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Greetings JHS members,

Whenever we feel like Spring is coming, we get colder weather and snow! But, I hope you're all enjoying life wherever this newsletter finds you. When Spring comes so does our annual JHS Newsletter and Membership Form, so…..let's get on with the latest happenings at JHS.

As in other newsletters, we can't stress enough how much we appreciate your past and ongoing support to our organization. Your dedication has made a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased to introduce a new member to the JHS Board of Directors….Gary Rezeau.

Gary brings valuable skills and a fresh perspective to our team, and we're thrilled to have him on board. Take a moment to learn more about him in this brief introduction:

"I have been spending time in Jacksonport since 1963. My active duty Navy life prevented me from getting into a routine of summers in DC, but once my wife, Marcie (RIP), and I bought 6154 Lake Shore Road in 2005 I have been able to spend most of my summers in DC. I am fully retired from the USN and Delta Air Lines. My three children, Michelle, Nate (Aurora), and Josh (Christine) all love DC and try to vacation every summer in DC."



Gary has graciously agreed to serve as the Cherry Fest Chairman, ensuring every detail is perfectly in place. Thank you, Gary, for being a valued part of the JHS family—we truly appreciate you!

FISH BOIL

We are planning once again to hold our Annual Fish Boil Wednesday, Aug. 20. It's normally held the third week in July but because Cherry Fest takes so much planning, it's easier to have CF behind us when we do the fish boil. Last year 55 guests signed up to have fish or brats. Dale Graf played music on his accordion and the weather was perfect. So….mark your calendars and keep your eyes on the JHS Facebook page and Website for additional information.

HELP REQUESTED

The Jacksonport Historical Society will have a booth at the Jacksonport Maifest on May 24 and 25. We'll be at the Erskine Rest Area, selling books, posters, and CDs—right where the popular self-guided Root Cellar tours will be held again this year. The Root Cellar drew big crowds at last year's Maifest and Cherry Fest, and we're expecting strong interest again. We could use a few extra hands—just 2–3

hours of your time would make a big difference. If you're available to help at the JHS booth, please call and leave a message for Mary Kaye at 920-493-1511 or Kandie Skippon at 920-421-2411.
Thanks for supporting local history!

The JHS Board of Directors has set the date of Saturday, Aug. 23 for a workday to help clean the Loritz Cabin as part of our ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance our historical site. We know schedules are busy, so stay tuned to our Website and Facebook page for updates as we get closer to summer. Whether you can volunteer for the whole day or just a couple of hours, your help will make a real impact. Tasks may include sweeping, cleaning floors, organizing, or maintenance. Helping with this project will ensure the historical significance of the Loritz Cabin is preserved for future generations.

WE'RE LAUNCHING A NEW WEBSITE!



Very soon you will see a fresh new look on our Jacksonport Historical Society website! The updates will provide live features, like the weather and calendar, secure transactions, and have user friendly access.

The website address will be the same (jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org) but is still under construction.

WANTED: We need high quality historical photos to use on the website! Scan or share originals by emailing marywitteborg@gmail.com.
Are you on Facebook? Follow us! We post fun features, upcoming events, and important resources. And it's another way to engage with your Jacksonport Community! Find us at facebook.com/JacksonportHistoricalSociety

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CHERRY FEST

Last year's Cherry Fest was a very warm, beautiful day! It was filled with large crowds enjoying local vendors and live music from the Modern Day Drifters. A big draw at Cherry Fest are the homemade kolaches.

Catherine Mueller's kolache recipe has been passed down for three generations. Our present Kolache connoisseur is Lori Orthober, who's been baking cherry kolaches for many years. She arrives at the Jacksonport Town Hall at 4 a.m. Cherry Fest Saturday and begins the process of mixing and kneading with one or two helpers. As the morning progresses, more volunteers arrive to begin shaping the kolaches, then baking, then spooning the cherries onto the kolaches and the finishing touch is the frosting that is drizzled on the top. A volunteer then transfers them by car to the pie/kolache pavilion. A huge thank you to Lori and our incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly in the heat at both the Town Hall and the Park—your hard work made the event a success!



Volunteers in the Pie/Kolache Pavilion are prepped and ready for the rush. Last year, 500 Kolaches were made and sold along with over 650 pieces of cherry pie.

The Food/Drink Pavilion had a huge day! We completely sold out of hamburgers by early afternoon—thankfully, a quick restock run to Bley's Store in Jacksonport kept the grill going. A big shoutout to our amazing volunteers who worked nonstop to keep up with the demand! Pulled pork and brats were crowd favorites too, with nearly everything gone by the end of the day. What a great response from everyone who stopped by—thank you!



Prep work is done in the Food/Drink Pavilion. Now we wait……

Volunteers are always welcome—and needed—in both the Pie & Kolache Pavilion and the Food & Drink Pavilion (you'll want your running shoes for that one!). Whether you can help for a couple of hours or the whole day, we'd love to have you on board. To sign up, call and leave a message for Mary Kaye, 920-493-1511 or Kandie Skippon, 920-421-2411. They'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We can't mention Cherry Fest without highlighting the ever-popular Herb Mueller Memorial Car Show, held in The Erskine Rest Area. It was a standout event once again, drawing a record-breaking turnout last summer with 42 classic and custom cars entered. What a fantastic show of community and chrome.






People's Choice awards went to: First Place, Pete VanSistine from Egg Harbor with a 1961 VW Single Cab; Second Place, John Nordstrom from Egg Harbor with a 1941 Cadillac Convertible; Third Place, Mark Mueller from Egg Harbor with a 1950 Chevy Truck and Fourth Place, Joe Zepnick from Pulaski with a 1939 Ford Snubnose COE.

The Car Show Committee included Bill Hebal, Beth Chafey-Hon, Char Mueller, Mike Orthober and Mike Skippon. A huge thank you for the great job they did.

Meanwhile, Cherry Fest 2025 will be held Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Park. Planning for this year's Cherry Fest is already in full swing, promising a day packed with fun, festivities, and all things cherry! Treat yourself to fresh-baked cherry kolaches, cherry pie, and cherry sundaes—all available for purchase. It's also a great chance for local businesses and artisans to showcase their products and services. If you know someone interested in participating, vendor applications are available by leaving a message with Mary at 920-493-1511.

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready for a day of family-friendly fun and community spirit at Cherry Fest 2025!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates on upcoming programs. If you have an idea or would like to help put a program together, let us know—we'd love to work with you to present it at the Jacksonport Town Hall.



Kolaches…..The crème de la crème of pastries.

Only at Cherry Fest