

TIMELINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This month we bring you Installment #2 of the guest article written by local Town of Saukville novice historians Paul and Elvira Brunnquell. Their story is a written "recollection" and research completed by the Brunnquell's and recorded by Elvira Brunnquell with the help of their grandson, Zach Brunnquell and neighbors and friends listed at the end of the article about the development of Highway W along the river in Saukville, WI. We thank Paul and Elvira for their love of history and for sharing their efforts in preserving this history with all of us...! Installment #2...

Highway W is located on the east side of the Milwaukee River in the

ALONG THE RIVER

Written by: Paul and Elvira Brunnquell

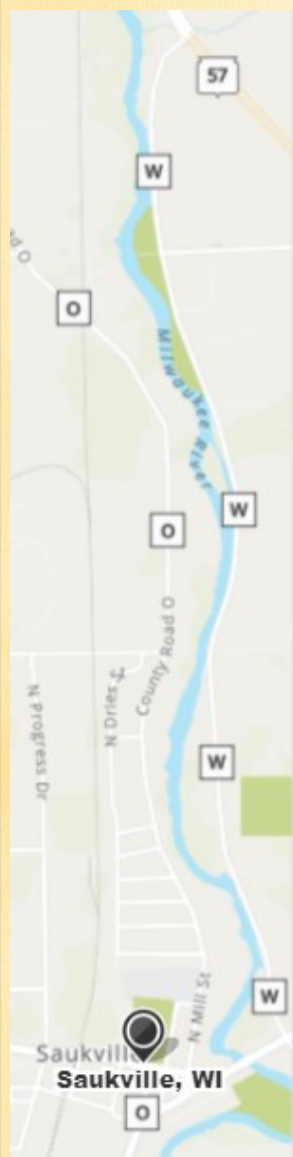
The little blue house that comes up next is owned by Lisa Burich. She bought it from Clara Holk and her son Jim. The next property is The Riverview Inn which was owned by Francis Roos who ran the bar and a small repair shop in the back. In September of 1963, Art and Darlene Wille bought the property from Francis and the repair shop closed. Art and Darlene had two daughters and they took over the business in 1996. In 2016, Lisa (Wille) Burich bought out her sister and now runs the Riverview Inn today. A tribute to her father is the sign on the front of the bar that says "Pizza is a work of Art." Just a little sidebar... Lisa gets a big "thank you" from the Highway W people. When we have our annual or biannual floods, Lisa is always there with the coffee and sandwiches. Everything south of this is in the village and this report is solely about the part of the road that is in the town of Saukville.

Top Photo) Riverview Inn located on east side of Hwy W

Bottom Photo) John & Cathy Brunnquell home on west side of Hwy W adjacent to Milwaukee River

Now starting on the West side of Highway W just south of the Schmidt property is now owned by John and Cathy Brunnquell. All of the land on the west side of the road was owned by George Jacoby and sold off as lots. The lot that the Brunnquells have today was sold to John Oberst who was married to George's daughter and they raised five children there. It was just a small house then and ended by what is now the kitchen window. They in turn sold it to the Lederers who had two children, they added on the piece which gave it the existing footprint. When they left, they sold it to the Waite family who had five children. They moved and sold it to the Petersons of Saukville. Mister Peterson passed away and since his wife never wanted to live in the country, she put it up for sale.

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Support the Ozaukee County Historical Society by RENEWING your membership for 2021 today.
You can find the renewal form on the outside of this newsletter.

**~ TENTATIVE ~
EVENT SCHEDULE 2021
OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE**

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION @ STONY HILL	JUNE 13
NEW JUNE EVENT	TBD
WI ANTIQUE POWER REUNION	JULY 17-18
HARRY POTTER AT THE VILLAGE	JULY 31
BLUEGRASS AT THE VILLAGE	AUG 08
WWII LIVING HISTORY EVENT	SEPT 12-14 TENTATIVE
AUTUMN AT THE VILLAGE	OCT 03
WOMEN IN HISTORY LUNCHEON	TBD
HAUNTED VILLAGE	OCT 23

Note: Dates are TENTATIVE and may change! We will use the OCHS website to communicate the most up-to-date event information. Check back often!



MESSAGE ... FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear OCHS Friends,

The OCHS Board is working hard to try to bring you a 2021 event season at some level. A tentative and hopeful event schedule is listed above. We will post updates and changes on our website and your best bet for the most up-to-date information will be there. Thank you for continuing to renew your memberships and support the OCHS with your financial donations. We have the responsibility to maintain historical properties at the Archives in Cedarburg, Oz Cty Pioneer Village in Saukville and Stony Hill School located in the Town of Fredonia. Your support is truly appreciated.

Now seems to be a good time to get that family history project organized. If you need to do some research, give us a call and set up an appointment to come in, we will help you out—socially distanced of course! Hope to see you all soon! *Jean Steinke, President*

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Website: www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us

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Archives Phone Number: 262-377-4510 Please call ahead—physical distancing-limited capacity.

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Along the River... continued from pg 1...

John and Cathy Brunnquell bought it in 1990. They loved the river and decided that was where they wanted to stay and raise their family of three so they added a second story to the house and later a boat house making the property what it is today.

The next piece of land is vacant and will stay that way as it is not a conforming lot. Eilene King got this piece of land in the divorce. She claimed she never owned anything in her life and she wanted something, so this is hers.

Continuing on the road to the south is a home owned by Renee Roos. She inherited this from her parents Bill and Dorothy Roos who bought it from George Jacoby.

Following that is a property that is now owned by Al and Joy Schanowski. This lot was bought from George Jacoby by Al Bradley in the mid 1930's. The next owner was Paul Thelan. Jim and MaryBeth Paape bought the house in 1968 from the Thelans, as they wanted to move up North. MaryBeth had passed away in November 2008 and Jim stayed living there until he passed in June of 2010. In April of 2011, the property was sold to Alan and Joy Schanowskis who live there today.

A bit further down the road is a home owned by Terry and Donna Elbe. The Elbe's bought the property in 1984 from Elmer Gardner who was the grandfather of Donna Elbe. The home was originally built by a gentleman with the surname Opica.

The last place on Highway W before the Village starts is owned by Dale and Shelly Buser. Dale worked for us at the farm when he was a teenager and his sister was our babysitter. Dale bought the home when his father, Bernie, who built the home died.

For most people, Highway W is a way to get from one place to another but as anyone who lives here knows, there is a lot of history along our little stretch of highway. For as many tragedies as we have gone through together as a neighborhood, we have gone through them together. That can be said about the good times as well, perhaps more. Just as every neighborhood has a history, so does ours, and we couldn't be happier to be a part of it with you.



*Top Photo: Home owned by Renee Roos
Right Photo: Homes of Elbe's and Buser's*

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BLACKSMITH CLASSES... Eugene, our Blacksmith, is hoping to hold some Blacksmith Classes at Pioneer Village later this summer/fall. Please let us know if you are interested in attending by sending your name, email address and phone number to: jean.steinke@gmail.com. We will contact you with more information.

SOURCES AVAILABLE ON OCTAGON BARN STUDY

In the November 2020 issue of Timelines, we shared "The Clausing Octagon Barns of Ozaukee County-An In-Depth Study" done back in 2012 by OCHS volunteers—Nina Look, Fred Derr and Pat Ross. Along with consulting with members of the Clausing Family, a list of the sources they used are listed below and still available at the Hazel Wirth Archives Research Center. If you might be interested in pursuing the topic further or call to make an appointment to visit for further information.

The Architecture of Wisconsin, Richard W. E. Perrin, 1967

Barns of Wisconsin, Jerry Apps and Allen Strang, 1977

Barns of Wisconsin, Jerry Apps, Photographs by Steve Apps, 2010

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Clausing notes from Ozaukee County Historical Society files, Mrs. W. Eccles, 1962

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Descendants of Friedrich Clausing, Delores Rauschenberger, 1982

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Early Ozaukee County Sketches, Ozaukee County Historical Society, 1967

The Heritage Guidebook, H. Russell Zimmermann, 1976

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Iron Fist, the Lives of Carl Kiekhaefer, Jeff Rodengen, 1991

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Ozaukee County photographs taken by Bob Ross, 2012

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Wisconsin Coast Zone Management Development Program, 1976



Photo of the old Port Brewery with related cases and keg



The Finishing Touches

After five years of fund raising and hard work, the Village Hall at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village is in its final stage of completion. The hall is being decorated with large photos and artifacts to bring the rich history of Ozaukee County to all who attend our events or rent the hall.

Allen Buchholz is spending the winter immersed in this project. The goal is to have at least two images from each of the nine communities in the county. Some of the prints are as large as five feet wide, while many are in the three foot range. Allen has searched the archives of local historical societies, libraries and private collections to find the most interesting images that will enlarge well.

Some of the largest photos are paired with related artifacts and placed on the shelf above the kitchen.

To defray the cost of this effort, we are offering sponsorships for each of the photos. Those who have stepped forward already include Gentian Financial Inc, Trinity/Freistadt Historical Society, Phil and Jean Steinke, Arnold Kaul Jr, Todd Kaul, Allen and Cheri Buchholz, Ken and Kathy Wegner and Bob and Marge Weskirchen. There are ten more photos (\$250 and \$350), as well as the reframing of an 1896 forty-five star flag (\$500), that still need sponsors. To sponsor a photo, the flag, or make a donation please contact Allen Buchholz at buchholz@wi.rr.com or 414-630-9093.



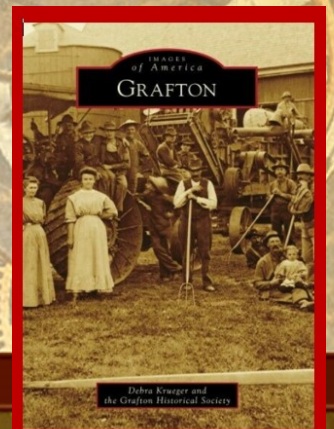
1896 45-Star Flag belonging to Blacksmith from Port Washington

Allen Buchholz with images from Grafton, Fredonia and Mequon



Listed below are answers to OCHS Trivia questions:

- 1) B. Yellow Earth because of the sand, clay, and soil mix.
- 2) True
- 3) C. Deer Creek does not exist
- 4) D. 1969 and then purchased a few years later to include specialty shops and Cedar Creek Winery.
- 5) A. Mequon-Thiensville ...at the corner of Mequon Rd. & Cedarburg Rd.
- 6) C. Waubeka
- 7) False Port has had several light houses through the years. The current one was built in 1934.
- 8) C. Luxembourg
- 9) A. Grafton - home of Paramount Blues History
- 10) B. Fillmore is located in Washington County



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For more information and application visit:

<https://www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us/scholarship>

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If you are downsizing or clearing out a parents home that may contain local Ozaukee history, please contact the historical society at 262-377-4510 and leave a message. Preserve your genealogies and other old significant papers including scrapbooks, diaries, pamphlets, etc). These items are invaluable to researchers of local history. If your item is of value as local history, the OCHS will accession it into their collection.

RESEARCH TOPIC REQUESTS**Research Topic Requests:**

Watry Family (Dominic & Mary (Weiland)
 Mequon 1925 Tudor on Milwaukee River
 Cedarburg Mandolin/String Orchestra 1920's
 Joseph Smith Family Civil War Letters
 Immanuel Cemetery Cedarburg
 1938 Hilgen-Wittenberg Dam Restoration PWA Project
 Paramount Records Grafton
 Adelia (Girlye) Blank Obit/ Poor House Fire 1922
 Captain Peter Spehn Grafton
 Anthony Lutynski Family
 John/Albert Bruss House 1912

~ Eleanor Prom ~

The OCHS extends their condolences to the family and friends of Eleanor Prom who passed away on February 2, 2021. Eleanor was an OCHS longtime Board Member, Volunteer and friend. She touched many of our lives and was welcoming and always willing to lend a helping hand. Volunteering along side of Eleanor was always a lot of fun!



Best place to find information... Website: www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us or Facebook [OzaukeeCountyHistoricalSociety@OCHS1960](https://www.facebook.com/OzaukeeCountyHistoricalSociety@OCHS1960):

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Quarterly Meetings

Historical Classes

Archives/Research

Make a Donation

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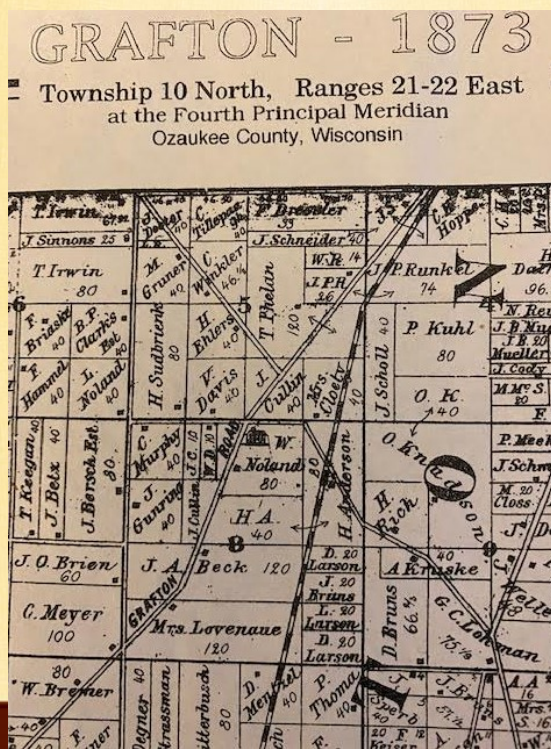
Scholarship Info

Photos

Other Resources

Board Member, Keri Eichner, provided a quiz to test us on our knowledge of OZAUKEE COUNTY HISTORY.
Take the challenge and check your answers on page 6.

- 1) What does the name "Ozaukee" mean in Native American?
 - a) Gathering Place
 - b) Yellow Earth
 - c) Big Rover
 - d) Winter Home
- 2) True or False
Is the Cedarburg Covered Bridge the last remaining covered bridge in Wisconsin?
- 3) Which lost community was NOT in Ozaukee County?
 - a) Knellsville
 - b) Ulao
 - c) Deer Creek
 - d) Stonehaven
- 4) In what year did the Cedarburg Woolen Mill cease operation of manufacturing woolen goods?
 - a) 1955
 - b) 1965
 - c) 1959
 - d) 1969
- 5) Where was Seyfert's Drug Store and General Store located?
 - a) Mequon-Thiensville
 - b) Pioneer Village
 - c) Little Kohler
 - d) Waubeka
 - e) Lake Church
- 6) True or False The lighthouse in Port Washington has never been replaced.
- 7) Belgium has strong ties to what European nation?
 - a) France
 - b) Holland
 - c) Luxembourg
 - d) Belgium
- 8) The Interurban Trail brought musicians to this community to record their records.
 - a) Grafton
 - b) Cedarburg
 - c) Port Washington
 - d) Thiensville
- 9) Which of the following unincorporated villages is NOT in Ozaukee County?
 - a) Holy Cross
 - b) Fillmore



PLAT MAPS FOR SALE

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