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Mishicot Area Growth & Improvement Committee

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22nd Annual Pumpkinfest on October 17th

MAGIC sponsors Village Festival on October 17

The time for Pumpkinfest is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for October 17 to join us in celebrating Mishicot's 22nd Annual Pumpkinfest --- rain or shine. Come enjoy what Pumpkinfest has to offer: a scrumptious pancake breakfast at the high school; craft and food vendors at every turn; live music; games; contests; horse-drawn wagon rides; our big parade; Native American drummers and dancers and so much more! This family-friendly event has something for everyone.



The Mishicot Historical Museum will be open so be sure to stop by for pumpkin treats and local history on display. The museum has had many improvements over the last several months, come see the changes for yourself. MAGIC is encouraging businesses and individuals to decorate for Pumpkinfest and we are looking for parade entries...especially antique farm equipment, wagons, and floats. Come out to enjoy our festival on October 17!



Featured Volunteer



In an effort to thank all volunteers, we will feature a special volunteer in each newsletter.

This fall we offer special thanks to Mishicot native

Jerry Puta

for his volunteer work in the Village.

Jerry is commander of the Mishicot VW and is responsible for organizing the Memorial Day celebration. You can see him marching in village parades or driving his '65 Chevy convertible with the other veterans.

Jerry is always willing to help out whenever MAGIC needs something done. Thanks to Jerry for lending a helping hand to make Mishicot a better place!



Contests are being offered again this year for Pumpkinfest _____



Pumpkin Carving/Decorating:

Carving and decorating of real pumpkins will be judged in four age groups.

Division 1: Kindergarten and younger

Division 2: First through fourth grade

Division 3: Fifth through eighth grade

Division 4: Ninth through adult

Rules: This year's contest features a Disney theme. Registration takes place between 8:30 and 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 17th at the Mishicot Fire Station. Pumpkins are judged on originality, uniqueness, quality, and overall appearance. The top three in each division will win a cash prize. Judging begins at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday.



Children's Costume Contest

Children are invited to take part in the dress-up contest. Register between 11:30 a.m. and noon in the Village Hall. Every entrant will earn a treat and have a picture taken for display at the Mishicot Family Market. Families may take their displayed pictures after November 1, 2009.



Parade Floats and Entries

Participants will be judged in three categories:

Best of Show

Best Fall Pumpkin Theme

Best Historical, Agricultural, or Native American Theme



Baking

Pies & all other variety of pumpkin goodies

Rules: All entries must have pumpkin as an ingredient. Participants must include on a recipe card their name, address, telephone number, and recipe.

Entries should be brought to the Mishicot Village Hall by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17th.

Entries will be judged by area home economists on the basis of presentation, taste, texture, and recipe.

A raffle of the bakery items will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.



Mishicot Briefs _____

Robert Ferry:

Wisconsin Fire Chief of the Year!! _____

Mishicot's very own fire chief has been named Wisconsin Fire Chief of the Year! He has been fire chief since 1995. Congratulations to Bob and thanks to him and the rest of the volunteer fire department members for protecting the Mishicot area.



Historical Mugs for Sale _____

The Mishicot Historical Museum is offering mugs with depictions of local historical artifacts painted by Hazel Eisenmann for sale. Some of the pictures to look for are a model T Ford, the Mishicot brewery sign, the covered bridge, the old mill, and the Old School, and buildings along Main Street of yesteryear.



Mishicot Osprey _____



The combined efforts of Wisconsin Public Service, the Village of Mishicot, the Department of Natural Resources, and Woodland Dunes

provided a new nesting pole for the osprey that now reside in our Village Park. Even though the pair seem to enjoy all the activity in the park, they might have better luck raising a family in a quieter location. The pole is set back off of Willow Drive with the beginnings of a new nest all ready for the impressive birds.

Summer Concerts _____

The Summer Concerts for this year are now a pleasant memory. Thanks to our sponsors, to Rod Scheuer for putting together the schedule, the Old School for hosting them, and to the many volunteers who helped with set up, concessions, and the behind the scene jobs.



Farmers' Market Continues _____

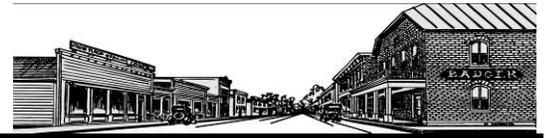
The Farmers' Market continues every Wednesday morning from 7 to 11 a.m. in the village hall parking lot. The last day to stop by for fresh produce, crafts, and much more is on October 17 during Pumpkinfest.



Shoo the Flu _____

The Mishicot Family Market will be participating in the Shoo the Flu program again this year. A nurse will be on hand on October 21 From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$30 for a Flu Shot and \$45 for a Pneumonia Shot. Cash and checks only accepted as payment, as well as Medicare Part B and Medicare replacement plans and Medicaid (T-19, Badger Care). Nine year olds and older can receive a shot. A parent or guardian must be present with any child under 18 years of age.





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Potawatomi Powwow Bus Trip _____

Forty people attended the 4th annual bus trip sponsored by the museum to the Hannahville Potawatomi Powwow held June 21st in Harris, Michigan. Earl Meshigaud, great grandson of Chief Mischicott, served as our guide. Those attending who did not pick up a group picture taken at Chief Mischicott's grave can do so at the museum.



Museum Boardwalk _____

Ten boards were added to the Boardwalk at the museum this summer in honor or in memory of the following:

Rabitz Century Acres, Charley Ciglar, Angeline and Raymond Kronforts, Bob and Betty Voelker, Roy Jindra, Ray Eslinger, Selma and Emil Voelker, Robert and Betty Wentker, Jim and Linda Konitzer, Dorothy (Kubichek) and Ed Bergelin, and Dorothy and Dale Schmoock.

Trick or Treat _____

The Village of Mishicot has scheduled Trick or Treating for October 31 from 5 to 7 PM. Our little ghosts, witches, ghouls, and other assorted costumed youngsters will be out when it is getting dark. Please watch for them and drive especially carefully during this time.

Farm Pictures _____

The Mishicot Historical Museum is looking for photos of area farms to add to its Research Center collection. With the abandonment of farms and the dismantling of barns, the museum hopes to help preserve an important part of local history. Anyone with farm photos is asked to please bring them to the museum or the village hall where they will be copied and returned to the owner. For more information, call Jim Sustman at 755-3317.



History Plaques in the Village _____

This summer 6 historical plaques were put up in the village and more are in the works. New plaques were placed on Rockway Bridge, the cemetery, the Country Store, the site of the Mishicot brewery, Skwor Meat Market, and the Central Hotel building.

Christmas at the Museum _____

Plans are underway for the 6th Annual Christmas at the Museum to be held during the holiday. Interested music groups are asked to contact Marie Steeber at 755-3054. Volunteers are also needed, especially with putting up tree lights. Call the MAGIC office at 755-3411 or email magic@tm.net if you can help.





Thank You Very Much

Helping to make Mishicot a Better Place



Volunteers have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the village a better place. Many hours have been clocked in the following projects: flower beds and containers, concerts, museum, SAGBRAW bike tour rest stop, farmers' market, and Riverfest.



Mishicot was voted "Best Rest Stop" on the 2009 SAGBRAW Bike Tour!
We will receive a new bike rack in October!!

Outdoor Summer Concert Sponsors

Thank you!

Fox Hills Resort * Bank First National * The Old School * Green Acres Lawn Center
Mishicot Dental Clinic * Lambert Eckert Funeral Home * MAGIC * Mishicot Subway
Shipbuilders Credit Union * Wisconsin Nationwide Transportation * Heyroth Mini Storage
Mishicot Country Store * Mishicot Veterinary Clinic * Trendsetters/M-T Cup * PK'sAutoBody
Badger Bowl/Cozy Corner Café * Sprang Renovation * Crow Bar & Grill * Fat Boy's II
Andercraft Woods * Kadow Plumbing & Heating * Pathways Photography *
River Edge Galleries * Sun Sations Tanning * Mishicot Auto Sales * Mishicot Family Market
Jindra Heating & Plumbing * Bay Lake Banks * Mr. Otek Signs



The O.H. Schultz Elementary School would like to thank Toby Rabas, owner of Rent-A-Tent in Denmark, for donating and delivering 75 tables for the Pumpkinfest Craft Show. His support of this event is greatly appreciated.



Village News Briefs

Improvements to Concession Stand

If you attended Riverfest or a ball game at the Village Park recently, you may have noticed that the concession stand was updated with many improvements this past year. The dark wall paneling was removed and new white milk board panels were installed. Sixteen 20-amp outlets were installed around the perimeter of the building along with six 20-amp plug-in ceiling drop cords. New insulated entry doors, an insulated garage door, insulated vinyl windows, and a roll-up serving window were installed. The old wash sink was replaced with a used 3-compartment stainless steel sink. A Manitowoc icemaker, two Manitowoc coolers, an upright freezer, and a used electric stove were installed. The old counter was removed and four new tables were provided. The restrooms were upgraded with new fluorescent light fixtures and were repainted.

MAGIC donated \$5,100 and Riverfest donated \$1,500 toward the project. Jerry Kadow donated the 3-compartment sink and the installation labor. Manitowoc Company donated the icemaker and a partial donation of the coolers. Brian Wegner donated the balance of the large Manitowoc stainless steel cooler. John Sprang Renovation did the construction work with a partial labor donation. Mark Koeppel did the electrical work with a partial labor donation. Brian Reif donated the freezer. Al Beranek and Mel Kliment donated the stove. Dan Zipperer donated the labor to paint the entry doors. The Mishicot Lions Club donated the tables. The Village maintenance personal and Al Beranek helped with the work.

The Village Park Concession Stand can be rented for various private functions. To rent the park, contact Melvin Kliment, Village Parks Chairman, at 755-4032.

MAGIC Membership

A magical experience

We are often asked about "membership" in MAGIC---Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee: "Who are the members of MAGIC?" "What must one do to apply for membership? The answer is simple: "membership" works like----- **MAGIC!** The organization is a non-profit corporation, which has no "official" members. If you live in the village or surrounding area, or work here, or operate a business here, you are magically considered an "unofficial" member and are entitled to contribute and be as involved as you wish – and we hope you'll wish to be very involved because all of us unofficial members reap the benefits of the involvement of volunteers and contributors.

The organization's mission statement indicates that its unofficial members will "...work to promote Mishicot's cultural heritage, improve community pride and revitalize the downtown area." If that sounds like a good idea to you and if you're not already involved, please call the MAGIC office--- 755-3411--- for more information and/or to sign up for one of our committees:

Design Committee: help with seasonal decorations, tend flowers, etc.

Promotions Committee: work before, during, and after band concerts, festivals and events

Museum Committee: help collect and maintain exhibits and welcome visitors to the museum

OR, If you own or operate a business in the village, contact Don Kaderabek --- magic@tm.net or 682-8500---to learn more about the emerging and not yet completely structured Mishicot Business Association.



VOLUNTEER FLOWER ADOPTION OPTION A SUCCESS!

Thank you to our volunteers with green thumbs!

Thanks to all who responded to the call for volunteers to “adopt” flowers in the village this summer. Results in the adopted barrels and beds were spectacular, as evidenced in this barrel, which was tended by Pat Eis, of rural Mishicot. Pat trekked into town regularly this summer to spend quality time with her adopted barrel.

Can you identify the location of this beauty? →



Other volunteers include Geri and Don Heusterberg, Tina Troullier, JoAnn and Melvin Kliment, Bonnie DeMeyer, Evie and Jim Sustman, Cherie DeRoche, Linda Ray, Grace Schleis, Dolly Scheuer, Ginny Finnel, John Franz, Judy Wanish, Bob and Helen Koch--who’ve been tending their adopted flower beds on South State Street for years-- and



← Dawn and Chuck Finnel, who donated many hours of their time this summer to tend the large perennial bed on the hill adjacent to the cemetery.

Have you noticed the new perennial beds under the welcome signs at the south end of State Street and the east end of Main Street? Both were created by Robert Golding and his family. The Golding family also tended the flower beds along the Riverwalk and in front of Mishicot Family Market. The efforts of all who took the time and made the effort to water, weed, and nurture are much appreciated. But, there’s no need to feel left out or disappointed if you missed the opportunity to help enhance the image of your town this year. There are still many “orphans” out there. Please consider adopting one next spring.





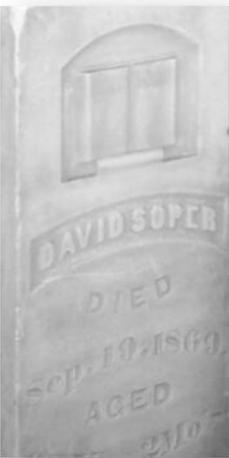
HISTORY DETECTIVE

The National Public Television Network series "History Detective" (Mondays at 7 p.m.) provides the inspiration for this article.

Mishicot has plenty of interesting history stories, many which are mysterious. Some, through research, can and have been solved. Here are several Mishicot mysteries:

Solved

No 1:



In 1964, a tombstone was found under the old Holst Store when the store was dismantled. The engraving on the stone said "David Soper died 1869" The stone, thanks to Paul Burdick, who had it at his home for 40 some years, is now outside of our museum. When found, no one knew who Soper was, where he was buried, or how the stone happens to be where it was found. Two years ago, through research at the Manitowoc Library, we located information on the Soper family, which revealed that Soper lived in the Clarks Mill-Cato area. He died in 1868, not 1869 and is buried in a small cemetery a few hundred yards northeast of the bridge in Clarks Mill in a grave a stone's throw from the grave of Ira Clark, for whom the village of Clarks Mill is named. We know that Ira was a friend of Daniel Smiths' oldest son, Alfred, and they worked together on building the mills in Mishicot. The reason the stone was discarded was because the date of David Soper's death inscribed on it, was off by a year of his actual death. How the stone got to Mishicot is a still mystery. Could Ira Clark have brought it here on one of his trips to Mishicot? Could C. A. Holst, the founder of that store brought it here when he passed through the Clarks Mill area from Potter to Mishicot in the late 1880s? We don't know, but we can speculate. By the way, David Soper had four sons, all of whom served in the Civil War; sadly three of them never returned. The flowers planted in front of his stone at the museum are a silent memorial to them.

No. 2:

In 1970, a skeleton was found in a flower bed next to Lloyd Brouchoud's house at 411 Elizabeth Street. That house was built in 1904 by Dr. Karnopp and served both as a hospital and clinic in the village. So how did that skeleton get there and whose was it? Investigation by the sheriffs' department found that the skeleton belonged to Dr. C. J. Skwor and was a medical model used in his office in that house. It seems that sometime after his death, his wife buried it there to get dispose of it.



HISTORY DETECTIVE *continued.....*

Unsolved _____

No. 1:

In 1880, Alfred Smith, the oldest son of Daniel, mentioned above, died in Neenah from ‘dry-rot’ (today we call that gangrene.) His obituary says his body was going to be returned to Mishicot to be buried in the family plot. Yet there is no marker. So.... are his remains here or not? Maybe investigation on where his wife is buried will give a clue. Or could the marker have sunk into the ground? Or did it rot away?

No 2:

Here's another unsolved Mishicot mystery. In the 1870's meeting minutes for the Town of Mishicot (the village was not incorporated until 1950), entries are found that show the town paid a Mr. Bagniet about \$3 monthly to care for a “Mrs. Mishicott” at the Mishicot Poor House. (Mishicot built its own poor house to take care of those who could not care for themselves.) It was built in 1870 and still stands at 419 Randolph Street. Later he was paid \$7 for a casket to bury her. Soooo..... Who was Mrs. Mishicott? Investigation with the Potawatomi says their chiefs could have had up to four wives. So did one of them stay in Mishicot after the chief left this area in 1862? It seems possible. And where was she buried? Probably in the village cemetery in a part that was often called potters field.

The research center in our museum is intended to help discover these interesting stories and provide clues to the unsolved mysteries. We frequently receive and appreciate donations of information and documentation. The collection continues to grow and evolve.

If you have not visited in a while, you may be surprised at what you find! If you have information, old photographs, newspaper articles, letters, or other historical documents you would like to donate, please contact Jim Sustman or the MAGIC office.

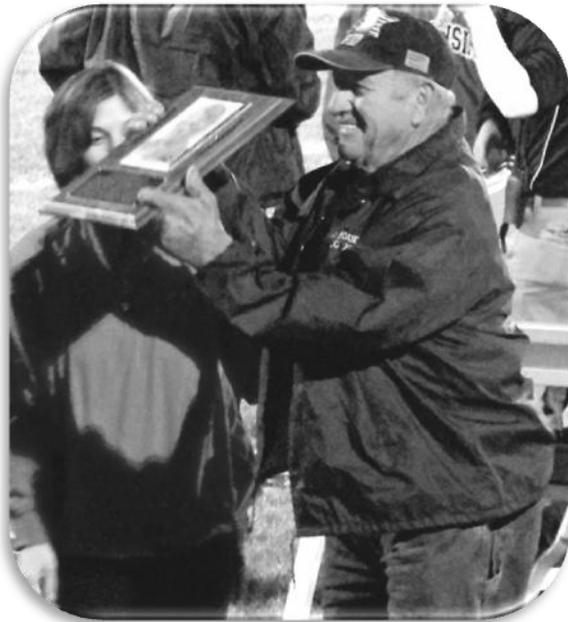


More Mishicot News

Mishicot Hall of Fame

Tradition helps to build school pride and a positive atmosphere in a school. Mishicot has embarked on continuing to build this school pride by introducing a Hall of Fame to the school. Every other year this prestigious award will be presented to up to three outstanding citizens.

Applications are currently being accepted for this highest honor that can be granted to a Mishicot High School Alumni or community member. There are three nomination categories: Community Service -- is given to someone who has or continues to work hard for the benefit of the whole school community; Professional Contributions -- is given to someone who has gone beyond the expectations in his or her chosen profession and works to improve the lives of others as well; Exceptional Talent is given to someone who has given back to the community by using his or her talent in the arts or sports.



Richard Heyroth accepts the Mishicot Hall of Fame Community Service Award on behalf of his late wife, Jeannette.

Our first inductees were Jeannette Heyroth who received the Community Service Award for her contributions to village life using the Herald Times to write on many events in Mishicot and her contribution to the creation of MAGIC. Hazel Eisenmann was our first inductee for Professional Development. She has contributed 40 years working tirelessly for the School District, setting up the MECCA trail as well as the outdoor classroom. Our last inductee was Cindy Bremser for Exceptional Talent who was a pioneer for women's sports in our state and nation.

If you feel you know a worthy graduate or a community member of Mishicot who meets these high standards, we invite you to complete the nomination form and return it to the Mishicot High School Hall of Fame Committee for consideration. Successful nominees will be honored during a special ceremony where they will receive an award. If in the past you have nominated someone but they were not inducted, their application will be kept for consideration for three rounds. You may continue to add to their contributions at any time. If after three times they were not successful, their name will be removed until someone nominates them again. Nomination forms can be accessed on the Mishicot School District website at www.mishicot.k12.wi.us under the Mishicot Hall of Fame.

For more information contact Lori Rose at the Mishicot High School—755-3304 or lrose@mishicot.k12.wi.us

Please submit the nomination forms by February 1, 2010 and any additional material to:

Mishicot High School
Hall of Fame Committee
660 Washington St
Mishicot, WI 54228



Mishicot Business News

Mishicot Pizzeria

The Mishicot Pizzeria, 312 N. Rockway, has new owner/operators. Darryl Jeske, Matt Williams, and Trisha Sanchez, spent many hours this summer renovating the restaurant and bar. New paint and new equipment have been used to spruce up the historic building. More information is available by calling 755-2134.

The Big Dipper

The Big Dipper, 447 East Main, is under new management. Traci Wondrash is offering new hours and new items. Video releases are again available at the store. If you are interested in RC (radio control) car racing, Traci invites you to stop by for more information.



Did you know that there are over **100** businesses in and around Mishicot? You can find entertainment, food, hardware, pet supplies, groceries, electrical and plumbing services, dance lessons, gifts, health and dental care, financial services, home improvements, car care, fuel, arts, hair care, photography services, and lots more right here in Mishicot! Why shop anywhere else?

Keep Mishicot Alive!

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OUR MISSION

To support the historical preservation, growth, and development of the Mishicot area.

Oct. 17	Pumpkinfest
Nov. 6 & 7	High School Musical
Dec. 14, 15, 16, 29, 30	Christmas @ the Museum
Dec. 14	High School Holiday Concert
Dec. 15	Grade school holiday concert
Dec. 21	Middle School holiday concert

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~ Robert Collier ~