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For ten years 1949-1959, Camp Haven provided training, education, entertainment and drama for the area. This book tells the story of the camp through photos, memories and news articles. $12.00.
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A Time for Reflection - Emma Thieme - $10.00. This booklet was prepared for a centennial celebration of the arrival of the first Volga Germans in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. That small group of seven, unsure of their destination or what they would do when they arrived, was followed by many other relatives and friends. Today, thousands of people who live in Sheboygan - or who lived there at one time - are descendants of German Russian immigrants.

Barns of Wisconsin — Jerry Apps — $29.95. — The barns of Wisconsin are history books in red paint, sociology with gabled roofs, theology with lightning rods. In many ways barns are Wisconsin agriculture nailed together in buildings with cupolas on top. Revised 2010.

Bits and Pieces - Emma Thieme - $8.00. Sophie Hermann Knopp was born and raised in Schaefer, Russia, a German-Russian community along the Volga River. In 1923, when she was 18 years old, Sophie traveled to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where Gottlieb Hermann, had been living since 1912. Sophie willingly shared detailed descriptions of her life in Russia.

Cascade Fire Department, 100 Years of Service - $7.00. A history of the department from 1915 to 2015. Filled with images, news items and department notes.

Chairs, A History in Sheboygan County--Janice Hildebrand--$8.00. Sheboygan, Wisconsin, known for years as "Chair City" has been home to such companies as Phoenix Chair, Northern Furniture Company, Mattoon and Crocker Chair.

Cheese Factories of Sheboygan County – Edwin Fisher - $20.00. 189 pages. Soft color cover. The cheese industry has been very important to Sheboygan County since the 1870s. This is a history of the industry in the county. The book is divided into townships and lists some 210 different factories that existed over time. It deals with cheese making in the home, the development of cheese factories, factories and their locations, cheese makers, the cheese making season, tools and equipment and much more.

The Chordettes of Sheboygan Compiled by Scott Lewandoske before his death in 2018, the information about the Chordettes was gathered from newspaper articles, scrapbooks, record albums, and interviews with the Chordettes themselves. $10.00.

Days Gone By - John Wirth- $10.00. Growing up in small town Wisconsin is John Wirth's poignant, colorful account of growing up in Sheboygan Falls in the 1950s and 1960s. Great stories!

Days to Remember - Arved Ashby, M.D. - $15.00 - Arved Ojamaa Ashby was born in Estonia on the Finnish Sea on August 8, 1922. Soviet armed forces brutally occupied his home country in 1940, and a carefree and idyllic life gave way to a time of uncertainty, fear, and death. This book, a reprint of the two memoirs Capful of Wind and The Wind at my Back, tells Ashby’s traumatic but ultimately successful story – a coming of age story, and a story of emigration and survival.

Down By Prange’s - Bill Wangemann-- $10.00. 149 pages. This book is a compilation of a wide range of...
articles that appeared in the Sheboygan Press during 2003, and was originally written at the request of the Sheboygan Press to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sheboygan.

Elkhart Lake, A Photographic History - Peter Laun—$20.00. 125 pages. Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, home to Road America today, was once a summer vacation retreat to thousands of city dwellers from Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis. The trains and interurban brought them to enjoy the cool breezes and waters of Elkhart Lake, Crystal Lake and Little Elkhart Lake. This volume discusses Joseph Moore, the founder and many other colorful characters of the village. It reminds us of Villa Gottfried, the Schwartz Hotel, Siebken's, Pine Point, Osthoff and Camp Brosius.

Five Men & A Boat by Thomas Lutz
The remarkable story of the early maritime family of Johann Lutz by Thomas J. Lutz. Johann Lutz, a young German immigrant, arrived in the United States in 1847 and joined the early fishermen on the shores of Lake Michigan in 1950. $15.00.


Great Surveys and Great Surveyors of Sheboygan County by Edgar Harvey. $13.00. 2007. 35 pages. This book deals with many of Ed Harvey’s predecessors as Sheboygan County Surveyor. Although they were humble surveyors while they worked in Sheboygan County, some of these men invented great things, or were otherwise involved in major events which changed the history of the entire nation or the world. One man worked on the Brooklyn Bridge project. Another worked on the Panama Canal.

Historic Sheboygan County—Gustave Buchen. $22.00. 2015 Reprint of the quintessential book on Sheboygan County history, this book was written in 1944, when many of the original settlers were still alive. The information is well documented and tells the story of Sheboygan County’s first years. The book includes an index, maps of early Sheboygan County and drawings.

History Buff’s Listing of Sheboygan’s Historical Firsts by Bob Spatt- $20.00. 2006. The City of Sheboygan has many interesting and important "Firsts". Some of the firsts are obscure such as the first bratwurst stand, the first department store, the first female principal of a school, the first baby born in Sheboygan.

History of the Elkhart Lake Road Races 1950-1952, 60th Anniversary Edition by Peter Laun and the Elkhart Lake Historic Race Circuits Preservation Society — $20.00. After WWII, open road racing gained popularity all over the United States due to the influx of European sports cars purchased by American veterans who had experienced the thrill of road racing overseas. The driving force behind the growth of the sport in America and the main organizer of these races was The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). A Midwest course was deemed necessary for racers, and Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin was chosen as the site.
History of the Sheboygan Public Schools — Don Lau. $10.00. 350 pages. Schools highlighted are: Cleveland, Cooper, Franklin, Grant, Heritage, Horace Mann, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake View Park, Lincoln, Lincoln-Erdman, Longfellow, Lyman, Madison, Mapledale, Pigeon River, Sheridan, Washington, West Side, Wilson, Farnsworth, Horace Mann, Urban, Central High, North High and South High, Day School for the Deaf, Fresh Air School, Alternative Education Programs, Charter Schools, Early Learning Center, Orthopedic School and Vocational School.

History of the Schools in the Town of Holland by Don Lau. $10.00. 2007. 250 pages. Soft color cover, perfect binding. Schools highlighted here are Jefferson, South Cedar Grove, West Oostburg, Beaver Creek, Maple Grove, Fairview, Greene, Amsterdam, River Valley, West Cedar Grove, Liberty, Lakeview and Hoard. Many photos are included.


History of Schools in the Towns of Russell and Rhine. $12.00. Helen Schulz. 236 pages.

Schools covered include Russell, Taft, Garfield, Little Elkhart Lake, Joliet, Elkhart Lake, Harrison, Dewey, Lime Ridge, Rhine Center and Victory.

Howards Grove, Wisconsin — Elmer Koppelmann — $20.00. 424 pages. 2002. Howards Grove began as two villages, Howards Grove and Millersville. Not until 1967 did the two unite into one incorporated village. The first European settlers to settle in the town of Herman were the Lippers, a group of 13 families and 7 orphaned children from Lippe-Detmold, Germany. The year was 1846 and the group’s leader was Friedrich Reineking. They settled on land which is now part of Lakeland College property. This volume brings the history of the area back to life, and documents the families and businesses that make up Howards Grove.

I End With My Pen, But Not With My Heart, Dutch immigrant letters, memoirs and travel journals. Compiled by Mary Risseeuw. $15.00. Published in 2008. 150 pages of great primary source information from immigrants from the 1840s to the 1950s.

It’s Not Yours ‘Til You Like It, H.C. Prange and Company - $15.00. Mention the name Prange’s and no matter your age from 40 to 90 you probably have personal memories of the legendary Sheboygan department store. Whether those memories are of the annual animated Christmas window displays and caramel corn, the use of due bills, charge-a-plates, layaways, will-call, the x-ray machine in the shoe department or the escalators, they are shared by many and are part of the cherished collective history of the H.C. Prange Company.
Jacob’s House - $18.00. This book documents the Zitzer family's life in Schulz, Russia (also, known as Lugovaya Gryaznukha, Russia). It also details their immigrant trips to the United States. Modern day images of Schulz by Peter and Judy Kaland.


Jim’s Brother II… Things I Forgot to Tell You – Richard Dykstra -- $14.95. Dykstra provides a middle-child’s view of life in rural Wisconsin during the 1950s and 1960s. This book deals with common themes most readers will relate to.

Kneevers' Hotel, The A Sheboygan County Landmark-- Earl and Charmaine Kneevers--$15.00. This book traces the history of the Kneevers Hotel in Sheboygan, WI from when the land was partitioned in 1842 until fire destroyed the building in 1978. The hotel's main drawing card was the delicious homemade food at an affordable price. Recipes for 23 of these classic dishes are included in the book.

Kroos Control, American Roots. Chinese Traditions, $25.00. This autobiography by Rick Kroos takes you from his childhood home in the city of Sheboygan to Vietnam to Hong Kong, where he has lived most of his adult life. It is a wonderful and inspirational story from beginning to end.


Leather, A History in Sheboygan County--Janice Hildebrand--$8.00. 72 pages. Published in 1995. The tanneries of the county were an offshoot of the fur-trading days and were among the first clothing-related businesses to get started in Sheboygan County. Everything from shoes to gloves to harnesses were made of leather. Follow the history of the leather business in the county.

Lipper’s Mills, A history of starting Life Over in a Foreign Land - Franklin, Town of Herman, Sheboygan Co.

Settled by immigrants from By Richard A. Stoelb $20.00 plus tax.

Limping Through Life, A Farm Boy’s Polio Memoir — Jerry Apps — $16.00. Polio was epidemic in the United States in 1916. By the 1930s, quarantines and school closings were becoming common, as isolation was one of the only ways to fight the disease. The Salk vaccine was not available until 1955; in that year, Wisconsin's Fox River valley had more polio cases per capita than anywhere in the United States. In his most personal book, Jerry Apps, who contracted polio at age 12, reveals how the disease
Millersville, Wisconsin – Millersville Historical Research Group, Arline Hoppe, Rita Milbrath, Robert Spindler, Violet Usadel -- $15.00 – 187 pages.

Oh, The Places I’ve Seen, Life in the Slow Lane — Richard Dykstra — $14.95. 2011. Stories deal with seemingly mundane, but memorable activities, Dykstra, and millions of other American kids participated in as children. Shopping trips to Sheboygan which took a week to plan, use of the outhouse, meals at Bob’s Lunch in Sheboygan Falls, Sundays at Grandma’s and that memorable first Braves game.

On The Home Front — Bob Spatt, Jim Lampe, Elmer Koppelmann — $15.00. 2009. A chronological account of daily life for Sheboygan residents and how it changed dramatically during WWII. The story is told by way of actual headlines, story excerpts, photographs, editorials and advertisements as published in Sheboygan County newspapers at that time.

One Soldier’s Story- The WWII Memoirs of A Sheboygan County Man-Arthur G. Kroos Jr.—$8.00. This is the story of one Sheboygan County soldier, Arthur G. Kroos, Jr., from his enlistment in Company F, 127th Regiment, 32nd Division in the fall of 1940, until release in 1945. He was trained as a paratrooper seeing service in Northern Ireland, North Africa, Sicily, Italy and on D-Day in France. His final military foray took place in a glider as part of Operation Market-Garden. He was shot down over the Dutch island of Schouwen and spent eight months as a POW at Luft Stalag 1 in Barth, Germany.

Phoenix- The Fateful Journey, Tragedy, Survival and Heroism -- John Textor -- $10.00. 234 pages. Published 2006. This is the story of the November 1847 sinking of the propeller ship, Phoenix, from a new perspective. Most of the fatalities were of new Dutch immigrants and this book tells of how life might have been different had the catastrophe not happened.


Plymouth, Wisconsin. Plymouth Historical Society and SCHRC. 2006. $21.99. Plymouth, originally considered a “hub” city because of the hub and wheel factory located there, it has also earned that moniker because of its central location between Milwaukee and Green Bay. Tourists flock to Plymouth year round to visit the variety of shops, to golf, swim and ski, or explore the beautiful Kettle Moraine State Forest. Residents are proud of their heritage, which can be seen at sites throughout the city.

Prisoner 19053. Robert Matzner. 2008. $12.00. It is the true story of Matzner’s three years in Nazi concentration camps. Matzner, a native of Poland, lost most of his family to the Nazi’s “Final Solution”. He somehow survived the horror and came to the United States and Sheboygan with his family in 1949.

Random Local History Reader. $12.00. The Random Local History Reader is filled with odd and interesting history. What is the real story of the Dead Horse? Who was the Black Terror of Sheboygan? Have you ever read an obituary for an outhouse? Learn the meaning of the term, Yeggman. Find out why Cupid was baffled. And read the full story behind the murder of revered, early teacher, John Sexton. Great reading for quiet time, you’ll enjoy every story and photo included in this random collection of historical gems.

Shadow of the Phoenix - Mary Jane Gruett. $8.00. Twelve year old Derk Van Vliet began the adventure of a lifetime in Holland in 1847.

Sheboygan County Chronicles by Bill Wangemann. $8.00--Topics include Memories of Railroads, Electric Rail or the interurban, maritime stories- The Burning of the Niagara
and The Mysterious Loss of the Pere Marquette 18, movies, TV and drive-in theater, Garton Toy and its fire.

Sheboygan County Connection. $15.00. A collection of forty-one stories about the way folks from Sheboygan County are connected to the greater world. Most were seen as Sheboygan County History columns in the Sheboygan Press from February to October 2014. Extra information and photos have been added. Topics range from ice fishing and the brutal winter of 1936 to the advent of Rocky Knoll and citizens’ participation in the Manhattan Project.

Sheboygan County Connection II, From Road America to the Erie Canal. $15.00. This is the second volume in a series. It contains more than fifty stories about Sheboygan County citizens and the amazing ways they participated in important history. Topics range from the 1950s bomb shelter scare to the opening of Road America and Clif Tufte to the opening of the Erie Canal in the 1830s.

Sheboygan County Connection III, From Rancho Flores to the death of Ed Gein. $15.00. Continuing record of the lives of Sheboygan County residents and their adventures in history. Read about dozens of historic happenings experienced by residents from a county connection to infamous Ed Gein to the mysteries of Rancho Flores.

Sheboygan County Connection IV, Sheboygan County Connection IV, From Vollrath Park Zoo to Wisconsin’s Oleo Wars. $15.00

This is the continuing record of the lives of Sheboygan County residents and their adventures in history. Read about dozens of historic happenings experienced by residents from the wonders of old Vollrath Park Zoo to the oddities of Wisconsin’s Oleo Wars, from the Free Hall in Sheboygan Falls to the value of stone fences and the beginnings of the cheese business in Plymouth.

Sheboygan County-Pioneers of Commerce. $21.99. Sheboygan County’s iron-fisted work ethic began with its earliest residents. From the jackknife trading posts and millwrights of the early 1800s to the spas and "Great Wall of China" of Kohler Company, the importance of commerce to Sheboygan County is evident. This wonderful pictorial history of the small family-owned business of Sheboygan County begins in the 1870s and ends with a great image of a 1950s American Classic-McDonald’s Golden Arches.

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. $19.99. Originally platted as the village of Rochester, Sheboygan Falls took shape in the late 1830s and 1840s. Settled by Yankee entrepreneurs from the East, "Sheboygan at the Falls" was a strong settlement from the beginning, surviving even the financial panic of 1837. A city of Greek Revival and Cream City brick architecture, Sheboygan Falls boasts two districts listed on the National Historic Register.

She Rode a Yellow Stallion - Warren Reed - $15.00. This reprint of a 1950 historical fiction novel by Warren Reed is set in the town of Mitchell, city of Sheboygan and city of Milwaukee. Reed does a great job meshing the reality of the harshness of life in pioneer Sheboygan County with a love story between an unlikely pair.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin. $12.00. Sheboygan, Wisconsin is a 128 page publication filled with more than 200 historic images of the city of Sheboygan. The chapters included in this book include: Blazing Trails; The First Fifty Years; Saloons and Public Houses; Railroads Bring Prosperity; Riding the Trolley; Eighth Street- The Heart of Sheboygan; and Parades, Festivals and Events.

Sheboygan Socialists, The - Earl E. Kneever Jr. and Charmaime Chopp Kneever -- $10.00. During the late 19th and early 20th century, there was a relatively strong Socialist movement in the United States. Sheboygan, Wisconsin was one of those cities that had an active Socialist Party. A strong leader of the Sheboygan movement was Fred Kneevers.

The Sausage that made Sheboygan Famous - SCHRC - $15.00. Since 1953, August brings Bratwurst Day, a celebration of sausage and of our collective German heritage. The brat is a social food in Wisconsin where Germans first introduced it to the New World. We’ll revisit sausage-making in the county and remember the heyday of 1950s Bratwurst Days.
Sheboygan County’s Native American Past - $15.00 - SCHRC
This book will share a sampling of the written information about Sheboygan County’s Native American past gleaned from the archives of SCHRC.

Check out the locations of Indian mounds, trails, settlements and artifacts. Read stories from early settlers. Learn about local Native American traditions.

Sheboygan, Tales of the Tragic and Bizarre — $19.99. Sheboygan deserves its reputation as a conservative city, quiet and law abiding. But here are some stories from the past that have been swept under the rug or lost overboard. Venture into the mists of the Lake Michigan Triangle that have swallowed boats, planes and entire tribes. Investigate speakeasy shootings, safes burgled by a flyswatter, poisoned Christmas candy and the hoax that had militiamen firing on their own cattle. Or just sit down with some bizarre anecdotes about a hometown you thought you knew.

Shores of Sheboygan County-- Mary E. Meyer--Local History-- $8.00. A compilation of the history of the port of Sheboygan, complete with photos of the harbor and the ships that plied its waters. Histories of harbor industries included.

Tales from the Rails of Sheboygan County-- Peter Fetterer --$10.00. Compilation of great newspaper articles following the history of the railroad in Sheboygan County. Some are humorous, some are serious, and some are downright shocking. Great reading for the railroad enthusiast and amateur alike.

Tales from the Rails 2 - $15.00, is an entertaining compilation of newspaper articles, stories and photos following the history of the railroad in Sheboygan County. Some are humorous, some are serious, and some are downright shocking. Great reading for the railroad enthusiast and amateur alike. This is a follow-up to Tales from the Rails originally published in 1999.

Taylor, Judge David family, Edwin Fisher. $8.00.

Ultimate Sacrifice— Sheboygan County’s World War II Casualties-- Elmer Koppelmann-$8.00. The citizens of Sheboygan County have always gone above and beyond the call of duty in times of military need; the Second World War was no different. Some 3000 young men and women served during World War II on all fronts and in all capacities from this county alone. Recorded here, after eighteen months of searches and interviews, are vignettes of 234 soldiers- one young woman and 233 young men from the Sheboygan County area who lost their lives.

They Were First- Janice Hildebrand- $10.00. This book is a tribute to the City of Sheboygan on its sesquicentennial year 2003. The area that is now the city was settled years before 1853, but the city was not chartered until then. This book documents 45 men and women who were important in Sheboygan's early years. Each bio contains one or more photos.

Time in Hell, the Battle for Buna on the Island of New Guinea- Richard Stoelb - $10.00. This is the story of the men of Company F, 127th Infantry, 32nd Division, Wisconsin National Guard who left Sheboygan, Wisconsin for Federal Service on October 15, 1940. They would fight in the Battle for Buna on the island of New Guinea against the Japanese in World War II.
Two Longs and Ten Shorts. Henry Dykstra. $14.95. This wonderful volume includes recollections of the author's childhood in Wood County, Wisconsin during the 1920s and 1930s. While the title sounds like a very long number from an old crank-style telephone, it actually refers to the two parents and ten children in the author's family. Henry Dykstra moved to Sheboygan County in 1941, and farmed there for over fifty years.

Waiting on DEROS. Adrian Falchion. $10.00. Nineteen stories of Vietnam from Floyd Odekirk and his Veteran Brothers Michael Bennett, David Higgins, Craig Johnson, Dale Moravec, Donald Burch, Patrick Callahan, Joseph DeAugustine, Robert Moneypenny, Daniel Michael Pruitt and Thomas Vojvodich who each shared a story for the sake of honoring other soldiers.

Welcome to Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. $10.00. This is a reprint and update of the 1976 done for the Bicentennial. This book was done in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Falls becoming a city. Trace the evolution of the business district and learn about the wide variety of civic groups which once kept citizens busy. See how the fire department has grown and take a peek at the folks who settled Falls.

Rebuilding a Railroad in the 21st Century: Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. $15.00. This documents the rebuilding of an 11-mile rail line in Sheboygan County, after being dormant for nearly 30 years. This was more than just a fix-it-up job, but the replacement of the entire line from the ground up with new track built to modern standards to handle heavy loads. It also required one trestle to be completely replaced and others reinforced. Adding to the generous amount of photos, there are “before” and “after” photos taken at the same location.

From Bootlegging to Brothels, Sheboygan County Vice during the 1920s and 1930s - $15.00. Prohibition, the Great Depression, Gangsters, Gambling, Prostitution, Bootlegging and the KKK will be covered. Newspaper articles and great photos help tell the story from the early days of pioneer Sheboygan County to the demise of the bordello industry in the 1950s.

Celebrations of 50 Years of Friendship. The cities of Esslingen, Germany and Sheboygan, Wisconsin. $8.00.

Stories Told in Granite and Glass - $15.00. SCHRC This volume will introduce readers to some of the most interesting and beautiful stained glass windows and cemetery monuments in the county. We’ll discuss the background and history of each form of expression and much more. Consider this a primer to Sheboygan County’s treasures.

The Sheboygan Symphony - $15.00, Joe Milicia A history documenting the first 100 years of Wisconsin’s oldest orchestra, that of the city of Sheboygan.