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Special Events:

- Annual Dinner Meeting**
- Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt**
- In The Woods**
- Cherry Fest**
- Scharrig Family**

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ART'S INN (SO'S ESTHER)

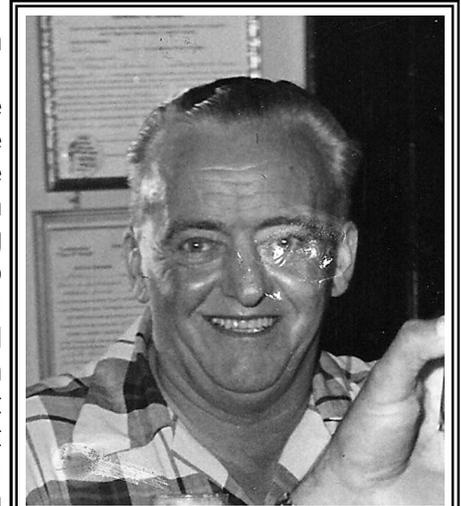
In the 30s and 40s Jacksonport never suffered for a lack of taverns. Right in town there were four of them (Ivanhoe, Sunrise, Art's Inn, and the Sunny Beach Tavern). Outside the town there were three more (Fernwood Gardens, Bleys Bar, and Heidelberg). This, in a town of less than 200 people, plus the summer folks and surrounding farmers. Farmers are such busy people that they don't have time to hang around saloons. Come to think of it a farmer taught me how to play pool in the Sunrise when I was about twelve. Often these taverns were nothing more than a "home's" living room reconfigured into a bar-room. If there was an indoor toilet it might be shared by the family that lived there. Art's Inn was such a place. It had a front porch with lots of windows facing east. It was a great place to sit with a newspaper and some "hair of the dog." The bar itself could seat about a dozen people.

Some time in the early 40s Murphy Moore sold his tavern to Art Sorenson. Art proceeded to set a new

gold standard in saloon-keeping. One day while walking by the tavern he told me to tell my old man he, Art, was going to beat the crap out of him. I went home and told Fritz to watch out for that Art guy. I didn't know much, but I knew that you didn't mess around with that Chicago crowd. In spite of Art's dubious social approach Art and Esther became good friends to my parents.

Art was an ace saloon-keeper. The place was immaculate. The glassware was polished to perfection. He often wore a tie clasp bearing his initials. His middle name was Samuel. Don't ask for a book of matches. He would tell you to get your matches where you got your cigarettes. If you asked for anything more complex than a beer or a hi-ball it was at your peril, as in, "go catch your own damned grasshopper."

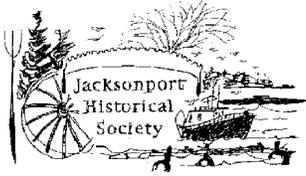
Strangers would often find this Arthurian behavior off-putting but people in the know



Art Sorenson

loved it even if they did have to bring their own matches. They were insulted if they didn't get insulted. If a tall woman with a short husband walked in Art saw red meat. Two governors, a Wisconsin supreme court justice, a postmaster general in the Kennedy administration, and a couple of Milwaukee industrialists took it on the chin. One of the latter was Bob Onan whose family have been great benefactors of our community. Bob had the personality and with that was the perfect foil to Art.

Jenny Burkhan (nee Rivers) tells of an incident of her trick or treating with her friends. Says Art, "I'll trick or treat you—I'll get my



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ART'S INN (SO'S ESTHER) CONT.

gun." They all ran out of the tavern, except, Mike Erskine. A bit later Mike came out and told them to come on in. Art gave them all a candy bar. Who would have thought it. Art was just an old softy, after all.

My mother loved Art. He would write her rather lengthy poems rolled up in toilet paper. In his crazy way I know that he loved her, too. Fritz and Regina moved to California after the store burned down in 1956. The main reason

she came back was to visit Art. When Art and other friends died Jacksonport wasn't the same for her anymore. A son can speculate on the intensity of such a relationship. Whatever it was I'm happy for both of them. If there is a heaven Art is up there writing poetry to Regina on an endless roll of toilet paper and Regina is unrolling the other end.

Art and Esther never had children. She was a Seiler with family roots in Baileys Harbor.

She was a kindly woman with the obvious saintly qualities needed to put up with Art. Esther sold the place to George Lotito after Art died. George kept it just like Art with special attention to his Chicago customers. It has changed hands a few times over the years. It was remodeled to what is now known as "Mike's Port Pub" owned by Mike and Barb Lautenbach.

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.



If you have a family favorite recipe you wish to contribute please mail it to:

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"Marshmallows"

Recipe Corner

Recipe

- 2 tbsp. gelatin
- 1 ¼ c. cold water
- 2 c. sugar
- Salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Method:

Soak gelatin in ½ c. cold water for five minutes. Boil ¾ c. water and sugar in sauce pan til syrup spins a thread. Add soaked gelatin and let stand til practically cool. Add salt and flavoring. Beat until mixture becomes white and thick. Pour into pans. Dust with powdered sugar. Have mixture 1 inch thick. Let stand in cool place til thoroughly chilled. Turn on board cut in cubes, roll in powdered sugar.



Notes: Marshmallows may be plain and rolled in coconut before sugaring. Also stuffed with dates are delicious.

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Patty J Birnschein, Editor

Recipe contributed from Mae (Robinson) Birnschein's Home Economics book from 1941

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Dawn Feld Honold was born and raised in Sturgeon Bay. After high school graduation, she attended NWTI (NWTC) for one year and received a degree in business machines. Her first job was at Bank of Sturgeon Bay, now known as Baylake Bank, where she worked in the accounting department and as a teller. Over the years Dawn has worked in the office of Peninsula Transfer (owned by her father and uncle at that time), Petry Place, K Mart, North Shore Bank, Cherryland Title and currently at Title Services of Door County, Inc. In 1973, she married Mitch Honold and lived in the town of Jacksonport for several years. Currently, she and Mitch live on the Honold homestead, located on Honold Rd., in the town of Baileys Harbor. Dawn is currently a board member of the Door County Homebuilders Assc., and a member of the JHS Finance Committee. Dawn and her husband, Mitch, are active members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Jacksonport. They have three children: Jennifer, Angela and Brandon. Also, all the grandchildren keep them very busy, young at heart, and very tired!

Eileen Roberts - Why does history matter to me? I am a strong believer in the idea that in order to know ourselves in the present, we must know who we have been in the past. This in turn, with any amount of luck, will determine who we will be in the future.

My grandparents Carl and Eliza Birnschein came from Germany in 1894 and settled on a farm in the township of Jacksonport. My father, Bruno, was born on this farm on County T. When I was five my parents, Bruno and Augusta (Roell), moved from Claybanks (where I was born) to the Robinson farm on County V. I thought this was the best place ever, as this farm had electricity. Therefore my roots were set down in Jacksonport. I attended all eight grades at the red brick schoolhouse on the hill, and had the same teacher, Emily Trainor, for all eight years.

I am married to Everett Roberts; we have four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. Retiring from Pranges in Human Resources, I am now a part time receptionist at In Style Image Designers in Sturgeon Bay.

As I ask myself how I became interested in history, I realize I regret not learning the German language from my parents, and not asking more questions about our ancestors. I have been a member of the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc. since its inception, and have thoroughly enjoyed being an active participant in preserving the history of the township of Jacksonport. My wish for our society is to be the very best organization possible; my goal is to help the group accomplish this.

JHS ALL STAR

The Onan family has been a great friend to Jacksonport for many years. The Erskine Rest Area with its' popular root cellar was donated by them, as was a 38 acre tract of land near Clarks Lake which preserves a wetland in perpetuity.

Fortunately, this family's generosity continues in the person of Rob Onan. As a young boy he bounced around in Lake Michigan in Bob LeClair's fish tug just like some of the other "Jacksonport young lads." Rob is an especially good friend to the Jacksonport Historical Society. He was instrumental in initiating and working with society members on the design and creation of the Jacksonport Historical brochure which has been very well received. Rob worked with committee members revising and updating the JHS by laws. He is working with the planning phases, design of buildings, and timelines for the museum and property. Rob is also a member of the Site Planning Committee. He has donated note cards to sell from the original paintings by his dad of the Eureka House and the Sally Lou, the Grovogel fish tug. He has supported the restoration of the root cellar and gives of his time at the Jacksonport Historical tent on festival weekends.



How do you say thank you to a person like that? **Thanks Rob.** That's how to say it.

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IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KEHOE
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO RESTORE LOG CABIN

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IN KIND DONATIONS

- Robert Anderson** - Storage Unit
Carol Halstead Estate - Book cases and computer desk
Sturgeon Bay Florest - Flowers at the Root Celler
Marlene Magono - Tin picture of Holy Nativity Episcopol Church (from Cote house)
Marge & Mayo Carrington - New Home Sewing Machine, 5 pieces of China, hat box with 2 hats, 2 wooden mallets (potato mashers), and several books.
Mae Birnschein & Family - WWII Ration Stamp book #1 and #3 from 1942, several pictures back from 1921 to 1933
Yvonne Stephens - Letters from the past
Tom & Cathy Kaiser - Pictures
Alice Winnemann - Very generous amount of paper and envelopes of all sizes and colors
Dick Birnschein, Herb Mueller, Jerry Cote, John Bley - Removed floor and ceiling from log cabin
Dick Birnschein - Tractor to gather material for burning
Greg Kaufman - Use of Front End Loader
Paul Ozburn - Helped Jerry Cote burn all material on site
Jerry Cote - Keeping up the grounds and grass cutting



On April 9, 2011

Jason Birnschein, Mike Madden, Ken Smith, Jerry Cote, Dick Birnschein, Gary Birnschein and Bob Bieri gathered to saw logs for the roof of the log cabin at Gary Birnschein's.

Using Jason and Gary's sawmill made the job easy for the older guys. (Bob Bieri donated the logs).

2010 OBITUARIES**Eugene Kessen**

7/6/36–1/23/2010

Dorothy (Kiehnau) Perkins

6/9/14–1/14/10

Mary M. (Carmody) Mosgaller

1/13/25–1/26/10

George H. Pontzlaff

9/18/23–2/5/2010

Charles (Chuck) Olson

6/8/39–3/5/2010

Nathan M. Wilson

(grandson of the late Harry & Kathleen Wilson)
6/11/82–3/21/2010

Caryl (Herlache) Tiedke

4/18/31–4/16/2010

Brian Rieder

(grandson of Jerry & Judy Cote)
11/3/81–4/30/2010

Roland Dietrich

10/25/26–6/28/2010

Madonna Simon

10/10/21–7/18/2010

Janet (Simon) Struve

1951–8/24/2010

Leona (Anschutz) Cardy

2/19/19–9/11/2010

Muriel (Tenner) Savage

4/21/27–10/3/2010

Helen (Wagner) Ash

3/8/26–10/6/2010

Oscar Wagner

4/14/14–10/10/2010

Marie (Spille) Urban

10/28/24–10/16/2010

Carl J. Kiehnau

2/8/13–10/26/2010

Collin Onan

1934–11/6/2010

LuVerne (Kroogman) Urban

6/1/17–11/5/2010

Frances (Utter) Bley

8/6/36–11/7/2010

Ruby Mae (Braun) Ostrand

5/22/21–11/27/2010

Peter J. Haen

(grandson of the late Kurt & Betty Scharrig)
7/13/63–12/15/2010

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- ___ \$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
- ___ Fundraising Committee
- ___ Membership Committee
- ___ Fund Drive Committee
- ___ In-School presentations
- ___ Artifact cataloguing
- ___ Mailing newsletters, etc.
- ___ Program Coordinator
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- ___ Jacksonport Historical Society Museum Fund

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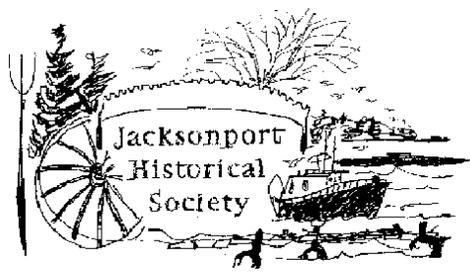
___ Please maintain this donation as my endowment

(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

Make your check payable to Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc. and send to 6315 Cty T, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

100% of your donation goes to the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.
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Special Thanks To Our 2010 Donors who made our Silent Auction a great success at our 2010 Annual Meeting.

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| American Folklore Theatre | Cote, Jerry & Judy | Meunier Studio | Sarkis & Associates Realtor |
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| Birnschein, Dick & Patty | Jacksonport Craft Cottage | Peninsula Players Theatre | |



We gratefully acknowledge the generous co-sponsors we had for this event.



JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

June 22, 2011

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING: Jessica Michna as Eleanor Roosevelt

As the Second World War ended, America experienced the loss of its' stalwart leader, President Franklin Roosevelt. After thirteen years as First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt hoped to retire and perhaps write her memoirs. By 1948 the world had changed dramatically and so had Eleanor.

She shares with the audience her tragedies and triumphs. Born into the opulent wealth of America's "Golden Age" she would grow from the shy, homely orphan into confident, driven woman. Annealed by personal tragedy, she would emerge as a champion of civil rights, author, and stateswoman. She is best summed up by President Harry S. Truman, who dubbed her "The First Lady of the World."



We would like to thank Mike and Barb Lautenbach of the Inlet Motel in Jacksonport for donating a room for Jessica Michna (Eleanor Roosevelt) to stay after her performance on June 22nd for our dinner meeting. This is so much appreciated by the Jacksonport Historical Society. **Again, Thank you Mike and Barb.**

We will be having our Money Bag Purse Raffle this year at the Annual Meeting.

July 27, 2011

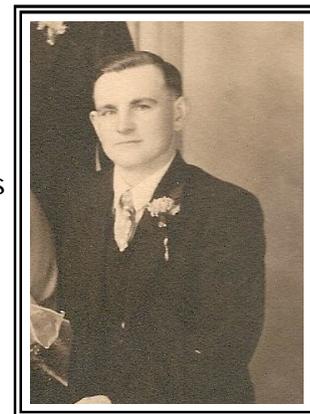
IN THE WOODS Although Lakeshore Road in Jacksonport is less than a mile long, in the ninety years since subdivision into individual lots, it has given rise to many fascinating stories. The first homes were small log cabins, without modern conveniences, intended for use only in the summer. Three of these, built for Dr. Arnold Jackson of Madison in the 1920s, have been renovated and are still in use. Decades later the road featured rental cottages and a bed & breakfast. Recent homes are intended for year-round use. Residents over the years have included educators, artists, doctors, musicians, and lawyers, but what families along the road have in common, whether on the section that is level with the Lake or up on the cliff, is a deep love of the woods and the shore. Some properties have changed hands from time to time; others now belong to the children or grandchildren of those who discovered this beautiful road in the 1930s or 40s.

On Wednesday, July 27, the Jacksonport Historical Society will have the opportunity to hear memories from past and present residents of Lakeshore Road as well as others in the community who knew the early families. In the afternoon that day, from 1 to 4, there will be an open house at several of the older cabins. The evening meeting will include the formal presentation of Volume Nine in the Jacksonport Through the Generations series: In the Woods: Stories from Lakeshore Road. The open house is being coordinated by Phyllis Zatlin, author of the Lakeshore Road book. Her parents, Frank and Ellen Butler Zatlin, purchased two lots on the Lake in 1922.

September 24, 2011

KURT SCHARRIG ARRIVES IN JACKSONPORT

Kurt Scharrig arrived in America on September 17, 1923 from Domsen, Germany. He went to Fish Creek area where he lived with his sister Minnie Pleck and her husband. A few years later he settled in Jacksonport and became manager of a large farm. Kurt was a mason by trade. He was also a farmer and worked at the shipyard. The Scharrig family will be having a family reunion the weekend of the 24th of September. The reunion committee will present the program for the evening at the Jacksonport Town Hall on Saturday the 24th of September.



We're on the Web!

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VOLUNTEER HOURS

We need you to 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 Patty Birnschein at 5489 Reynolds Rd, Sturgeon Bay or email patty-jane@dcwis.com. If you wish you can download a form from our web page.



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FROM THE JHS PRESIDENT

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year that brings such a fresh start to nature and our projects for JHS. Since January our Board of Trustees and Site Planning Committee has been exceptionally busy seeking to contract with a qualified design professional to develop scope, schedule and a cost estimate for a Master Plan Design process. By the end of May the Site Planning Committee plans to interview finalists and select one for contracting. In the meantime the JHS continually needs your support by being part of our Board of Trustees or volunteering for the many activities throughout the year. Come help us refurbish our cabin with a new roof by Maifest. We are looking at a new roof and fixing up the existing logs. Many hands make it fun and it makes you feel good.

You are always welcome to sit in on any of our meetings and offer your support and suggestions. Let's together make 2011 one of our most eventful and productive years.

Think Spring

Ray Osinski

President, JHS



CHERRY FEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011

Looking back at Cherry Fest 2010, I see an event that has happened for 16 years benefiting the Jacksonport Historical Society by raising funds to help pay for our ongoing projects. I also see a beautiful summer day and many, many volunteers who make this whole thing happen. First and foremost they deserve a big thank you! Looking forward to 2011 I see that Cherry Fest is just around the corner! We will again have artists displaying their work, we will of course have cherry pie and ice cream and kolaches and as in years past we will have music. This year we will again have the soft melodic guitar music of Matt Wahl. And new this year will be an afternoon of toe tapping country music by the local band Modern Day Drifters. So bring your lawn chairs and blankets and plan to spend the day at Lakeside Park on August 6, 2011. Coffee and Kolaches are ready at 8:00 am and Door County Meats will provide food, food, and more food the rest of the day. Their cherry hamburgers are always a

hit. The historical society will have the restored root cellar open and folks will be there to answer questions about Jacksonport's history. At the root cellar location the books the organization has published over the years on Jacksonport families will be for sale as well as other JHS items. Scattered throughout the park will be historical vehicles on display for all to enjoy as well. We will also have the traditional penny hunt on the beach for the kids. If you would like to man the bakery booth, bake kolaches, help with the vendors, and with setup and take down please give me a call at 823-2316 (evenings please). So come join us at Lakeside Park on August 6, 2011 for a great day of fun and activities for kids and adults as well. Please visit our website www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.com

