

Black Wolf Point/ Nagy Park Boat Landing

6850 Fond du Lac Rd, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Below are excerpts from various sources on the history of Black Wolf Point

CHIEF BLACK WOLF and BLACK WOLF POINT

Town of Black Wolf web site

The Town of Brighton was organized in February, 1847, and included in its limits the present towns of Black Wolf, Nekimi and part of Algoma. In 1850, the name of the Town of Brighton was changed to Nekimi and on November 14, 1850, the County Board set off the Town of Black Wolf. We celebrated the Town's 160th anniversary on September 26, 2010 with a nice turnout. A booklet was available which included information about Chief Black Wolf (Shouk Tshunksiap) and the early hardy pioneer settlers who moved into the area. Also included in the booklet was information about Perryville, EWECO Park (The Coney Island of Oshkosh), early residents, schools, cheese factories, and the old Town Hall. A 20-minute CD of pictures was shown, and the Van Dyne Fire Department had their equipment on display.

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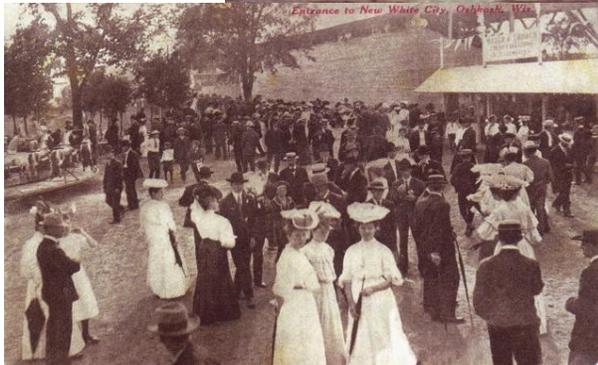
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Black Wolf or Shoontshunksiap was a celebrated character in the border days of a century past. Mrs. Kinzie has left a racy sketch of this bold warrior Black Wolf, ** whose lowering, surley face well escribed his name. The fierce expression of countenance was greatly heightened by the masses of heavy black hair, contrary to the usual custom of the Winnebago, who for the most part cut away a portion of the hair, drawing the remainder to the back of the head, clubbed and ornamented with beads, ribbons, cocks' feathers, or if entitled an eagle feather for every scalp taken from an enemy. ' '

On a point of land now known as Black Wolf point (Sec. 21), in town of Black Wolf, jutting out into Lake Winnebago, at a distance of seven miles south of the City of Oshkosh, there was formerly located Black Wolf's Winnebago Indian village. It is said to have numbered not more than forty huts. The date of its

establishment here is not exactly known, but it is supposed to have been about the year 1800 or slightly before. Mrs. G. A. Randall, who formerly resided at Randall's point, remembers to have seen the Indian tepees and campfires along the shore of Black Wolf point as late as the year 1846. Chief Black Wolf was a character of some importance. He was a large man and much respected by his people and was called a war chief. In the attacks on Mackinac in the War of 1812 he fought under the leadership of Col. Robert Dickson. After the war the British, still seeking to hold the Winnebago in their interest for purposes of trade, called them to Mackinac to a council or treaty with Col. Robert McDonald, the British commissioner. Black Wolf was one of those in attendance at this gathering. He also participated with the British and their allies in the capture of Prairie du Chien in the year 1814. He was one of the signers of the land grant negotiated by Eleazer Williams in 1821 with Four Legs, the Winnebago head chief, and others, by which the New York Indians were to receive a strip of land five miles in width along the Lower Fox, **from Grand Kachalin rapids to Winnebago rapids" in Winnebago county. He also participated in the councils held at Green Bay and Doty Island for a similar purpose in 1830. He is said to have died at Portage in the year 1847. During the Black Hawk war, Black Wolf camped with the Winnebago assembled at the site of Portage on both sides of the Wisconsin river. The principal chiefs in these camps were Black Wolf, his son Dandy, White Eagle, White Crow and Broken Arm.

EWECO (White City) PARK - "The Coney Island of Oshkosh"



Supervisor for 45 years - Harry Wilke in front of old Town Hall