



*Interurban Depot • 1908*

# TIMELINES

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NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Quarterly Meeting: Monday, August 1, at 7:00 PM**

## **Meet Mrs. Lincoln...**

Spend an evening with First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln, professionally portrayed by Jessica Michna. She has entertained groups throughout our country with her riveting presentation of life in the White House and many points beyond. You'll laugh along with her humorous anecdotes about living in the White House...then share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war impacted their lives. After the assassination of her husband, our country's 16th president, Mary Todd Lincoln was an unsettled spirit. She had lost three of her four sons and suffered estrangement from her eldest son, Robert. She was also hounded by creditors, plagued by declining health and was weighed down by her overwhelming grief. You'll run the gamut of emotions as Jessica Michna takes you on this memorable journey as you see Mary Todd's incredible life unfold before you. Dressed in the fashions of the time with period music to set the scene... you won't want the evening to end.

### **August Meeting Location in Grafton**

**THE PROVIDENCE PLACE in Grafton  
815 Washington Street (Hwy 60)  
Just east of St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Originally from Pennsylvania and now living in Racine, Jessica developed a love of American history at an early age, visiting the many Revolutionary and Civil War sites in her area. She appeared in various theatrical productions and designed and constructed costumes during her high school years, and was offered a scholarship to the Goodman School of Theater in Chicago. Her theatrical aspirations were put on hold while she raised a family and earned a degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin. After working several years in the healthcare field, she eventually returned to her two great loves--history and the theater. The result was the birth of "First Impressions"--which consisted of almost two years of research, script writing, costume construction and endless rehearsals--culminating in the first public performance of Mary Todd Lincoln. Audiences loved her. In 2005, Eleanor Roosevelt made her debut; followed by Abigail Adams, in 2008; and Sari (Ma) Semple, Jessica's first fictitious character, in 2009.

This program is sponsored by the Ozaukee County Historical Society and will be held, Monday, August 1, at The Providence Place, in Grafton. The OCHS business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the presentation starting at 7:30. The event is free and open to the public with refreshments served. The Providence Place is located in Grafton at 815 Washington St., also known as Highway 60. If you're coming from I-43 into Grafton on Highway 60, cross the railroad tracks and The Providence Place is the first driveway on the left. See photo on page 2.

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## PLAT MAPS FOR SALE OZAUKEE COUNTY'S SEVEN TOWNSHIPS

Belgium~Cedarburg~Fredonia~Grafton,~Mequon  
Saukville~Port Washington`

Years Available: 1873; 1892; 1921; 1939; 1948

\$15/set of five per township or \$3.50 per map  
Available at the OCHS Archives Center

## 2011 Event Schedule

**Sunday, Aug. 14th**  
**Bluegrass at the Village**  
11am–5pm Music begins at noon.  
Tour the historic structures at the village.  
Food and beverages including **beer** available.

**Sat & Sun, Sept 3rd & 4th**  
**“Revolutionary War Event”**  
**Re-enactment & Encampment**  
 10 am–5 pm    Battles at 11am and 4 pm  
 Food and beverages available.

**OZAUKEE CTY PIONEER VILLAGE**  
**OPEN to the Public on Sat. & Sun.**  
**May 28 thru Oct 9**  
**12 pm–5 pm Last tour starts at 4 pm**

**Enjoy Special Events or a Weekend Visit!**  
**OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**262-377-4510    [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/CHS](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/CHS)**



Jessica Michna as Mary Todd Lincoln

## ***So Much to Do...So Little Time!***

Lately, this seems to be the motto of my life. Have you opened up a newspaper or gone onto the internet recently to try to find something fun to do on a weekend... and ended up having to choose one wonderful event over another? At this time of year, Wisconsin has an abundance of festivals, parades, bike races, walks, runs, fairs... all competing for your attendance.

We at the OCHS suggest that you stay closer to home this summer to enjoy your fun, family activities!. The Ozaukee County Historical Society is in full swing with our event schedule and we are inviting you all to join us! Successful programs at Flag Day, the Free Admission Weekend and the Tractor Show are already a thing of the past. We now look forward to our Quarterly Program on August 1, Bluegrass at the Village and the Revolutionary War Re-Enactment/Encampment. More information on each of these events is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

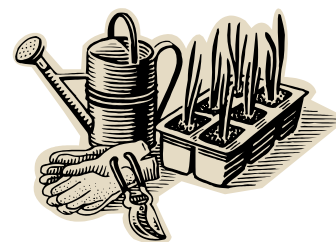
You still have the opportunity to take a breath, slow down and enjoy the upcoming festivities. Stepping into an event at the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village will take you back in time...when it seemed like there was "more" time. The peaceful setting of the Village and the beautifully restored buildings reflect all that our ancestors went through in laying the foundation for our future in our most wonderful, smallest county in the state.

Come join us!

*Jean Steinke*, President

Come see this season's display case at the Hazel Wirth Archive Center. The display case features a nice display relating to heirloom gardening!

Thank you again to the volunteers at the archives who continue to update our display cases!



*Now Available... our new book!*

### **OZ CTY PIONEER VILLAGE "A Guided Tour of Historic Assemblage"**

By: Donald S. Henning & Ruth J. Renz

The book is now available for purchase (price \$5) at the Hazel Wirth Archives or the Gift Shop located at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village. Pick up your copy soon!

The artwork in this book is exceptional! Original line drawings of the various houses and structures located at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village were done by Mr. Henning.

### **WELCOME New Board Members to the Ozaukee County Historical Society**

Welcome to the new Board Members of the OCHS. **Kristen Krueger**, who lives in Grafton, is taking on the role of Publicity Director. **Bill Grunwald**, who lives in Grafton, will be working on the Antique Tractor Show. We welcome both of them to the Board and look forward to working with each of them!

The Ozaukee County Tourism Wisconsin Official Visitor's Guide is now available for free at the Hazel Wirth Archives Center or the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village. The guide is a comprehensive listing of the upcoming events held in Ozaukee County.

### **Free Admission Weekend ~ Thank you!**

Thank you to **Carole Fairweather, Alan and Karen Rimmel** and the **many volunteers and demonstrators** who helped to make the Free Admission Weekend another successful Father's Day event. There were nineteen different types of demonstrations including quilting, blacksmithing, printing, ropemaking, carpentry, butter churning, children's activities and much more. This special weekend at the Village has turned into a fun way to spend time with family and friends enjoying all that the Village has to offer...all for free!

## **THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE OCHS    BY: RUTH RENZ, ARCHIVIST**

### The History of Ozaukee County Historical Society - Chapter 13

*Fifty years later, we have grown to be a credit to our society.....*

Early in 2004 it became evident that we needed a volunteer coordinator. This has become a demanding job. To date, we have had several fill this job. Board members a vital part of our organization. We are grateful for the time they dedicate to our Society. This too is demanding and each board director has a responsibility to some aspect of the Society. Brochures need to be changed and updated and printed and then sent out to many locations for promotion. We received a pot belly stove for the Liberty School and a mat for under it. Due to some extremely hot days, we realized we also needed a "cool down" room for people needing aid. As a result an air conditioner was installed in the school for just that purpose.

From time to time work has to be done at Stony Hill School. This includes repair work, replacement of rotting wood, flag pole painting, replacing new flags, as well as grounds upkeep. It was July of 2005 that the Antique Tractor Show was moved to the Village. Also it was the year we had an Arts and Craft Show with 42 exhibitors. Each fall, Mequon-Thiensville has a "History Day" event and we have had a booth there which has proved popular. On Saturday during our Rev. War re enactment a wedding of two of the re enactors took place. It was an 18th Century Wedding. We also loaned photos for a display that the Luxembourg Society had at Ellis Island. We continue to put on displays at area libraries when asked.

It was February 21, 2006, that we held our first Board meeting in the new archive location at the Interurban Depot. It wasn't until April that we began in earnest to move into our new building. Many helping hands, many back breaking loads of boxes later we had our things out of the Lincoln Building. Now the work really began. We recognized that there was a need to get organized... so trying to get some order was a major job. Where is everything that we need to help people coming in for research? The Gala Open House was held on Sept, 28, 29, 30th. Special guests attended the first night and the Dedication was on the 30th.

June 2nd and 3rd of 2006 we were part of the Cultural Center Stone and Century House Tour. This proved to be quite a showcase for the community to see what we have and what our work is all about. We also partook in Cedarburg's annual Business Fair by having a booth there. We host many tour groups and Scout group meetings at our new location. By 2007 we had a new event at the Village, Bluegrass @ the Village. It continues annually. The caretakers home needed some upgrading, such as a new gas furnace, an air conditioning unit, upgrades to windows and new gutters and downspouts.

Our membership fluctuates, but it reached an all time high in Feb. of 2008 when we passed the 600 mark! As 2008 rolls around we are doing the necessary repairs on the Milwaukee Road Depot at the Village and giving it a new coat of paint.. Continued on page 5....

*OCHS... the first 50 years...*



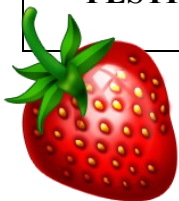
The Sinnen House and Stony Hill School both needed new roofs. This was taken care of in spring of 2009. The Ozaukee County Fair celebrated their 150th anniversary in July of 2009 and we participated by having a 1928 farm truck and a 1967 red convertible to ride in, while some Girl Scouts handed out brochures. We began in earnest to check out a new Scan Pro Micro Film Reader/Printer and a new copy machine, both utterly necessary to keep up with our demands. We wanted to do something special working on a new publication. A book about Pioneer Village, written and illustrated by Mr. Don Henning. Ruth Renz assisted by supplying information about the buildings we have at the Village. This can be a useful tool for the students visiting on tour.

This brings us to a conclusion of the first 50 years of our Society. So much has been accomplished!. So many dedicated workers, board members, society members and society friends have helped us to grow and flourish. There aren't enough words to thank those involved throughout the years. My hope is that this same spirit will continue and that our society will be a useful tool for many people in the years to come. May we continue to collect and be good caretakers of donations that are given to our society for preservation. Even the duplicated items become more valuable as time goes on.

To all loyal and faithful workers words cannot express our great appreciation for all you have done. It was worth it. Thank you!

*Ruth J. Renz, Archivist*

**OFFERING**  
**FREE TOURS**  
**OF THE**  
**INTERURBAN**  
**DEPOT**  
  
**DURING**  
**CEDARBURG'S**  
**STRAWBERRY**  
**FESTIVAL**



**Mary Savner** welcomed guests during the free tour of the Interurban Depot during Cedarburg's June 25 and 26 Strawberry Festival. Visitors enjoyed the historical facts and the beauty of the 1907 restored Depot. During this new society event, volunteers guided visitors from 12:00 until 3:00 each day. Depot staffing during festivals is coordinated by **Jane Butz**. Give her a call (262-377-4510) if you would like to volunteer to be a guide for the September 17 and 18 Wine and Harvest

**VOLUNTEERS ARE  
ALWAYS NEEDED  
AND WELCOMED!**

The OCHS is always in need of volunteers for our many events. Upcoming, we really need people to help staff our County Fair Booth. Won't you consider helping out? Give Mary Sayner, Volunteer Coordinator a call if you would be willing to assist.

### **Interurban Rail Depot Artifacts and Memories from the Scherf Family**

The Ozaukee County Historical Society is proud to house its archives, museum and offices in the former Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company Depot in Cedarburg. The depot building has been named the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center. A special feature of the Center's museum is the Scherf collection of rail memorabilia.

Arnold Scherf was a motorman on the line from 1923 to its last run in March of 1948. He was a hard working man who loved his job and when he retired he saved the artifacts that had been an important part of his career.

His significant collection has been carefully catalogued and preserved by his daughter Vivian Laabs. Throughout the past several years, Vivian used the collection as she gave presentations to area school children. We are grateful that she has loaned this collection to the Society so that it can continue to educate those who have a curiosity about our county's history.

In addition to the artifacts Vivian very generously shares her colorful memories of the rail line intertwined with her family history. She is a frequent visitor to the depot and when she visits she brings guests along for a very special tour. On her most recent visit, she brought along her twin brother Stewart, sister-in-law Louise and nephew, Stewart, Jr.

Come in for a tour of our collection and you may just find Vivian and hear her memories first hand.. The center is open each Tuesday from 9:00 until 3:00 as well as the second and fourth Monday from 5:00 until 8:00 and the second Saturday from 9:00 until 11:00. We are also open by appointment by contacting our Archivist, Ruth Renz at 252-242-0389.

*Nina Jo Look, Archives Center Volunteer*

### **OCHS SHOPPING/WISH LIST**

Please help us with our Society shopping list for the following items. We appreciate your donated items or contribution toward our purchase of the items. Thank you to all those who helped us with our May shopping list!

Port Ulao—History Book	\$20.00
Sponsorship of the November Quarterly Meeting Refreshments	\$40.00
Paper Cutter/Rotary Trimmer X-ACTO	\$56.00
Sponsorship of the November Newsletter	\$75.00
Magic Wand Scanner kit by Vu Point	\$130.00

*(Please note that donations to the OCHS are tax deductible.)*

**NATIONAL FLAG DAY**  
**@ STONY HILL SCHOOL**

**RINGING IN THE CEREMONY WITH  
GOLD MEDALIST, CASEY FITZPATRICK  
& FAMILY**

Ringling the Stony Hill School House bell to begin the June 12, 2011 Flag Day Celebration is USA Gold Medalist **Casey Fitz-Randolph** and his family. Approximately, 250 people joined in the observance to celebrate the "One Flag—One Nation" program with **Master of Ceremonies Gus Gnorski** of FOX6 TV. The program is sponsored each year by the Ozaukee County Historical Society and the Wisconsin Fraternal Congress. Stony Hill School is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the national shrine of the first observance of Flag Day.

Contact Jane Butz (262-377-4510) if you would like to volunteer for the 2012 celebration.



**COME JOIN US—AUGUST 14, 2011  
FOR THE ANNUAL  
“BLUEGRASS @ THE VILLAGE”**

Dr. Bob Jacobs, Chairman of the 2011 Bluegrass@ the Village and his committee are working hard to present a day of top quality bluegrass music and family friendly fun!

This years band schedule is as follows:

<b>Noon</b>	<b>Roller Mills</b>
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Pickin' Up Speed</b>
<b>2:00</b>	<b>Front Porch Boys</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Big Cedar</b>
<b>4:00</b>	<b>Mecan River Ramblers</b>

We will provide tent seating and you are also welcome to bring your lawn chairs.

What goes with music? How about a **COLD BEER** on a hot day while listening to good bluegrass music. This year we will be selling this adult beverage along with a variety of food items.

Admission:      \$10 Adults 18-64  
                         \$8 Students 6-17 & Seniors 65+  
                         Kids 5 and under free  
                         OCHS Members... Free!

**OCHS HAZEL WIRTH ARCHIVES HOURS**

2nd and 4th Mondays	5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am—3:00 pm
2nd Saturday	9:00 am—11:00 am

**OCHS WEBSITE**

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

**Labor Day Weekend Event!  
You are invited...**

**ANNUAL REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
RE-ENACTMENT & ENCAMPMENT**

**Saturday & Sunday, September 3 and 4, 2011**  
10 am thru 5 pm

Experience Living History  
Music – Dance – Games

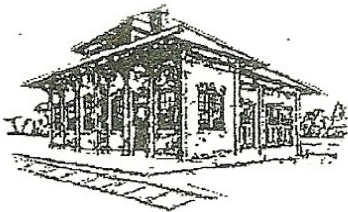
**BATTLES STAGED at 11 am & 4 pm**

Ozaukee County Pioneer Village

Admission:  
\$8 Adults  
\$6 Seniors and Kids 12-18  
\$3 Kids 5-11  
Kids under 5 Free  
OCHS Members... Free







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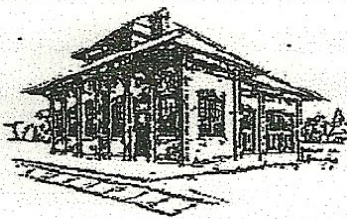
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Cedarburg, WI 53012-0206

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**Ozaukee  
County  
Historical  
Society**



**Make Your  
Contributions  
To History!**

*Membership is from January 1st through December 31st*  
**2011 O.C.H.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
*Sign me up! I'm ready to be a part of history!*

Enclosed please find: ☐Renewal ☐New Membership

☐Individual \$20 ☐Husband/Wife/Family \$40. (Includes Children)

☐Individual Lifetime \$225. ☐Husband/Wife Lifetime \$350.

☐Business / Professional \$75.

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

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Under 18 Years Old

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone!)

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

☐Ozaukee Pioneer Village ☐Interurban Depot Preservation Fund ☐Stony Hill School

☐Archives Research Center ☐Village Restoration Fund ☐Scholarship Fund

☐Memorial in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐Yes! ... Please call when you need volunteer help!

Please send to: Ozaukee County Historical Society P.O. Box 206 Cedarburg, WI 53012