

OUR MISSION

"The Ashwaubenon Historical Society is a non-profit institution with the goal of preserving Ashwaubenon's and the surrounding areas' past through an active collection and interpretation of historical records and artifacts. The Society will both educate and promote history along with an ongoing and comprehensive appreciation of the fine arts"



CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHWAUBENON HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society on Saturday, September 10, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum, 737 Cormier Road. A program is being planned.

The Society began as the Ashwaubenon Historical Committee in 1971. It was incorporated as the Ashwaubenon Historical Society in 1976. The present Museum opened in 2001.

Society members staff the museum, receive and record donations, and create exhibits to interpret the history of Ashwaubenon. All are volunteers.

There is no paid staff.

At present, Historical Society membership is 75. Current members who were members "at the beginning" are Judy Schroeder, John and Dee Monfort, Charlotte Nelson, and Mary Ann Mullin.

Past Society presidents are: Liz Griffiths (1971-76); Leo Bordeleau (1976-82); Gwen Johnson (1982-83); Dee Monfort (1983-85); Mike Aubinger (1985-86); Judy Schroeder (1986-88); Maggie Krueger (1988-89); John Monfort (1989-92); Elaine Pasqualucci (1992-94); Barb Smits (1994-98); Mike Aubinger (1998-2010); Janet Klipstine (2010 to present).

ASHWAUBENON HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT

The Wisconsin Historical Society along with the Wisconsin Council for Local History has awarded a mini-grant of \$418.00 to the Ashwaubenon Historical Society. The grant, for which the Ashwaubenon Historical Society will have to provide matching funds, will enable the Society to develop and hold a web site focusing on its Museum's collections, especially the Adolph Vandertie collection of tramp and hobo art and the farm family display. The development of the web site is already underway and can be found at www.ashhs.com. Additional details will appear in the next newsletter. A memorial brick sale may be held to raise the needed matching funds.

The mini-grant was one of 26 awarded to local historical societies affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society. The Wisconsin Council for Local History designated additional funding this year for the grant program in recognition of the Council's 50th anniversary.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

July 28 General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
August 6 WHS Regional Meeting in New Holstein
August 25 General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 10 40th Anniversary Celebration
September 14 Executive Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.
September 22 General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 23-24 2011 Local History and Historical Preservation Conference, Stevens Point

October 1 Deadline for Newsletter Information
October 15 Newsletter Publication
October 15 Fall Clean-Up 8:30 a.m.
October 27 Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m.
November 17 General Meeting 6:30 p.m.
December 14 Executive Board Meeting
December 15 General Meeting 6:30 p.m.

FALL CLEAN-UP AT MUSEUM

Saturday, October, 8:30 a.m. is the date and time to put on your cleaning clothes and come to the Museum. Help us get the Museum and grounds ready for winter.



MEET OUR MEMBERS

If something needs to be done at the Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum, ask Lois and Dave McAllister. These active volunteers are willing to help wherever needed. They have been members of the Ashwaubenon Historical Society for seven years and joined because a number of friends were members. Lois is an Ashwaubenon native and grew up on a farm that was located where Broadway Chevrolet on Ashland now stands. Her family, the Klipstine's, are one of those featured in the Museum's Ashwaubenon farm family exhibit. Her father was active in Ashwaubenon's political life, holding several town positions. Before retiring, Lois was a cook at Ashwaubenon High School. Dave worked at Nabisco Brands on Oneida Street. Lois and Dave have two children and three grandchildren. They also volunteer at the De Pere Christian Outreach Thrift Store and serve on the Ashwaubenon Senior Advisory Committee.

NEED A MEETING PLACE?

The Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum is available. Contact Janet Klipstine at 339-9519. You can arrange for a tour as part of your meeting if you wish.

2011 ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 23-24 HOLIDAY INN STEVENS POINT

This year's Conference theme, "The Past in Perspective," acknowledges the tireless work of local history and preservation groups to preserve the past and to find new and exciting ways to share these stories with the public. Providing perspective on the past is important work. We can help people understand why a historic building is worth preserving, explore the challenges Wisconsin families faced on the homefront during the Civil War or inspire students to discover their community's history through engaging activities.

This year's schedule offers a variety of options with 24 sessions and 12 workshops, plus featured speakers and tour opportunities. Register before August 8 for a reduced fee. Ashwaubenon Historical Society will reimburse members for attendance expenses. Contact president Janet Klipstine for more information and registration material.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Mary and Michael Hockers**

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

World War II water canteen
Donated by Dave McAllister

Poster – Infrared view of the U.S. National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

1979 Ashwaubenon area street guide
Donated by Paul Dittman

Marble ash tray. Purchased by Adrian Kempen while in Sicily in 1943
Donated by Yvonne (Derouin) Kempen

Two Korean military jackets, owned by Michael D. Radka
Donated by Darlene Radka

THANK YOU!

LOOKING BACK: NEWS FROM ASHWAUBNEON'S PAST

Before the establishment of THE PRESS, Ashwaubenon news appeared in other area newspapers. Ashwaubenon Historical Society member Janet Klipstine has been searching some of the back issues of these newspapers. The articles below are some of what she has found. The spelling and grammar are as they appeared in the newspaper articles.



DIED OF OLD AGE

Source : BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT
August 31, 1900, p. 2

“Old Spot, “ a favorite performer on tracks in this vicinity in the ‘70’s, owned by Matt Reynen of the town of Allouez, was removed from the cares of this world a few days ago, the infirmities of old age causing his death. He had been so feeble of late that Mr. Reynen decided to end his days by chloroform, and accordingly went to town and secured the necessary quantity of the drug, but before his return home “Old Spot” had died a natural death; his end was a peaceful one and he passed away to the equinal happy hunting grounds without a struggle.

In his time “Old Spot” was the fastest horse in this section, but that was more than 20 years ago. He was born in 1870 and was brought from Watertown by Mr. Reynen. He was a descendant of the “Flying Cloud” stock, that horse being his grandsire. “Old Spot’s” record was only 2:48 but that was fast enough to win in those early days. Driven by “Billy” Hiddlecomb, a veteran horseman, now of Marinette, “Old Spot” was able to distance any of the horses that competed on the De Pere track, Cormier’s old track in the town of Ashwaubenon and the tracks at Marinette in the middle ‘70’s. Other horsemen brought many horses here to defeat the champion, but he was invincible for several years. But a dark day came for “Old Spot” when the late Mr. Bolles of De Pere went to Cleveland and brought back a fast horse, which was entered under the name “Bolles’ Flyer.” Then “Old Spot” met his Waterloo. Nevertheless, he remained a familiar figure at race meetings in this section for a number of years.

Source: BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT
November 15, 1894 p. 1

A 5-year-old son of John Vissers, of the town of Ashwaubenon, died of diphtheria Sunday morning. His 3-year-old daughter died of the same disease Tuesday.

Source: BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT
January 30, 1896, p. 1

A large number of friends “surprised” Miss Bessie Dickey at her home in the town of Ashwaubenon yesterday evening and had a pleasant time.

ACTIVITY IN ASHWAUBENON

Source: DE PERE DEMOCRAT March 27, 1901 p. 1

Prosperity is in evidence in the town of Ashwaubenon. Many farmers of that town are planning improvements in the spring. The following farmers, all within one and one-half miles of each other, have material on the ground for the improvement indicated: Henry Aerts, addition to barn; Martin Aerts, addition to barn; Martin Vissers, base-ment under barn; Henry Linders, new brick house; Louis Hansen, new barn; John Berken, improvement to house.

Source: BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT
March 7, 1902, p. 1

A quantity of oats was stolen last week from Jac. Smidts’ granary in the town of Ashwaubenon. The thief left his hat behind and Mr. Smid will gladly re-turn same upon recovery of the grain.

KILLED BY THE CARS

Source: TWIN CITY ISSUES April 10, 1884, p. 2

Afred Carlan, son of James Carlan who resides near Cormier Park, in the Town of Ashwaubenon, was killed by the cars in Ni-colet, near Main street crossing, on Wednesday morning, about 11 o’clock. He had been stealing a ride on the cars of a freight train and in attempting to jump off them fell under the wheels. He was about 14 years of age and how he came to be on the train none of the train men have any knowledge. The wheels of the car passed over his right arm near the shoulder, tore open the flesh down his right side, and crushed the bone of his right thigh, killing him almost instantly. Shortly after the accident a sister and a brother of the unfortunate boy appeared at the depot and identified the lad, when their wailing and manifestations of grief were heartrending in the extreme. The remains were laid out in the depot, Dr. Thomas sewing up the wound and otherwise making them as presentable as possible, where an inquest was held which however elicited no further facts than we have stated.



Source: BROWN COUNTY DEMOCRAT
February 4, 1898, p.1

The building of a cheese factory in the town of Ashwaubenon is being agitated.



AND MUSEUM

737 Cormier Road
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

Phone: 920-429-2863

Leave message

E-mail: ahshistory@att.net

Website: www.ashhs.com

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HOURS:

1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Admission: \$1.00

OFFICERS:

President: Janet Klipstine

Vice President: Mary Kugel

Secretary: Lorraine Petersen

Treasurer: Ray Rottier

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Judy Schroeder

Mary Selner

Lois McAllister

ALTERNATE BOARD:

Dave McAllister

Dave Johnson

Betsy Johnson

MUSEUM CURATOR:

Annette Aubinger

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Jackie Burkat

*The Ashwaubenon Historical Society is
a member of the State Historical Society
of Wisconsin*

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(for calendar year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011)

MAIL THIS FORM AND DUES TO: Ashwaubenon Historical Society, 737 Cormier Road, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304,
OR

Ray Rottier, Treasurer, 2201 Kassner Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Student \$5.00

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Supporting Member \$50.00

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