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Special Events:

- **Olson Family History**
- **Annual Dinner Meeting, From Bonnets to Hats**
- **Cherry Fest**
- **History of Cherry Days**
- **Jacksonport Fun and Games**

FUN FACT

**100 Years Ago
1910**

Capt. Joseph LeMere, Jacksonport, is going to build a residence on his farm on what is known as the telephone road.

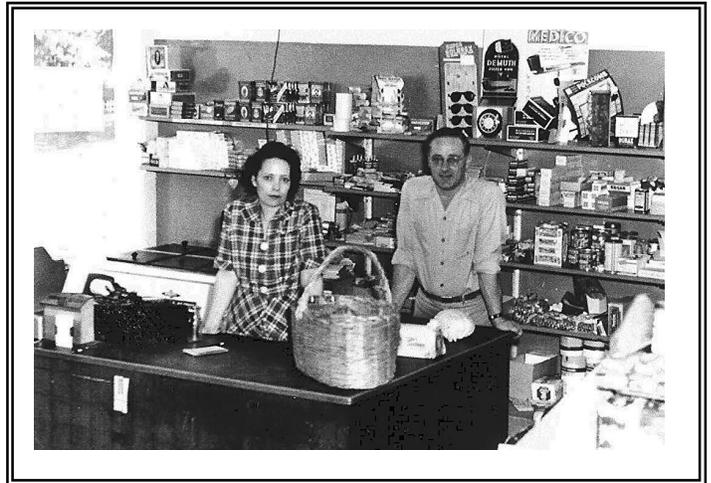
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CARMODY'S STORE

You would have to be around 60 today to remember the store. It burned down in 1956. So most people who might read this probably have never seen a small town general store like my dad (Fritz) and mother (Regina) ran. Their best years were in the 30s and 40s until the supermarkets came to Sturgeon Bay and pretty much did in the small town grocery as we knew it then. The building was located at the intersection of Hwy 57 and V. The lot is now a part of the Lakeside (Jacksonport town) Park. Pictures of the place and other buildings "downtown" can be viewed at the town hall.

Fritz sold everything, or so it seemed at the time. There were the groceries and meat which were the main source of revenue. There were glass lampshades, clothing (bib overalls, blue jeans) and ammunition. With all the flammable stuff around you would wonder how he ever got insurance. There was fuel oil, gasoline, kerosene, motor oil, and white gas. For all you puppies out there white gas is highly volatile and was used (still is, I guess) in Coleman lanterns with those little white bags that burn very bright under pressure. Many of the cottages along the lakeshore didn't have electricity making these fuels pretty good sellers. For the same rea-



Fritz Carmody and wife Regina in their Grocery Store

son there was a demand for ice. So, wouldn't you know it, there was an icehouse attached to the store. The harvesting of ice was an interesting operation. They would set these saws up on the lake and cut the ice into large oblong blocks. They would put them in the icehouse and layer by layer cover them with sawdust. So insulated, they kept quite nicely to be sold and delivered in smaller blocks to peoples iceboxes the following summer. Think of it, investing in an expensive bottle of vodka or gin and using it with crushed Clarks Lake ice. Like there were cottages on the lake that used a 50 gallon drum for the holding tank which overflowed from there into an equally inadequate drain field and from there—into the lake? It goes to show you that the germ theory is a bunch of hooley.

Disease is caused by an imbalance of the humors. That's why they bled and purged people back in the good old days. He also sold milk of magnesia and castor oil. Fritz had 'em coming and going you might say.

The meat operation was also quite interesting, especially during the war when it was difficult to get due to rationing. He would buy a cow or a hog from a local farmer. Fritz was a good butcher so they would kill the cow and cut it up into halves or quarters. Back at the store he would make them into the desired cuts of meat. Fascinating stuff for a little kid but you didn't want to be there when they butchered a hog. Doing the cow was relatively civilized but the hog was another matter. The pig is smart and catches on when it's in trouble. They



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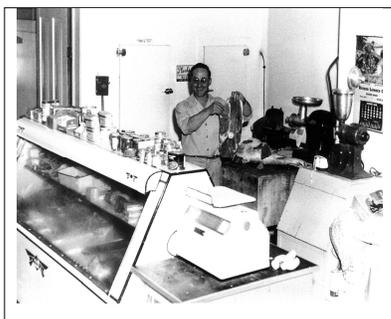
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Patty J Birnschein, Editor

CARMODY'S STORE CONT.

would hang it up from its hind legs and cut its' throat. All the while the pig is squealing at an unimaginable volume. The blood was caught and stirred to prevent coagulation and used to make blood sau-



Fritz Carmody in his Grocery Store.

sage. If you would like to know what blood sausage tastes like, don't ask me. Rendering chickens for human consumption is another experience you might not want to share with your children. There's an expression "like a chicken with it's head cut off." It would get lopped off with a cleaver and it jumped around in the grass until it bled out. No blood sausage here. Carmody's Store sold fresh meat.

Many people who

weren't around for the hog-fest have pleasant memories of the store. Kids could get an ice cream cone and it was the good stuff from Pleck's made in Sturgeon Bay. There was loose candy. My favorites

were the malted milk balls. I think there was a guaranteed pimple in every one of them. If you wanted five you reached in the box and picked them out. This supports my non-germ theory. They weren't finicky in those days about who was touching what. We would never have made it to our teens to get the pimples. The germs would have done us in. All the tobacco products were available including Copenhagen and chewing tobacco, such as, Bigger Hair which wasn't always spelled that way. The store was kind of a social center where people met and shot the breeze. Everybody including the little kids called my dad Fritz which was what I called him. When I was about five I would ride my tricycle to the little red school house and Alice

Olson would let me sit in for a while. My dad would come and get me and I would say "Hi, Fritz, I'm in school today."

There weren't many phones in Jacksonport in those days and none of the cottages. The store was kind of a message center. News of births, engagements, deaths, and other important matters came through our phone. The phones were on a party line meaning people could listen in on other people's phone calls. Our phone signal was two short bursts on the crank. Art's Inn (So's Esther,) for example, was four short and a long. My mother could tell who was calling who just by how they cranked it out. Long distance calls came in through the Baileys Harbor exchange where Alice Hickey sat plugging and unplugging all those cords that connected us to various places. A more benevolent God would have made the cell phone impossible.

By Dan Carmody

JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the JHS is educational in nature through the study of the Township of Jacksonport, its history, people, land and buildings. The Society's intent is to promote this education through historical programs, research, publications, commemorative activities, collection of tangible historical memorabilia and to establish a museum to house, exhibit and preserve this material for future generations.

By-laws have been revised: Copies of JHS by-laws will be available at our July 28th Annual meeting. If you wish to review the by-laws prior to the meeting, email a request to Nancy Bemmann (JHS Secretary), her email is nancybs@wildblue.net. Due to the prohibitive cost of mailing a document of this length, we are not able to mail out copies.

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Seufzer Bemmann was born in Stanley Wisconsin and grew up on a small farm on the outskirts of Stanley that had originally been built by her grandfather who, at the age of 17 escaped Germany. After graduating high school Nancy moved to Milwaukee where she worked for an insurance company for a year. In 1965 she married Ron Bemmann who is also from Stanley and they resided in Butler Wisconsin until 1968. They built a home outside of Hartland Wisconsin in 1968 living there until 1974 at which time a major decision was made to purchase Lawrence Virlee's floor covering business in Sturgeon Bay. Because Ron had worked for a siding contractor for eleven years, he added the siding business to the floor covering business until 1982 when Ron went exclusively with siding. Nancy, Ron and their son Steve, lived in Sturgeon Bay until 1982. Ron built a log home on County I in the Town of Jacksonport and he and Nancy have lived there ever since. Their son Steve married Heather Moore who grew up in the Town of Jacksonport and have two children. Steve and Heather purchased a home and still live in the Town of Jacksonport. Nancy's work background includes working for an Insurance Company, JC Penney secretarial pool, 5 years in a factory, 8 years managing a store and accounting work, 2 years as a legal secretary. She also assisted her husband in measuring and cutting siding and trim. Because of her experience with machinery and office background, Nancy was hired by the County Clerk to run the printing press and fill in for office personnel. Nancy was then promoted to Deputy County Clerk and served in that capacity for 3½ years at which time she ran for the office of County Clerk. She retained that position for 18 years before retiring. Nancy also served on the Jacksonport Historical Society Board for two years as Vice President and two years as President.

Herb Mueller was born and raised in the West Jacksonport area. In January of 2009 he and his wife moved back into the area after living in the village of Egg Harbor for over 40 years. Herb and his brother, Bob, were in partnership from 1968 to 2001 operating the Mueller Bros. Service station and doing auto repairs. While living in the village of Egg Harbor, Herb was involved in the Egg Harbor Business Association, Egg Harbor Fire Department and the Egg Harbor Men's Club. He also served several terms on the Egg Harbor Village Board and Plan Commission. Herb and his wife, Charlene, are active members of Stella Maris Catholic Church. They have three married children: Michelle living in Milwaukee, Michael in De Pere and Mark in Egg Harbor.

FUN AND GAMES NIGHT

We're going to present a "Fun and Games" night on September 22. You can be part of the fun!

We would like to gather memories and stories from as many Jacksonport families as possible. We want to know about games played at home, at school, at family gatherings, outside, inside, on winter evenings, in the summer, on trips, and more. What was fun for you and your family? What about prizes or rivalries?

We see this as a collaborative evening. We'll have some basic material to share that we've discovered about Fun & Games, both in general and in Jacksonport or Door County in particular. We will be happy to present your stories for you or you'll be welcome to stand up and share them yourself. The more stories we have the more fun it will be!

We also might play a couple of quick games that night! Be prepared to have fun!

Please start thinking about "Fun and Games" you remember (or are still playing!) and jot down a few thoughts. Email them to the Fun & Games program committee at jhs.fun@gmail.com. Send us memories, stories and suggestions throughout the spring and summer. We'll be happy to contact you for details about your ideas.

Do you have any photos that we could scan for the program (or display that evening)?

Do you have any games that we could display on the night of the program?

Do you have suggestions of people that we ought to be sure to talk with? If so, please let us know who they are.

We hope to see you there!

Kathy White-Graf jhs.fun@gmail.com (or find Kathy at the Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay 920-743-6578) and/or Leslie Goulet jhs.fun@gmail.com (823-2367)



WISH LIST

- * Copy Paper—any size and any color
- * Envelopes - # 10 and 6 X 9, any other sizes
- * Address Return Labels
- * Adobe Photo Shop
- * Volunteers to help with events..

FUN FACT

125 years ago 1885:
A total of 132,000 feet
of logs were banked
at Hibbard's Mill in
Jacksonport
In 5 1/2 days .

2009 DONATIONS

DONATIONS

Bley, Lee
 Mikels, Marie & Robert
 Onan, Chris
 Schutt, Robert & Patricia
 Zuehlke, Gus & Helen

OPERATING FUND

Bechtel, Barbara
 DiNatale, Russ & Ann

MUSEUM FUND

TIMBERMAN

Halstead, Carol
 Junger, Gene & Marge
 Landfried, Lorraine (Spille)
 Martin, Howard
 Rand, Milton & Jane
 Reese, Hayne & Nancy
 Rothwell, Mary
 Schwengel, Paul & Paulette

FISHERMAN

Getman, Kathleen Butler
 Gill, Roy & Betsy
 Nagle, James
 Price, David & Deana Hackbarth

SETTLER

Nelson, Ivy Lou (Jorns)

ENDOWMENT

Onan, Robert

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MUSEUM

IN MEMORY OF LORNA BLEY

Lorna Bley Family
 Cote, Jerry & Judy
 Roberts, Everett & Eileen

IN MEMORY OF MELDA LECLAIR

Cote, Jerry & Judy

IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN WILSON

Cote, Jerry & Judy

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE GROVOGEL

Cote, Jerry & Judy

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BIRNSCHEIN

Bley, Vicki

IN MEMORY OF RUTH ANSCHUTZ

Cote, Jerry & Judy

IN MEMORY OF CAROL HALSTEAD

Bley, John & Vicki
 Cote, Jerry & Judy

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IN MEMORY OF KATHLEEN WILSON

Roberts, Everett & Eileen

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE GROVOGEL

Bley, Lee

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BIRNSCHEIN

Bley, Lee
 Halstead, Carol

IN MEMORY OF "PANTS" RICHARD LECLAIR

McCormick, Eunice

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN SCHOBLOCHER

Giblin, Janis

IN MEMORY OF HELEN LECLAIR

McCormick, Eunice

IN MEMORY OF CAROL HALSTEAD

Birnschein, Robert & Janet
 Bley, Lee
 Carmody, Dan & Doreen
 Dahlstrom, R.F. & M.E.
 Dexheimer, Arvin & Judy
 Giesseman, Marcella
 Halstead, James Jr. & Tara
 Hollingshead, Jon & Judy
 Lautenbach, Gloria
 Logerquist, Ben & Althea
 Logerquist, Jeanette
 Roberts, Everett & Eileen
 Sevastopol Education Support Personnel Assoc.
 Stanowski, Karen
 Stephan, Leon & Ruth
 Wolter, Kay
 Zak, Harry & Adeline

IN KIND DONATIONS

Anderson, Robert - Storage Unit
Bemmann, Nancy - Raffle items for Cherry Fest
Mae Birnschein Family - Robinson historical papers and newspapers
Carrington, Marge & Mayo - Oil painting of Holy Nativity, 1888 Newspaper, Stereoscope with cards
Carvion, Margaret D. - Mothers picture from Oshkosh Normal School who taught at Groveland School Mary J (Garent) Page
Giesseman, Marcella - 1872 - 1922 Catalogs
Hein, Marie (Erskine) - Picture collection, porcelain doll collection
Johnson, Virginia (Wilson) - Books: Educational - English
Killenberg, Mike - Books - Door County Art History Early Door County Buildings and on who built them 1849 - 1910
Monet, Brother John (from St. Joseph Retreat Center) - 1928 Telephone almanacs 1949-50-51 Telephone Books
Nalbert, Chris & Kan - Donated timbers to set log cabin on
Ozburn, Paul - Used his tractor to mow the Historical Site
Phetteplace, Eileen - Donated set up of 2009 Newsletter
Roberts, Everett & Eileen - Adobe Contribute program for Web site
Siebert, Glen & Judy (Appel) - Kenmore (pedal) sewing machine from John Appel family— Wooden rocking chair once owned by William Shampo
Smith, Kenneth - Cleaned Erskine, Kiehnau and Cote tools. Made wooden storage boxes for tools
John Bley, Darrell Bley, Glen Hasenjager and Jerry Cote - Moved timbers from Nalbert property to Historical Site
Dave and Todd Burke - Cleared trees and stumps on Historical Site property
Jerry Cote, John Bley, Paul Ozburn, Ed Schmidt, Joe Schmidt and Bob Schutt - Raked and cleaned up property on Historical Site.



CHERRY FEST - SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

Once again plans are underway for the 16th annual Cherry Fest which will be held August 7, 2010 in Lakeside Park in Jacksonport. Activities begin at 8:00 am with beverages and fresh from the oven homemade cherry kolaches for sale in the upper park shelter. Come get them while they last! The Jacksonport Women's Club will also feature their popular Funnel Cakes made on the spot for all to enjoy. At 9:00 am a juried fine arts and crafts fair featuring about 90 vendors, many returning from years past, will open their tents for you to peruse the many unique items they have brought to us. You're sure to find something you just can't resist. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and find a comfy spot near the big tent as there will also be live entertainment all day long beginning at 9:30 am. Lunch will feature Keith and Jaci Birnschein and

their crew from Door County Custom Meats. They will fire up their grill at 10:00 am and serve us cherry hamburgers, cherry brats, and pork sandwiches all prepared especially for us. And then for desert it's to the upper shelter again this time for cherry pie, cherry ice cream or a cherry sundae. And if you want to take home the traditional cherry jams and jellies they are also available to purchase. There will also be a variety of fresh Door County cherries brought to us by Peter Stoffel. What a treat it is to taste the sweet tartness! Also new last year were 3 vintage tractors on display in the park courtesy of Bob and Delores Spittlemeister. What a surprise to come upon these vintage items while browsing the arts and craft fair!



As in years past there will be the traditional penny hunt at the beach. And Mayberry's Carriages will provide wagon rides for a small fee. To take a step back in time the Jacksonport Historical Society has the Erskine Root Cellar open for viewing. If you haven't seen it please stop down this year and take a look around. In the same area will be the pre 1840's tipi. Joe Jeanquardt and Randy Alexander demonstrate blacksmithing there as well. Thanks to all the volunteers for making last year another successful event. Without all your time and efforts we could not pursue the development of the museum property. So mark your calendars for August 7, 2010 and come see what it's all about. You're sure to find something to please you. For more information about Cherry Fest or the Jacksonport Historical Society visit www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org.



HISTORICAL FACT:

125 years ago: 1885 *Since its recent introduction in this vicinity, the barbed wire fence has become very popular and promises to become the fence of the future. It is found that even with the abundance of timber at command it is cheaper and better to use wire than to fence with rails or logs.

2009 OBITUARIES

Pearl (Graf) Lautenbach

4/5/13 - 12/20/08

Emily (Gauger) Spittlemiester

4/15/19 - 1/9/09

Donald Kurtz

1/27/25 - 1/25/09

Leonard Kiehnau

3/2/21 - 1/29/09

Lorna (Dietrich) Bley

5/16/28 - 1/28/09

Melda (Kohls) LeClair

8/21/1909 - 2/7/2009

Kathleen (Buechner) Wilson

12/10/25 - 211/09

Ann Mosgaller

died 2/19/09

Mary (Savage) Kiehnau

6/3/56 - 3/4/09

George Grovogel

7/29/28 - 3/6/09

Julia (Mielke) Dettman

10/29/21 - 3/14/09

Terry Bergemann

1/6/48 - 4/18/09

Betty (Brauer) Destree

8/11/25 - 4/23/09

Robert Birnschein

9/24/39 - 6/7/09

Richard LeClair

7/20/24 - 7/17/09

Eugenia (Loritz) Serrahn

3/10/23 - 8/8/09

Roland Nalbert

died 8/12/09

Carolyn Hall

2/7/37 - 9/5/09

JoAnn (Scary) Meunier

9/15/27 - 9/6/09

Helen (Daskare) LeClair

3/3/28 - 9/8/09

Carol (Birnschein) Halstead

8/20/31 - 9/7/09

Merlin Anschutz

7/4/44 - 9/17/09

Ruth (Bley) Anschutz

10/1/21 - 10/24/09

Marjarie Lindsay

9/3/25 - 10/22/09

Robert Carmody

Died 11/30/09

Audrey (Sixel) Clark

9/19/22 - 12/30/09



Carol Margaret Halstead

Aug 20, 1931–September 7, 2009

Carol was one of the founders of the Jacksonport Historical Society. She will be greatly missed.

MEMBERSHIP / CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name _____
 Street _____ City, _____ State, _____ Zip _____ -- _____
 Email _____ Phone _____



Annual Membership Dues:

- ___ \$15-Individual
- ___ \$35-Sustaining Individual *Thanks for your extra support*
- ___ \$25-Family
- ___ \$50-Sustaining Family *Thanks for your extra support*
- ___ \$60-Business/Corp./Professional
- ___ \$100-Sustaining Bus./Corp./Prof. *Thanks for your extra support*

Volunteer Opportunities

I/we would like to help the JHS with:

- ___ Cherry Fest
- ___ Membership Committee
- ___ Fund Drive Committee
- ___ In-School presentations
- ___ Artifact cataloguing
- ___ Mailing newsletters, postcards, etc.
- ___ Program Coordinator
- ___ Other _____

Donation: \$ _____

- ___ In Honor of _____
- ___ In Memory of _____
- ___ Jacksonport Historical Society Museum Fund

- ___ Timberman \$10-\$99
 - ___ Fisherman \$100-\$499
 - ___ Pioneer \$500-\$999
 - ___ Settler \$1,000-\$1868
 - ___ Society of 1869 \$1,869-\$1,999
- (Jacksonport Township officially became organized)**

- ___ Historic Benefactor \$2,000-\$4,999
- ___ Museum Benefactor Over \$5,000
- ___ Please maintain this donation as my endowment

(my donation is maintained in perpetuity, only the annual interest earned is used.)

- ___ For JHS, Inc. operating
- ___ Contact us to discuss including the Society in our will or estate plans

100% of your donation goes to the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.
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Make your check payable to Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.
 and send to 6315 Cty Trk T, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

The JHS programs are always held at 7:00 p.m. at the Jacksonport Town Hall on County V.

June 23, 2010

The Olson family history in Jacksonport dates back to when the family first moved to a farm south of Logan Creek in 1920. Charles and Eliza's family built a legacy in farming, fishing, construction and hospitality. Sons Ben and Delor spent the majority of their lives here, building and renovating some of the area's nicest buildings, homes and cabins. Ben's son Jay carried on the construction business focusing on excavating until his death in 1999. Third, fourth, and fifth generation of Olson's remain in the area and the Olson name carries on in Jacksonport's Olson Cottages. Ben Olson, Ben's grandson and great grand grandson of Charles and Eliza will share a retrospective of Jacksonport's Olson Family.

July 28, 2010

From Bonnets to Hats, 1830–1930. Bonnets used to be the *de rigueur* hat wear for women, but by the 1920s no modern women would be caught dead wearing one instead of a fashionable hat. Leslie Bellais, Curator of Costume & Textiles at the Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison will explore the reasons for this change from bonnets to hats, while also looking at stylistic changes over time. She will illustrate her presentation with bonnets and hats from the Society's collection and reproductions for audience members to model. This will be a dinner meeting at Mr. G's. Reservations will be required. We will have a silent auction before and during the dinner. We will be accepting cash or checks only for the silent auction.

August 25, 2010

History of Jacksonport Cherry Days. Jacksonports history includes the well known Door County Montmorency Cherry. Orchards were spread throughout the township, and contributed to the community in many ways. To the orchard owners, it provided a source of revenue, one that fit their seasonal operations. Timing was critical. The migrants and POW cherry pickers added to the exposure of Door County to the outside world. Tom Wilson will share a combination of pictorials of the orchards, the people, the locations and the processing camps. We will have some of the equipment, but more so, the history of the people who harvested the crop by hand, and what it meant to them. Time changed this industry—Jacksonport's history of the cherry orchards will be displayed.

September 22, 2010

We plan to have fun tonight! There's truly nowhere to Hide because we'll Seek out the fun and laughter as we follow our Hearts and remember the games we've played with family and friends and the fun we've had through the years, past and present.

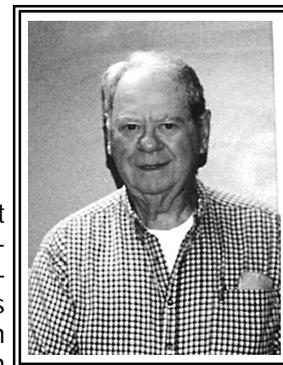
As we Hopscotch down Monopoly Lane, maybe we can get Red Rover to come over for a run through the Chutes and Ladders to keep the London Bridge from falling down. And our evening will be a success if the Hoola Hoop and Dodge Ball teams don't get too rowdy and the Bunco squad gets called!

So please don't Go Fish this evening. You don't even have to get all Dolled up, just bring whatever Marbles you have left, give us a hand and be ready to Puzzle together our Jacks and Old Maids before we Kick the Can and go home to Candyland!

JHS ALL STAR

In this and future issues of our newsletter we will highlight certain people who contribute in important ways to the success of the Jacksonport Historical Society. There is no fair way to decide who should be the first. Although there are a number of people who deserve it, who would argue with the selection of Jerry Cote.

They say that if you want to get something done ask a busy person. That's Jerry. As if he isn't busy enough with his gardening, lawn mowing, grandchildren and helping his neighbors, he is always there when the need arises. He has served as a Society board member. Jerry and Judy provide storage in their home for the antiques which have been donated. He plants and maintains the flowers at the Erskine Root Cellar. He served on the committee to acquire property and then led the way to spruce it up. Now he is in the process of getting a log cabin moved and set up on that property. For such activities as Maifest, Cherry Fest and the Cemetery Walk he unflinchingly leads the way in setting up the tent, the tables or whatever else needs getting done. Without people like Jerry our motor would be stuck in neutral. These are just a few examples of what he has been doing for a number of years.



Thanks Jerry. Your efforts for the society and for others in the community have not gone unnoticed.

Historical Fact:

100 years ago

March 1910:

Three Children in the neighboring town of Jacksonport, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goeks, are seriously ill with scarlet fever.

We're on the Web!

www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org

VOLUNTEER HOURS

We need you to start keeping track (logging) your volunteer hours for JHS (this would include all the volunteer hours for Cherry Fest), because when we are applying for grants one of the questions asked on applications are how many volunteer hours have been donated. So, if you can remember your hours from last year, GREAT, otherwise start logging for this year. You can report your hours to Nancy Bemmann at 4445 Cty I, Sturgeon Bay or email nancybc@wildblue.net. If you wish you can download a form from our web page.

Thank
you!



Zion Lutheran Parochial School.

FROM THE JHS PRESIDENT

Happy Spring to One and All,

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year when nature delivers a significant change of our surroundings. Along with those changes the Jacksonport Historical Society has experienced some exciting developments to include the purchase of our first piece of property and most recently accepted a local log cabin that will need some restoration in the months to come. To help support these ventures, grants have been written, site planning and financial committees busy at work, mission statement revised, reorganization of our committee structure and a new collection development policy being drafted for approval to just name a few. We are fortunate to have a full working board of directors that provides the leadership necessary for all or our significant changes along with the many volunteers that make a difference.

To sum up all of the above, the purpose of the Jacksonport Historical Society is to educate and preserve for future generations through the study of its history, people, land, buildings, and topics of general historical interest. In order to accomplish this we need your continued support through time, treasure, and talent. Volunteers accomplish this and feel free to let us know where you would like to help. We couldn't do it without you. Finally, special thanks goes to all that have supported us in the past and look forward to new and challenging beginnings for 2010.

Best Regards,
Ray Osinski



TRAVELING TRUNK MAKES ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE

The JHS traveling trunk made its maiden voyage to a local school in Door County last November. The trunk is a large camel back trunk donated by the Kandie Skippon family and has been filled with a wide variety of things donated by many of the folks in the area. The trunk contains about 55 items ranging from clothing to 78 rpm records, a rotary telephone, crocheted items, farm tools, toys, as well as many other household goods. The idea behind the trunk is to give kids a chance to have hands on experience with these things and as a result make it an enjoyable task to learn about our history.

The items in the trunk take the kids back in time and help them understand what it was like for their grandparents to live in an earlier era. Its first trip was to Zion Lutheran Parochial School in West Jacksonport. Teacher Chris Lindemann and her students enjoyed the trunk and all its contents. Special thanks to Leslie Goulet, a former teacher, who was a tremendous help with gathering items and who wrote lesson plans to help the teachers put the trunk to good use. Also many thanks to those of you who donated items for the trunk. Soon it will make another trip to Sturgeon Bay to St. John Bosco

School. If any organization or club would like to use the trunk or have any questions about it please contact Vicki Bley at 823-2316. Just let me know when you would like to use it and we will make arrangements to deliver the trunk to its destination. It is free to use and may be kept as long as you like. The traveling trunk is a work in progress. If you have something that you think might benefit this project I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. To educate our young folks in our history is one of the goals of the JHS and this trunk is a fun way for us to do that. Hope to hear from you soon.