

# 2017 ISSUE



## Calumet County Historical Society Museum

**Open Sundays June-September 1:00 to 4:00  
or by appointment**

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Sundays  
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Admission is  
Free!!**

*The museum does not charge an admission and is funded mostly from the generosity of current and past society members and generous organizations.*

### Society Hosted Courtney Cottrell of The Brothertown Indian Nation For Talk

On April 17, 2017 at the Chilton Public Library, the Calumet County Historical Society hosted Courtney Cottrell of the Brothertown Indian Nation for a presentation to the public about the History of the Brothertown Indian tribe who once had its reservation here in Calumet County.

Courtney is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Brothertown Indian Nation and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in

Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

The presentation was a short overall history of how the Brothertown Indians became a tribe and their journey from the Eastern United States to Wisconsin in the early 1800's. The Brothertown tribe elected in 1839 to become United States citizens to avoid having to be relocated, yet again, to another reservation in Minnesota. Ms. Cottrell talked about this decision and how the present day tribe is trying to petition the United

States government to reinstate the tribe its Native American status.

It was a wonderful presentation with a nice turn out by the general public. The Calumet County Historical Society would like to keep providing such programs for the public in the future. If you have any ideas or suggestions about programs that you would like to see, please contact a member of the Historical Society or make a comment on our Facebook page. Courtney's talk is also available on our website.



### Local Brewery History

**by Debbie Barney**

There were two large breweries located in Chilton. Becker Brewery was located on what is now 220 West Main Street. The original buildings were built by J. Paulus around 1860. It was bought by Philip Becker in 1875 on which improvements were made and a capacity of 1,000 barrels a year were produced

annually. A beer garden with a circular band stand was erected next to the Brewery, in which the patrons could enjoy nice German music while drinking their beverages. The beer was delivered by wagon and draft horses, as many as 26 horses were housed in the stables. Mr. Becker erected a nice brick home, in 1881, with a cupola

on the top. That home is still standing today. In 1885 the Brewery was purchased by Jung and Borchert. In 1892 Pabst Brewery purchased the Brewery and owned it until 1918, using it mostly for storage.

The second Brewery in Chilton was the Calumet Brewing Co. It was founded in 1853 by F.R. Gutheil at the corner of Park and Main Streets. It was sold to Jackels and Thomas in 1875. Operated by Thomas and

**This Story from  
Our Facebook Page**

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## Letter From Terry

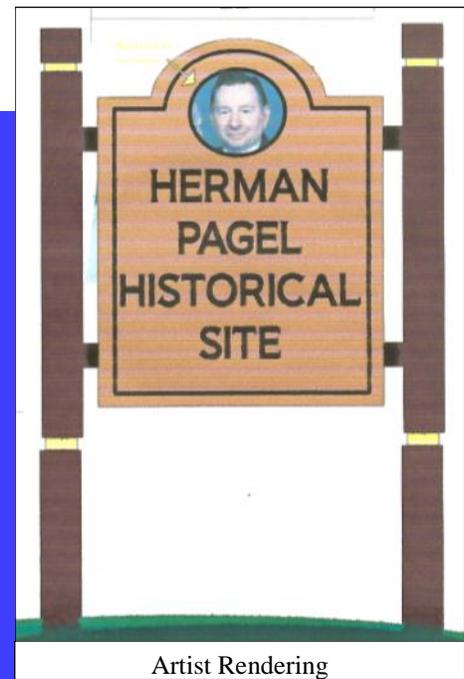
One of the major tasks of the Calumet County Historical Society is to bring objects and memories of the past into the present. In the last few years, we have put much effort into making our displays fresh and interesting to visitors. These efforts have paid off. Museum visits have increased each year for the past four years. We expect this trend to continue for years to come. In addition to in person visits, we have had many visitors to our website and Facebook page.

The success of the museum and its increased popularity is attributed to the effort and dedication of volunteers. One volunteer who had great impact on the preservation of Calumet County history was Herman Pagel. This summer we will be honoring Herman's dedication to the Calumet County Historical Society in two ways. We will be placing a sign on the grounds in his memory and also naming the museum grounds Herman Pagel Historical Site. Over 50 years ago, Herman made land available from his family farm to the Calumet County Historical Society for their museum. In addition, his commitment to the museum's upkeep and his excitement while giving museum tours will forever be unequalled.

The museum continues to depend on the generosity of volunteers. In recent years the number of volunteers has been increasing. During the 2016 - 2017 school year, nearly forty students have helped move, organize and clean displays. We also have had several people who have been helping by entering documentation into spreadsheets from the comfort of their homes. This information is then entered into our database. Digitizing and documenting our collections is a daunting, but essential task because it will allow us to preserve photos stories and so much more for future generations.

The Calumet County Historical Society is always looking for new volunteers. Our volunteers do everything from data entry, as mentioned, cataloging items in our collection (taking photos and writing descriptions of items), landscaping, lawn cutting, general maintenance and also manning the Museum on Sundays. If you have time to spare and would like to get involved, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Terry Friederichs— President**



Artist Rendering

## 2016 In Review

- **Dedicated our property to Herman Pagel**
- **Displays added to new wall in North Building**
- **Map & chart digitalization project completed**
- **Photo area completely redone & expanded**
- **Expanded scope of documenting project**
- **Improved lighting in many areas**

## We Can Use Your Help!

- **Help cutting the grass**
- **Help during open hours at museum**
- **Help with the documenting process**
- **Help with small maintenance projects**

**Call Today 849-4042!**

# Chilton Movie 1938

When we started our website we could think of no better way to do it than to introduce you to a historic film the Chilton Kiwanis Club commissioned in 1938 . This video shows what Chilton and the surrounding areas were like in 1938.

In nearly 90 minutes of film you will see people living a typical, small town life as it was lived just before World War II. It is hard to know if the Kiwanis of 1938 knew

what they were doing to preserve Chilton history, but we do know that the Kiwanis of 1999 knew what they were

doing when they spent their time and money to research the people and events in the

film. They then added narration to the original silent film to bring it up-to-date for VHS and DVD copies. In 2015 many of these same Kiwanis members made an-

other important decision to allow the Calumet County Historical Society to bring this film to you by way of our new Website .



*Thank You!*  
*Chilton Kiwanis Club!*

To watch this wonderful film Please go to

**CalumetCountyHistoricalSociety.org**



## Map & Chart Digitalization Project Completed!



**Thank you for making this happen!**  
**Chilton Area Community Foundation**  
**Allan and Karen Schuette Heritage Fund**  
**Zarnoth Family Fund**

## The Early History of Brillion Video available on our website

In 2001 The Brillion Historical Society made a collection of photos and narrated the history of Brillion in order to create a wonderful 13 minute video presentation. In this presentation, you will see Brillion develop from a place originally called Spring Creek, to the village of Brillion and finally to the City of Brillion.

Thank you to the Brillion Historical Society for making this important collection of your history and for letting us share it on our website.

**CalumetCountyHistoricalSociety.org**



Panoramic view of the Museum. Check out the online version that allows you to pan like you are standing in the museum!



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Albert Freyer from 1883 to 1890, in which Albert Freyer became sole owner in 1890. Then in 1893 it was sold again to Herman Gierow. From 1893 to 1907 it was known as the Gierow and Hoch Brewery. Herman Gierow

had married the daughter of large Brewery owner in Michigan, then he came to Chilton in 1892 looking to purchase a Brewery of his own. Mr. Gierow was actively engaged in all aspects of the Brewery during his ownership and even after he sold it. Unfortunately he died in 1914 from a fall that he took while working in the Malt house. From 1907 – 1910 it became known as the Chilton Brewery and was owned by Walter Kroenke and M. Landgraf. In



**Becker Brewery**

1911 it became Calumet Brewing Co. and operated as such until 1942. John N. Landgraf was the president up to prohibition. In 1934 after prohibition was repealed a new Brewing Co. was formed and became known as Steiner's Calumet Brewing. However,

this venture did not prosper and was closed for back taxes and all the beer was dumped in the river. Edward Bonk purchased the real estate at public auction, and a new Calumet Brewing Co. was incorporated. The main shareholder's

where Edward Bonk, Helen Sonntag, and Helmuth F. Arps. Under this new ownership the Badger Brand Beer was produced and sold.

In February of 1937 Henry Rahr III of Manitowoc, purchased the Brewery and changed the name to Henry Rahr Brewing Co. This too, only lasted a few months and in 1938, the Brewery was purchased by Herman and Gertude Rau and D.D. Humleker. The Brewery AGAIN, became the Calumet Brewing Co until it was closed in 1942

See Calumet Brewing Co. in red box in the picture. You can see it was located across the street from the present day Briess Malthouse. The building in the foreground was the Dumke



mill.

**The Calumet County Historical Society has three sources of financial support: your membership, donations at the door and our brat fry. Your membership is an important way for you to help. Membership is a financial donation to the organization, but it is also a way to get involved in meetings and the operation of the Museum. Your participation at events will help you to make a difference in the community.**

**Please Join Us Today!**

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- \$25.00 Corporate
- \$15.00 Family
- \$100.00 Lifetime Membership**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation**

\* We will never abuse or give your email address or any other information to anyone but we would like to email you a few times a year to keep you updated on meetings and other events.

I prefer not to have any e-mail updates from the Calumet County Historical Society

**Mail To:** CCHS 110 Oak Street Chilton WI, 53014