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Photo: Fall Colors in Ephraim by Tad Dukehart

2021 Summer in Pictures
Click white arrow on left to see 5-minute video.

Remembering Summer 2021 through Photographs!

HALLOWEEN POLL - just for fun!

Let’s pretend ... The season is over and it’s time to cut loose. Village admins are throwing a Halloween shindig at the Village Hall. The person with the best costume wins all leftover lutefisk, secretly stashed in the village basement, for the past 20 years. The only catch is, costume choices are limited to the following ten options. Who (or what) would you dress up as?

Survey results will be posted in the next History Hub.
Ranny Nelson, forever linked to South Shore Pier, shares memories

Last May, lifelong Door County resident Ranny Nelson shared memories with EHF Curator Cody Schreck. The video and transcript are now part of the EHF’s oral history collection.

Click Fishing, Cruising Boats Open Season at Ephraim to read a 1950 Advocate column (page six) written by Verra Sauer that features Ranny Nelson.

A few interview highlights

As a boy, Ranny walked the family’s dairy herd from their Sister Bay home to Three Springs to graze. The Nelsons rented land
there. After he left Appleport School, he walked the cattle back home. For spending money, he and his siblings made balsam pillows to sell to resorts. He worked at orchards like Wiltse's, too. "I was a good cherry picker," he said, telling how he saved $35 to buy a bike.

As a young man, Ranny served in the Merchant Marine. "But to this day," he revealed, "I can't swim" adding, "I almost lived on the water for years." Later, during the Korean War, he earned the rank of First Sergeant. By chance, Nelson served in the same unit as his friend and boat business partner Edward "Bud" Evenson. In addition to fishing and tour guiding from South Shore Pier, he worked as a contractor and carpenter, residing in Ephraim.

Photo: Ranny Nelson poses by a Chick Peterson painting titled "Ice Boating." Peterson gave the painting to Ranny and his first wife, Ruth. Sharp eyes will notice DN on the sail, which stands for Detroit News, a company involved with building the ice boat. Photo credit: Kathleen Harris.

Click on these two links to read about America's deadliest fire!
WI Energy Cooperative News, August article by Mary Erickson
EHF 2020 Peshtigo Fire blog by Kathleen Harris

150 YEARS
PESHTIGO MARKS SESQUICENTENNIAL OF AMERICA'S DEADLIEST WILDFIRE

Sensational View of Beloved Ephraim Village, Summer 2021
Photo by Tad Dukehart
FALL Museum Hours  Hours dependent on staffing levels and Covid protocols. Last open day for all museums is Saturday, October 16.

ANDERSON BARN Wed - Sat, 10 AM - 3 PM
ANDERSON STORE Wed - Sat, 11 AM - 3 PM
SCHOOLHOUSE Wed - Sat, 10 AM - 2 PM
IVERSON HOUSE Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM

Tram Tours  Accessible for most with limited mobility
- Meet at Anderson Barn, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday through October 15
- Free to EHF members & youth age 17 and younger, $5 for non-member adults
- 920-854-9688

Ephraim Village Walking Tours
- Meet at Anderson Barn, 10:30 AM, Fridays
- Free to EHF members & youth age 17 and younger, $5 for non-member adults
- 920-854-9688
Moravia Street Stroll: Ephraim's Early Days  This NEW one-hour program (offered three times) features a mix of stories about Ephraim's early days, from "salty" beginnings, to centuries-long trade routes, to "mission-driven" immigrants. The adventure begins with brief stops inside the Ephraim Moravian Church (masks required inside) and Iverson House, then a stroll past Bethany Lutheran Church, the Pioneer Schoolhouse, and, time permitting, an ancient dolostone shoreline.

- Wednesday October 6, 13 & 20, 1 - 2 PM
- Meet behind Ephraim Moravian Church
- Park on Moravia Street or in the upper church parking lot
- Free and open to the public, donations appreciated
- Moderate walking, less than a mile, mostly level but a few steep inclines
- Rain? Abbreviated program inside the church and the Iverson House


Saturday at the Schoolhouse: Autumn Art Crafts  Saturdays through October 16. Drop by anytime from 10 AM - 1:30 PM. Create old-fashioned fall flower buddies, leaf rubbings, and toilet paper pumpkins. Learn to identify the "toilet paper plant", why leaves change color, and more. Discover schoolhouse history while enjoying family time - together! Admission and art projects free and open to the public.

Christmas in the Village  December 4 Details forthcoming.

Leaf Rubbings  TP Pumpkins

Fall Flower Buddies  Photo: themagiconion.com

Last Call 4 CANDY

The Anderson Store's last open day is Saturday, October 16. EHF members are invited to stop in before then for a complimentary 1/4
pound bag of candy (while supplies last).

Pictured left: Docents Gigi and Norma by the goodies! Photo by Tad Dukehart, 2018.

**50% off on most EHF clothing**
End-of-stock clothing slashed again - 50% savings! Check on available styles, sizes by phoning the Anderson Store at 854-7043.

Thank you all for making the summer of 2021 memorable and fun!

Planning events, programs and opening the museums was challenging this summer due to the pandemic. Extra care was given to keep our members, friends and visitors safe.

Our successful summer is due to the hard work of staff and volunteers.

Special thanks to the **Program Committee** for planning new pop up events at the museums and barn, in addition to lectures at the Village Hall.

Kudos to the **Child’s Play Committee** for planning a month of creative, fun, learning while taking extra care to keep our young participants safe and healthy.

High praise to Jane Nelson and Marla Horwitz for leading the **Summer Social Committee** in planning a fantastic celebration this summer.

Appreciation to the **Archives Committee** for supporting ongoing collection inventory and storage improvements.

Thank you to our docents, museum volunteers, tram and walking tour guides, maintenance volunteers as well as the **Board of Directors, committee members**, and the **Heritage Fund Board** for all of your work and support.

With gratitude,

Kelly Kephuer

**Projects and Plans for 2021-22**
October starts our new year at the EHF. We are pleased to have completed many projects and repairs this summer. Both the interior and the exterior of The Pioneer School House was painted. The trim and floors of the Iverson House were painted and the exterior was white washed. New archive shelving was put in place in the Svalhus and the trim and doors were painted.

View our 2021-22 work plan here

Watch our videos on Youtube!
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