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Mishicot Area Growth & Improvement Committee

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M.A.G.I.C Presents Awards at Annual Banquet

MAGIC sponsors Year in Review

The Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee Annual Awards Banquet was held on March 8 in the midst of one of the worst snowstorms of the year. Despite the weather, there was a good turnout for the 2008 year in review. Awards were presented to outstanding community and business members. Brian Reif received the Genie Award for his work as an Outstanding Volunteer. The Senior Center Volunteers received the Red Carpet Award for the organization providing outstanding service to the Village. Green Acres received the Abracadabra Award for the business providing leadership and service to the community. Chillers Pub and Grill received the Design Award for the business providing outstanding restoration/improvement design to the building façade. It was certainly an evening to remember.

Recipients of 2008 MAGIC community awards
are John and Sharon Campion owners of
Chillers; Lucy Graycarek and Adeline Holmes,
Senior Center volunteers; Skip Carlson owner of
Green Acres; & Brian Reif



Village-Wide Rummage Sale

On Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, Mishicot will host its 19th Annual Community-Wide Rummage Sale. Hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Inserted in this newsletter is a listing of items and map of locations. Copies will also be available at local businesses throughout the Village. Be sure to check out these great deals and opportunities for bargains. Again this year, the MAGIC Design Committee will be having a used book sale on Saturday in front of the Village Hall. All proceeds will go towards Village beautification projects. Book donations may be dropped off at the Village Hall during business hours.

Holy Cross is again hosting a fish boil in their school gym from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday. The Country Store will have a food stand on Friday beginning at 10 a.m. From 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday the Mishicot Lions Club and the Mishicot Fire Department will host a Pancake and Porky Breakfast. Fire department equipment demonstrations are also planned for this time. Local restaurants will be offering a variety of taste-tempting treats both days. Rain or shine, hungry bargain hunters will be satisfied during our annual community sale.

2009 Volunteers

Senior Center Volunteers Deserve Recognition

Did you know that the Aging and Resource Center started the Mishicot site Nutrition site 31 years ago on January 25, 1978 at the Old School? The late Kathy Stahl was the first manager. Around 1983-1984, the Nutrition site moved to the Mishicot Vets Club. In 1984 Kathy Stahl was transferred to Manitowoc and Lucy Graycarek volunteered to take over management along with volunteers Rosemary Karman (1985), Adeline Holmes in (1987), and Agnes Schmitt in (1994). Other volunteers over the years included Eunice Braun, Ione Kornely, Elsie Kraynik, Kitty Wachlacz, Marcela Straka, and Josie Nehring. September of 2008, Arlene Vogel and February 2009, Janet Kempen volunteered to assist Lucy Gracarek in preparing the meals. The volunteers serve meals 3 days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



Meals are also delivered 3 days a week to other seniors. The volunteer drivers are Melvin Bourgeois (18 years) and Edward Suess (17 ½) years. Substitute drivers are Gerald Garycarek and Don Kraynik. The East delivery route includes Mishicot, Tisch Mills, and Two Creeks. The West delivery route includes Francis Creek, Kellnersville, Whitelaw, and Shoto.

All food is shipped in bulk from the Two Rivers Senior Center. The volunteers at the Mishicot site package the food for both the homebound deliveries and those eating at the Vets Club site. On Monday afternoons, those eating at the Vets Club also play Sheephead.

A number of Mishicot seniors also coordinate bingo games at the Northridge Nursing home every week. These include John & Marie Tess, Bob & Delphine Jones, and Adeline Holmes.

Volunteers such as, Edward Suess, Agnes Schmidt, Lucy Graycarek, Kitty Wichlacz, and Melvin Bourgeois, package and deliver hot meals three days a week for Mishicot's "Meals on Wheels" program.

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MISHICOT'S YESTERYEARS

The Swiss in Mishicot --- by Bernard Brouchoud

Once upon a time, long ago, in the far-away land of Switzerland, numerous families decided to leave their beloved homeland and journey to America. Most were farmers and when the human population kept growing the realization that there just wasn't enough space for them to continue making their living from the land became apparent, they became immigrants. They did not come as a group, but spread their travel over a period of about fifty years: from 1848 to 1898. It still seems a mystery as to why these people chose Gibson and Mishicot Townships in Manitowoc County in Wisconsin as their final destination.

We have been told that the family Pellsier was the first Swiss family to arrive in our area. The date that we have for their arrival was 1848. We have another account, of unknown families, who left Le Havre, France on a steamship. They arrived in New York, then traveled westward on the Erie Canal, then by train across Michigan, then by ship across Lake Michigan, and finally by horse and wagon to Gibson Township.

On the 1872 plat map of Gibson Township (in the Manitowoc library) you will find these family names: Bodwith, Brouchoud, Cochenet, Courtion, Cretton, Fiely, Filey, Galiant, Lambert, Luisier, Michaud, Ribordy, Rosery, and Rouiller. In 1893, there were added these five families: Abbet, Bouda, Fortier, Guex, and Trolier. Still present in 1920 were: Bouda, Brouchoud, Courchaine, Filliez, Guex, Lambert, and Trolier.



Mishicot residents visited our sister city in Switzerland in the 1980's.

These were all French-speaking people. There were also two other families with the Swiss: Yelemene (from the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland) and Weihmuller (from the German-speaking part of Switzerland).

My great, great grandfather and his wife, Joseph and Rosalie Maret Brouchoud, arrived here in 1865. His son, my great grandfather, Camille Brouchoud and his wife, Mary Cochenet, arrived ten years later in 1875. They lived on a farm on the north side of what is now Highway 147, several miles west of Mishicot. Their youngest son, Pascal Brouchoud and his wife Anna Kronforst, lived in the same house after his parents moved into a smaller, nearby home.

Over twenty families came here from the Canton (State) Vallais in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. Most of the families came from the Le Chable/Villette area of the Bagnes (pronounced Bah-nya) Valley. The Dranse River separates these two villages. There are thirteen small villages in the valley.

The cemetery in LeChable looks like the Catholic part of the Mishicot cemetery. Names such as Cretton, Lambert, Abet, Brouchoud, Rouiller, etc are all repeated in both villages. I have extensive genealogies of the Filliez, Cretton, and Brouchoud families. If anyone is interested, please call me at (920) 684-6082.



Mishicot Briefs

The Mishicot Historical Museum is again sponsoring a bus trip to the Hannahville Potawatomi PowWow on Saturday June 20 at Harris, MI. In addition to the dance and drumming event, the group will tour the recently dedicated Potawatomi Tribal Heritage Center and visit Chief Mishicott's grave. Earl Meshiguad, great-grandson of Chief Mishicot, and director of the Heritage Center will again be our tour guide. Many will remember his participation in our 2004 Pumpkinfest parade. Jim Sustman will escort the tour and present the Chief Mishicot Story.

The cost is \$35 which includes the bus trip and entry to the PowWow. Lunch of Indian foods at the PowWow including fry bread, Indian tacos and wild rice soup along with supper at Schloegels' Restaurant at Menominee on the way back will be the responsibility of the participants. Registration is at the Village Hall, 511 E. Main Street. Call 755-3411 or 755-2525 for more information. Schedules are available at the Village Hall.

Bike Rest Stop.....HELP!

The SAGBRAW Bike Tour will be stopping in the Mishicot Village Park on August 6. We have a reputation of providing a wonderful rest stop for the bike tour group. Mishicot was voted the "Best Rest Stop" on the tour in 2007 for which we received a bike rack that will be installed along the Riverwalk. We can be the best again with your help! We need lots of fruit, baked goods, and workers. To greet the bikers and make this rest stop as wonderful as or even better than last time, please contact Evie Sustman at 920-755-3317 or evie@sustman.com for more information.

Museum Open House

The Mishicot Historical Museum is hosting an open house on May 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Friends of the Museum will be serving Coffee and Cake. Many improvements and new exhibits have been made to



the museum. Stop by to see for yourself

Earl Meshiguad at the gravesite of his great-grandfather Chief Mishicott with past bus trip participants.

Used Book Sale

A used book sale will be held in conjunction with the Village-wide Rummage Sale on May 15 and May 16. Please bring any used books you would like to donate to the Village Hall during regular business hours. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the beautification projects around the Village.

Memorial Day Events

Mishicot will celebrate Memorial Day with a parade at noon leading to the cemetery. The Kempen-Staudinger-Terens VFW Post #7753 brings us a memorial ceremony starting at 12:30 p.m. lead by Capt. Brian Wegner, U.S.N. (retired). The VFW Auxiliary will host a luncheon at the Vets Club at 1 p.m.



Brian Wegner



Summer in the Village

Adoption Option

Spring is here – summer is just around the proverbial corner! We eagerly await the blooming of flowers to beautify our Village, lift our spirits and inspire us to -----ADOPT!

Each year the MAGIC Design Committee plants flowers in the pots, barrels and beds all around town. Volunteers are always needed to help with the planting. But planting is just the beginning. It won't be long before we hear the faint, mournful sound of orphan blossoms calling out for a kind, thoughtful citizen to adopt them. Is there a barrel, bed or pot near your corner, your business, or your house? One you wish were near your house? One you walk by every day? One (or two) you admire as you walk by?



Surely there are many of you out there yearning to adopt, but afraid to take the first, daunting step. Don't be afraid. Rise up off your grass, bravely pick up your phone, ring up the MAGIC office and promise to love, honor and water the plantings of your choosing. Adopt a lonesome blossom and feel good about yourself – all summer long.

If you would like to nurture flowers this summer---there are 21 barrels, 15 planters, and 14 flower beds--- please let us know! Call the MAGIC office at 755-3411 or email us at magic@tm.net to volunteer.



Thank you!!

A great big **thank you** to those who donated during our Contributor's Drive! Your generosity is appreciated!



Another **thank you** is in order for everyone who has donated their aluminum cans. Aluminum cans can be left at the MAGIC office on Wednesday mornings, at the Village Hall during regular business hours, or give us a call to arrange for pick up. The MAGIC office is located at 511 East Main Street. We can be reached at 920-755-4824 or magic@tm.net.



Mishicot Briefs

Fire Department Volunteers Needed

A reminder that our volunteer Fire Department is always in need of more volunteers. Fire fighters and EMS Duty service providers are needed. Join a great group of dedicated community-minded service people. They would like to hear from you. All training is paid for. Contact 755-2345 for more information.

Earth Day Visit

On Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, several friends from our museum went up to the Hannahville Potawatomi to represent our village at the dedication of their new Heritage Center. For the occasion we presented them with a flowering tree. This building is in the shape of a turtle, an ancient concept of the layout of North America. The Center will be one of the stops for our Powwow trip on Saturday June 20th.

Earl Meshigwad
with the tree
presented to him
by the Mishicot
community.



Farmers' Market to Begin

One knows summer must be around the corner when people start asking when our farmers market will reopen. Our vendors say it is too early to say for sure as it all depends on the availability of their produce and that depends on the weather. It's great that people are looking forward to our Wednesday mornings in the village parking lot for their free coffee, fresh baked treats, and all that good-old-time German polka music. Plus add to that all the latest village news and you have the beginnings of a perfect day! We are always looking for new and more vendors. Call Evie at 755-3317 or the MAGIC office 755-3411 for more information. We'd love to have you.

Did You Know?

*The Mishicot Historical Museum was awarded a grant by the West Foundation to continue improvements in the museum.

*The founder of Mishicot, Daniel Smith had a son-in-law, B.J. VanValkenburgh who was the first superintendent of Schools in Manitowoc County. B.J. was also the uncle to Captain Franklin VanValkenburgh, USN commanding officer of his ship, the USS Arizona, which on December 7, 1941 was attacked and sunk in Pearl Harbor. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Riverfest Update

2009 Riverfest Co-chairmen, Brian Reif and Rod Scheuer, present this update about Mishicot's 12th Annual Riverfest: Planning is well underway. New this year is Christman Amusement Carnival—a well-maintained, 3 generation family owned show from Wautoma. Dates are July 23rd through July 26th. A web site, www.mishicotriverfest.com, is up and running to keep you up-to-date on the festival. There is free parking and admission. Riverfest is brought to you by the Mishicot Volunteer Fire Department, Mishicot Area Ambulance Service, Kettle Range Snow Riders, Mishicot Sports Boosters, Mishicot Sportsman's Club, and MAGIC.

Schedule of Events

| <u>Main Stage Live Music</u> | <u>Special Events</u> |
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| July 23 The Groove Hogs | "Racing Sausages" |
| July 24 Cherry Pie | Fish Boil Dinner |
| July 25 Oil Can Harry | Car Show |
| July 26 Dave Steffen Band | Parade & Duck Race |

| <u>Kettle Range Pull Track</u> | <u>Bank 1st National Stage</u> |
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| July 23 Draught horse | Magic of Ryan Kamien |
| July 24 Shoto 4x4s | The Del Rays |
| July 25 Lawn & Farm | Main St. Dance Academy |
| July 26 Antique Tractor | Cookee Folk Fun Janice Wiegert Dancers Maritime Spirit Cheer |

July 25 Pancake Breakfast and Chicken Dinner

Every Day Carnival, Chainsaw artist, Vendors,
Dollars for Donuts



Business News

The Old School Closes

Craig and Mary Berken are saddened to close the doors of The Old School. The 7th anniversary of their ownership of the shop would have been celebrated this summer. Hard economic times are taking their toll all across the country and Mishicot is proving to be no exception. The Berkens would like to thank their faithful customers and friends who have supported them throughout the years.

Craig and Mary have been very good to Mishicot providing such unique opportunities to the Village as the Norman Rockwell Weekend, a Frances Hook celebration, a working Lionel Train display, unique shopping, and a central spot for the Outdoor Summer Concert Series. Best of luck in your new pursuits, Craig and Mary!



There are questions about the Outdoor Summer Concert Series that are being pursued as of this writing. The concerts will be held as scheduled. An announcement will be made to inform the public as to where the concerts will be performed. Watch the paper and posters around the Village for information concerning the final decision regarding the new location. A schedule of the performances is included in this newsletter.

Mishicot Businesses' Support Appreciated

A special thank you goes to the Mishicot businesses for responding to our request for a \$20 donation towards the cost of our revised Mishicot Business Map. Your generosity will enable us to provide more benefits to the community and your cooperation sends a positive sign of what we can accomplish when we work together for good of the Village. Thanks again!! Copies of the new map will soon be available for distribution to promote our Village and businesses.

**Keep Mishicot
Alive!**

SHOP LOCALLY

And help support our local businesses

Articles in this issue were
contributed by Bernie Brouchoud,
Ginny Finnel,
Jim and Evie Sustman,
Virginia Parlato,
and Rod Scheuer.

Spring/Summer Newsletter

OUR MISSION

To support the historical preservation and growth and development of the Mishicot Area

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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| May 15 & 16 | Village-Wide Rummage Sale |
| May 25 | Memorial Day Ceremonies |
| May 27 | Farmers' Market begins Summer Concert Series begins |
| June 20 | Potawatomi Bus Trip |
| July 23-26 | Riverfest |
| October 17 | Pumpkinfest |

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

This newsletter is printed three times a year by MAGIC. Your contributions are invited. If you have any information, photos or articles to be included, please contact the MAGIC office:

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Since we are a non-profit organization, we are unable to accept business ads.

"Do what you can with what you've got wherever you are."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

2009

Summer Fun

in beautiful -- historic

MISHICOT

Relive the local history of rural Americana

Visit Historic

Mishicot Museum

See the new displays.

May through October * Noon - 4 p.m. *Sat & Sun
Corner of Rockway & Randolph Streets

Mishicot's Own

Farmers Market

Wednesdays 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

May 27 through October 17

Village Hall parking lot

Free coffee, bakery treats, music, and visits with
your friends & neighbors!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

at Mishicot Village Park

Mondays @ 1 p.m.

Stories, crafts and games every Monday afternoon at
Mishicot Village Park. Rain or shine, participants may
check out books and participate in the summer reading
program. Fun for the whole family.

Please wear tennis shoes for playing group games each
week.

June 22: Here Comes the Band

June 29: Colors Everywhere

July 6: I'm a Star

July 13: Theatre Games

July 20: Drawing Fun

August 10: On Stage

August 17: Water Games—wear your suits
and bring a towel

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2009 Concert Series

in Historic Mishicot, Wisconsin

Wednesday evening outdoor live music series

Concerts start at 7 p.m. Social hour 6 p.m.

Presented by:

Fox Hills Resort, Bank First National, The Old School, Green Acres, Subway,
Mishicot Dental Clinic, PK'sAutoBody Fat Boy's II, River Edge Galleries,
Wisconsin Nationwide Transportation, Heyroth Mini Storage, MAGIC
Lambert Eckert Funeral Home, Mishicot Country Store, Bay Lake Banks,
Mishicot Veterinary Clinic, Trendsetters/M-T Cup, Mr. Otek Signs,
Mishicot Shipbuilders Credit Union, Badger Bowl/Cozy Corner Café,
Sprang Renovation, Crow Bar & Grill, Kadow Plumbing & Heating,
Pathways Photography, Sun Satations Tanning, Mishicot Auto Sales,
Andercraft Woods, Mishicot Family Market, Jindra Heating & Plumbing

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| May 27 | Mishicot High School Band directed by Mr. Colin Baird Mishicot High School Swing Choir directed by Ms. Deb Peters (6:30 PM) |
| June 3 | Manitowoc Lutheran High School Jazz Band directed by Mr. Randy Kramer Manitowoc Lutheran High School Singers directed by Mr. Joel Ungemach |
| June 10 | Roncalli High School Jazz Band directed by Mr. Cory Van Sickle |
| June 17 | Roncalli High School, Roncalli Singers directed by Mr. Frank Birr Talk of the Town (from Green Bay) performing Dixieland & New Orleans style jazz and swing. Featuring Mishicot native Kurt Risch on drums and leader Kevin Van Ess on Yackety sax. |
| June 24 | Kiel Municipal Band Patriotic concert directed by Dr. Lewis Schmidt. First Mishicot appearance for the 60-member Kiel band—celebrating 81 years. |
| July 1 | Z Brass Quintet directed by Mr. Paul |
| July 8 | Kids & Grandkids Night featuring “Cookie” Kids Show plus the magic of Ryan Kamien. Pony rides, petting zoo, Party Pizzazz bouncer, crime dog McGruff, cotton candy wagon, and more! (6 PM) |
| July 15 | Two Rivers Municipal Band directed by Mishicot's own Mr. Glenn Nelson in his 29 th year as conductor. |
| July 22 | The Dorf Kapelle Vas Vilst Du Haben? Who the heck is Alice Tour 2009 directed by Mr. Ernest Broeniman, performing authentic German, Austrian, Swiss, and Czech music in full Lederhosen regalia. Ein Porsit! |
| July 29 | Manitowoc Marine Band directed by Mr. Jeff Mix. The Marine Band was originally organized in 1898 and has performed in Manitowoc and the surrounding area for the past 110 years. |
| August 5 | Elvis Presley tribute artist “Tony Rocker” from Milwaukee. Two shows! |
| August 12 | Clipper City Chordsmen with special guests The Baylander Chorus of Green Bay. A twin bill evening of a capella and barbershop harmony singing. (6:30 PM) |
| August 19 | Newtonburg Brass Band Perennial favorite! Historic turn of the century town band in full costume. In conjunction with Zion United Methodist Church ice cream social at The Old School (6:30 PM) |
| August 26 | The Del Rays Shake, rattle, and roll with the 1950's Doo Wop rock-n-roll plus a classic cruise car show and street dance. (6:30 PM) |
| September 2 | Rod Scheuer and Friends Local boy makes good! (6:30 PM) |



Mishicot the Place to be!



12th Annual RiverFest

July 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th

Along the historic "Mishicot" River in the Mishicot Village Park

Fun for Kids all weekend with Carnival Rides

Thursday July 23

The Groove Hogs
Milwaukee Brewers Racing Sausages

All week Carnival

Chainsaw artist

Saturday July 25

Oil Can Harry
Mishicot Car Club Show

Friday July 24

Cherry Pie
Fish Boil Dinner @ 4 PM

Sunday July 26

Dave Steffen Band
Gigantic Parade @ 11 AM

22nd Annual

PumpkinFest October 17th

A Celebration of the fall harvest in downtown Historic Mishicot

****Family Fun Day ** Music, Food, Games, Pumpkin Pancakes at the School****

****Polka Band ** Pumpkin Beer** Clydesdale Horse & Wagon Rides****

****Arts/Crafts** Native American Vendors****

Parade at Noon



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