

Ashwaubenon
Historical Society
AND MUSEUM
NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose goal is the preservation of Ashwaubenon's past and present through the collection and interpretation of historical records and artifacts of the area.

Preserving the memories of yesterday for the generations of tomorrow.



19TH ANNUAL PLANT AND BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 8:00 A.M.-NOON
ASHWAUBENON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
737 Cormier Road



Spring means it's time for the Ashwaubenon Historical Society plant and bake sale. Come and select items for your garden and your table! Have a cup of our 50¢ coffee while you make your selections. As usual, our village forester, Tim Bauknecht, will be on hand to answer your tree and plant questions.

This sale is the Society's main fundraiser. We appreciate donations of potted plants, bulbs, tubers, small trees, seeds, and garden items. If possible, plants should be potted. Pots and soil are available at the Museum Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Society members are asked to donate items for the bake sale. Plant and bakery donations should be dropped off at the Museum on Friday, May 9, between noon and 3:00 p.m.

Have questions? Need to arrange for a different donation drop-off time? Call Mary (437-3570) or Janet (339-9519).

REDEDICATION OF CHIEF ASHWAUBOMAY GRAVE SITE MONUMENT
8:00 A.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 (REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW)

The grave site of Chief Ashwaubomay located in Ashwaubomay Park has been improved. These improvements will be celebrated at a special rededication ceremony on Saturday, June 21, at 8:00 a.m. which is also Ashwaubomay Park Clean-Up Day.

It created a concrete patio in front of the monument rock and an asphalt path to the site, and removed several trees so the site is visible from the road. In 2014, landscaping will be completed and two steel benches will be installed.

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society contributed to the project by refurbishing the plaque attached to the rock memorial and purchasing one of the two steel benches at the site.

Local Boy Scouts helped clear brush along the river and in front of the monument so that it is visible from the Fox River. It is hoped that information about the site and Chief Ashwaubomay will be part of the narrative on the Foxy Lady cruises. Michael Aubinger will provide text for the explanatory sign at the site.

The Ashwaubenon Park and Recreation Department has been working on the site improvement since 2013.

MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY RECEPTION

11:30 a.m. at the Museum following the Veteran's Day program at the VFW Memorial on Cormier Road.
Stop in for refreshments and view the Museum's military display.

FORMER AND PRESENT STUDENTS AND STAFF OF VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Do you have any school memorabilia? The Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum is looking for items and photos for its collection on Ashwaubenon schools. Contact the Museum at 920-429-2863.

A NEW WAY TO KEEP RECORDS OF ITEMS IN THE MUSEUM

Suzanne Schatt, PastPerfect Project Coordinator

Members of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society voted last year to purchase a collections management software program called PastPerfect. The program will enable us to create and maintain an electronic record of everything in the museum's collection. It will include information that describes an object, tells who donated it, describes its condition, and lists where it is located or stored at the museum, whether it is in a temporary or permanent display, or out on loan. We will be able to include photos of each item. The software will allow us to maintain friend and membership lists, track dues and other monetary contributions, and send letters to acknowledge donations of items. We will be able to target groups such as previous financial supporters or people who have volunteered to help with events, such as the plant sale.

Several members attended online training sessions to assess whether this is a project we could handle. They agreed it is something we could and should do. The software was purchased in March and installed on a laptop computer that was purchased for use with PastPerfect.

Members working on the project include Werner Burkat, Keith Cormier, Jan Rottier, Mary Kugel, Annette Aubinger and Suzanne Schatt. They are currently organizing the project and determining the best way to proceed with it.

Eventually we hope to make some or all of our collection available online through our website (www.ashhs.com) or Recollection Wisconsin (www.recollectionwisconsin.org), sponsored in part by the Wisconsin Historical Society. This would make our collection available for research and increase the visibility of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum and Village of Ashwaubenon.

MEET OUR MEMBERS:



Ray and Jan Rottier have been members of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society since 2004. Ray serves as the Society's treasurer, helps with the spring and fall clean-ups, and other projects. He starts the restored Ashwaubenon fire truck stored in the Museum at least once a month to keep it running. Jan helps with the treasurer's report and volunteers with the PastPerfect project and other activities. Ray grew up on a farm in Ashwaubenon. From his mom, Ray learned to bake bread and her famous Christmas cookies. Ray was Ashwaubenon Street Superintendent and a member of the Ashwaubenon Volunteer Fire Department and served as fire chief. The Ashwaubenon Municipal Garage is named after him. Jan was born and grew up on the outskirts of Ashwaubenon. She was a stay-at-home mom until their five children were in school, and then worked for the Ashwaubenon schools as cook/chief cook. In 2013, Ray and Jan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have 13 grandchildren.



CEMETERY WALKS BEING PLANNED

A committee of Ashwaubenon Historical Society members, headed by Judy Schroeder, is developing a plan and resources for one or more cemetery walks. Members are researching St. John, Mount Calvary, and the Moravian cemeteries. Contact Judy at 499-3248 if you would like to help with this project.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Donna Streckenbach
Kathy Andersen
Rae and Bob Wetzel

NEW DISPLAY CASES

PJ Collectibles in Green Bay closed recently. With the cooperation of Keith Cormier, the Museum was able to acquire three glass display cases, six pedestals, and two round tables from PJ's inventory. You will see them put to good use the next time you visit the Museum.



50th ANNIVERSARY OF VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There will be an anniversary celebration at the school on Friday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. All former students, former staff members, and members of the community are invited.



Valley View Elementary School opened its doors in September 1963. Its construction reflected Ashwaubenon's

scary too because Cormier had a cohesiveness of a small school and coming from a small school to a large one was very different." He continued to say, "Mr. Gene Burns was principal. He was a very nice, kind man. But, as in the case of all principals at that time, he was not mean, negative or retaliatory, but, you still didn't want to cross him!" Aubinger said that at that time, it was rumored, that Valley View was the largest elementary school north of Milwaukee.

growing population. Cormier School, the village's elementary school, could no longer accommodate the elementary school population. Valley View was built to accommodate 500 students; prior to opening, 353 students had registered. The building, which cost \$500,000, was 36,000 square feet on the ground and first floor. It was designed by the firm of Berners, Schober, and Kilp of Green Bay. Valley View was named in a student contest at Cormier School. Tom Slye was the winner and received a watch. Mr. Eugene Burns was the school's first principal; Miss Doris Ziesemer was the first assistant principal.

There were additions to/remodeling of the building in 1965, 1968, and 2003. Today, Valley View educates 680 students in grades one through five. It was named a 2012-2013 School of Distinction by the Wisconsin PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) Network and a 2012-2013 School of Merit by the Wisconsin RtI (Response to Intervention) Center.

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum has a permanent school exhibit and a temporary one commemorating Valley View's anniversary.

In the weeks before the new school opened, there was concern that many children would need to walk on busy roads to reach the building. An agreement was reached with several property owners for easements on their properties for walkways or sidewalks.

SOURCES:"Ashwaubenon Valley View School Ready, GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE, August 31, 1963, p.3.

"No Road to School, Ashwaubenon Parents May Threaten to Boycott," GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE, August 15, 1963, p. 1.

"Ashwaubenon to Open New Routes to School," GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE, August 21, 1963, p. 10.

"Valley View Elementary School Will Plan 50th Anniversary Celebration," THE PRESS, December 27, 2013, p. 5.

TOWN OF ASHWAUBENON CENTENNIAL BOOK 1872-1971. p. 30 Valley View Elementary School page on Ashwaubenon School District website.

"Quick History Lesson: History of Ashwaubenon, Item 45." Unpublished manuscript. Undated.

Michael Aubinger, Ashwaubenon Village President, was one of the students who attended the school when it opened. He commented, "It was exciting to be in a new, big, school. We thought it was very cool. It was a little

REAL STORY OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL QUILT



The Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum has a quilt in its school display commemorating the U.S. Bicentennial. The history of the quilt has been corrected. Drawings on the quilt squares were done by Ashwaubenon High School 10th grade students under the direction of history teacher, Mr. Ted Devine. It was sewed by home economics teacher, Shirley King, with the assistance of Mary Ann Devine.

ASHWAUBENON HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMING EVENTS
The calendar for the year is on the Society' website: www.ashhs.com

- May 3 Spring clean-up
- May 9 noon-3:00 p.m. Set-up for plant/bake sale
- May 10 8:00 a.m.-noon Plant/bake sale
- May 16 3:00 p.m. Set-up for high school art show
- May 17 noon-4:00 p.m. High school art show
- May 18 noon-4:00 p.m. High school art show
- May 19 3:00 p.m. Take down high school art show
- May 22 6:30 p.m. General meeting
- May 26 11:30 a.m. Memorial Day reception
- June 11 1:00 p.m. Executive Board meeting

- June 21 8:00 a.m. Rededication Chief Ashwaubomay Memorial
- June 26 6:30 p.m. General meeting
- July 24 6:30 p.m. General meeting
- August 4 Newsletter deadline
- August 18 Newsletter printing/ mailing
- August 28 6:30 p.m. General meeting
- Sept. 10 1:00 p.m. Executive Board meeting
- Sept. 25 6:30 p.m. General meeting





AND MUSEUM

737 Cormier Road
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

HOURS

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Saturdays
Closed January - February
Admission: \$1.00

Phone 920-429-2863

Leave message or call 920-339-9519
if the Museum is closed.

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PLEASE "LIKE" US!***

To join the Ashwaubenon Historical Society, fill out the form below. We invite your active participation, and you will receive our newsletter, meeting agendas and minutes, and free admission to the Museum.

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2014 (January 1 to December 31)

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