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Freedom Area Historical Society Newsletter

Summer 2010

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Wednesdays 10:30 – 6:30 Thursdays 10:30 – 5:30

Saturdays 10:30 – 12:30 Or by Appointment

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

**Our May, 2010 Plant - Used Book - Bake & Candy Sale was a
Great Success because of all of you!**

Whether you donated plants, trees, pots, books, magazines, baked goods, candy, supplies, or volunteered your time to help organize and work at the fundraiser, or you came to shop at our sale, we greatly appreciate all of your support.

A special thanks to:

Leo & Irene Biese; Jim Peterson Landscaping;

The Town of Kaukauna Historical Society; Cliff Fiestadt;

Freedom Area Historical Society (FAHS) Board Members and Members

Names of all who contributed are listed on the next page, along with names of those who volunteered for other projects, and who donated or loaned other items since the last newsletter was printed.

Most of our leftover plants were donated to Freedom High School for a Leadership Project. Leftover books were donated to the American Association of University Women (AAUW) who provide scholarships to women.

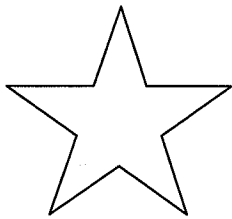
Because this fundraiser was so successful, we plan to have the same type of fundraiser next year! So start saving your books, magazines and used pots now, and when you're digging up your perennials this fall, please remember to pot a few for our 3rd Annual Fundraiser in May 2011!



Left: These awesome cupcakes decorated by Linda Van Den Bosch were a Big Hit!

Right: Shopping for used books are Jill Heacock and her daughter, Holly.





THANK YOU

To all of our Supporters who have generously Donated
or Loaned their Time & Treasures to the FAHS
since the last Newsletter was printed.

Leo & Irene Biese

Town of Kaukauna Historical Society

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Freedom Schools

Please accept our apologies if anyone's name was missed.

DO YOU, OR YOUR CHILDREN, BELONG TO A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION?
Why not schedule a time to tour the Historical Society with your group!
We're sure everyone will enjoy it

Congratulations

Town of Oneida

The Town of Oneida is 100 years old this year, having organized in 1910. The first chairman was Nelson Metoxen, which also made him the first Outagamie County supervisor from Oneida.

Other town officers elected in April 1910 were James W. Cornelius & Richard Powless, supervisors; Oscar Smith, clerk; Joseph M. Smith, treasurer; Cornelius Wheelock & Lehigh Wheelock, justices; Eli B. Cornelius & Josiah Hill, constables; and Josiah Charles & Jannison Metoxen, assessors. The town commemorated its anniversary in June.

Pave The Way

We have received enough brick orders to complete the lining of the sidewalks at the Historical Society. Therefore, our brick campaign has ended. The final order has been sent to the brick company. We expect the last of the bricks to be installed in September.

FAHS thanks everyone for their support with this project!



Bob Weyenberg & Roy "Brownie" Brown laying the first brick order in 2008.

Needed Supplies

Your help in donating or purchasing these items is greatly appreciated.

HP Inkjet ink cartridges #940

Black	\$ 26 or \$36 x-large
Yellow	\$ 20 or \$26 large
Magenta	\$ 20 or \$26 large
Blue	\$ 20 or \$26 large

White copy paper 20#

1 Ream 8.5"x11"	\$ 5
1 Box of 10 reams	\$ 35
1 Ream (legal) 8.5"x14"	\$ 8
Ivory paper 20# 8.5"x11"	\$ 8
White 11"x17" paper 20#	\$ 12 (per ream)
Acid free page protectors	\$ 4 (pkg of 50)
Flash drive/zip drive	\$ 20
Postage stamps	\$ Your choice

Genealogical Offerings

- ~ Extensive research & reference materials available
- ~ Helpful staff to assist you
- ~ Forms & sample questions to help record your family history
- ~ Fox Valley Genealogical Society Newsletters
- ~ Public use of laptops with many helpful websites identified
- ~ Family Tree Maker 2010 software to record & find family information

Come in & use our public laptop to visit family using a WEBCAM & SKYPE

Please help us continue building our database of information & photos by bringing in your family histories!

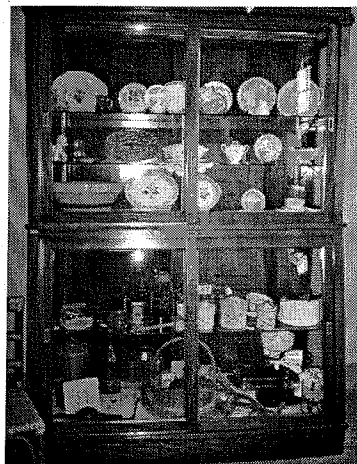
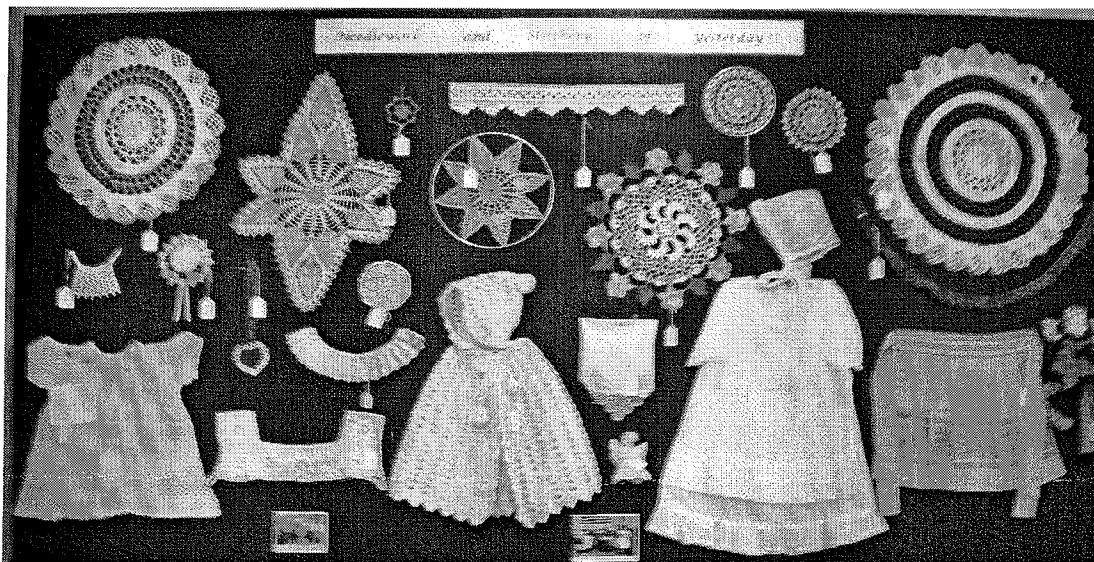
New Display

NEEDLEWORK & STITCHERY OF YESTERDAY

Come and enjoy the beautiful examples of Crocheting, Knitting, Tatting, Embroidery, Cross Stitch and Embellishing that our members and others have loaned for this unique display.

Handiwork ranges from afghans to clothing, to tablecloths, to doilies of all shapes and sizes, as well as framed treasures.

The Historical Society also has on display, a treadle sewing machine, a knitting machine, sewing cabinets and more.

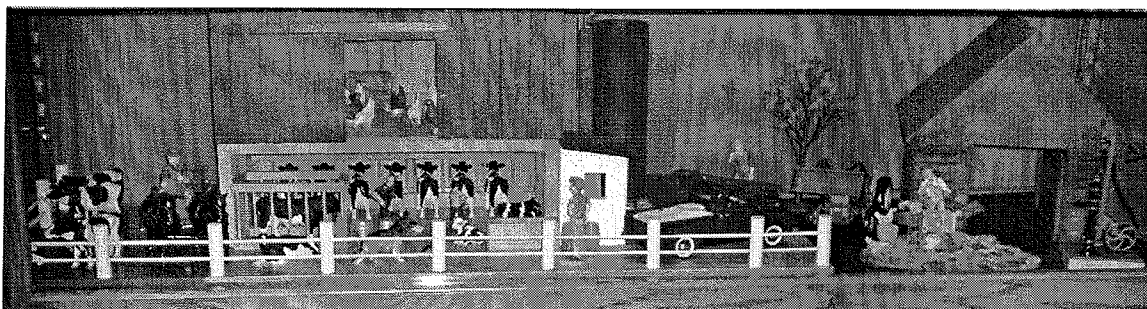
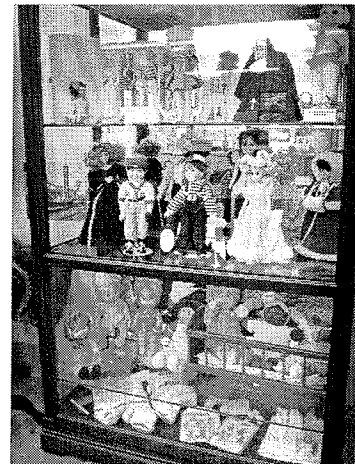


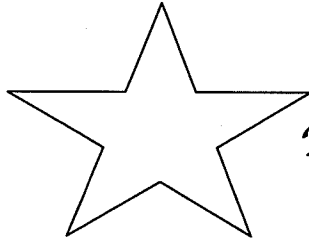
*Other Displays
Being Featured*

Grandma's Kitchen

Doll Collection

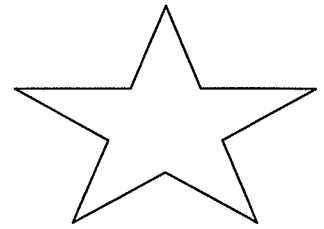
*Cliff Fiestadt's replica
of his father's farm in
the 1940's and '50's*





2010 FAHS MEMBERS

Thank you for your Support!



Pam Ault	Carol Appleton	Jim Appleton (Lifetime)
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James Williamson		(Lifetime)

FAMILY TREE MAKER

We now have Family Tree Maker 2010 available for public use. Whether you've been working on your family tree for years or you have never researched your family, come in & try it!

Thanks to Jim Hooyman for donating the software!

FAHS has a Complete Index to the *TOWN OF FREEDOM 1852-2002* History Book!

You can now find all of the pages on which your relatives are mentioned.

From the Pages of our Collections

Note: This article appeared in the July 31, 1919 issue of the Kaukauna Times.

“FREEDOM SUFFERS DISASTROUS BLAZE Spectacular Fire Destroys Several Buildings Causing Loss of \$25,000”

“Fire of unknown origin starting in the general store owned by William Vandenberg at Freedom, Friday, July 25, destroyed that structure, a saloon owned by William Vandenberg, Jr., Conrad’s blacksmith shop and three smaller buildings, causing a loss of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The fire started at about 11 o’clock and did not burn itself out until early in the morning. A bucket brigade kept the fire from the Conrad residence, near the blacksmith shop. The Vandenberg family, residing above the general store, escaped with difficulty and practically all the furniture was destroyed. Only a few books were saved from the store. A family living above the saloon saved practically all its furniture and most of the saloon fixtures were taken out before the fire had consumed the building. Little was saved from the blacksmith shop.

The fire was not discovered until it had made a considerable headway and as a result great difficulty was experienced in rescuing the people living in the store. It is believed the blaze started near a rear stairway in the building.

The village of Freedom is without fire protection but a bucket brigade was immediately organized and a call for assistance was sent to Appleton. The local firefighters worked hard to save adjoining buildings but when it was seen that they were doomed, efforts were concentrated on the Conrad residence. The paint was scorched and it was ignited several times but the fire fighters prevented the flames from getting a good start.

The fire was one of the most disastrous in the history of the village and was rendered spectacular by the wind which carried tongues of flame high into the air. Practically the entire loss will be covered by insurance. The Times understands that neither the store nor the saloon buildings will be rebuilt, both of the owners being about to retire from business. In that case, Freedom offers a good location for an enterprising merchant in the conduct of a general store.

When the fire first started the wind carried the flames toward the new St. Nicholas church across the street but owing to the fire proof character of its edifice and the sudden shifting of the wind soon afterward the church was not endangered.

Though the Appleton fire department responded to the village’s appeal for help, it was impossible to stay the progress of the fire and the buildings were burned to the ground. The church property consequently suffered no other damage than the slight scorching of the shade trees on the lawn.”

(Below is a photo of the buildings that burned in July 1919. The photo is also on page 97 of the Town of Freedom 1852-2002 history book.)



August 14, 1919 Kaukauna Times article

**“FREEDOM MAN TO BUILD NEW
BLACKSMITH SHOP**

**Henry Garvey has purchased
Leonard Conrad’s place.**

**Mr. Garvey intends to build a
new blacksmith shop to replace
the old one which was destroyed
by fire July 25th.”**

How You Can Support FAHS

- ~ Become a member
- ~ Serve on committees
- ~ Volunteer to help with displays
- ~ Volunteer for clerical or computer work, fundraising, cleaning, or handyman services
- ~ Donate or loan your vintage items
- ~ Make a financial donation
- ~ Give a memorial gift on behalf of a loved one
- ~ Provide for gifting in your will (financial or material)

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Please Print Legibly _____ Date _____

Name/s (include maiden name) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip + 4 (if known) _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____ @ _____

List high school attended and year of graduation for each person listed above: _____

Are you interested in helping with activities/projects? _____ Yes _____ No

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS – ANNUAL DUES

Please check one Membership runs from January 1 through December 31, except Lifetime

_____ \$ 10 Senior (62 or older)

_____ \$ 10 Student (with school ID) Age _____

_____ \$ 15 Individual (under age 62)

_____ \$ 25 Family (one or more related adults and their dependent children)

List Children _____

_____ \$ 100 Professional

_____ \$ 500 Lifetime

_____ \$ _____ Contributing (wishing to contribute more than normal dues. You choose the amount)

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