We had no money in our treasury at the time. The camping gear was, severely outdated and the troop storage area in the Village Hall was a disaster area. With a donation from our chartering organization, the Edgar Lions Club, we bought new tents and we were on our way. Over the years, we established our own fund raisers, which included brat sales at the IGA, wreath sales every Christmas, and our hot turkey sandwich stand at the Edgar carnival.”

One of our goals was to go on a campout every month, rain or shine, hot or cold and we did so with very few exceptions. At times of extremely inclement weather we stayed in the log cabin at the Oak Street Park. On these campouts the boys cooked their own meals and worked on Scouting skills. Our annual week-long camp at Camp Tesomas was the highlight of our camping schedule. Other highlights were the Spring and Fall Camporees, joining troops from the Rib Mt. District in a weekend campout with competitions in campsite building, scout skills, and a traveling trophy being awarded to the best
In my tenure we 'cleaned up' at these events, winning all competitions. We also won several First Aid Meets during this time. My personal achievements during this time were being voted 'Scouter of the Year' in 1988, and 'Scoutmaster of the Year' in 1991, by the Rib Mt. District.

In the summer of 1991, we culminated an intense fund-raising campaign and traveled to Washington, D.C. for a week-long troop expedition. Once there, we camped at Fort Belvoir, an Army base in Virginia. It rained all week! However, being the 'Be Prepared' scouts we were, we carried out our plans and visited the White House, Capital Building, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Monument, the Smithsonian, Lincoln Memorial, and many other interesting sights in our nations capital.

Those traveling to Washington were: Scouts - Josh Kralcik, Jeff Knetter, Kevin and Andy Borchardt, Chris Anderson, Kris Kleinstick, Corey Schedlbauer. Adult scouters - Bruce Kralcik, Dave Guralski, Keith Kleinstick, Becky Schedlbauer and her daughter Cassie. Twelve people traveled over 2000 miles and returned partially sane, riding in a 15 passenger van.

The following summer we again took to the road, this time to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Those going were myself, Asst. Scoutmaster John Knetter and his son Jacob, and scouts - Josh Kralcik, Jeff Knetter, Kris Kleinstick, Andy Borchardt and Jarrod Lamberg. Sights seen were Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, and an exciting day climbing on Devil's Tower in Wyoming. We had very little rain and had a great week.

One of my proudest moments was the night Kris Kleinstick became an Eagle Scout. He was the first to achieve this honor in Edgar in quite a few years and I believe only the fourth or fifth in Troop 437 history, dating back to the 1950's. It took a lot of hard work and determination on his part to earn this great honor. He will be an Eagle Scout for the rest of his life.

I could write a book on my days and years as a Scoutmaster. It brings a tear to my eye to recall all the experiences, both good and not so good, that I've had with Troop 437. But the time comes to move on, and so I was replaced as Scoutmaster by Terry Borchardt in 1993. I will always treasure my times of helping boys become men, teaching outdoor and life skills, how to live by the Scout Law, and most of all how to be the best that you can be, no matter how large or small the task.

The one person who I would like to thank the most, him being only one of the many, many people in the community who helped us be successful, is Dave Guralski. As a former Scoutmaster, he was always there with experienced advice, strident support and true Scout spirit. He was my role model as a Scoutmaster. I'd always heard stories about "when Dave was Scoutmaster" and tried to create memories for my Scouts of "when Bruce was Scoutmaster." I think I've done that.

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEIDENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN AND REVERENT.

"Thank you, Scouting!"


Circle of Joy

The Edgar Circle of Joy was organized in January of 1984. Edgar Packing Beatrice Foods allowed the Circle of Joy to use the old Pauly Cheese Warehouse as a center for donated items that go to families in need. Marge Heil was the first Circle of Joy Chairperson. Presently, the Edgar Circle of Joy has merged with the Marathon Circle of Joy. Violet "Tiny" Dvorak is the present Chairperson. Monthly meetings are held in the Edgar Village Hall. Monthly food boxes are distributed, along with food boxes on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Boxes are given out through referrals. A cheese and sausage tray is given to the bereaved family at the Kramer Funeral Home from the Edgar Circle of Joy.

At Christmas, cookies and fruit is distributed to the elderly and shut-ins. A Giving Tree is put up at the Edgar Bank.

There are presently 10-12 members that attend the monthly meetings with a large support group.

Area churches that give support are: St. Stephen Lutheran, St. John's Catholic, St. John's Lutheran and Peace, St. John's Lutheran High Steeple, Sacred Heart Cassel, Holy Name Poniatowski and St. Mary's Catholic Marathon, Edgar Lions, Edgar Jaycees, Boy and Girl Scouts, St. Mary's CCD classes and Edgar and Marathon High School groups. Our main purpose is to reach out to people, provide food, and emotional support for people in crisis, after a death or after a disaster. People are willing to do something for others and like to help in their own community.

To contact the Circle of Joy call Violet "Tiny" Dvorak at 552-3051.

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Edgar Memorial Post 10187 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Of the United States

The Edgar Memorial Post 10187, was chartered March 15, 1970. Several members transferred here from other posts, such as Walter Schneider from Colby, Rudy Dins, Rueben Ahlquist, Floyd Harrison, Neil G. Schmidt, Lorin Schumacher, Lester G. Redmann (deceased) and Henry Manecke (deceased) all from Stratford, Henry Keefe (deceased), Leo E. Socha (deceased), Lawrence P. Thompson, and Lawrence (Bucky) Niewolny (deceased) from Post 388 of Wausau.

The first Post officers were Walter (Pikey) Schneider, Commander, Neil G. Schmidt, Quartermaster. Others that served as Commanders were: Edward Martyn, Dennis Halvorsen, Gerald Guralski, Myron Niewolny (deceased), Neil G. Schmidt, James Beidel, Michael Huebsch, Kurt Handrick, Thomas Burke and Bruce Niewolny. Those who served as Quartermasters were: Michael Huebsch, Alfred Joswiak and Ralph Lemmer.

The Post has hosted a 7th District Meeting, a 7th District Bowling Tournament and a Loyalty Day Parade.

The Post's fund raisers are: tractor pulls, Bratwurst and corn roasts, pop and snack sales at the North Central Wisconsin Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show, flag sales and poppy sales. Also held was a family picnic at the Village Oak Street Park.

The Post has donated to the Edgar Village Parks, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Little League, Circle of Joy, King Veterans Home, Veterans Hospitals, National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Bicycle Lite Program, Edgar Village Flags, Edgar Village Flag Pole, the outdoor Village of Edgar signs and the Centennial Flag. Funds have also gone to the Highground at Neillsville.

At present we have about 67 members. We have 33 deceased members which we held Chapel or memorial services for.

The Post meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the American Legion Club house, from April to November. Otherwise at various other places.

The Post leads the Memorial Day Parade and the Edgar Fire Department Homecoming
Celebration parade with their color guard. The Post also provides relief for sick veterans and for families of deceased veterans.

Sawyer-Drumm Post 393 of the American Legion

American Legion Post 393 of Edgar, Wisconsin was chartered on September 4, 1935. Twenty-five names were on the charter. They are as follows: Paul Kondzela, August Luedtke, Gust Amelung, Leo J. Banie, H.A. Schulz, John S. Kroll, I.A. Cherney, John Szemborski, Henry F. Hannemann, W.J. Kratwell, Herman Neitzel, Edward Schill, Phillip Punke, Mike Pfeffer, George Borchardt, Ralph Puchner, John F. Lensmire, Anton Skrzypchak, Louis Schueller, Emil H. Schmidt, Leo Socha, Harold S. Andersen, John J. Bargender, Harold Leppla, and George M. Wagner.

The Post was originally named Sawyer Post 393 after Edward A. Swyer, an Army infantryman from the Fenwood area, who was killed in France in World War I. After World War II, the name of the post was changed to Sawyer-Drumm Post 393 when the last name of Howard Drumm was added. Howard Drumm was an Edgar Army Aviator who was killed over India in World War II.

The Legion’s first meeting place was the Edgar Village Hall. In 1951, they bought the Mrs. Bertha Zepp property to serve as the legion Clubhouse. This building is located to the north of the present Edgar Fire Station and is presently occupied by the “New Image” Beauty Salon.

In the fall of 1963, the members of the legion decided to purchase a new clubhouse. The minutes of the September 3, 1963 meeting state that a motion was made and passed to bid on the Scotch Creek School. The bid was to be $1,200.00 maximum. This bid was not satisfactory and some more dealing had to be done and the discussion took place at several legion meetings. Eventually a deal was made and the former Scotch Creek School became the new Legion Clubhouse. It was dedicated on Thursday, February 4, 1964 and still serves as the American Legion Clubhouse.

The first commander of Post 393, Edgar was Herman Neitzel. The first adjutant was Herman a. Schulz, Sr. M.D. He held this position from 1955-1948. The first Sergeant-at-Arms was Leo Socha, Sr. He held this position from 1955-1965. He also was the membership chairman for many years and the story is told of him that when the area boys were returning from duty after World War II that he signed them all up as they returned to the Edgar area. It was during this time that the post reached its highest membership of 152 members. There are currently 86 members of Sawyer-Drumm Post 393.


The present officers of Sawyer-Drumm Post 593 of the American Legion are: Commander - Bill Fergot, Vice-President - Larry Thompson, Treasurer - Herbert Bergs, Adjutant - Jerome Wirkus, Chaplain - Herman Schulz, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms - Edmund Krebsbach and Lawrence Dennee, Historian - Calvin Ledbetter.

The American Legion Post is very community oriented and supports many causes that benefit the community. Some of the programs and projects sponsored by the Legion are: Badger Boy and Badger Girl program, a Little League ball team, contributions to the Boy Scout Troop 437, United States flags for the village and schools of Edgar, various other youth programs, and contributions for the “Welcome to Edgar” highway signs. They also help support the veterans home at King, Wisconsin and the state and national programs of the American Legion.

Edgar Area Jaycees

The Edgar Area Jaycee’s were organized on September 7, 1978 holding there first meeting at the Village Hall. The organization was made up of a group of young men who wanted to do good for the community.

The first president elected was Jason Handrick.

In December of 1979, the JC’s took over the Log Cabin in the Oak Street Park, as their club house. Agreeing to do maintenance and upkeep on the building.

Programs done in the early years included, the cheese curd stand, Queen contest, scholarships, dances, youth punt, pass and kick, Muscular Dystrophy Wheel chair push, the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon, Park renovations and many other donations. Some of these programs co-sponsored with the Edgar Jaycettes.

In the early 80’s the JC’s had upwards of 70 members.

On May 9, 1985, the Jaycettes voted to disband and merge with the Edgar JC’s.

This year we are celebrating our 20th year of existence. Over the two decades the JC’s have been a major organization for the Edgar community. New programs taken on in the last ten years include, Bingo (started by the Jaycettes), highway clean-up, Youth Free Throw contest, Little League team sponsor and many more donations.

As of 1998, the JC’s are going strong with 30 men and women members doing good for the Village of Edgar and the Edgar area.

Centennial Cookbook

The Centennial Committee thought it would be nice to have a cookbook to commemorate the 100 year celebration.

A committee was formed to determine how to go about compiling that book.

Boxes were put into the IGA, the Village Offices, the Edgar Beauty Salon and the Bank of Edgar for the collection of recipes. Ads in newspapers and area church bulletins informed the public about the need for recipes and where to drop them off or send them.

The committee then took the recipes, separated them into the various categories and alphabetized them. It was decided to use old photos of Edgar as dividers between the categories. A printing type was picked out as was a style for printing recipes on the pages.

To the front of the book was added a section of “Reflections of the Past” which contain some items of interest. A children’s section at the back contains some interesting versions of recipes.

Green and gold were picked as the primary colors for the cookbooks. They will be sold as a fund-raiser for the Centennial Celebration.

Members of the cookbook committee include: Jan Thurs, Molly Untiedt, Kris Guenther, Mark Knoeck, Sue Schroeder and Linda Berens.