

Official Publication of the Portage County Historical Society of Wisconsin

## Covid-19

### Already Canceled

1. **PCHS summer programs** including opening of the Synagogue, Fire House and Heritage Park are canceled. Tours by appointment only will be considered. All tour people **must provide and wear masks and are limited to 10 people maximum.** This will remain in place until Aug. 1, 2020. The Executive Committee will discuss the ongoing situation at its monthly meetings.
2. **Heritage Days, June 20 - 21** is also canceled.
3. **One-Room School Project** schedule to begin mid-April is canceled for now.
4. **Annual Meeting** schedule for April 8, 2020, has been canceled because of the closure of the Portage County Library System etc. We will discuss having it at a later date.

In response to the canceling of our Annual Meeting all Directors that were up for election will continue to serve until we can resolve the situation. As to having an Annual Meeting this year is a question we can not answer at this time.

The Board of Directors agreed that the Executive Committee will handle all business until further notice. Only the 4 officers are on this committee. Major decisions will be handled by emails to the Board or delayed, if possible, until the full Board can meet. In the meanwhile the Board is receiving minutes and other information as necessary.



### Society Events

See cancelations!

#### Synagogue

Closed until Aug. 1, 2020

By appointment 715-600-4930

#### Historic Fire House No. 2

Closed until Aug. 1, 2020

By appointment 715-600-4930

#### Heritage Park

Closed until Aug. 1, 2020

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#### Heritage Days, June 20-21 is

Canceled.

#### Rising Star Mill

Closed until Oct. 1, 2020

#### OPEN HOUSE & BARN OF PORTAGE COUNTY:

October 2 - 3 - 4, 2020



# President's Report

A number of construction items have been progressing. Both the Covid-19 issue and the weather have hampered work on the outside of the church tower and the possible painting of the Church/Museum. However, the Print Shop work has been completed and the displays are in the process of being set up. A couple of items still need to be moved into the print shop but that should be complete soon. The Doctor's Office/Post Office is also being worked on. The duct work has been put into the structure. The removal of various layers of flooring and wall board is in the process of being completed in order to help restructure the site to fit its new display role. Unfortunately, the floor structure on one end of the building is broken and needs to be replaced or supported. Obviously, this will take time and was not anticipated.

The Society received a generous gift in the will of Mr. Leonard Kjer and it is this that helped us pay for a number of items in the Print Shop, Doctor's Office/Post Office, Fire House and Synagogue. Some of the funds have also allowed us to purchase a number of archival supplies that will help preserve and protect our collections. Part of the gift was also placed in our foundation to help the Society have a solid financial base in the future.

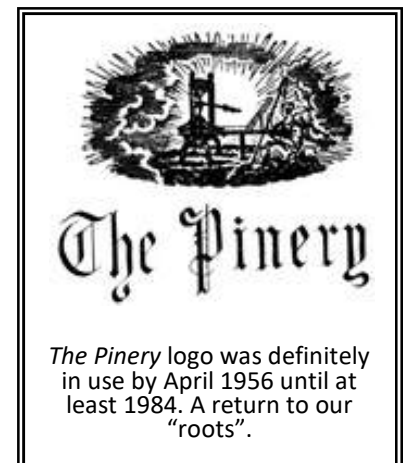
The World War II display is progressing in three of our Heritage Park structures. The military portion of the display will be in the Church/Museum, a look at the home front will be placed in the Engford House and a look at the dislocation and forced movement of people will be placed in the Bancroft Depot. The last topic will look at a wide variety of forced movement that took place including the Holocaust, the relocation of Poles by both Nazi and Russian governments, German POWs moved to Wisconsin and the relocation of Japanese Americans into camps inside the U.S. The displays try to look at each of these issues through the eyes of people living in the county.

Two books have been printed that relate to World War II and to the county. The first is entitled As You Were and is a group of interviews of men from Wisconsin of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and their experiences in the war. The second is The Victory Handbook for Health and Home Defense. We are also in the process of putting together a book looking at local men and their experiences in both Europe and the Pacific as seen through, mostly, newspaper articles. There are, perhaps, another three books in the "pipeline" having to do with the experiences of local people during the war.

The Synagogue has two new furnaces installed thanks to donations from a variety of people.

All of our sites will be closed until around August 1<sup>st</sup> except by appointment. If you wish to visit one of the sites please contact the Society at 715-600-4930 to set up a visit. You must provide your own face cover.

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A monthly business meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month, except for December, at the Synagogue Museum, 1475 Water St. Stevens Point, WI., unless otherwise announced.

An Annual Meeting is held the second Wednesday of April at a location to be announced. An annual report and election of Directors occur at this meeting

The membership and public are welcome to attend any meeting.

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May 2020

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| General Funds    | Heritage Park             |
| Synagogue Museum | Historic Fire House No. 2 |
| Rising Star Mill | Other - specify           |

No thanks, I don't want to become a member, but here is my tax deductible donation to the Society \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please circle your preference.

I'm interested in Volunteering, please call me at:

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