



Interurban Depot • 1908

# TIMELINES

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## ED RAPPOLD PRESENTS AT NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING

Well-known Cedarburg resident Ed Rappold will give a slide presentation titled: "Cedarburg and the Surrounding Area" at the next quarterly meeting of the Ozaukee County Historical Society on Monday, February 5, 2007 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Ed, a professional photographer by trade, has been collecting photos of Cedarburg and the surrounding cities and villages as a hobby for over 60 years. He recently donated a collection of over 2,200 photos

(40 albums) to the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Ed has also been giving slide

presentations about the Cedarburg area for nearly 60 years, and his unique sense of humor and extensive knowledge of the area add an extra element of entertainment to the presentation.

The program is free and open to the public. Bring the entire family as this will be a fun and informative evening for everyone.

The Quarterly meeting of OCHS begins at 7 with the Rappold program beginning at 7:30.

Refreshments will be available.



## STONY HILL SCHOOL DAMAGED

The area of Stony Hill School has been the scene of a number of vehicle accidents lately.

An accident at the intersection of Cty. Hwy. I and Fredonia-Koehler Road caused a vehicle to detour through the north end of the grounds causing property damage as shown in the photo.

Within a brief timeframe, according to Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department records, there was another accident involving three vehicles just to the north of Stony Hill School where injuries and fatalities were involved. This accident was covered by the newspapers and television news reporting.



If that wasn't enough, a hit and run incident took place when a vehicle left the roadway on Cty. Hwy. I and went straight through the Stony Hill Sign as well as the decorative rock garden and plantings located on the southeast portion of the grounds. They say that things often come in "threes", or is it "three strikes and you're out"?

Fortunately, there was no damage to the Stony Hill Schoolhouse. The property damage on the north end of the grounds consisting of: split rail fence posts being snapped off and a number of rails damaged, vertical posts/horizontal parking area beams

being shifted and some snapped off. Stone border areas and grounds damage is covered by insurance. The various areas have been cleaned up and will be restored to their original status as weather permits.

Work has already commenced to rebuild and restructure the sign with materials being placed on order. These areas will also be worked on as weather permits with no insurance proceeds since it was a separate incident and considered to be a hit and run.

Follow up will continue with the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department should any news come in from affiliated law enforcement offices and body shops regarding the hit and run incident.

When traveling in the area of Stony Hill School please keep safety in mind as recent accidents indicate an increased need for it!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

*Greetings and best wishes for a great 2007!*

The Ozaukee County Historical Society has a bright and busy 2007 to look forward to. Adding Anne Davis as Publicity Chairperson will enable us to place the spotlight on the mission and work of the Society throughout the year. The addition of new Board Members such as Dr. Bob Jacobs and Jane Butz is always good for a society as a mix of new and old ideas of ten results in new approaches to problem issues.

The month of February will begin with a burst of activity including the judging at Random Lake High School on the 3rd, the Quarterly meeting on the 5th with Ed Rappold as the program presenter, the Board meeting on the 20th, and our participation in the Business Fair at the CCC on the 22nd. And, of course, the Archives are open every Tuesday from 9 to 3 p.m. Work continues on the interior and exterior of the Interurban Depot Project and the extension of the Interurban Trail past the depot and beyond. All the volunteers participating in these activities are appreciated.

Committees are beginning to work on the Dedication of the Interurban Depot in May, the Society participation in the CCC's Tour of Stone and Century Homes, restoration of the depot and other projects at the Village, and the Fiddlers' Contest in July.

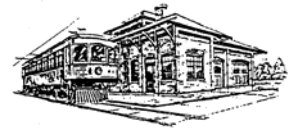
Volunteers, too, are anxious to get out to the Village to clean and set-up exhibits for the school tours beginning in May and open weekends beginning on May 26th.

I am thankful for the County support and for the many wonderful volunteers who continue to make the Society a viable part of the Ozaukee County community. Working together, much can be accomplished in preserving the history of the county.

### *Goin' Surfin' on the Web?*

*For information about Society activities, events  
and opportunities check us out at:*

[www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs)

**DEPOT DISPATCH ...****KEEPING ON TRACK!****BY CURT GRUENWALD**

A New Year will bring additional progress with the remaining elements of the Interurban Depot Restoration Project. Since our last TimeLines publication some additional elements have been completed including the acclimatization and organization of the Ozaukee County Archives Research Center to its "new" surroundings.

The New Year of 2007 also brings with it the "Centennial Celebration" of the Electric Interurban Railway in Ozaukee County that served our area from 1907 to 1948. Watch for additional details and specifics coming up!

We are pleased to report to members and friends that plans for the extension of the Interurban Trail have been approved by the Cedarburg Parks & Recreation Board and were placed on the agenda of the Cedarburg Common Council for discussion and action on January 15th. After discussion and review of all particulars, the plans were unanimously approved! This project will extend the trail on the westernmost edge of the O.C.H.S. property running north from Center Street to the U.S. Postal Service property turning easterly between the former Cedarburg Police Department Building and the lot line of the Cedarburg Post Office. This will offer a variety of benefits to include trail user safety and will restore the Ozaukee Interurban Trail to the original Electric Interurban Right of Way. It will also provide a more direct route for trail users allowing for more visibility of the restored Interurban Depot and more exposure of our facility and the O.C.H.S. This will be Phase I of the site plan development with Phase II being implemented if and when the Cedarburg Public Library Expansion Project moves forward on site. At that time we will work together to develop the remaining areas. Phase I site plans

are to have the work done in early Spring of 2007 prior to a gala opening and centennial celebration event.

While much has been completed, there are some elements of the project that are still in the process of being done or are planned to be done. Additional interior and exterior work continues as we move forward, and we thank those who volunteer their time and talents in a variety of ways. Thanks also go to those who continue to make tax deductible contributions to the restoration project. We continue to seek anyone who has or knows of anyone who has memorabilia or artifacts from the Electric Interurban Railway era dating from the early 1900's until the last run in 1948. Artifacts, memorabilia, schedules, tokens and all items relating to the "Interurban Era" may be provided on loan or donated for display in the museum area that will assist in telling the story of the interurban. Now is the time to "get on board" as we plan and finalize our displays!

You can share a part of history and preserve a part of Ozaukee County's vital past by sharing your artifacts. Those who provide any materials for the display areas will be acknowledged.

Would you like to donate? You may contact us at 262-377-3818 and ask for Curt, or send us a note at P.O. Box 456 Grafton, WI 53024. Tax deductible contributions may be mailed to the address listed.

If you have questions or would like a personal tour of the Interurban Depot progress, to date and what's ahead, please feel free to call.

Thanks for your consideration and continued support!

**MANY THANKS!****INTERURBAN DEPOT  
RESTORATION DONA-  
TIONS RECEIVED ...**

*The following donations were received since our last TimeLines publication designated for the Depot Restoration Project. Many thanks to the following contributors for their financial support:*

- ~ Frederic & Hazel Giere
- ~ Ophelia Meinert
- ~ Mary & Bob Sayner
- ~ Howard Schulze
- ~ Norbert Stern
- ~ Chris & Mary Ann Velnetske

*Also, thanks to those who assist in a variety of ways through volunteering with various project needs*

*Continued financial support of this worthwhile preservation project is much appreciated as we move closer to the completion of remaining elements.*

## RELAX WITH A GOOD BOOK

OCHS Newsletter Book Review

Theme - Photographic History of Wisconsin



Last year I was given a copy of the Ozaukee County Historical Society's book, *Ozaukee County Wisconsin - A Photographic Journey into the Past*. When I first received it I quickly glanced through to look at the photographs. Now that I have had a little more time to "relax with a good book", I have been able to enjoy the photographs and accompanying text. With the help of local author Laurie Arndt, the Society has certainly offered a great deal of history in this intriguing book.

*Ozaukee County Wisconsin* is available for purchase at the OCHS Archives Research Center or by going to the OCHS

website at [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/OCHS](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/OCHS). Perhaps you can do a favor to a friend or relative who may enjoy the gift of a good book, just as I did. At \$20.00 it is quite affordable.

If you enjoy Wisconsin photographic journeys you may want to look for the following older books which are available at most Ozaukee County area libraries:

*The Architecture of Wisconsin* by Richard Perrin

*Portrait of the Past* by Howard Mead, Jill Dean and Susan Smith

In addition, you may find more recent books such as those that include the incredible collection of photographs by Edward Rappold and by Harold Dobberpuhl. These publications are not only valuable for historical research but for the beauty of the photographs.

If you have a favorite book or books that you would like to feature in "Relax with a Good Book" give me a call at the OCHS Archives Research Center at 262-377-4510.

Nina Jo Look,

OCHS Board Secretary

## GENEALOGY NEWS: NEW ONLINE BIRTH INDEX AVAILABLE

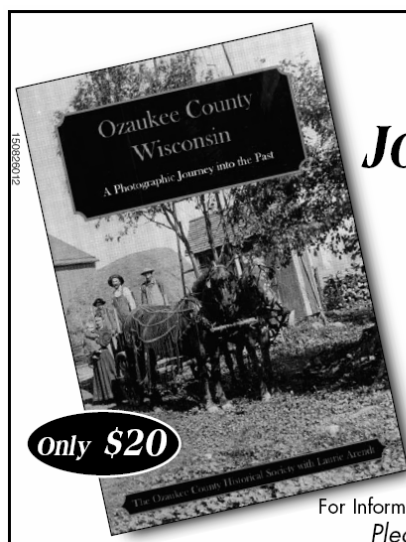
The Wisconsin Historical Society recently added Pre-1907 Wisconsin Vital Records Index to its website. The index can be found at: [www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords)

This index includes a digitized version of a 1970s microfiche index which in-

cludes thousands of delayed births, or births that were filed many years after the event (These had previously been indexed separately), as well as Wisconsin death records. The result is a free public access to more than a million Wisconsin births and nearly 400,000 deaths, dating from the 1840s

through 1907.

Researchers can search the index in a variety of ways, such as using just a last name or browsing by county and year if trying various names and locations. A copy of the records can be ordered online for a \$15.00 fee, plus shipping.



### Ozaukee County Wisconsin 'A Photographic Journey into the Past'

Truly a gift that will be remembered as history comes alive in this first-ever published photographic history collection from the Ozaukee County Historical Society.

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The **CRACKER BARREL**

Sorrow looks back,  
worry looks around, and faith looks up.

A man doesn't become a failure until  
he is satisfied with being one.

Kindness is a language which the  
deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Humans are the only creatures who,  
when they lose their way, run faster.

It isn't the load that weighs us down -  
it's the way we carry it.

Enjoy the little things, for one day you  
may look back and realize they were  
the big things.



## NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES...

The phone rings. "Can you help me? I'm looking for my husband's great grandfather. He used to be in your area, but we don't know where he is buried." As I ask questions, I learn he changed his name to one that was easier to spell. We also learn that while they might have lived here part of their lives, they moved on and so the tracking is more difficult. This is just a sample of the work here at the archives.

Recently, visitors working on their family history concluded their day by telling us they had been to numerous other societies in the vicinity and had nothing but praise for our collection of resource material. They said "you have so much!". Occasionally we receive thank you notes for the help we've provided. We appreciate the recognition and are so happy to be of service.

We even get visitors off the street. They see that we are open and they come in to find out what we are about. Often, we find that not everyone knows what an "Interurban Depot" is, or even an Interurban! We live in a different world, and that is why it is so very important to preserve history as we are able.

Another aspect of our preservation is in accepting donations that seem to be "newer". With out these donations, this part of our past may fall by the wayside

as we move into more modern things. I can't express it often enough.

For example, new people buy a house and move into the area. If it is 50 years old, they think it is old! So now they want some history on the house. One man that came in recently found some interesting papers and posters behind the walls of his house. This lead him to explore a bit more.



Get people to tell their stories, or write them down for them. A school child's interview of Grandpa is fine, but so is an interview by an adult! Time for reminiscing is valuable. Family get-togethers over the dinner table used to be a great time for this, but that too has changed as everyone has to be somewhere else.

### Recent acquisitions.....

**Carol Boettcher** - Wisconsin in WWI (hard cover), Wis. State Horticultural Soc. book, and Wis. Dept. of Agriculture year books from 1897,'98'99; and a CD of Obituary Index from Cedarburg News 1883-1910

**Dean Roebken** - Notebook of Badger Worsted Mills as he recalled it

**Faith Westby** - Student Dictionary of Facts - 1910 and 12 volume set of Encyclopedia from 1903

**Arlene McDaniel** - One pair high top women's shoes - black ties and one pair women's born ties from Heim Shoe Store in Grafton

**Alice & Nick Levenhagen** - A set of 1895 Encyclopedias from Thoreau School in Mequon

**Mandy Plock** - A lovely pairpoint quadruple plated silver sugar bowl belonging to her grandfather in Oregon, IL

**Susan Pohle** - A child's wicker rocker, An ornate wicker buggy from the late 1800's-American made, and a Black Walnut chest of drawers which belonged to Mandy Plock of Hartland

*Once again our sincere thanks for these interesting items added to our collection of treasures!*

**Ruth J. Renz, archivist**

## MEMBERS ACT AS JUDGES

On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the halls of Random Lake High School will again be filled with the whispers and movement of anxious students as they wait to meet the judges of their National History Day Projects.

Judges functioning in teams of 2 or 3 interview the student(s) about the project being evaluated and about their motivation for their specific presentation.

Some of those judges will be members of the Ozaukee County Historical Society.

The Society members who have agreed to judge this year are: Vonna Pitel, Mary Sayner, Marty Gadichowski, Carole Fairweather, Max Kolb, Eleanor Prom, and Don Engelbert.

### Cedarburg News - Mar. 20, 1907 (Local )

The Cedarburg-Freistadt Telephone Co. will make a twelve mile extension of their line this spring, west and southwest of Freistadt. The work of putting on cross arms is now being done. RJR



## ROAD TRIP TO AREA RESEARCH CENTER

Early in October, Mary Sayner, Ruth Renz, Jane Butz and I took a road trip to Sheboygan Falls to tour the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. From SCHRC Director Beth Dippel, we learned that SCHRC is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1980. Although it works closely with the Sheboygan County Historical Society it is not formally a part of the Society.

The Research Center is an archival library dedicated to preserving written history of the county. We were impressed to see that it is located in the Cole Historic District and is housed in the beautiful "Mill House" which was built in

1837. In 1985, the building's owners partnered with historic preservationists to restore and rehabilitate the home. It is the oldest building still standing in Sheboygan County.

Like our own Archives Research Center, the SCHRC has valuable information and records on subjects such as cemeteries, marriages, obituaries and plat maps. In addition, our tour guide, Don, showed us the Center's impressive collection of books written by local authors as well as their photograph files.

As a souvenir of our visit we each received a copy of the October issue of

their newsletter, "The Researcher" which was being assembled during our tour.

The center is located at 518 Water Street in Sheboygan Falls and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. You can find more details about SCHRC at [www.schrc.org](http://www.schrc.org).

By-the-way, if you visit Sheboygan Falls, be sure to check out the many downtown shops and restaurants. We found a delightful restaurant in a historic building with a delicious choice of menu items.

Nina Look, OCHS Secretary

## INTRODUCING ANNE DAVIS

Anne Davis of Port Washington has volunteered to serve as the Publicity Chairperson for the Society. Anne was directed to us by the Oz. Co. Volunteer Center. We are pleased that she is willing to dedicate some of her time to promote the activities and mission of our Society.

Anne has had over 20 years of experience in writing and editing primarily in the newspaper field but also in public relations and marketing. She has had a long-

time interest in local history and has written many stories about various aspects of Ozaukee County History for the Journal Sentinel.

Anne is already busy updating contacts and studying the various activities offered the Society throughout the year. If you have a good Society story idea, contact Anne at:

[annedavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annedavis@sbcglobal.net).

### *In the News:*

#### **Cedarburg News - Jan. 3, 1907 (Locals )**

"Do not spit on the floor. To do so may spread disease". This is the wording of a sign sent out by the post-office department at Washington. The signs have been sent in compliance with a recent order issued for the purpose of keeping offices of the country in as sanitary a condition as possible. Clerks who may have tuberculosis or other infectious diseases are warned not to spit on the floor, it being felt that the disease may spread among those who are not infected. RJR

#### **Cedarburg News - Feb. & Mar. issues - 1907**

At the coming elections women may vote on candidates for one officer. Women over 21 years of age who have lived over one year in the state and ten days in the election district may vote for county superintendent of school, who is to be elected on Tuesday, April 2. RJR



## HAND CRAFTED GIFTS

## ANTIQUES

for Quilt Raffle  
Fund Raiser  
and Gift Shop at  
**The Village**

Bring to Interurban Depot

(262-377-4510)

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS...

### Pioneer Village

Marty Gadzichowski \$100.00  
Floyd/Elizabeth Miller \$70.00

### Restoration of Village Depot:

Kenneth H Mauer \$500.00

### Memorials:

James & Ruth Lee:  
Memorial for Amanda B Pyott \$20.00

Norbert & Lenore Stern:  
Memorial for Lena Frank \$20.00

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**Kolb & Associates:** Provided help with expenses at the  
volunteer dinner

## 2007 EVENT SCHEDULE

### Stony Hill School

Sunday, June 10th, Flag Day Celebration

### Ozaukee Pioneer Village

Saturday & Sunday, June 23rd & 24, Milwaukee

Amateur Radio Club Field Days

Saturday and Sunday, July 21st & 22nd,

Antique Power Reunion Tractor &  
Machinery Show

Sunday, July 29th, Old Time Fiddlers' Contest

Saturday and Sunday, September 1st & 2nd,

Revolutionary War Event

**For more info visit our web-  
site: [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs/  
events](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs/events) or call 262-377-4510.**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER!

**D**ecember 31, 2006 was the expiration date for most of our memberships. If you will look at the mailing address on this issue, you will see a number by your name. It will be 2006, 2007, or L for lifetime. This is the year that your membership expires. Fortunately, your continual support has allowed us to keep the membership dues at the same level as last year.

*If you have not renewed as of yet, please use the application form on the back page of this issue.*

Our membership grew to over 500 members last year. Twenty six family's joined at our Revolutionary War encampment event. This event, and our Antique Tractor Show, were the highlights of our summer. Remember that Pioneer Village is open on weekends during the summer, and your membership gets you in free of charge. Our Interurban Depot in Cedarburg is the new home of our Archives and is open on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm. Stop in and take a look. Its use is also free to our members.

I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you. -Don Engelbert, Membership Chairman



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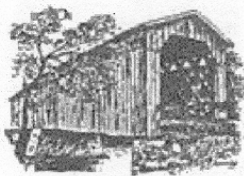
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*Membership is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>*

2007 OCHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Enclosed please find: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership

☐ Single \$15 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Business \$50 ☐ Professional \$50

☐ Individual Lifetime \$200 ☐ Husband/Wife Lifetime \$300

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

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(Under Age 18)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Here's my additional tax-deductible contribution specified for:*

☐ Pioneer Village ☐ Interurban Depot Restoration ☐ Stony Hill School

☐ Archives Research Center ☐ Village Restoration Project

☐ Memorial Gift In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **YES!** Please call when you need volunteer help!

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