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OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, May 1st

Membership Update 7:00 - Presentation 7:30

Location: Ozaukee County Pioneer Village

4880 County Hwy I, Saukville, WI

Free and open to the public.

All are Welcome!

Alfred: "The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman"



Presentation by Louise Endres Moore.

For 57 years, the father of Louise Endres Moore told his family he had been a barber, chauffeur, and translator in World War II. But following the death of her mother, he quietly started to share a glimpse into his role as a reluctant front-line machine gunner in five campaigns in Europe from 1944 through 1945.

For almost two decades, Louise researched to find the history about which her father could barely speak. Infantrymen who lived primarily in foxholes tended not to write journals. Among many discoveries, she found that his battalion replaced the battalion of Port Washington's Joseph Demler after it was captured.

Her father, Alfred, received the French Legion of Honor about eight months before he passed away. On that day, he realized there was something more his family did not know. Veterans have told Louise that "Alfred: The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman" is the story about her father, but also about every infantryman. It is about World War II, but also every war.

Greetings From the President:

Hello!

Spring has sprung and OCHS and it's volunteers are ready to Spring into Action!

On April 15th, we held our Volunteer Meet & Greet. Thank you to all who attended. It was great to visit with many of our seasoned volunteers.



We so appreciate your commitment and dedication, year after year, as the heart of OCHS. We were happy to meet some new volunteers who are eager to get involved. We have an exciting event season fast approaching and it should be a lot of fun.



The month of May will be dedicated to honor veterans. Their memories, histories and the experiences of WWII will be the focus of several events.

May 1st is the quarterly meeting and the story of Alfred, May 6th is the ceremony for Roy Harms, May 12th is the Radio Rosies: Encore Performance, May 19th is WWII School Day and May 20th is our WWII Encampment event. We hope that you will join us for these special events.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, please feel free to give me a call (1-262-377-4545) with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Mary Ann Velnetske - President

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Procession and Ceremony Planned for WWII Pilot 1st Lt. Roy C. Harms

Roy C. Harms, age 26, of Grafton, was killed on Sunday, August 1, 1943 in the attack on the Ploesti oil fields of Romania in WWII. Lt. Harms a pilot of a B-24 bomber, along with eight of his crew, was killed when the aircraft was shot down. Harms was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart as well as other medals.

Born on August 24, 1916, he graduated from Grafton High School in 1934 and was Grafton's first Eagle Scout. In his honor, he shares the name of the Rose-Harms Legion Post #355 with WWI soldier CPL Fred Rose.

After almost eighty years, the recently identified remains of Lt. Harms will return to Grafton for burial on Saturday, May 6, at the Woodlawn Cemetery on 3rd Ave. in Grafton. He will be interred alongside his parents at a noon ceremony with full military honors.

The public is invited to stand in silence along North St. between 12th and 3rd Avenues at 11:15 a.m. to pay their respects to this local hero and follow the procession to the cemetery. All residents and businesses in Grafton are encouraged to display a flag on this day.

Military organizations (Legion Posts other than Grafton, VFW etc.) and service organizations (First responders, Lions Club, law enforcement, etc.) in uniform are asked to line the driveway into the cemetery.

Special accommodations will be made for WWII veterans at the ceremony. These veterans should make their intentions to attend known to the Ozaukee County Historical Society by calling 262-377-4510.

WWII Events

Ozaukee County Historical Society Presents
The Radio Rosies
An Encore Performance!
 Friday, May 12th - 7:00pm

The Radio Rosies and their fabulous band bring back the classic three-part harmonies of the '30s, '40s, and '50s, with tunes that will make you tap your toes or brush a sentimental tear from your eye. This female trio stays true to the authentic charm of the era, singing beloved favorites as well as rarer gems of the time.

Cedarburg Performing Arts Center
 W68N611 Evergreen Blvd, Cedarburg, WI

Doors open at 6pm.
 Free, easy-access parking.

Tickets \$20
 Tickets on sale at PWSB-Cedarburg Branch and on-line.

Special Thank You to our Band Sponsors:
 NORTH SHORE BANK, Custom Wire Technologies, ANSAY & ASSOCIATES Insurance & Benefit Solutions, TOWN OF OZAUKEE LIVE WORK DINE SHOP PLAY, Answertport, TED GROB CORPORATION Quality Thread Poling Dies, Velnetske Law Offices, LLC, CEDARBURG OVERHEAD DOOR CO.

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The Radio Rosies : Encore Performance will be held at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, May 12th. The Radio Rosies are known for their sweet harmonies and put on a USO-style show of WWII songs from the Lennon Sisters, Andrew Sisters and McGuire Sisters. These ladies sing and dance in front of a backdrop of WWII scenes from the past.

The WWII Encampment will take place May 20th. Visitors will experience a soldier's life in the camp, will be up close to the action of the battles, will learn about weaponry and military vehicles that were used in the war. There is a holocaust exhibit explaining how the Jewish people resisted the pressure of the Nazi's and the USO will have exhibits of life on the home-front that assisted the families and military effort.

Ozaukee County Historical Society and 1st Allied Airborne Living History Group present
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WWII LIVING HISTORY EVENT
 1943 - The Fall of Northern Africa & The Fight For Southern Europe

Saturday, May 20th 9am - 4pm

Public Preview Day:
 Friday, May 19th
 9:00am-2:30pm \$5/Person

SATURDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 Travel back in time while our living historians showcase various weaponry, uniforms, vehicles and artifacts from the WWII era.
 Remembering the Holocaust Exhibit
 Demonstrations throughout the Village
 Have Lunch in our Village Hall
 Scavenger Hunt
 Shop the Vendors
 11:00am... Military Vehicle Parade
 12:00pm & 3:00pm ...Village Battles

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$8 Students (13-17) & Seniors, \$5 Veterans & Children (5-12), WWII Veterans FREE.

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VOLUNTEER MEET & GREET



**Volunteers
Spring into Action!
April 15th**



FONDLY REMEMBERING



June 1926- January 2023

Sr. Mildred Rieber, SSSF passed at the age of 96. She became a sister in 1944 in Milwaukee. She received her degree in education from Alverno College. Later in life, her home was at Holy Trinity Parish in Newburg. She rode her 3-wheel bicycle in the Newburg parade each year.

Sr. Mildred spent many years at Pioneer Village, where she was involved in the Civil War re-enactment. She loved history, quilting and sewing. She is remembered for being a tour guide, playing tunes on the pump organ, concertina and singing to the children.

August 1929-January 2023

Dan Luedtke passed at the age of 93. Dan was a member of the Ozaukee County Historical Society and a volunteer. He also spent time volunteering at the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee, as a tour guide.



Donations January—April:

Private Donations:

Gary Feider
Bob Blazich
Nancy Roozen

Caboose Donations:

Dean & Lois Schwarten
Wayne & Linda Luft

Memorial Donations:

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Sponsorships

Answerport Management & Technology Consultants, Custom Wire Technologies, Cedarburg Overhead Door, Ansay & Associates, Velnetske Law Offices, North Shore Bank, Ted Grob Corporation, Badgerland Bluegrass Music Association

More Fun to come, so mark your Calendars!

SAVE THE DATE!

OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 3RD ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Vehicle Registration: 7am-Noon
Park Hours: 8am - 4pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023
OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE
4880 Highway I, Saukville

All buildings will be open for viewing. Kitchen will be open for continental breakfast and lunch. Bring your vehicle, a lawn chair and enjoy a day outdoors in our beautiful park. Entry fee includes a commemorative dash plaque for the first 75 vehicles. Trophies for public-voted favorite car, truck and motorcycle, and best of show.
Event is rain or shine!

\$10 Donation to Ozaukee County Pioneer Village to participate.

For more information about Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, visit www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us

Questions? Call Matt at 262-689-0575, or email Becky at mbazmiller@gmail.com.



Two Great Events in just one Day. Plan to come and enjoy the day!

Calling all vintage or Classic Car Owners & Enthusiasts!

Plan to show off your car, truck or motorcycle at our event. Dash Plaque, prizes and raffle.

2023 FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

STONY HILL SCHOOL

W5595 HWY I
FREDONIA, WI



FREE ADMISSION!

GROUNDS AND SCHOOLHOUSE
Open 12pm - 5pm

BELGIUM AMERICAN LEGION HONOR
GUARD FLAG RAISING 1:00PM

GUEST APPEARANCE FROM
"BERNARD CIGRAND"
1:30PM & 3:30PM



Free Flags, Mementos and Refreshments.



Visit the Birthplace of Flag Day and Stroll the Avenue of Flags



FREE SHUTTLE AVAILABLE!

Non-stop rides between Ozaukee County Pioneer Village and Stony Hill School from 1pm-5pm.



For more information on Stony Hill School, visit our website at www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us.

AND THERE'S MORE

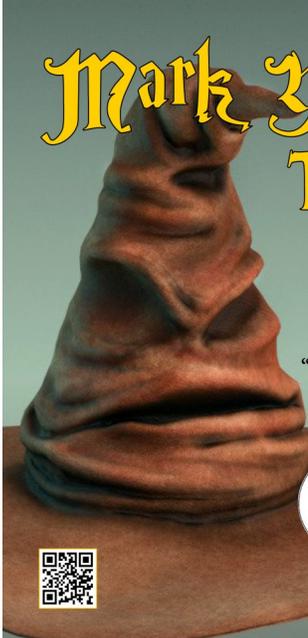


**Fire up the Forge
July 9th
OCHS and the
Upper Midwest
Blacksmith Assoc.
team up for another
Blacksmithing Event**

The planning committee for this year's Harry Potter Event has a wish list just for you!

We are looking for Graduation gowns in dark colors, wood or metal candle holders, silver or white garland, car parts, plastic wine goblets, white envelopes, single socks (great way to use those socks that have lost their mate, potion bottles (less than 8")

Contact Keri if you can help
keichner@wi.rr.com.



Mark Your Calendars
The Magic Returns
July 29, 2023

NEW THIS YEAR:
"DINNER ALA HOGWARTS" - Watch for Details!
Returning Activities: Magician Caleb Hyatt, Costume Parade,
Games, Treats, Quidditch and more!

 **Ozaukee County
Pioneer Village**
4880 Highway I, Saukville, WI

For more information, go to our website
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*Warner Bros. Entertainment & J.K. Rowling are not associated with, endorsing, or responsible for this event.

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Casual for a Cause

The Port Washington State Bank has a program called “Casual for a Cause”. Each month they choose a charity for their cause. Employees are allowed to dress casually on Fridays, if they donate to the cause. This January they chose the Ozaukee County Historical Society! They must really like us or really like wearing casual attire to work. Port Washington State Bank sent us a check for \$724.00!

We are so grateful to have their support and what a wonderful surprise it was!

Thank you to PWSB!

Announcing the line up for Bluegrass at the Village August 13, 2023

This year, the Ozaukee County Historical Society is excited to bring several new bands to the lineup this year. The Piper Road Spring Band is doing a 50th Anniversary Tour and will be starting us off. They have been a festival favorite for decades and are masters of the bluegrass tradition. Stillhouse Junkies from Durango Colorado will be this year’s featured band. All three band members



trade lead vocals, songwriting, and arranging duties. Stillhouse Junkies “paint with a rich tonal palette that pays homage to their musical heroes while forging a unique artistic path.” Their songs run the gamut of human emotion, experience and their disenchantment with the pace of modern living, The Stillhouse Junkies blend genres of blues, bluegrass and swing to provide a sound uniquely of their own. Always popular and back by demand, Pickin’ Up Speed will perform their favorite traditional tunes. Fox Crossing String Band from Chicago will take the stage next. This all-female group is known for their beautiful harmonies and entertaining stage presence. Their debut album, “Box of Memories”, blends original songwriter tracks with popular cover hits in a bluegrass style. All the bands form a nice variety of energy and sounds.

SOMETHING SPECIAL FROM THE ARCHIVES

While tidying up our photo display boxes at the Archive Research Center, we came across this "Revolving Photo Cabinet".

It is a gold velvet covered wooden box with a revolving arm that holds the photographs to exhibit and view the pictures through the glass dome-like top. The label on the bottom gives us the name of the patent for Lauer, manufactured by Taft & Schwamb in Chicago, Ill. which would be circa 1876.

Just one of the many interesting historical artifacts gifted throughout the years to the Ozaukee County Historical Society.



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~2023 Membership Application ~

Membership ~ January 1 thru December 31, 2023

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

Enclosed please find my: Renewal New Membership

Individual \$25 Husband/Wife/Family \$50 (incl children under 18)
 Sustaining Individual \$50 Sustaining Family \$100

Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center
262-377-4510
E-Mail: ozaukeearchivist@gmail.com

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
- Acquisitions & Collections Maintenance
- Stony Hill School Upkeep
- Ozaukee County Pioneer Village Upkeep
- General: Where Needed Most

- Interurban Depot Preservation Fund
- Memorial: In Memory of: _____
- Celebration: In Honor of: _____
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