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LUXEMBOURG HERITAGE AT QUARTERLY MEETING

Join us for our Quarterly Programming when the Ozaukee County Historical Society hosts Kevin Wester, Director of Development for the Luxembourg American Cultural Society, speaking on Ozaukee County's Luxembourg Heritage and the Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Center.

Starting in 1845, hundreds of Luxembourg immigrants settled in the communities of Holy Cross, Port Washington, Belgium, Dacada, Lake Church, Waubeka and Fredonia to begin a new life in American. Today, these same communities continue to be populated by many descendants of these early pioneers. In particular, Belgium, Wisconsin, is home to the largest ethnic Luxembourg Fest outside of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and will soon be home to



Kevin Wester, Director of Development for the Luxembourg American Cultural Society.

the international Luxembourg American Cultural Center.

Kevin will offer a broad overview on Luxembourg's history, immigration, settlements in Ozaukee County, noteworthy Luxembourg American immigrants, genealogy/research resources and methodology, and the Luxembourg American Cultural Society and Center. He will also provide information about the Society's annual Luxembourg Heritage Weekend, August 7-10, 2008, in Ozaukee County.

The program will be held, Monday, May 5th, at the Grafton Senior Center, 1665 7th Ave., Grafton, with the OCHS holding its business meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST, SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

The Fiddlers' Contest Committee has met twice in 2008 and much has been accomplished for the Sunday, July 27th event at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village. Professional string teachers have agreed to serve as judges, the tent and additional chairs have been ordered, 2 mailings have gone out to schools, teachers, and former contestants, and the Front Porch Boys have agreed to provide music before, between, and after the 2 contests.

Please encourage students and adults who play the violin to compete for prize

money and ribbons. It's a fun activity and gives contestants an opportunity to gain poise and confidence in their performance ability. This contest can also be used as a preparation for the State Fair event that usually is the next week.

If an entry form and information about the contest were not mailed to you, go to our web site for all the information you need. We encourage fiddlers to pre-register by July 21st but walk-ins may participate depending on spaces available. Call Mary at 262-853-7376 for more information.

Putting on this event is costly. Donations or sponsorship of part of the event are welcome. Make a check out to OCHS Fiddlers' Contest, P.O. Box 206, Cedarburg, WI 53012.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

You, along with me, are looking forward to warmer and sunnier days and the opening of Ozaukee Pioneer Village for school tours and then the weekend tours. The Village seems to have weathered the winter well under the watchful eye of Karen and Al Rimmel.

2008 should be a wonderful year for the Society as various committees have been busy since January working on strategic planning as well as the special events that the Society sponsors. All of your efforts are deeply appreciated and I encourage other members to get involved. Being a volunteer is a wonderful way to learn more about your community and its history and also to meet friends.

June 21st and 22nd will be the first Free Admission Days for Ozaukee County Residents at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in recent history. Please tell your county families and friends to join in the fun at the Village on those weekend days. Demonstrations and hands on activities should make this weekend a weekend to remember for young and old.

Three people from the northern part of the county are now serving on the Board of Directors. Tom Hogan from Saukville is our new Treasurer replacing Eleanor Prom. Jean Steinke also from Saukville is now our Publicity-Promotion Chairperson replacing Ann Davis. Kate Bechen from Port Washington was welcomed to the Board at the April 15th meeting. Thank you for stepping forward taking leadership roles in the Society.

Many of you know that Lucy Kolb remains on the Board but has given up her position as Volunteer Coordinator. Bryan Reickert a master degree history candidate at Cardinal Stritch College has taken over that post. When Bryon calls, please answer the call.

Two other people have been instrumental in planning for the Future of the Society. Linda Oakes, Executive Director of the Mequon Chamber of Commerce, served as facilitator for the Strategic Planning session for the Archive Research Center. Ben Butz was the facilitator for the Strategic Planning meeting for the Society. Both meetings focused the Society on its needs and direction in the 21st century.

-Mary Sayner

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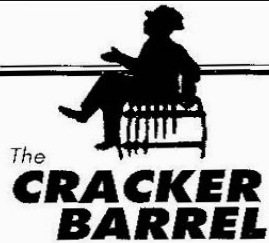
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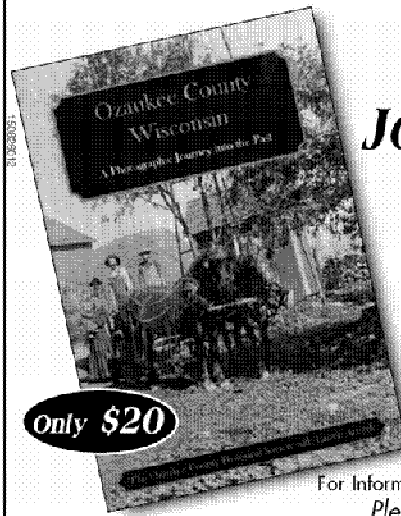
*A little faith
will bring your soul to heaven,
but a lot of faith
will bring heaven to your soul.*
-DWIGHT L. MOODY

*No one can ever make you
feel inferior without your consent.*
-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

*Victory is the sweetest
when you've known defeat.*
-MALCOLM FORBES

*Keep away from people who
try to belittle your ambitions.
Small people always do that,
but the really great make you feel
that you, too, can become great.*
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*Greet the dawn with enthusiasm
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DON'T FORGET! National Flag Day Program & Celebration at Stony Hill School

5595 Hwy I, Fredonia

Grounds open at 11 a.m.

Program: 3:30 p.m.



BRYAN REICKER, NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

2008 is going fast and before you know it we'll need lots of volunteers.

This year, our new volunteer coordinator is Bryan Reickert of Mequon. Bryan is a full time student at Cardinal Stritch and a

history major. He is very excited about his new position.

For those of you who have been on the volunteer list in the past, he should be in touch soon. If anyone would like to volunteer who has not done so already, you can call Bryan at 414-581-0630.

I will still plan to be on the Board, working with new events, on the "Bluegrass at the Village" committee, and doing general volunteer work at the events. So you'll see plenty of me, but I may not call. Let's welcome Bryan to our fine group of volunteers! - Lucy Kolb

LIKE TO BAKE? WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

If you enjoy working behind the scenes, how about donating baked goods to our events?

It is always so appreciated and it is a great way for us to make a little income. Just drop it off at the Village on the day of the

event, or give it to someone who is coming out.

A special thanks to Jane Rokus who, in the past, has baked some of the most delicious pies. They really went over with a bang!

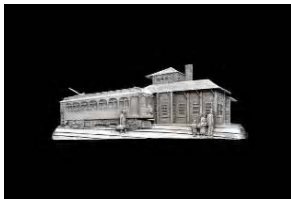
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES...

The snow piles are gone, the ice is melted, the books are audited and so it is time to swing into the new season. There have been people in right along. Once in a while they just like to stop by. It is a pleasant place to be, and they just come in to see what is going on.

The Golden Bulldogs are planning their 3rd annual reunion and they want to include us in their list of options for former students of Cedarburg High School to visit. Of course many of them remember the Interurban days. We look forward to these visitors in August.

There are lots of requests. One young man from Fredonia asked permission to photograph the buildings at Pioneer Village as it looks in the sleepy, snowy days of winter. He sent us a disk of his photos. One is more beautiful than the other. We have them in book form if you would like to view them.

Requests come for Stonecroft and Ullao. One lady sent us a copy of the book she had done. It is "Flanders - Bits of Belgium". It has lovely photos and stories of the places she visited and shares with her readers. I am also trying to find out about a barrel making factory located in Port Washington. Anyone with information please contact me.

Another interesting bit of correspondence is from a Smith descendant in

Rochester. He is doing the history of his family and their fishing vessels in the Port Washington Harbor. He spoke of the steamer Atlanta fire in March of 1906 and of the Senator & Marquette collision in a dense fog in 1929. In both cases, members of the Smith Family were directly involved rescuing survivors with their fishing tugs. Way back in 1972, Oliver H. Smith & Evelyn C. Smith were guest speakers at our very own Historical Society meeting!

Our volunteers continue to work on listing obituaries in our collection and straightening out our Church files. We have received many interesting items. Old postcards, pamphlets, German books, clothing items and much more. A very interesting book we received is the early History of Boder's on the River property. Ed Rappold had assembled this material years ago in hopes of having it declared as a Landmark. Mrs. Karnatz has brought us many things from her Mother's family, the Wiebkings of this area.

recent acquisitions.....

Kathy Noltze (Magnum Travel Publications) - the book "Flanders-Bits of Belgium"

Eric Poggemann - Disk of Winter Photos at Pioneer Village

LaVerne Engel - old postcards, assorted German books, old Pamphlets - among them How to do Home Laundering with your new wash machine

Sylvia Fischer - The Golden Bulldog Reunion books 1 & 2, The Vince Cibik book, a copy of Harold Dobberpuhl book 2

Charolotte Karnatz - Aerial photo of River Bend Farm in Grafton, Fur Muff (1910), wooden hangers with Lauterbach logos, Cigar Box from Becker Cigar Co. in Pt. Washington, Gold Pocket Watch with John Armbruster logo, Picture of Cedar Creek near Lakefield Rd -the Wiebking Farm, Framed beaded photo-The Lord's Prayer in German, Bridesmaid dress custom made, and the photo showing it being worn and an under garment, an Egg Crate.

Renata Rappold - A men's nightshirt worn by the hired hand

Edward Rappold - document pertaining to request for landmark status, and materials assembled of the property of Boder's on the River in Mequon.

What an interesting array of acquisitions! Thank you all for your donations..

Ruth J. Renz, archivist

PIONEER VILLAGE, FREE WEEKEND

Looking for a great reason to visit Pioneer Village this summer?

Ozaukee Pioneer Village is offering free admission for county residents the weekend of June 21st and 22nd.

Docents will be in costume and performing demonstrations such as: knitting, quilting, spinning, making butter, wash-

ing & ironing clothes in pioneer style, making corn husk dolls, etc..

The Village is located at 4880 Hwy I, Saukville just north of the golf course, and will be open from noon to 5 each day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Would you like to be
the Editor for the
OCHS TimeLines
publication?**

Please call or email Mary
Sayner at

mcsayner@yahoo.com /
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INTRODUCING OUR BOARD MEMBERS.....



Don Engelbert joined our society in January 2006. We were beginning to move to the Interurban Depot and this is the man that carried the many many boxes of things we had at the archives. Without his help we would still be moving! He was an electrician by trade before retiring. Someone is always asking "Don, can you fix this, or get that?" He took over as our Membership Chairperson and has done an outstanding job of recruiting members. He also helps the treasurer with many jobs that require immediate attention. He's not afraid to jump in and help get something done. Just ask him! RJR



Dr. Robert Jacobs is one of our newer board members joining in 2006. He is a semi-retired Podiatrist. His civic interests cover a wide range. Some of his hobbies are model airplanes, cartooning, Boy Scouts of America, Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club and the T-M Family Fun Events to name a few. He also enjoys Blue Grass and was the driving force to get it on our list of events at Pioneer Village. He is also a history buff, both local and world. Robert enjoys volunteering in our society, and in our community, as well as meeting people and traveling. RJR



Ruth J. Renz has been a vital part of OCHS since 1996 when she was elected to the Board of Directors. Her extensive knowledge of the county was put to great use when Ruth began working at the Archives in July 1997. Besides presiding at the archives on Tuesdays, she has done extensive work based on requests via telephone, email and snail mail. Much of this work required research done from home, at the archives and by special appointment. She greatly enjoyed her nine years as guide for school, and weekend tours at Ozaukee Pioneer Village. You can also find her serving as a volunteer during all of the Special Events held at the Village. She thinks *all* of the buildings at the Village are special, but she adopted the Zettler House for her tender loving care. MS

WHAT WAS IT ?

If you attended the Cedarburg Business Fair and entered our " What Is It " contest,

here is the correct answer:

The item was a foot warmer. Hot coals were inserted into the slide out tray and warmed the surrounding foot rest. One of the participants remembered using one on carriage rides when she was a child. Thanks to all who participated.

MEMBERSHIP

CHECK THE YEAR NEXT TO YOUR ADDRESS. IF IT IS 2007, THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF TIMELINES YOU WILL RECEIVE UNTIL YOU RENEW.

Our season of events at Pioneer Village starts in June. Your membership gets you in for FREE. Enjoy weekend fun close to home this summer. We will be looking for you.

-Don

**2008 EVENT
SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 8th

National Flag Day Program & Celebration
Stony Hill School, 5595 Hwy I, Fredonia
Grounds open at 11 a.m.
Program: 3:30 p.m.

Sat & Sun, June 28th & 29th

Milwaukee Amateur Radio Field Days Ozau-
kee County Pioneer Village. **FREE ADMIS-
SION DAYS All Ozaukee County
residents.** Noon to 5

Sat & Sun, July 19th & 20th

Antique Power Reunion Tractor & Machin-
ery Show at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village 8
a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun, July 27th

Old Time Fiddlers' Contest Ozaukee County
Pioneer Village Grounds. Open at Noon.

Sun, August 17th

2nd Annual Bluegrass at the Ozaukee Pioneer
Village. Music: Noon to 5 p.m.

Sat & Sun, August 30th and 31st

Rev. War Encampment & Reenactment
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DAYS ?**

In 1908 ...

- ~ Life Expectancy was 48 Years
- ~ Bathtubs were in only 14% of the homes
- ~ Telephones were in only 8% of the homes
- ~ A 3 Minute call from Denver to New York \$11.
- ~ 8000 Cars in the U.S.A & 144 miles of paved road
- ~ Average worker made between \$200 & \$400 a year
- ~ Professionals as listed made annually on average ...

Competent Accountant	\$2,000
Dentist	\$2,500
Veterinarian	\$1,500
Mechanical Engineer	\$5,000

- ~ 95% of all births took place at home
- ~ 90% of Doctors had no formal college education
but attended medical schools often condemned
in the press and by Government Standards were
regarded as "substandard".
- ~ Eggs were 14 cents a dozen Sugar was 4 cents/lb.
- ~ Women washed their hair using borax or egg yolks
and for the most part only once a month or so.
- ~ Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from
entering into their country for any reason
- ~ Five leading causes of death in the U.S.A ...

- Pneumonia & Influenza
- Tuberculosis
- Diarrhea and Dehydration
- Heart Disease
- Stroke

~ 2 out of every 10 persons could not read or write.

What do you think? You be the judge!



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* Under 18 Years Old

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