

JANUARY 2014

THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN 2014!

- We are starting an outreach effort to encourage schools, service clubs and other interested groups to tour the museum.
- A member generously offered free bus rides to the museum for any county school group.
- We have started documenting our collection with the help of Chilton History Students
- The board of directors have set up a marketing committee to increase membership and visits to the museum.



Calumet County Historical Society Museum

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Chilton High School Students Help Document County History

It has been a goal of the Calumet County Historical Society to get our collection of county historic items documented and organized into a data base for easier research and to capture what we know of the items we have. This is an enormous task for our group since we have thousands of items on display. Accomplishing this will take a great deal of time. One cold Saturday morning in November that task got a whole lot easier when 16 Chilton High School students showed up to help kick this project into high

gear. Frankly this group surprised us with a wonderful energy, enthusiasm and knowledge of history.



Originally we thought the morning was going to start with a quick tour and then the task of docu-

menting by these students was to have started. Their interest and enthusiasm was just wonderful and the tour took almost the whole time. The day was incredibly productive. This will be a long term project and the interest of the students continues to be strong. In fact many from this same group showed up at a board meeting to discuss this project and other projects that would keep the students involved. If the interest continues, the society may add student membership status to the Calumet County Historical Society.

Herman E. Pagel 1920-2013

The community has lost a wonderful gentleman who had an incredible passion for sharing his knowledge of history with everyone. Herman died on December 25th at the age of 93. The Calumet County Historical Society would like to send our respects and gratitude to the Pagel Family.

Herman was involved with the CCHS from the very start and his involvement never stopped.



Most Sundays in the summer you could find Herman working in the museum or cutting the grass.

Herman was an incredibly active member. In the last year he also helped with mixing cement for the footing of the Windmill project and one cold November day he led a group of High School students as they toured the museum. His detailed knowledge was in high demand as the group began documenting the society's articles. That same day we noticed a large historical sign

that had been on the ground, now hung from the rafters of one of the buildings. Herman's work ethic and "can do" spirit led him to take care of hanging it all by himself! Incredibly Herman had been doing things like this for the CCHS since 1967. We have lost a great mentor and friend. Herman's commitment to the Calumet County Historical Society was unmatched in longevity but more importantly was unmatched in a passion for sharing history.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Pagel family at this trying time.



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Bringing the Museum into the Community



One of our display cases at the Chilton Public Library

Four displays of museum artifacts are located throughout Chilton in an effort to bring history into the community for year-round education and enjoyment. A long-term on-loan display of historic hub caps and license plates decorate a wall in the Chilton Department of Transportation office on Chestnut Street. A store front next to Hilde's Deli & Bakery on West Main Street in Chilton features an eclectic array of home and agricultural pieces which are rotated on a regular basis. The Chilton Public Library

entrance area display case is home to a monthly rotating theme based display and a small bookcase at the south end of the library features historic books. The newest display case at the Calumet County Courthouse purchased in 2013 courtesy of a Chilton Area Community Foundation grant features diverse



items of interest throughout the county. Celebrating our rich historic heritage with the community continues to grow with annual pedestrian traffic reaching over 25,000 people. View the displays and celebrate with Calumet County Historical Society.



Just an example of what our museum has to offer

What Is It?



Check out page 4!

Hints...

- Used for woodworking
- Still used by specialist artisans today
- It's name is also a short rhyming verse or song with humorous content
- **You can see it at the Calumet County Historical Museum!**



Calumet County Historical Society's Starting Point!

Dr Royal Klofanda, a local Veterinarian, had a hatchery and barn at his home on Reed Street in Chilton. He was a collector of items from farms and homes in the area. In the 1950's he



began calling his collection the Royal Farm Museum. In the early 1960's he along with others in the community, formed the Calumet County Historical Society. When a tornado came through Chilton in 1967 and blew the roof off part of his barn, the need for a new building to house the collection was pushed forward. What was built is now the

southern building of the museum. This building contains Dr. Klofanda's collection as well as 50 years worth of donated articles from numerous residents.

Dr Klofanda was a well respected man in the community. In an article found in the Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter on March 27, 1976 it was mentioned that he was also credited with improving the logo that Calumet County was using at that time.



Membership Drive is Underway!

Join Today!
2014 Membership
Drive Underway!

The Calumet County Historical Society has three sources of financial support: your membership, donations and our brat fry. Your membership is an important way for you to help. Membership is a financial donation to the organization, but it is also a way to get involved in meetings and the operation of the Museum. Your participation at meetings and events will help you to make a difference in the community.

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Brat Fry!
Friday April 25th
Save-A-Lot

We will be delivering to local business!

Like Us On Facebook!

www.facebook.com/CalumetHistoricalSociety

Facebook is a worldwide phenomenon that has over 1.11 billion users and is growing at a rate of 23% every year! Although what most people post is personal, it can also be a wonderful tool for organizations like ours. We think of Facebook as a free newspaper that allows us to have articles and news releases

sent out 24/7 to anyone who wants to hear from us (“Likes” in Facebook talk). Right now the Calumet County Historic Society has 85 people who have “Liked” us and we have just started! Do us a favor and “Like” us soon. If you are



not yet Facebook savvy, have someone close to you do it and have them report back to you. If you are already a user, spread the word and share what we have with your followers. The more people we can reach, the more visitors we are likely to get into our museum.

“Facebook allows us to reach more people interested in what we do at no cost to us”

Windmill Update

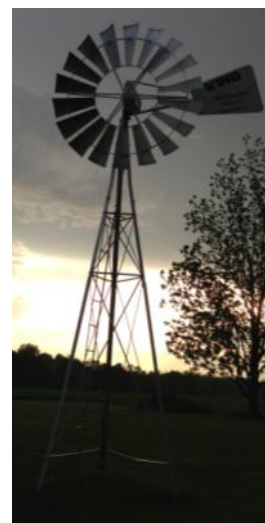
The Lyle Kossman Windmill has been moved and completely installed at the Museum south of Chilton. This three-legged windmill is unique and not one you are likely to see anywhere else. We were so lucky to have Lyle think of us as a good place to keep it safe and available for viewing. The windmill was manufactured in

Waupun, WI around the 1930's; at the end of the windmill era, when electricity was making windmills less useful on farms and homesteads. This windmill has a 3 legged tower with an oil bath gear house. When it was made, the company bragged that it was the “latest” in what we would call windmill technology! Lyle's family bought this windmill new

and had it working on the family farm in Brant. When Lyle moved to Chilton, the windmill came with him to his back yard on Reed Street.

Soon we will have a booklet at the Chilton Library that shows the details of the windmill, it's history and what we did to make sure it lasts for the next 100 years!

The first day the windmill was up at our museum



Brat Fry On

Fri April 25th

If you want to support the Calumet County Historical Society and would also like a great Wisconsin Brat, then Friday, April 25th, is your day! This is our only fundraising project

and we certainly could use your help. A Friday fundraiser is new to us. Pass the word - delivery to your place of business is also available. If you can help with cooking, sales, delivery or for preorders contact Mike Pichee at 920-216-7461.



What is it? A Schnitzelbank of Course!!

Taken from Wikipedia. www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schnitzelbank

Schnitzelbank literally means "scrap bench" or "chip bench" (from *Schnitzel* "scraps / clips / cuttings (from carving)" or the colloquial verb *schnitzeln* "to make scraps" or "to carve" and *Bank* "bench"); like the *Bank*, it is feminine and takes the article "die". It is a woodworking tool used in Germany prior to the industrial revolution. It was in regular use in colonial New England, and in the Appalachian region until early in the 20th century; it is still in use by specialist artisans today. In America it is known as a shaving horse. It uses the mechanical advantage of a foot-operated lever to securely clamp the object to be carved. The shaving horse is used in combination with the drawknife or spokeshave to cut down green or seasoned wood, to accomplish jobs such as handling an ax; creating wooden rakes, hay forks, walking sticks, etc. The shaving horse



was used by various trades, from farmer to basketmaker and wheelwright. A *Schnitzelbank* is also a short rhyming verse or song with humorous content, often but not always sung

with instrumental accompaniment. Each verse in a *Schnitzelbank* introduces a topic and ends with a comedic twist. This meaning of the word is mainly used in Switzerland and southwestern Germany; it is masculine and takes the article "der". It is a main element of the Fasnacht celebrations in the city of Basel, where it is also written *Schnitzelbangg*. *Schnitzelbänke* (pl.) are also sung at weddings and other festivities by the *Schnitzelbänkler*, a single person or small group. Often the *Schnitzelbänkler* will display posters called *Helgen* during some verses that depict the topic but do not give away the joke.



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All officers are also directors

Newsletter inquires: Mike Pichee Pichee@pichee.com

Meetings are held at the Chilton Library 4 times a year starting in October, and ending before June. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend (email if you are interested in attending for exact date)

Available Memberships

\$5.00 Seniors (65 & Over)

\$10.00 Individual

\$15.00 Family

\$25.00 Corporate

\$100.00 Lifetime Membership

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Open Sundays June-September
1:00 to 4:00 pm or by
appointments
Museum admission is free!!

Calumet County Historical Society Museum
is located one mile south of Chilton on Irish
Road just off Hwy 57

Other attractions at the Calumet County Historical Society Museum include:

- Physician and dentist offices
- General Store
- Kitchen and bedroom displays
- Business office
- Large horse drawn stump remover
- A large collection of books, maps, photos, agricultural equipment, tools, period clothes, personal belongings, house wares and appliances.