Now & Then in Ripon ...

Looking back with the Ripon Historical Society

Camp stove was invented in Ripon by gold rusher

As winter settles into Ripon, the Ripon Historical Society remembers William E. Haseltine (1874-1963), who in his early 20s ventured to the Yukon for the gold rush.

Gold was discovered in the Klondike in the Yukon Territory in 1896. An estimated 100,000 prospectors went to this area of northwestern Canada between 1896 and 1899 and it's estimated that more than \$1 billion-worth of gold was discovered.

Ripon Roots

Haseltine's family lived at 303 Blackburn St., (later known as the Republican House) after his father moved the family to Ripon in 1890, when he purchased the Oakwood Hotel in Green Lake.

Local historian Sam Pedrick (1868-1963) noted that Haseltine was in the Klondike region for two years and returned to Ripon in 1899 to work for the Ripon Light & Water Co.

He married Florence Reed in 1905 and had three children.

When World War I started, he sold what was then his utility company to the Wisconsin Power and Light Co. He served in both WWI and WWII, obtaining the rank of Colonel.

His obituary noted that he retired after many years as treasurer of the Ripon Knitting Works. His descendants still own their

immediate family's house located on Watson Street.

Influences led to invention

Even after returning to Ripon, Haseltine's ties to the Yukon did not end. He invented a "Klondike Kamp Kooker,' which was first

Barlow & Seelig Hardware Store in Ripon.

Barlow & Seelig Hardware-Store was located at 214 Watson St., which now is the site of Farrell's Fine Furnishings.

The hardware store sold all sorts of home improvement items including early appliances. It was best known for its washing machines, which later developed into Alliance Laundry Systems.

Kohl Hardware purchased the hardware store when Barlow & Seelig decided to concentrate on manufacturing and growing its washing machines. Kohl took over manufacturing the



THIS 1918 CATALOG from the Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett Co. featured the Klondike Kamp Kooker for \$12.25. submitted photo Klondyke Kamp Kooker.

A May 1924 newspaper article noted that "The Kohl hardware company ... recently received a large order for their famous Kamp Kooker outfits for shipment to Morun, Wyoming, as soon as they are completed.

The stoves are now being manufactured as speedily as possible in the workshop of the firm, and they will be shipped from here via fast freight in a special car. These stoves have already been tried out by the Wyoming customers and found satisfactory in



every way.

The article went onto say, "The Kamp Kooker is the invention of W. E. Hazeltine of this city, who found use for such a stove while in the Klondike region of Alaska. It is an ideal camp stove and is built for hard service as well as convenience.

"The body of the stove is built in the form of a cylinder, with one side flattened to form the top and cooking surface, which measures 14x30 inches with 5-inch pipe collar near the back end. The oven is in the smoke pipe stove, so that the entire cooking surface is free.

"The stove takes large wood

28-inches long, making it possible to keep a fire 10 or 12 hours without replenishing. The stove pipe is made in telescope form and will pack with the legs inside the oven when so desired. The stove weighs about 20 pounds and sells at a very reasonable figure."

The Klondike Kamp Kooker also was featured in many magazines and catalogs including a 1909 issue of the Field and Stream magazine. A 1918 Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett Co. catalog shows the Kamp Kooker selling for \$12.25 (about \$236 today). The Kamp Kooker was also featured in an advertisement for Kohl Hardware in the 1917 Ripon College yearbook.

Today

Similarly designed styles (and metal materials) of barbecue and smoker grills as the Kamp Kooker may be purchased today from retail stores across the country.

They typically burn wood pellets or charcoal, and have internal sections or areas within the grills for immediate cooking, long-term smoking and even warming as people prepare all sorts of food in them year round.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Area college students honored for academic excellence

area received their degrees and/or were honored for academic excel-

Check out who made the list.

Kast, Scheble make **SNHU President's List**

Elizabeth Kast of Ripon and Summer Schelble of Dalton were named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the president's list. Fulltime status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

Chyma named to Marquette's Deans List

Lauren Chyma of Ripon has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Chyma is pursuing a bachelor of arts in criminology and law studies.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2022 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college. For the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the dean's list.

Powers earns spot on **Knox's Dean's List**

Macenzie Powers of Green Lake has been named to the Knox College Dean's List of distinguished students for the 2022 fall term. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade-point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Nodolf recognized by **Clarke University**

McKenzie Nodolf of Ripon was among 191 Clarke University

College students from the Ripon students who earned a spot on the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester. The list recognizes full-time students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours.

Area students make **UW-Oshkosh Dean's** List, Honor Roll

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the dean's list and honor roll in fall 2022 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Os-

The term GPA requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for dean's list is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0. To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

Students from this area who made the list are:

Ripon: Travis Barton, dean's list; Ashlyn Bowman, honor roll; Jacob Breitenbach, honor roll; Kyra Cooper, honor roll; Alyse Hodge, dean's list; Isaac Leonard, honor roll; Keegan Leonard, honor roll; Caden May, dean's list; Emma Mott, dean's list; Deborah Nieves Santiago, honor roll; Lucas Scheier, dean's list; Elizabeth Seymer, dean's list; Freddy Urbina, honor roll; Jack Walters, honor roll; Brianna Wesenberg, honor roll; Jessica Wesenberg, dean's list; Dustin Zellmer, dean's List;

Green Lake: Luke Dailing, dean's list; Raven Davis, honor roll; Amber Grim, dean's list; Shaely Hoch, honor roll; and Aaron Socha, honor roll.

Colleges and universities submit names to the Ripon Commonwealth *Press* at the end of the semester. Don't see the name of your student? Don't worry. We still have some to run in the near future. It also sometimes takes a few weeks for colleges to send their lists.

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