

"Take care of all your memories...For you cannot relive them."

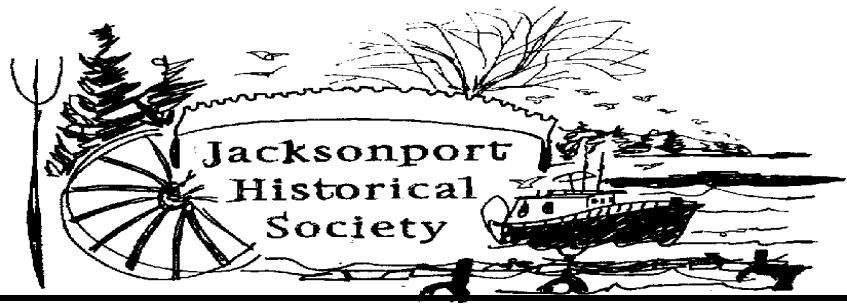
...Bob Dylan

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Jacksonport, WI

Summer 2014 Program Schedule...

- **May 28** – the Haberli Family
- **June 9** – Roger Kuhns on the Geology of Door County
- **June 25** – Clarks Lake
- **July 23** – Return to Horse Drawn Days with Jerry Apps Annual Dinner Presentation
- **August 27**– P.G. Hibbard, one of Jacksonports first settlers
- **September 24** – My Life as a Farmer with George Evenson
- **October 22** – Threshing with Dennis Dietrich

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Greetings Friends and Members,

I woke yesterday morning to a drip of water on my forehead, the second drip had me wide awake. The skylight over my bed has been covered with snow for weeks and the warmer temps over the last few days either caused some condensation inside, or an ice buildup caused a leak; the dripping stopped so I think I'll get away with condensation!

That alarming drip of water got me thinking how lucky I am to live in a weather-tight house, and what the residents of the Cote and Loritz cabins must have endured a hundred years ago in consecutive days of below zero weather. The howling winds, driving rain penetrating the log chinking, and snow on your nose in the morning. Imagine...

"The lake's frozen by now," Pa said. "Temperature's down near zero and going lower." He glanced at the wood box as he spoke. Laura had filled it last night, but already the wood was low. So as soon as he had eaten breakfast, Pa wrapped himself well and brought big armfuls from the woodpile. The shanty was growing colder. The stove could not warm the air inside the thin walls. There was nothing to do but sit huddled in coats and shawls, close to the stove.

In my weather-tight house there were days this winter I wanted to just sit by the stove! That excerpt from *Little House on the Prairie/The Long Winter* might give us a little insight to what winter was like in the cabins that now are at home at the Jacksonport Historical Village. The Jacksonport Historical Society's mission is to compile and preserve the history of our town and its residents. Our goal in 2014 is to complete restoration of the Cote and Lortiz cabins, to landscape the grounds and have the cabins outfitted by spring of 2015. The cabins will be open to the public so that *you* can experience how *our* ancestors lived 100 years ago.

To accomplish that goal we need **YOUR** help. Can you donate time for cleanup or outside work, can you donate time to host guests, and can you make a financial contribution. Our 2014 fundraising goal is \$50,000 and we have many community activities planned. Please call Herb Mueller at 920-823-2062 if you can help!

We're Going Green

May we send your newsletters and JHS updates via email. If so, please email us at JacksonportHistoricalSociety@gmail.com and we'll add you to the list. Thank you!

Cherry Fest by the Numbers

19 – years the Jacksonport Historical Society has been hosting Cherry Fest

2000 – the number of Cherry Fest visitors and participants

500 - the number of Kolaches baked and consumed for Cherry Fest 2013

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – the time frame in which those 500 Kolaches were consumed

80 – the number of vendor booths in the craft fair

8/2/2014 – the date for Cherry Fest 2014. Mark your calendar now!

JHS Volunteer Opportunities

Board of Directors – director vacancy.

Maifest – greet visitors to the Erskine Root Celler and the JHS booth; we need your ideas for a Maifest Parade float.

Cherry Fest – Our largest event of the year requires big numbers. Help bake Kolaches, work in the food booth, assist visitors at the Root Celler, help at the car show...there's a job for everyone!

Farmers Market – last year JHS sold brats & hot dogs at the Tuesday Lakeside Park Farmers Market. We need volunteers this year to handle sales.

Monthly Programs – we can always use help with set up, refreshments and clean up. And, if you have a program idea please email us. Call 920-823-2062 or email JacksonportHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

Cherry Fest 2013

On August 3rd, 2013 a spectacular day unfolded in Lakeside Park downtown Jacksonport at the annual “Cherry Fest”. Once again thanks to the dedication and hard work of many friends and volunteers we enjoyed a very successful not to mention profitable event enjoyed by an estimated 2000 participants.

Of course, with the theme being that of Cherries, many Cherry based food items were available including over hundreds of Cherry filled Kolaches baked by enthusiastic Jacksonport volunteers. DC Custom Meats provided the Cherry Fest lunch staple with their Cherry brats and burgers. And of course there was Cherry pie, ice cream, Cherry jams, jellies, salsa and whole fresh Cherries. Funnel cakes and a variety of other refreshments completed the fare.

Mayberry's Carriages provided a pleasant tour of downtown Jacksonport, and everyone enjoyed the live entertainment.

Guests were offered a large variety of arts and crafts in the park, and let's not forget the infamous “Penny Hunt” held on the beautiful sandy beach of Lakeside Park. Mike Kay, Bob Spittlemeister, Bob Mikels and Herb Mueller graciously displayed their very well kept and interesting tractors, truck and car; visitors love to look at these historic vehicles and we often hear, “Gosh, I wish Grand Dad had kept his”. The “Root Celler” and many historic artifacts were again on full display in the “Erskine Rest Area”.

The profits from the day along with those of all of our efforts throughout the year help to promote the completion of the many cabin and future museum site projects. Please feel free to follow our progress at the historical village site located just atop the hill on the south end of Jacksonport, and at our website, www.JacksonportHistoricalSociety.org.

New to Cherry Fest in 2014 The Cherry Fest Car Show

Put the pedal to the metal and rev up your engines, an antique and classic car show will be added to the festival events this year. Be a kid and bring the kids to this show that will take you back to a simpler time while you check out what's under the hood of cars and trucks dating all the way back to the 1930s. The car show committee of Herb Mueller, Bill Hebal and Beth Hon are working hard to make this first event spectacular and an annual staple. If you can help call Herb Mueller at 920-823-2062