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KCHS NEWSLETTER — 25TH ANNIVERSARY! A JOURNEY OF SUCCESS

by Jerry Abitz

On Saturday, May 4, we are celebrating a number of accomplishments that the Kewaunee County Historical Society has achieved in the past twenty-five years. What better time to do that than on the occasion of our annual meeting which we've combined with an open house for the new location of our History Center and our 25th anniversary celebration of the newsletter? *(See more details on page 3.)*

Twenty-five years ago we were a much-maligned organization that seemed to be going nowhere. I can't begin to tell you about the times our group was referred to as "the hysterical society." It is of particular note that it was also the time we began publishing our newsletter. It was a profound idea that made possible the organization we are today.

What do you do when you are a small, penniless, Kewaunee-centered organization whose only source of income is from tourists killing time, waiting to catch the ferry across Lake Michigan? You find it difficult to accomplish your mission; you are managing a small museum that most of the county's citizens don't even know exists. (We were operating a museum in Kewaunee in a county-owned building, displaying primarily the Decker Collection, acquired by



Left: Steve Kander (1943-1996), first editor of the KCHS newsletter. *Photo supplied by Bonnie Schanhofer*. **Right:** Photo of the first issue (April 1988). The newsletter was first published bi-annually on two pages, and now has increased to eight pages produced quarterly.

ing, displaying primarily the Decker Collection, acquired by Kewaunee County around 1911 with the stipulation it be displayed at the county seat in perpetuity.) Yes, we were collecting things, but a lack of funds does notably stifle what one is able to do; more concerning, it limits even the imagination of what the future can hold.

Well, that was the state of affairs for the KCHS twenty-five years ago. And no one seemed to know how to overcome this problem until Steve Kander appeared on the scene.

I recently had been elected president of the KCHS. My best friend, Steve Kander, of Pilsen was the secretary. He was full of ideas. We needed publicity within the county but, based around the three largest communities, Kewaunee County seemed to have divergent agendas. It became apparent that no one else was going to promote our organization unless we did it ourselves. To unify our potential audience, Steve proposed starting a newsletter; it was his idea that we needed a vehicle to let the community know that we exist and that we do have ongoing projects. And one idea led to another — the late Jim Linak gave us some hints of what Kewaunee Scholarships was doing to raise money; each of us added names to a proposed mailing list; the late Harold Heidman gave us permission to use his bulk-mailing permit, and volunteered himself and his wife to do the mailing. By including a self-addressed envelope, we began to slowly receive donations.

Those first newsletters were only two pages in length, contained no photos and came out twice a year. It was a proiect he did by himself. As a teacher of computer skills, he had a basic knowledge and experi-

If you wish to receive the *Historical Notes* in color and online, send your request to <u>skslik@centurytel.net</u> with your name and email address. ject he did by himself. As a teacher of computer skills, he had a basic knowledge and experience that no one else on the board had. He labored pretty much on his own for eight years. I contributed copy twice.

Steve's parents, back in Dayton, Ohio, were experiencing health and other issues he could not resolve from afar, so he invited them to spend the winter of 1996 in Luxemburg. But that January, Steve had an accident. He slipped on the ice while returning home from parking his dad's car in a neighbor's shed; the resulting broken ankle required surgery to pin it together and a short hospital stay. Three days later, while staying at his friend's (cont. on page 2)

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house in Green Bay, he died from a blood clot to his lungs. His parents, friends and I were in a state of shock! He was only 52 years old!

Following Steve's death, one of my concerns quickly became, *Who would do the newsletter*? Since I had rudimentary computer skills unlike the other directors, I inherited the newsletter editorship by default. Mark, my son, came to my rescue and helped get me to get up to speed with computers in an effort to make the job easier. Without that assistance, the newsletter would have died. I felt we needed more copy to publicize our mission, so I increased the size to four pages and added photos. When Jill Dopke joined the editorial staff in 2007, we went to eight pages, published four times a year. She was a breath of fresh air and a welcome addition. Her presence meant someone with whom to share responsibilities of writing and production, and we could bounce ideas off each other. She also was a great advocate for this organization and added many names to the mailing list. Glennie Wilding-White and PattySue Powell also were, at various times, involved with the publication of this newsletter.

Writing and editing were the easy parts, but assembling the final copy and fitting all the pieces together could be (*and was!*) frustrating, especially when inexperienced. Admitting our limitations, we decided to find another solution for production. Initially, Jill recruited Rhonda Hanson for that job, but then Rhonda resigned.

One particular day, I was having more than the usual amount of problems, so I decided I needed to get some fresh air. While walking down our Bayside road, I ran into my neighbor, Susan Slikkers, out walking her dog. I vented my frustrations. She listened intently and, at the end, responded, "I do that for a living!" She has been our production editor ever since. What a godsend! (Because of our experience with her, she is now also the production editor for the Brown County Historical Society's newsletter as well.)

The other legacy from the late Steve Kander was a bequest of money in his will. And, from that small start, the collections keep growing. When you have money, you can dream about what you would like to do, and are able to follow through. It has allowed us to become more than just a museum-operating group. We have placed 30 historic signs around the county, the brainchild of the late Jim Linak. It has enabled us to establish a History Center where individuals can do research and access our collections. Under Virginia Johnson's guidance, we were awarded the *Governor's Archives Award* for the Center, thus giving us a face to the public we never had before.

It also has given us start-up money for publishing various books, and funds for equipment and supplies. Lastly, it has provided us a vehicle with which to raise awareness — and donations — from our various friends scattered far and wide who find what we do is worthwhile and should continue. For me and other volunteers, that is a great motivational force as well. For that we thank you. You do, indeed, keep the doors open!

So, as you can see, it's a time to celebrate! *Please do join us!!* (For more info, see page 3.)

DUMPSTER DIVING AND DONATIONS!!

by Tom Schuller

When I was first involved with the Kewaunee County Historical Society, I would run into people that would ask me what the society was collecting on Kewaunee County history. My reply, in a word, was: *EVERYTHING*!

Then they would tell me that so-and-so was cleaning out grandma's attic and the dumpster would be in the driveway on that weekend; if I wanted anything, I'd better get over there or risk losing it to the county landfill. I'd take my truck to grandma's house, talk to whoever was pitching out the boxes that day, get permission to look through the remains of grandma's life, and hope that they didn't dump well-used kitty litter over everything!

Out of that dumpster would come history! Treasures found include photos from grandma's childhood — her parents in their Sunday best, her holding her first communion candle, Uncle Ed's first car; marriage certificates written in German or Czech; cookbooks; and a lot of flotsam collected over the years that Grandma had lived in that house. I would take it all home, sort through it and glean out small bits of our history that, otherwise, would be lost.

These days, although I'm still able to dumpster dive, I would rather get a phone call from someone willing to part with the contents of grandma's attic... *before* it gets as far as the dumpster! Recently a classmate brought over copies of our old school newspaper, *The Kewauneetolian*, dating as far back as 1925! Now that's the kind of history that I like to see walking in my door!



KCHS President Tom Schuller dumpster diving!! His finds benefit the collections of the KCHS as well as all lovers of history. *Photo by Jerry Abitz.*

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Scarboro heritage sign. *Photo by Jerry Abitz.*

STOLEN HERITAGE SIGN RECOVERED by Jerry Abitz

Back a number of years ago, we were in the middle of a project erecting heritage signs in various locations within our county. Our museum curator, the late Jim Linak, after he had seen

them elsewhere, suggested that we undertake such a project. We wholeheartedly endorsed the project. A committee was formed with Jim Steffel as chair. We wanted signage that could withstand the effects of severe weather changes; we also wanted photos incorporated in the design. Lastly, we wanted them to be produced locally. As a member of this committee, I visited Hi-Tech Graphics, a company located in the former Leyse Company buildings in downtown Kewaunee. While they did not then have the capability of incorporating photos, they said they would invest in that, so we chose them to produce our signs. Each sign cost approximately \$500.

The committee produced a list of potential signs, which was presented to the board. We wanted them located throughout the county since we are an organization whose bailiwick is this entire county. Wording had to be composed for each sign, reflecting known written history, and appropriate photos had to be selected. After several were produced, Jim Steffel resigned due to time constraints; Donna Urban, a former Kewaunee teacher, became chair.

Donna was an excellent researcher as well as a workaholic. She drafted her cousin, John Fictum, to mount the metal signs on plastic and her husband, Jim Urban, to erect them. About 30 signs were produced before Hi-Tech Graphics went out of business. Unfortunately, the last two produced were stolen from the Hi-Tech Graphic's facility. One was quickly recovered by the police; the whereabouts of the other was unknown.

I was able to track down the former owner of Hi-Tech who had moved to Juneau, Wisconsin, and eventually to the Spokane, Washington, area. He assured me there was no existing template for the missing sign that was to be placed in Scarboro. It was a major disappointment and, for us, a loss of money. Subsequently we produced a brochure highlighting each of these heritage signs. Board member Dona Fischer provided the sketches for this brochure; it was designed by Jane Goggins of the Sturgeon Bay area, and printed by her husband's firm, DC Printing.

Unexpectedly, a recent email from Tom Schuller, KCHS president, informed us that the Scarboro sign had been recovered from a site in Casco when a new resident discovered the missing sign behind a stove in a rental apartment. We're happy to report that Bob Peronto of Scarboro has given us permission to have the sign erected on his property. Arrangements are underway to have the long, lost sign installed.

COME! TOUR THE <u>NEW</u> HISTORY CENTER, HELP CELEBRATE OUR NEWSLETTER ANNIVERSARY, AND SEE HOW BEER BARRELS ARE MADE!! AT THE KCHS ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 4, AT 10:00A 217 ELLIS STREET, KEWAUNEE

The Kewaunee County Historical Society will combine its Annual Meeting, the 25th Anniversary of the KCHS newsletter, and Open House of the new location <u>beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the</u> <u>new location at 217 Ellis Street, Kewaunee</u>.

Our speaker this year will be Gary Hess whose family owned and operated a cooperage, the business of making wooden barrels. Gary and his cousin, Jim Hess, will demonstrate the art of mak-



Gary Hess (left) and his cousin, Jim Hess, grandsons of Frank J. Hess. *Photo supplied by Gary Hess.*

ing these barrels and show slides of a now obscure trade that has joined the ranks of other trades such as wheelwrighting and blacksmithing as they fade away into obsolescence. Their grandfather founded the Frank J. Hess and Sons Cooperage in Madison in 1904, primarily servicing the numerous breweries in Wisconsin with white oak beer kegs for 62 years before closing in 1966.

A short business meeting will be conducted.

The open house celebration will feature films and documentaries of Kewaunee County history and interviews of local residents past and present from the vast collection at our History Center; on display will be our newly-donated items. The afternoon also will feature a mini book sale of new and used books from the Center.

Submit your name to win door prizes! Sign up for receiving our newsletter electronically or by mail. Talk to our volunteers, and discover opportunities to become a volunteer yourself!!

A free, light luncheon of regional food will be served throughout the afternoon. Come, help us celebrate! We promise a very interesting afternoon!!

> EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

FEASTS by Jerry Abitz

"This is the season of the year in which the Belgians indulge in the annual harvest dances or 'fests,' as they call them. The people of each district invite their friends from adjoining towns or districts, to come and eat, drink, and be merry. They generally all arrive before noon on the day of the festival or in time for dinner, and the afternoon is spent in merrymaking. After supper they all repair to the nearest dancing hall where they 'trip the light fantastic' until about two or three o'clock A.M. Then they return to their homes or the homes of their friends where they are visiting and rest themselves, and eat, drink, and be merry the second day. The second evening they again repair to the public house and indulge in dancing the same as on the previous night; the following morning they all return to their respective homes. This feasting begins about the last of August and continues until the last of October, the 'fests' being held on every succeeding Sunday and Monday. Sometimes there are 'fests' in two different places on the same days.



THIS ISSUE'S AUTHORS...

✓ Jerry Abitz (see pages 1, 3, 4 and 5) — Jerry has been working with and for the KCHS since 1973, serving as its newsletter editor since 1996. Married to Althea since 1956 and living along the shoreline of the bay, he enjoys writing about historical topics, and takes time to dabble in landscaping; he's a gardener, a voracious reader,



and loves the outdoors. Equipped with a very curious and active mind, he's taught 45 classes for Learning in Retirement at UWGB, and is still going. If you'd like to contact him, send an email to <u>gabitz@centurytel.net</u>.

✓ **Tom Schuller** (see page 2) — Currently president of the Kewaunee County Historical Society, Tom is a self-proclaimed information junkie — he's been collecting stories about Kewaunee County since he was first asked to join the Society. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in a restored Victorian home built in 1890 which is



surrounded by over 3,000 plants. If you'd like to contact him send an email to <u>gandolf00@hotmail.com</u>.



"The Dance of the Dust," a dance for feasts, is being done at Rubens' in Rosiere. The St. Hubert Church is in the background (circa September 1937). *Photo courtesy of the KCHS photo collection; originally published in the* Milwaukee Sentinel.

This feasting was the custom of their forefathers in Belgium, and is annually celebrated by their descendants in America."

The above article appeared in the Sturgeon Bay newspaper, *The Independent* (Oct. 28, 1887), and was reprinted in the *Kewaunee Enterprise* in June 1888. Two things are apparent: 1) the author is not of Belgian descent, and 2) he is astounded that these recent immigrants cavorted in this fashion. Note, too, there is no mention of the term with which we are familiar, "kermiss." The author does note, however, that it is a harvest festival.

Having learned German after I retired, I have run across a variation of that word in a German publication. That article dealt with the Dutch and Belgian border regions of northwestern Germany. Perhaps it may have been derived from "kirche messe," meaning a church mass. One has to realize that those borders we know today have shifted all over the place. Customs and even languages in those regions are very fluid.

From my observation as an outsider when I moved here for a job in 1956, the 'fest' appeared to be like an annual fall homecoming, and attending the Sunday morning mass was part and parcel of the celebration. One does have to wonder, however, after reading the above description and knowing these were rural people engaged in farming, *Who was at home caring for the cattle and milking the cows?*!

KEWAUNEE COUNTY'S UNIQUE GEOLOGY

by Jerry Abitz

When I moved to Kewaunee County in 1956, I was amazed at the variety of geological features. Driving to Kewaunee, I was surprised to see the fairly deep valley of the Kewaunee River. It is most pronounced in the City of Kewaunee when looking down from the heights of Courthouse Square or from Leindecker's Hill on the north.

Driving around Casco, I noted a number of inverted cones, some of which were being mined for their sand and gravel. I was very intrigued. I knew a little about glaciation from college classes and a latent interest in this topic. I knew that Kewaunee County was in the interlobal region where the Green Bay and Lake Michigan lobes clashed. I also quickly noted the farmers in the Casco area were the first to get out in their fields in spring because of the lighter, gravely soils that dried up faster than the heavier clay soils found elsewhere. A friend built a house in Casco, and we went to check out its progress. As we returned to the car, our young son said, "I would hate to live here. Just think of all the stones I would have to pick!"

A recently published book by the University of Wisconsin Press¹ follows the segments of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail; most literature I've seen in the past was general while this book was very specific. Copiously illustrated with maps and photos, it discusses the features of that specific terrain and what caused the various landforms.

How was the Kewaunee River, a rather mundane, meandering river, able to carve such a deep valley? Closer to my residence is another deep valley near the mouth of Red River as it enters a county park with that name. With this even smaller stream, there one can see the dolomitic lime-stone² rock formations, part of the Niagara Escarpment.³

According to the authors, the Kewaunee, the Ahnapee River and the Neshoto-West Twin Rivers all served as a drainage conduit into Lake Michigan from glacial Lake Oshkosh,⁴ when the glaciers blocked the normal drainage through Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. Although the book does not explain the Red River situation where it drains into Green Bay, it, too, must have carried a lot of meltwater to cut its valley through the limestone ridge.

Other features discussed were kames, those coneshaped mounds filled with various sizes and shapes of gravel. Mined for its gravel, there is a good one on the Colle Farm, east of Luxemburg near the intersection of Rockledge and Hawthorne Roads. There are a few drumlins in our county although they're not as prominent as in other areas I've visited. They are tear-shaped hills that parallel the direction the glacier is moving; the drumlin's broadest and highest end in our area would face north.

We have several pothole or kettle lakes. As the glacier moved, large chunks of ice broke off and were covered with a relatively thin layer of glacial sediment. When the



Mining for sand and gravel in a kame on the Colle Farm along Hawthorne Road in the Town of Luxemburg. *Photo by Jerry Abitz.*

glacier melted, these covered, giant ice cubes were exposed and eventually melted, leaving a pothole or kettle. Eventually, these filled with water from springs and soil runoff.

On the Schneider farm in Montpelier, I have seen an esker back in their woods. It is a wavy ridge of ground, snakelike in form. It was formed from a meltwater tunnel under the glacier that filled with sediment as the glacier moved along. When the glacier melted, the ridge was left behind.

While not discussed here, we have at the Jail Museum in Kewaunee a huge nugget of pure copper unearthed in the 1950s in the southeastern corner of Red River Town on the Jule Moureaux farm. It was carried here by the glacier from the Copper Belt, north of Hancock-Houghton in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan.

Perhaps you may be aware of others. Geologists worldwide are attracted to the Kettle Moraine area around Campbellsport southeast of Fond du Lac, because of the very prominent glacial features. Nearby is the Henry Ruess Ice Age Center with its fascinating displays as well as the Parnell Tower one can climb to spot some of these landforms. However, one need not travel that far to see those same landscape features, although ours are less pronounced.

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- ²Dolomitic limestone contains both calcium and magnesium.
- ³The rock formation over which the Niagara River falls in upstate New York. Additionally, it is found in eastern Wisconsin, especially from Door County down to Calumet County, and is also prominent in the Dyckesville area at Bayshore Park.
- ⁴When the normal drainage for this area was blocked by the glaciers, a huge glacial lake of meltwater was formed, covering much of Eastern Wisconsin. Lake Oshkosh's size and elevation fluctuated over the eons of time, using different streams as a drain into the southern part of what is now Lake Michigan.

¹Mikelson, David M., Maher, Louis J., Jr., and Simpson, Susan L. *Geology of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.* (University of Wisconsin Press, Madison; 2011.)

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from the Trenches

written by Arletta Bertrand

WE'RE MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION!! — The KCHS History Center, presently located at 219 Steele Street in Algoma, will be moving to 217 Ellis Street in Ke-

WE'RE MOVING!



waunee, previously known as Kales Variety or Evans Variety Store. After April 1, 2013, all correspondence should be sent to the following address: KCHS History Center, 217 Ellis Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216.

We would like to thank the people of Algoma for the help they have given us over the past years. Because of our need for more space, we have found it necessary to move to a larger building to better display our material, implement new ideas and serve our visitors. This also will bring us closer to our Kewaunee Jail Museum.

To allow us time to pack and set up our new building, it will be necessary for us to close our doors for March and April. We plan on opening the doors in Kewaunee by the beginning of May. Since we are relocating to a larger building, we will need additional tables and even a few comfortable chairs. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact one of our directors (*see list on back page*).

For more info about our May 4 Open House, see page 3.

KCHS RUMMAGE SALE

— The Kewaunee County Historical Society will be participating in the Luxemburg Citywide Rummage Sale again this year on Fri-



day and Saturday, May 17-18, at the residence of our Treasurer Arletta Bertrand, located at 1106 Colle Street in Luxemburg. We are looking for donations of items to be sold. (No adult clothing, please.) Call Arletta (920-845-2972) or Judy Srnka (920-487-5728) to drop off items for the rummage sale.



DO YOU ENJOY READING OUR NEWLETTERS? — We

send out 835 newsletters four times a year; an additional 47 friends receive the

electronic version. We are reaching out to the more than 400 people who receive the newsletter that either have never donated or have not donated in the last three years, and are asking you to help us out.

Donations are our lifeblood. There are expenses involved in printing and mailing the newsletters. Thankfully,

volunteers have been willing to donate their time and mileage researching articles that are included. (*Note — If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know. We will remove your name from the mailing list.*) We also have the expense of equipping and maintaining the History Center, but we rely on our volunteers, who give of their time, to staff the History Center and the Jail Museum.

Without question, we rely on you, our readers, for your tax-deductible donations as our main source of income. To those who donate every year, *thank you!* Keep up the good work!

WE ARE SELLING COOK-

BOOKS — The KCHS is selling a cookie cookbook called *The Best* of *Country Cookies*. The book features 250 of the finest cookie recipes, a must-have for all cookie bakers. The book sells for \$10 and is available at Don's Bakery in Luxemburg. It also will be available at our annual meeting on May 4, or



you can purchase one from our History Center in Kewaunee after May 1. These will make great gifts for birthdays or special occasions and will help support our organization.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY CENTER

— This month we are highlighting the Schools of Kewaunee County. We have many photo books of the rural, one-



room country schools that we would be happy to show you. Recently, I was able to help Nick and Agnes Salentine locate some pictures of the Hawthorne School (located on Hawthorne Road

southeast of Luxemburg). Remodeled, that schoolhouse is now their home. They had visited the Algoma Library and were unable to find anything, so they were referred to us.

We do have yearbooks for the three Kewaunee County high schools, and are still looking for more to complete our collection; we also have yearbooks from the Door-Kewaunee teachers collage, located in Algoma. If you have any old yearbooks and would like to donate them to us, let us know. We would be glad to preserve them for future generations.

Any photos that you may have from your days in the county schools, we are able to reproduce them for our collection, and will return the original photo(s) to you. If you or one of your relatives went to a one-room schoolhouse, check us out! You might be amazed at what you might find!!

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Report from the Trenches (cont. from page 6)

KCHS WINTER LECTURE SERIES - The

KCHS hosted its annual Winter Lecture Series at the KCHS History Center in Algoma during the month of Februarv. Al Briggs made the first address, "Buggy Restoring"; Tom Schuller gave the second one on Kewaunee County



Gerald Bertrand in front his antique gun collection. *Photo by Arletta Bertrand.*

Roads entitled, "Why the Roads Are the Way They Are"; Gerald Bertrand presented the third lecture on "Antique Military Weapons"; and Jerry Abitz was the speaker at the final presentation on "German Immigration." The series was wellattended, well-received and informative. Snacks and refreshments were served to those attending.

JAIL MUSEUM — In just a few short months, the Jail Mu-



seum will be open every day to visitors; the season runs from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. To prepare, however, volunteers have to be found to greet them and keep the museum open seven days a week.

Workdays have to be scheduled before the season begins, floors scrubbed, items dusted, new artifacts put on display and bulletin boards changed. Spring Government Day (in April) is scheduled for high school students to learn about our county government. Part of their time is devoted to a tour of the museum, so the place must be ready!

Virginia Kostka is our Volunteer Coordinator. She contacts people and fills the slots so there is always someone there. However, many of our volunteers are getting along in age, so there is the challenge of finding new volunteers. If you might be inclined and have some time, please contact Virginia (920-388-3091). Each session at the Jail Museum is for four hours. *It's amazing, but one does meet the most interesting people visiting the museum!*

New collections and artifacts come to the museum, such as those recently acquired from the Liebl and the Baeirl families. They have to be accessioned and decisions have to be made whether they are put on display or placed in temporary storage. That is one of the many tasks done by our curator, Darlene Muellner.

For those who have never been to the Museum, we have three floors of displays that include two period rooms, the original jail cells, artifacts from the Edward Decker Collection, and intricate woodcarvings from the Jos. Svoboda Collection. In one of the rooms, we have Indian artifacts as well as the Bauman carvings replicating Father Marquette's landing in Kewaunee in 1674. (*For additional information about hours or contacts, see page 8.*)

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Friends of the Kewaunee County Historical Society ~~ 2013 Donations ~~

Life would be much easier if we never had to worry about money to accomplish our mission. But, in the real world, everything seems to have a cost attached to it. It is you, our readers, who keep us in business. Our expenses are closely watched. Within the organization no one is salaried and some do not seek reimbursement for expenses incurred. We do what we do out of a sense of pride regarding where we live. However, the fund drive is reality and does, indeed, keep us going. For those who itemize expenses on their income tax, we are a non-profit organization and funds given to us are tax-deductible. The self-addressed envelope is for your convenience; the amount donated is your choice.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

VISIT OUR FACILITIES...

KEWAUNEE COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM

Courthouse Square at 613 Dodge Street Kewaunee WI 54216 Phone: 920-388-0117 September - May by appointment. Summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day) -Open daily, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

>> New Address Effective April 1, 2013 217 Ellis Street, Kewaunee WI 54216 (New phone number coming..) Email: kchistory219@yahoo.com Open Thursdays and Fridays -

12:30-4:00 p.m.

Other days/times by appointment only. If inclement weather, please call ahead.

