

# TIMELINES

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### OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday, August 4, 2025**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting;**

**7:30 p.m. Presentation**

**Location: Peter Wollner American Legion**

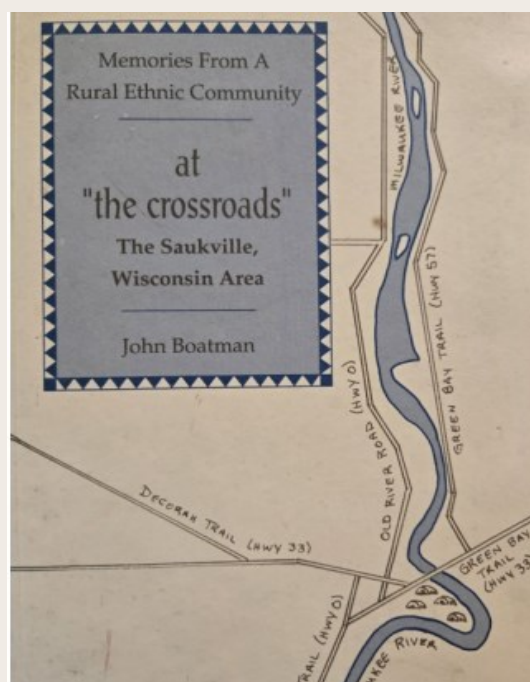


Mary Boyle is a freelance writer and marketing professional who has her own business, Ozaukee Living Local, where she promotes events and things of interest in the County. An Ozaukee Native, Mary is also a historic reenactor of the French & Indian War. Between 2018-2023 she organized the popular "Crossroads Rendezvous" event that took place at Saukville's Peninsula Park.

Mary will be presenting on the history of the Crossroads and their significance to Saukville and the State of Wisconsin.

Copies of John Boatman's book, "at 'the Crossroads'", will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Free and Open to the Public  
Cash bar and snacks will be



## ***Greetings From the President:***

***Hello!***

***It has been a busy summer for OCHS. We thank all of our volunteers who have been involved with our events so far this year, for the WWII event in May, Flag Day and Summer Solstice in June and Fire Up The Forge in July. We are still in need of volunteers for Bluegrass at the Village on August 10th, Planes, Trains and Automobiles on September 6th and Autumn at the Village on October 11th. Sign up Now!***

***We thank the volunteers who work on the grounds each week cutting down trees, trimming bushes and picking up brush. We also have another Master Gardner, Courtney, from Cedarburg who works with Mike Hecker planting flowers at both the caretaker house and the Archives.***

***Some project updates are that the log cabin has been moved on to its foundation, floor joists have been installed and the flooring is soon to go in. We hope that the print shop can be set up by September. Allen Buchholz is also working on removing the old fence at Stony Hill School and replacing it with a fence similar to the one at Pioneer Village. Thank you to Mike Ansay and his company who launched an amazing fundraising effort this year for Stony Hill School! We now have enough funds to get the windows replaced at Stony Hill School!***

***Members of the Saukville Area Historical Society work with our Archives staff each week to transfer both the archival materials and artifacts to OCHS. It is quite a large project and we are grateful for all the hours they have spent.***

***Board member, Evonne Boettge, has volunteered to take over as Membership Chair. We still are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator, School Tour Coordinator and people to assist with event planning. Keri Eichner who has served on our board for six years has retired. We would like to thank her and her family for all their hours spent organizing both Flag Day and Harry Potter.***

***We hope enjoy the rest of the summer months and we hope to see you all soon!***

***Mary Ann Velnetske - President***

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Mary Ann Velnetske, President  
 Becky Miller, Secretary/Graphic Design  
 Don Borgwardt, Treasurer  
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 Dick Liersch, Director  
 Mike Hecker—Master Gardner  
 Open, Volunteer Coordinator  
 Evonne Boettge, Quarterly Meeting & Membership Chair  
 Ashley Bombeck, Director

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Lindsey Harness, Newsletter Editor  
 Jane Butz, Archivist  
 Chris Fricke, Archivist  
 Doug Peterson –Village Maintenance Manager  
 Eugene Durben/ Kayla Beegle-Storck Blacksmiths

### **TOUR GUIDES/DOCENTS**

Barbara Roob	Karen Boedecker
Donna Smith	Carol Stephenson
Linda Ziebell	Carol Curtis
Kathy Callaway	Kitty Moore

### **CONTACTS**

Village Hall Rentals-Allen Buchholz  
 Website-Mary Ann Velnetske  
 Marketing-Becky Miller  
 Videographer-Dick Liersch  
 Photographer/Social Media-Laura Bruederle  
 School Tours-Mary Ann Velnetske



## EVENT RECAP: Fire Up the Forge

Our guests had a great time observing the blacksmiths work at their trade. We had 60+ people work under the instruction of a blacksmith to take a special project home with them. The event was organized by Kayla Beegle-Storck of the Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association, Sam Laturi and Eugene Durban.





## EVENT RECAP: SUMMER SOLSTICE



The Ozaukee County Historical Society's Summer Solstice event, held on June 21, 2025.

Guests enjoyed live music from the Mission River Band, dancing, lawn games, and delicious refreshments.

The warm evening sun and festive decorations set the perfect tone for celebrating the longest day of the year.





## EVENT RECAP: VIST FROM HAMILTON HOUSE SENIOR LIVING



Visitors came from the Hamilton House Senior Living on July 7th, to learn all about the Interurban Railway.

Docent, Paul Schneble, gave the presentation and visited with the folks who remembered riding the Interurban. It was an enjoyable afternoon.



**WHAT'S COOKIN' OZAUKEE COUNTY: RAISED COFFEE CAKE**

Mrs. Wm. F. Hilgen

**Ingredients:**

2 cents worth yeast

2 cups milk

1 cup water

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar

2 eggs

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter and lard, melted

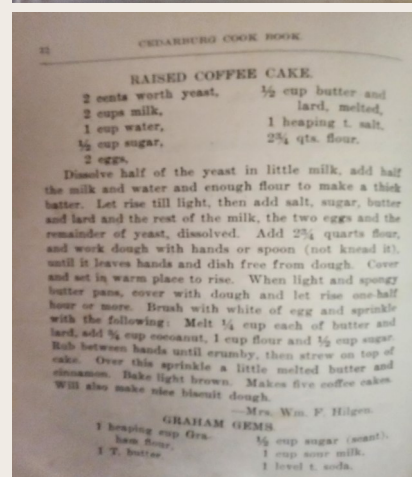
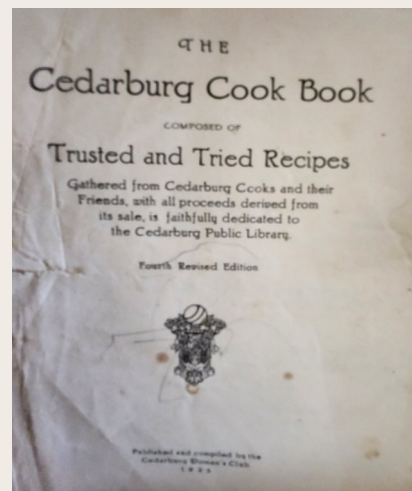
1 heaping teaspoon salt

2 $\frac{3}{4}$  quarts flour**Topping:** $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter $\frac{1}{4}$  cup lard $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoanut (coconut)

1 cup flour

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar

Melted butter and cinnamon for finishing

**Directions:**

1. Dissolve half of the yeast in a little milk.
2. Add half the milk and water and enough flour to make a thick batter.
3. Let rise until light.
4. Then add salt, sugar, butter and lard, and the rest of the milk, the two eggs, and the remainder of the yeast, dissolved.
5. Add 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  quarts flour, and work dough with hands or spoon (do not knead it) until it leaves hands and dish free from dough.
6. Cover and set in warm place to rise.
7. When light and spongy, butter pans, cover with dough and let rise one-half hour or more.
8. Brush with white of egg and sprinkle with the following mixture:
9. Melt  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup each of butter and lard
10. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoanut, 1 cup flour, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
11. Rub between hands until crumbly, then strew on top of cake.
12. Over this, sprinkle a little melted butter and cinnamon.



## CABOOSE PROJECT—BACK ON TRACK!

The OCHS “Caboozers” are very hopeful that the 1940 Milwaukee Road Ribside Caboose Restoration Project will be completed this fall! The project started in 2022. The deconstruction, asbestos abatement, welding, and exterior painting was completed in 2023. The subfloor, walls and windows were completed in 2024. Eddie Arguello used the original blueprints and design of the windows from the Milwaukee Road. They turned out beautiful.

Unfortunately, we had issues with the windows leaking which stalled the project for several months this year. After researching industrial sealants and gaskets, the issue was resolved so Tom Van Groll and Paul Olson moved forward with completing the fir flooring.

Over the winter, Greg Ziegler, worked on the reversible seats. He borrowed seats from the 1941 Milwaukee Road caboose owned by the Brohead Historical. The seat cushions were fabricated by Tom Gentz. We worked with aluminum Foundry of Wisconsin to mold and make the metal side pieces that are attached to the cushion frame. Mike Hecker built the conductor desk in his basement over the winter, too.



Mary Ann Velnetske primed the flooring so the lockers and toilet room could be framed in. A quick aside, on an engineering change order, the team learned that the toilet was replaced in 1975 with a contained flush toilet. Because the team is determined to restore the caboose to its original 1940 design, Greg Zielger, constructed a new toilet designed like the one from 1940.

The 1975 flush toilet was sold at auction for \$55!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Bluegrass at the Village

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025**

OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE  
4880 HWY I, SAUKVILLE

**Food & Fun**

**Kids Corner**

**Raffles**

**Jam in the Barn**

*RAIN OR SHINE-UNDER THE BIG TENT!*

GATES & CONCESSIONS OPEN AT 10:30AM • MUSIC: 11:30AM to 5:30PM

**BANDS:**

- 11:30 Jake & Mikayla
- 1:00 The Henhouse Prowlers
- 2:00 Pickin Up Speed Tribute
- 2:30 Valley Fox
- 3:30 Cerny & Ogburn
- 4:30 The Henhouse Prowlers

**ADMISSION:** Admission Advance Ticket Prices: **\$12.00**  
OCHS Members \$5, Kids 5 and Under Free  
**Day of Event \$15.00**

**VIP Tent Reservations \$75, 10 X 20ft, 4 Drink tkts & a rocking chair**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

*September 6, 9a.m.-4p.m., Pioneer Village*

RC Airplane demonstrations from the Astrowings of Grafton, Model Train layouts from Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers and Metro Model Railroad Club of Port Washington, RC Racetrack, plus Car Show, Live Music, Food and more!



### Autumn at the Village

*October 11, 9a.m.-4p.m., Pioneer Village*

A Day in the Country: Tour the buildings, see historic demonstrations, farming exhibits, frybread, spinning, bread and cookies made in the Summer Kitchen. My First Tractor Rides and hay wagon rides through Hawthorne Hills Park. Last Chance Rummage Sale! Fall foods, apples, pumpkins available for sale.

## Donations:

### Memorial Donations:

Carol Knoep – Rose D. Lemke

### Specific Donations:

Penn National Insurance-Stony Hill School  
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Jan Miller-Stony Hill School  
Jeff & Deborah Wolf-Caboose  
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Port Hotel-Wagons/Buggy Restoration

### General Donations:

Sue & Dennis Duffy

### Artifact Donations:

Mike and Nancy Byers – Desk and Rocking Chair  
Saukville Area Historical Society-1912 Pumper Wagon  
Jim & Dorothy Poull-WWII Shovel & Hayrake

### In-Kind Donations:

Mike & Carol Hecker-Plantings  
Chris & Mary Ann Velnetske-Plantings  
Mike Hecker-Carpentry  
Joe Aliota-Carpentry  
Nick Kertscher-Moving Equipment

### Event Sponsorships:

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## ~2025 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2025

Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!

Enclosed please find my: \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ New Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Email & Phone Number will never be shared!)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes! Please contact me when you need volunteer help!

*I want to make a contribution to history. Enclosed please find my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:*

\_\_\_ Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center

\_\_\_ Interurban Depot Preservation Fund

\_\_\_ Acquisitions & Collections Maintenance

\_\_\_ Memorial: In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Stony Hill School Upkeep

\_\_\_ Celebration: In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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