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MISHICOT AREA Calendar of Coming Events

May 18	Fish Boil Holy Cross Gym
May 18 - 19	Village Wide Rummage Sale
May 23	Farmers' Market Begins
May 28	Memorial Day Parade / Program / Lunch
May 28	Museum Open House and Porch Dedication
May 30	Summer Band Concerts Begins
May 31	Mishicot H. S. Graduation
June 17 -18	Gold Star Classic - Fox Hills Resort
June 23	Hannahville Powwow Bus Trip
July 26 - 29	River Fest
Oct. 20	Pumpkin Fest

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination"

MAGIC PRESENTS AWARDS AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Nearly 80 people attended the 22nd Annual Awards Banquet for MAGIC held at Fox Hills on March 11. Jim Sand and Bill Jindra show off the Red Carpet Award presented to the EMT as the outstanding service organization at the banquet. Rod Scheuer received the Genie Award for the outstanding volunteer of the year and Fox Hills Resort received the Abracadabra Award for being the outstanding business. Jerry and Terry Eells received the Design Award for the major restoration of the original windows to the State Bank building.

In addition to the regular awards, the Village Board gave recognition to Clarence Meyer for his years of service as president of the Village Board. Jim and Evie Sustman were also provided a special award for their service to MAGIC.

Joe Lawniczak of Wisconsin Main Street gave a presentation on design concepts for Mainstreet and why they are important for Mishicot. Door prizes were awarded and everyone had a good time.



Jim Sand and Bill Jindra receive the Red Carpet Award for the EMT.

VILLAGE-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

On Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, Mishicot will host its' 17th Annual Community-Wide Rummage Sale. Inserted in this newsletter is a listing and map of locations. Be sure to check out these great opportunities for bargains. Again this year the MAGIC Design Committee will be having a used book sale on Saturday in front of the Village Hall to benefit village beautification projects. Donation of books may be dropped off at the village Hall at any time.

Holy Cross is again offering a fish boil in their gym on Friday from 4:30 - 7:30 pm and both Mishicot Family Market and The Country Store will have food stands on Friday and Saturday. The Lions Club will have their annual Sweet Corn Roast on Saturday at the Shipbuilders Credit Union parking lot.

These stands, in addition to our local restaurants are ready to serve you and our visitors. See you around town on the 18 and 19th...

FULL SUMMER PLANNED FOR MISHICOT

Mishicot has a full schedule of summer activities planned. Beginning with the two day rummage sale on May 18 & 19, followed by Memorial Day Activities, the 1st Annual Gold Classic Golf Tournament at Fox Hills, the Farmers Market, an enlarged summer outdoor concert series, the summer reading program in the park, swimming at the Y to a bigger Riverfest with gigantic Krajnik sponsored fire works. Add to this all the sports activities, new art shows at the Riveredge Gallery and Mishicot is really going to be hopping. Be sure to invite your friends and relatives to take it all in with you. And please remember to support our local businesses that play a major role in making this all possible.



2007 CONCERTS AT THE OLD SCHOOL

Our Wednesday night concert series is ready to roll. We have expanded to a total of 15 concerts this year and as in past years, have brought back some of our favorites while attempting to keep things fresh by bringing in several bands that we have not presented before.

The bands all comment on how courteous, attentive, and appreciative the crowds are at Mishicot and it's gotten to the point that we have to turn down some very good groups because there are only so many weeks in summer. You, the audience, are to be complimented for creating a wonderful atmosphere at our concerts. Thank you!

Some of this year's highlights include Thursday July 5 – the Two Rivers Municipal Band celebrating the 102nd

MISHICOT BUSINESS NEWS

Spring brings a welcome change in the weather and Mishicot residents can experience some other changes in local businesses. Koepfel's La Fiesta has a new owner and a new name. The Bunkhouse Saloon and Dining has been operating under the ownership of Gerry Meissner since March 1, 2007. Gerry has been making some interior improvements to the restaurant and bar. Banquet facilities are still being offered and carry outs are available anytime during business hours by calling (920) 755-4414. . The Bunkhouse serves from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The bar is open the same days at 4:30 p.m., but with a flexible closing time. Steak and chicken are the specialties of the Bunkhouse. Look for a Friday menu with new specials.



The Mishicot Maytag Laundromat has undergone significant changes inside and out. Look for the Laundromat and coffee corner to open in the weeks ahead. Renovations

to the building include new front windows and entrance doors. Barry and Michelle Thompson are offering internet access to customers in addition to a beautiful side room with glass gazebo style.

Another soon-to-open shop along Main Street is Sweet Creams. Mary Lynn and Randy Falvey are owners and operators of the side by side stores. Country Vines 'N' Berries is right next door to their new ice cream shop. Country Vines is offering extended hours for the summer. The store will be open Wednesday through Friday until 7 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Keep your eyes open for the changes along Main Street!



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MAGIC BOARD VOTES TO LEAVE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The MAGIC Board, after thorough review and discussion, recently voted to discontinue its participation in the Wisconsin Main Street Program. There were several reasons for this decision. One key consideration was the Main Street Program requirement to hire/employ a coordinator as a paid position for at least half time, or 1000 hours per year. The Mishicot coordinator position has been vacant for about a year, and the Wisconsin Main Street Program had granted the village a temporary leave of absence until the position was filled. The Board's sense was that expenditure of about half of MAGIC's annual budget for the Main Street coordinator position was not justified when compared to funding required for higher priority village activities, projects, and needs. The Board also thought the needs of MAGIC could be met by either existing/growing volunteer support or a combination of volunteer support and nominal part-time assistance. Finally, some Board members thought it was more appropriate for MAGIC to focus on the entire Village of Mishicot business base rather than dedicating a large portion of limited funding to only the designated Main Street business district. It is important to recognize that this decision does not mean MAGIC is abandoning the tenets of the Main Street Program. The MAGIC Board and its Committees plan to continue to work toward achieving the benefits and goals of a revitalized and vibrant Main Street within its existing personnel and funding resources, leveraging the organizational structure and methods learned during our five years in the Main Street Program.

BRIEFS

* The aluminum cans are coming in and we appreciate that you are saving them for MAGIC. The proceeds from the cans will be going for beautification projects in the village. The list of projects is long so keep us in mind. Call the office and we will pick them up or drop them off at the Village Hall. We are looking at a crane metal sculpture and eventually a statue of Chief Mishicott along the Riverwalk. Also, more whiskey barrels, hitching posts, a village outdoor bulletin board, trees, and a back drop for our summer concerts.

* Watch for four new postcards featuring Mishicot. The promotion committee is working on them and it is hoped that by the first of June they will be available at local businesses. It has been nearly twenty years since the village was featured on post cards.

*Mishicot will again have its' annual Memorial Day Parade and Program. The parade will begin at 12 noon from the high school and will be under the direction of the VFW Post.# of Mishicot. Rev. John Aitken, associate pastor of Hope Community Church who lives in Mishicot, will deliver the invocation and address. The Mishicot High School band under the direction of Colin Baird, will march in the parade and play at the cemetery. Lunch will follow at the Vets Park Club House. Plan to attend and honor all those who have gone before us.

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DID YOU KNOW?
Isaac Craite (1856-1918) grew up in Mishicot, taught school in the area and had a merchantile business in our village while being our Justice of the Peace. He later became the first Municipal Judge of Manitowoc. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery Manitowoc.

Mishicot Community Musical will present Dracula: The Musical?
Auditions in the High School Performing Arts Gym
Thursday, September 6 at 5 PM
and Sunday, September 9 at 1 PM
Solo lead, Spoken lead, Chorus, and backstage roles available
Rehearsals begin Monday, September 11
Show Dates - November 2 & 3, 2007
For more info, call 755-4633 ext. 327



10TH ANNUAL MISHICOT RIVERFEST MISHICOT VILLAGE PARK THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 26 – 29, 2007

Join us as we celebrate our 10th anniversary with our biggest and best Riverfest ever. Spectrum Entertainment Carnival will be on the grounds all weekend with major rides, kid rides, inflatables, carnival games, and food.

The weekend will kick off with our spectacular “Thunder Over the East Twin” fireworks show at dusk on Thursday July 26.

Our live music schedule is as follows:

Thursday July 26 – “The Del Rays” – 50s and 60s Doo Wop Rock N Roll at 7:00 PM

Friday July 27 – “Andy’s Automatics” – Honky Tonk Country at 4:30 PM
and “Oil Can Harry” – Rock Till You Drop at 8:00 PM

Saturday July 28 – “Renegade Countyline” – Today’s Country at 4:00 PM,
“Rod Scheuer’s Lost Boys” at 7:00 PM, and
“Naked” – A Tribute to the BoDeans at 9:00 PM

Sunday July 29 – The “Ray Rollins Orchestra” – Polka Under the Big Top at 12:30 PM

The Riverfest pull track will feature 4x4 truck pulls on Friday July 27. On Saturday July 28 farm tractor pulls begin at 11:00 AM followed by lawn and garden tractors at 2:00 PM and 4x4 trucks at 5:00 PM. Sunday July 29 will showcase the “Crow Bar, Big Belly, Tug of War” at 12:30 PM.

Check out these delicious Riverfest food specials!

Thursday July 26 – Cruise Night Meal Deal – Burger, fries & root beer float for \$2.99

Friday July 27 – The Riverfest Famous Fish Boil Dinner at 4:00 PM

Saturday July 28 – Our Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 AM and our Scrumptious Chicken Dinner at 4:00 PM

Sunday July 29 – Our Strawberry Sundae Special

Special Riverfest events and entertainment include the Mishicot Car Club Show at 10:00 AM Saturday July 28, the Mid-Lakes Rustic Iron Antique Tractor Display Sunday July 29, the GIGANTIC Riverfest Parade at 11:30 AM Sunday July 29, and the Sunshine Kids Stage and Mighty East Twin Duck Races also on Sunday July 29.

In addition Casady’s Critters Pony Rides and Petting Zoo, DCB Chainsaw Carving Artist Dave Bartel, many special food vendors, and many other surprises will be on hand.

We hope you will join July 26 through July 29 for the 10th Annual “Mishicot Riverfest”. The 2007 Riverfest Chairman is Rod Scheuer.

To take part in many of our special events you may contact the following for info:

Pull Events – 755-2580 • Parade – 755-4440
Car Show – 755-2917 • Antique Tractors – 242-3940
Tug of War – 323-3630 • General Info – 755-2190



MISHICOT’S YESTERYEARS THE DANIEL SMITH HOUSE?

If you drive around the village of Mishicot, chances are you know of this house at the corner of Elizabeth and Jackson Sts. But what you may not know is how significant it is to the history of the village. According to our research, we believe this to be the original house of the founders of Mishicot, Daniel and Elizabeth Smith, who came here in 1844 to build a saw mill. The house was probably built around 1845 on a site along the river near the laundromat on Main St. A newspaper photo of the house in 1947 for the centennial of the village states it was moved “a block north”. That move was probably done following the death of Elizabeth in 1883.



451 Elizabeth St.

Elsie Rick (1886-1965) stated in a 1958 Green Bay Press Gazette article about Mishicot, that her parents purchased the house from the Smith family. Her father was Dr. Joseph B. Rick, (1857-1929), a physician who established a practice in the house. He continued his practice in the home until his death. Elsie, his daughter who was a nurse, continued to live in the house until she sold it in 1964. In the same Green Bay newspaper article, Elsie stated she remembered the house as being the site of many social gatherings. Dr. Rick had also been president of the local school board. The Rick family are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Manitowoc.

A great granddaughter of Daniel Smith, Irma James, (1900-1994) wrote in a letter as recently as 1991 that she remembered being told that Daniel often had strangers and Indians, for whom he had a fascination, stay in the heated attic of his house during the cold of winter. Daniel’s obituary in 1858 stated, “His comfortable mansion was the home of hospitality--the poor and the distressed were the objects of his generous sympathy and to his friends he was faithful and true.” An earlier article in the Two Rivers Reporter dated 1852 said: *“There are many persons in the county who have never visited MISHICOT, and who have no practical knowledge of the beauty of its locality or the extensiveness of its improvements. We had often heard of the extensive mills of SMITH and SPRAQUE and naturally supposed that its chief interest consisted in its lumbering facilities, but were most pleasantly surprised to find.....in the midst of which stands the hospitable mansion of DANIEL SMITH. Here is home for you, that dwellers in eastern towns and cities might envy. Large-conveniently-arranged with every possible comfort, it seems the abode of peace-home of plenty. It is seldom that such an ancient looking homestead is found in what was but yesterday the North West Territory.”*



The home of Dr. J. B. Rick taken c1910.

Elsie Rick sold the house in 1964 to George Schmidt Sr. (1887-1975). He lived there with his son George A. Schmidt until his death. His son George continued to live in the house until he was hospitalized in December of 2006. He often mentioned the beauty of the house and that he had not taken care of it, something he regretted till the time of his death on April 22, 2007. The fate of the house is yet to be determined, but its importance to our history will live on.



MUSEUM SPONSORS 2ND TRIP TO POWWOW

The Mishicot Historical Museum is again this summer sponsoring a bus trip to the Hannahville Powwow at Harris MI. Last year 55 people from the area attended and interest has been high to have this an annual event. Registration is now being taken at the Village Hall by calling 755-2525. Half of the cost, \$15 dollars, is asked to accompany the registration with the remainder to be paid on the day of the trip which is Saturday, June 23.

The day will begin with coffee and rolls at The Old School. Schedules for the day long trip are available in the village hall. In addition to the dance and drumming event, the group will tour the Potawatomi Tribal Center and visit the grave of Chief Abraham Mishicott. It is hoped that Earl Meshiguad, great-grandson of Chief Mishicott will be present to again give us a tour. He is the cultural director for the Hannahville Potawatomi.



2006 Powwow Trip gather at Chief Mishicott's Grave

The \$30 cost includes the bus trip and entrance to the Powwow. Lunch of Indian food such as fry bread, tacos, and wild rice soup will be purchased from vendors at the Powwow. Supper at Schloegel's Restaurant at Menominee on the return trip will be the responsibility of the participants. Call the MAGIC office at 755-

MUSEUM TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE

Our historical museum received a complete spring cleaning recently with some painting also done. Many new objects, photos and displays have been added. An open house on Memorial Day afternoon, Monday May 28, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with cake and coffee will provide an opportunity to see many changes.

In addition, an oil portrait of George Schmidt will be unveiled and presented to the museum in his memory at 2 p.m. The portrait was painted by local Artist

Bonnita Budysz and will be donated to the museum by her, in cooperation with MAGIC. Bonnita will be on hand to comment on the painting. George was very instrumental in the formation and restoration of the museum building and continued to stay involved with it up until the time of his hospitalization in December. His life-long collection of old Christmas tree decorations were a special attraction at the museum and drew over 700 people this past holiday season.

In Memorium



George A. Schmidt
1934-2007

George A. Schmidt, a MAGIC charter board member died on Sunday April 22. George played an important role in the formation and restoration of our historical museum. He will be honored at an open house at the museum on Memorial Day at 2 p.m. The public is invited to this open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

MAGIC RECEIVES GRANT

The MAGIC board received notification this past week that MAGIC is the recipient of two grants from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The grants are for \$800 each. One will be used for improvement and archival projects at our historical museum. The other will be used for plantings and flower beds around the village. Both will involve local Thrivent members.

We are grateful to Kris Bruhn, local coordinator, and the north Manitowoc Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their donation and investment in our community.



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