

# 2019 ISSUE

## New for 2019!

- Tales of Old Chilton back in print!

### Website

- Online member portal is now open!
- More Historical Articles available
- More videos and the popular Chilton Story 1938

### Museum

- More showcases! Bechlem's are back to work, added 2 more new one's and reworked 10 others
- Church windows now backlit
- More resources in reference area
- Online portal available during museum hours
- Continuing to upgrade the museum lighting



# Calumet County Historical Society Museum

**Open Sundays June-September 1:00 to 4:00  
or by appointment**

*"The museum does not charge an admission and is funded mostly from the generosity of current and past society members"*

## Membership Benefit Update!

## Members CCHS Research Portal is Now Open!

\*Complete Search of Documented Objects and Photos \* View photos

\* Searchable State Bank of Chilton Calendars \* Searchable Herb Buhl Articles and Photos

For years we have been working hard to share our collection with more and more people, whether they be at the museum, on our web page, or on our Facebook page. Now we have something new for members; a much more powerful research tool.

We have created a research portal that is available for CCHS members that would like to have access to the information in our collection. This tool provides many browsing features that allow you to explore what we have, by giving you the ability to search just as you would on the in-

ternet. You can search all of our documented items by year, by community, by collection or by name – either business or personal name. You can also search by using combinations of these fields.

If you find anything in the category of "photo" or "article" that interests you, most are available to be viewed online. In the future every category object will be viewable online. This is a work in progress and is self-developed; there is a small learning curve, but this is a very

useful way to find information about something you are looking for. Take a look at our online help docu-

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### Portal Stats

- 5,770 Records
- 2661 Viewable Photos
- 4400 plus searchable names or addresses

## Tales of Old Chilton Back in Print

Published in 1978, in celebration of the Centennial year for the City of Chilton, this book chronicles the early years of Chilton and surrounding communities such as Hayton, Gravesville, Stockbridge and Brant, during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Details about Moses and Catherine Stanton, the founders of Chilton, along with articles about other early prominent citizens who were critical in the

growth of our community can be found in this book. It also contains snippets of old newspaper clippings, an 1878 map of Chilton, and many great pictures that give a look into the past, as well as descriptions of business-

es, homes and community organizations. A great read and resource for those interested in the history of Chilton and life in years gone by.

**Copies are available at Friederichs  
Abstract & Title Service  
28 W Main St  
Chilton for \$20 or at  
CalumetCountyHistoricalSociety.org  
for \$25 (Includes shipping)**

### Tales of Old Chilton



## Our First *(and Amazing!)* Intern

'Rock Star' is not the normal way people who work in history refer to interns, but we will. "When Erin's Internship was approved by Lakeland University I spent some time coming up with a program that would keep her busy," said Mike Pichee, a CCHS director and Erin's Supervisor.



**Erin Leverenz**

"Within 4 days of Erin starting to work, I knew I had to come up with a lot more for her to do. She ripped through my list!" Pichee added "The outstanding quality and quantity of work Erin has done for us is simply amazing." Documenting our collection has been one of the priorities set by the Board of Directors for some time. Good progress had been made, but Erin moved us forward at amazing speed. Erin's work is now available online to members of the Calumet County Historical Society.

**Thank You Erin for all you have done!!**

## Some of Erin's Stats

- 1560 records directly entered into our data base
- 150 hours of work
- Reworked and cleaned 10 show cases
- Photographed every page of the scrapbooks of James Skarda
- Photographed and stored all the farm equipment manuals we have for future more detailed documenting projects
- Completed 100% of the data entry of available Herb Buhl's Looking Back photos and State Bank of Chilton Calendars
- Documented most of our books. These are now searchable through our portal.

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***Please consider a Membership Today!***

## It's official! Our property is now called the "Herman Pagel Historical Site."



If you had stopped in to visit our museum any time from our start in the early 1960's and up to 2013, the odds are very good that you would have met Herman. He was there all the

time and loved to share his knowledge of our county's history. It was also likely if you had driven by and seen a car there, it was him working on something. This what he did un-

til 2013 when he passed away at the age of 93. It was Herman's family's land that our building sits on. Our collection was started by Dr Klofanda, our second building was donated by Michael J. Bolz, but the land, the energy and the hours spent building and sharing our mission was all Herman.



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## Group Tours & Community Talks

Do you have a school, civic or church group that would like a private tour of The Calumet County Historical Society's Museum or would like us to come out and talk to your group? Please let us know. We would be thrilled to open the museum at your convenience. We can also set a date to come talk to your group. Call 920-849-4042 or 920-216-7461 to get more information and schedule your appointment!

## Putting the Bechlem's Showcases Back To Work

We have two tall and long showcases that, for some time, have been used only as storage in our museum. **Well, that has changed!** We have been working hard to upgrade our displays and we've put several of the Bechlem's windows back to work, doing what they were built to do... display really cool stuff. The Bechlem name has been a part of Chilton history since 1879. From what local historians tell us, the name was found on businesses in a few locations in Chilton. In its early days it was located at what is currently the Chilton Upholstery Shop on Madison Street. We can't give you any details on our showcases right now, but we believe they came from the Bechlem Clothing Store on Main Street.



Portrait of Mr. William Bechlem Sr in his Odd Fellows Regalia and his shop built in 1897 and is now Chilton Upholstery Shop



## Member Portal

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ments, and with a little bit of playing around, it will become easy in a short time.

Every object that has been documented and processed in our collection is available with the search tool. Making this information available through the database is a daunting and never-ending task for CCHS. Every year we are making huge progress! This last year exceptional progress was made, but there is still a lot of work to do. Let us know if you're interested in helping! We have opportunities for people to work from home or at the museum. To have access to this tool you must be a member. **If you would like this membership benefit, check out the insert that was included in this mailing for more details.**

## Cabin Project 2018-DONE!



### Thank You!

- Jim Ruffing
- Kathy & David Bashaw
- Steve Keuler
- Steve Pfundtner
- Dennis Cook
- Mike Pichee

Jim not only donated his time and vast knowledge he also made a generous monetary donation to this project. Thank You Jim!



*Do you want to help?*

*Please consider:*

- **Helping on Sundays at the Museum as a greeter**
- **Cleaning and maintenance projects**
- **Documenting objects**
- **Lawn care**
- **Data Entry from home**
- **Do you have any ideas?**

# Membership Drive is Underway!

**Join Today!**  
2019 Membership  
Drive Underway!

*“The museum does not charge an admission and is funded mostly by the generosity of current and past society members. Please consider a membership Today”*

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.

**We now have an Online Portal for Members To Research Our Collection**

## Donating Pictures or Digital Images to the Calumet County Historical Society

Donate the image, the story and the history & **keep the picture**

Have you ever gone into an antique store and seen a basket filled with old photos taken of people that have no name or story connected? Sadly those photos, names and stories are in the process of being lost and most likely it's too late.

We are looking for photos, slides and

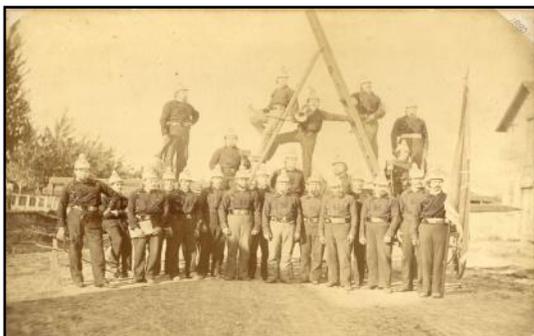
movies that have names, stories, or building names so that we can preserve

the memories of people, places, and events in the county. We are always looking to add images to our archives. If you have pictures from parades, pic-

nics, church, or school events we could use your help.

You don't need to donate the photo itself.

So can you help us? It's easy - we just want a digital image along with the names and any information you can tell us. Don't have a way to digitize it? No problem, just give us a week or two and we can do this for you. Email or call us for more information!



Chilton Hook & Ladder Company 1880  
(Unknown Fireman)



Left to Right; Hazel Asher, Marlea Sharon, Emily Sharon, Ozias Sharon, Lillian Sharon, Granddaughter Georgia Asher, Gravesville, WI

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or 920-849-4042

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

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