

*MENOMONEE FALLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Report 2020*



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Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

January 26, 2021

After a meet and greet President Diane Harley invited the 42 members in attendance to enjoy a western buffet lunch of ribs, salad, beans potatoes and rolls. Dessert was various pies from Nino's Bakery.

Diane opened the meeting talking about the events of the past year.

Our first event was In Touch with History School Days. On Friday the third grade classes from the various schools come to see how things were done in the past. Among what they see and participate in are apple peeling, making ice cream and churning butter. They get a bag of apple slices, a taste of ice cream and a buttered cracker. There are outside things to do also.

In Touch with History Days took the place of Old Falls Village Days this year. This event didn't go as well as expected, hopefully next year will be better.

This was the second year for the World War II Days. Nancy and her group again did a great job.

Looking forward to see what next year will bring.

The Beer Garden was manned by Society members for 18 of the Saturdays it was opened.

Good music was provided and there were plenty of games for adults and children to enjoy.

A variety of food was served in the Publik House. The root beer floats were a big hit.

Richard talked about improving the Beer Garden. We would like to have our own beer tapping system. There's a cost every time we rent a caddy.

The Car Show was new this year. It was such a hit there are plans for one next year. Richard and Pat Lynch did a great job of organizing the event. There's minimal work setting one up.

New for 2020 will be a Prohibition Night during the August 25th beer garden, from noon to 9PM

It'll have a "roaring twenties" speakeasy, the Model A Club, and actors dressed as cops and gangsters.

The Civil War Encampment also was a success. Nancy and Richard did a great job.

This is the last year for both of them. Richard will assist the new chairperson. Maria Pupak has expressed an interest in being chairperson.

As always Vikki did a wonderful job with Halloween Family Fun Night. Fox and Branch, an interactive group were the main entertainment. Deb Schultz gave up "The Thistle Witch" program to become the story teller and Monika created a new program in the School House.

The Silver Tea and Christmas Cookie & Bake sale started at noon instead of 1PM this year.

Deb Schultz and group did a wonderful job decorating the Miller Davidson House. Displayed were pictures of children visiting with Santa.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa greeted children in the Publik House where many pictures were taken.

Cookie sales were just over \$700.00, the most we've sold. The "Christmas Sale" tables sold items totaling \$200.00.

2019 was a great year for the Society.

Jeff talked about the Blacksmithing he and Pat have been learning from Alan.

They practiced during the summer months and have made several different items. Once we get a shop the idea is to sell what gets made.

Projects for 2020 are; a Blacksmith Shop, a Pavilion for the grounds and taking down the Brogan Cabin. The Cabin would be too costly to repair.

Jeff distributed and talked about the financial statement.

Revisions of the Bylaws were given to members. Marlene explained what they were and asked for questions. One part was added by mistake, that will be taken out. An oral vote was taken and the revisions passed. A copy of the Bylaws will be sent to the State Historical Society.

All members were given a copy of the Annual Report, a task well done by Jill.

Diane thanked every events chair for their good work.

Nominations & Elections of the Board of Directors: Vikki

Executive Board

Diane Harley – President

Richard Burgess – Vice President

Jeff Steliga – Treasurer

Chris Schultz – Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor, the membership said aye

These officers will serve one year terms.

Board Members

New; Pat Heagney – 3 years

Renewing; Marilyn Schneider – 1 year

Renewing – Ken Pruess - 1 Year

There were no nominations from the floor, the membership voted aye.

Remaining on the Board; Jordan Euclide

Marlene Fay

Monika Oeltjen

Jill Schmidt

Vikki Schmidt

Jeremy Walz

Volunteer of the Year award

Again this year we have three, Alan Abrahamson has been a tireless volunteer doing whatever we ask of him. Due to his work hours he's only available during the day. When setting up our events there's plenty to do and we can always count on Alan, from converting a freezer to helping move chairs to doing the grilling at the beer garden. Thanks for all you do for us Alan.

The next two are a dynamite couple, Marian and Ken Greifenhagen, Nancy's folks.

Marian and Ken have helped Nancy with her events for years. Since we started the beer garden they're right there to help, from setting up the signage to getting out the toys and games.

If help is needed tapping beer or working in the kitchen you can count on both of them. And they're there when it comes to clean up for the night. Thanks for all you do for us

Our speaker for the afternoon was Professor Steven Hauser. Steve spent 39 years teaching history. He and his wife Janice have been Society members and volunteers for years.

"Growing up in the Falls in the 50's" was his topic.

R.1 B125 Hillside La was the family's home address; it was so rural their mail box was on YY.

He remembered there were no police in the town of Menomonee, they called the County Sheriff.

It was country living, watching the wild life and the birds. He could watch the trains and see the church steeples. There was home mike delivery, Strom's Drug

store had a lunch counter and a morning coffee club. New was The River Court Shopping Center, and there was always the Starlite Drive-in.

He talked about Helen Strehlow and the Menomonee Falls Book I&II she wrote. Steve enjoys sending post cards as thank you cards.

It was fun listening to him talk about “Growing up in the Falls in the 50’s”.

To conclude the program there were 6 door prize winners; Marilyn Schneider, Jill Schmidt, Vikki Schmidt, Tom Thomas and Tom Dueppen.

Diane asked if there was anything else; Bob Cowan asked if any painting would be done on the MHD. Ken said the Steichen and School House would be done first.

Peter Sparrow wondered if Washington County Historical Society might be interested in the logs from the Brogan. Diane explained many places were called and no one showed any interest.

Diane thanked everyone for coming.

Chris Schultz,
Secretary

02/07/2020

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

By Diane Harley

Mission Statement: In order that current and future generations can know and appreciate the heritage of the area, Old Falls Village, through its many supporters including the Menomonee Falls Historical Society, village officials and other community leaders, **gathers, preserves, educates, organizes, and exhibits artifacts and information about the origins and development of the Village of Menomonee Falls.**

Vision Statement: Old Falls Village will be a **showcase** for Menomonee Falls and an exciting destination for residents and visitors. A premiere **resource for local history**, Old Falls Village will be a vibrant attraction where **history comes alive**. Complete with **quality storage areas, exhibit space, and meeting facilities, Old Falls Village will offer year-round activities and generate income to help future development.**

Year Overview: 2020 was an extremely unusual year because of the Covid -19 pandemic. Because of safety concerns, some of our events (In Touch With History Days, Halloween Family Fun Nights, and the Silver Tea/Cookie Sale) were canceled. Some were postponed (WWII Days and the opening of the Beer Garden) and some were able to go on as scheduled. I was so impressed by the flexibility of our hardworking Board and members of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated. You will find summaries of our events, written by their chairpersons, elsewhere in this annual report.

New procedures and safety measures were incorporated into all events and areas this year, especially in the Public House kitchen/ ordering/ and serving techniques.

Two highlights of the year were the construction of the beautiful Reis Pavilion and the acquisition of our 1956 Chicago & Northwestern caboose. Thanks to Richard Burgess for being the mastermind behind making those ideas come to reality.

The Blacksmith Shop continues to be one of our next building goals. Jeff Steliga, Pat Heagney, and Alan Meyer have been hard at work learning the skills of blacksmithing, and have created beautiful objects, right here on our grounds. There is Falls Fest money available in the Village accounts for the construction of the shop, and we hope to get architectural designs soon.

Benches were built and placed around the park, the ramp to the Miller Davidson House was removed, and the Sparrow Cabin, Umhoefer Cabin, and Koch House were sealed.

The Village tore down the Brogan Cabin on Oct. 6. It was in a terrible state of disrepair, and despite many ideas, was not able to be salvaged. Member Paul McCarty Jr. was given the plaque that had stood in front of the cabin. His dad, Paul McCarty Sr was born in the cabin in 1918, when it was located in Lannon.

No parades were held in Menomonee Falls during 2020 because of the Covid pandemic.

We thank everyone who organized, attended, volunteered, and spread the word about our events. We look forward to seeing you in 2021, filled with good health and happiness.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

By Diane Harley and Irene Lape

On December 1, 2020, our membership totaled 118.

Here is the breakdown of membership levels:

Individual	11
Over 65	36
Family	36
Pioneer	9
Homesteader	7
Lifetime	8
Complimentary	11

Buildings

By Ken Pruess

- 1) The Brogan Cabin was removed by the village and the area reseeded with grass.
- 2) The ceiling in the main area of the Umhoefer cabin was reenforced by the village. There is also a squirrel and mice infestation in that cabin. The village has been notified.
- 3) A bobsled has been added as an outdoor collection. It is located near the firepit. It used to be used for hauling goods to town during winter, or to take corn and grain to the mill for grinding for feed for the animals.
- 4) A caboose has been added to the property
- 5) There are plans for a blacksmith shop

TOURS

By Ken Pruess

Because of Covid there were only two tours in 2020

- 1) In July there was a group of homeschooled children who came and toured all the houses.
- 2) Two couples from the Umhoefer family came to tour the Umhoefer cabin.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS 2020

By Chris Schultz and Marlene Fay

The Butterfly Garden likes its new location on the South side of the Miller Davidson House. The deer also help themselves to the flowers. The Herb Garden has been moved to the Umhoefer Cabin. Peg Remfrey does a great job, helping care for the plants at the School House and Stichen House. Peg and her two grandsons, planted hostas on the East side of the Public House along with digging some lilies from the Miller Davidson House. The Brogan Cabin was demolished, this summer. The structure had deteriorated to a point where no logs were able to be saved. Since many of the houses are older, it is always a challenge to keep mice, even a pesky red squirrel from taking residence in them.

This Christmas, wreaths were placed around the Park, along with lights on the Gazebo, the Public House and the Depot. The Caboose had an original village decoration placed on it. A decorated tree was placed in the Miller Davidson Porch. The Park looked very festive, we hope everyone got a chance to see it.

HISTORIAN REPORT

By Jill Schmidt

Presentations-There are presentations available throughout the year through the Historical Society, that I will give for organizations, church groups and the like. I currently have four separate presentations;

- 1) The beginnings of Menomonee Falls, including the Indians, through 1899.
- 2) Menomonee Falls 1900 through 1949
- 3) Menomonee Falls 1950 through 1999.
- 4) The Streets of old Menomonee Falls. Highlighting certain buildings, here and gone, what they were for, the families that lived there, and what's there now.

My first presentation of the year was #4, for the NEA READ. Given at the library on March 10th of 2020. A few days later because of Covid 19, everything was locked down and now no more presentations will be available for the near future. Both presentations #'s 1 & 4, are shown on the local Cable Access Channel. Also, a personal thank you to Richard Burgess, who has acquired a projector that will be used for slideshows during the presentations, once they resume.

Pioneer and Century Pioneer Certificates

Pioneer Certificates are awarded those who can provide documentary proof of any ancestor who settled in Menomonee Falls before 1900. All documentation for certificates is kept in a file at the library, to be used for future genealogical inquiries.

These certificates awarded this year went to;

Angus Littlefield (from England) for William Robinson Hesk, who was the original settler in Menomonee Falls, Aug 30, 1836.

Thomas J. Thomas for Frederick Thomas (1865) and Francis Walterlin Sr. (1846)

New this year, a Century Pioneer Certificate. This will be awarded to anyone who can provide documentation of an ancestor who settled here after and including 1900 up to one hundred years ago of the present date.

These certificates awarded this year went to sisters;

Julie Weber Hubler, Lois Weber and Lenora Weber Mulock, for Henry Weber (1920) and Harold Burg (Aug 25, 1916)

(Information on how to submit an application for a certificate can be found on our web site)

Genealogy Requests-(If anyone has more information of these topics, please let me know)

- 1) Arlene Jorgensen requested information on a "Karl's Tavern" and "Fairmount Park" picnic grounds, that was owned by her family, 75 years or so ago. A few articles were found in the newspaper, and forwarded. An aerial photo showed the park to be on Fond du Lac Ave. near what is now

the southbound ramp from Main to Hwy 41, not far from where the old Umhoefer cabin was.

- 2) June Zahn was looking for information of Tiemann's Bakery and specifically Hans Tiemann, her grandfather.
- 3) Megan Elbe Lee bought a home on Mill Rd. that was supposedly owned by The Walterlin family. Connected her with James Langhorne, the family's expert. Turns out she lives next to Peter Walterlin's house.
- 4) Patty Malgieri put in a request for information on ancestors Peter Somers and Darby Milmo. Census, newspaper, cemetery and plat map info was forwarded.
- 5) Lisa Childs requested information on the Thomas Keating farm. It was found in the 1891 plat map in Lisbon.
- 6) Laurie Gremon Prez was looking for pictures and information of a Sinclair gas station her father Norbert Rosbeck owned, on the corner of Appleton and Pilgrim, cir.1957-1961. Put her and the information on Facebook and she got quite a few responses.
- 7) Nancy Egan requested information on Philip Schmitz who settled in Fussville by St. Anthony's. It turns out he is the great grandfather of Charlie Schmitz (who just recently died) who used to help out with In Touch With History Days. I connected her with the family.

Of Interest

- 1) Gary Newman was looking for pictures of the old Christmas decorations that the Falls used to use. Found a few and forwarded them. His intent was to make miniature Christmas tree ornaments in that same fashion. One last old ornament that was left, was in the possession of Don Umhoefer, who graciously donated it to the Historical Society. It now has a home off our new caboose during the holidays. It even still lights up!
- 2) Tom Ramstack was looking for information about the Irish settlers in this area, specifically McRafferty's settlement in Menomonee township. He needed it for his presentation on "Early Ethnic Colonies", he was giving at the Brookfield Library.
- 3) Don Umhoefer donated a large round clock to our museum. It had hung for years in the old Firehouse. Dwyer Jewelers is on the clock face. It still works.

- 4) The Women's Club minutes books, were taken out of the office, and will be relocated in the history room of the library. Before this is done, they will be perused and a report will be made on the findings relating to the beginnings of the Miller Davidson Museum and the Historical Society.
- 5) Mike McCarthy asked for pictures of the old Lincoln School, having been a former pupil. A few nice ones were forwarded.
- 6) Bob Neeb, a former member of the Historical Society, had back in the '90's, transferred Elton Magee's home movies onto video tape. These were from back in the 30's and 40's, and were of all things Menomonee Falls. I searched until I located his daughter. She contacted her brother, who had the tape. He gave it to her and she gave it to me. I am currently reviewing and am just ecstatic about the information found here. There are movies of iceskating races, parades, Held's bowling alley after it blew up, when the train jumped the track next to Semon's and went into Main St. and much more.
- 7) When The intersection of Appleton, and Pilgrim roads were redone this year, our old "Old Falls Village" sign, that was there for years, was thrown in the dumpster. I wish I had had the presence of mind to ask for it when I thought of it. It would have made a nice addition to the Museum.
- 8) Talk of The Town Series has changed. Instead of an episode every week, there will be an episode every month. It will highlight the monthly events from Menomonee Falls, published in our paper, from 100 years ago. Interspersed occasionally will be episodes of Citizen Spotlight. There have been at least a half dozen of those so far. If you do not do Facebook and cannot see them, they are submitted to our newsletter for reprinting.

CIVIL WAR EVENT

By Maria Pupak

To recap the event in July 2020, we showcased Confederate, Union and civilian camps with re-enactors. There was a Sutler tent with memorabilia, a gun display and a special music presentation done by Gary Alexander. A live, narrated battle reenactment, was done on both days with a field hospital demonstration and information afterwards. The Gettysburg address was given by our Lincoln. We also featured a female spy presentation, a General Grant presentation and a question and answer with President Lincoln. Our attendance was about 150-225 for both

days and we made a small profit. It was an unusual year, but we felt the reception by the attendees and reenactors was welcomed.

WWII Days

By Nancy Griefenhagen

Our third WWII Days Reenactment event happened on August 8-9th, 2020. The date had been moved to August from June because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The weekend weather was beautiful and warm. The weekend had record number of reenactors and attendees which made our third year even bigger than our first two years. Because of the change in date and the cancellation of all the WW2 events in the area this year, we had numerous new reenactors attend from many other groups and other states. They were all thankful for our event that still occurred.

Saturday night there was a performance by JT and Company on our Platform behind the Depot. We had a great turnout for the USO themed Dance and the beer garden was handled by the Historical Society. The new Pavilion was up and ready to be used for the event.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, all the buildings were closed including the Public House. Food was served through the building window and door. We did not invite the WW2 veterans this year due to the outbreak to keep them safe. A food truck was used on Sunday, but the people ordering were in the sun and it was very hot in the parking lot.

The Battles at 2 PM were well attended with observers crowded along the battle field rope to watch. With several vendors, more vehicles and tents, grounds packed with Allies and Axis groups; the park was full. We were very happy with our third year. It was quite the success in many areas and we hope that our new reenactor groups continue to attend in the future.

New Additions to Old Falls Village Park

Richard W Burgess

This year has seen several exciting new additions to Old Falls Village Park The first being the construction of a 24 x 40-foot pavilion south of the Depot. The pavilion

is a kit built by Fifthroom in Pennsylvania. The company factory precuts, stains and packages for shipment pavilion kits. The foundation and floor were poured in advance and when the kit arrived it was t erected. A water spigot and electrical lights and outlets were added later.

The pavilion was placed to offer a great view of the Park and the stage behind the Depot. After completion, the site of the beer garden was moved to the east of the Public House and between the pavilion and the stage. The pavilion serves as additional seating for the beer garden.

The funding for the purchase and construction of the pavilion was provided by a generous gift from the Reis family of Menomonee Falls.

The beer garden is sporting a brand new Perlick stainless steel dispensing cart that can accommodate up to 6 flavors of beer. With the relocation of the beer garden to the east of the Public House, the beer dispense area was moved to the drive at the northeast corner of the Public House.

The beer garden picnic tables were moved for seating in front of the stage and modified to take patio umbrellas. The umbrellas were provided by Beer Capitol and an anonymous donor.

The food service was changed to better comply with the latest Covid-19 recommendations. Food will be ordered at the east window of the public House and picked up on the rear deck. No entry into the Public House will be allowed.

This year we inaugurated a “Roaring 20’s Prohibition themed event during one of the Saturday beer gardens. The area around the beer dispersion station was walled off to convert it into a speak easy. A door with a small speaking hatch was added so that only those with the password were admitted. The “establishment” was staffed by several members in period costumes.

During the afternoon, everyone was treated with a group of suffragettes marching for the vote, a gunfight between gangsters and Federal agents, and a raid on a whiskey still complete with breaking bottles and smashing a whiskey keg.

Several 1920’s trucks and autos were on display along with other memorabilia to enhance the ambiance.

Another big change to the Park was the addition of a 40-foot ex Chicago and Northwestern steel bay window caboose to a new siding next to the Depot.

The search for a caboose began after a deal fell through for a well-used caboose available near 76th and Hampton in Milwaukee. After that, several cars were considered both locally and throughout the country.

A caboose was found in Boone, Iowa that offered the best advantage of price, condition, and location. An offer was made to the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the caboose owner, and was accepted on July 21st.

At the same time the tourist railroad and museum in Boone was moving a locomotive and passenger car as a new display to replace the caboose. Since the heavy equipment mover was already on the scene, we were able to negotiate a very favorable contract for moving the caboose to Old Falls Village Park.

The caboose was transported via low boy trailer and rolled on to the siding in front of the Depot on Friday July 24th.

At that point we contracted with Volkmann Railway Builders in Menomonee Falls to extend the siding 70 feet to the east to allow us to display the caboose without blocking the view of the Depot. A week after the arrival of the caboose, Volkmann had the track laid and the caboose moved to the final position.

The caboose will be repainted to freshen up the yellow and green colors and the original C & NW logo and markings applied.

The interior of the caboose is original as built in 1956. The plan is to leave it as built to showcase the history of how and why cabooses were used by railroads.

A big thankyou is due to Bill Schulz, one of the Society members for his leadership in negotiating the caboose purchase.

As part of future overall railroad themed displays, a grade crossing the Depot to its original early 1900's configuration A train order semaphore will be added outside the station with signal light is planned over the siding between the caboose and the Depot. Plans are also being developed to restore the interior of the Depot to its original early 1900's configuration A train order semaphore will be added outside the station.

Caboose and Pavilion Ribbon Cutting

Richard W Burgess

On August 16, 2020 as part of the Historical Society's annual picnic, the ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Pavilion and the C&NW Caboose.

The Pavilion ceremony was attended by the Reis family whose generous donation made the building of the Pavilion possible. A plaque commemorating the Reis family donation was affixed to one of the Pavilion arches.

The Caboose ribbon cutting was marked by the attendance by Kris Blocker, an executive of the Boone County Iowa Chamber of Commerce, who was instrumental in the sale of the Caboose to the Society. During the ceremony President Diane Harley was presented with a lithograph of several Chicago and Northwestern cars and locomotives. Vice-President received an authentic C&NW coal scoop and a track pickax both of which will be added to the tool rack in the Caboose. A tour of the Caboose followed the ceremony.

2020 Car Show

Richard W Burgess

On September 19th the second annual car show was held as part of the Saturday Beer Garden. Admission was free to the public.

Over 50 cars were registered ranging in age from 1920's classics to modern muscle cars. One of the biggest eye catchers was a new \$78,000 GMC pickup truck on display by our major sponsor, International Autos Buick/GMC.

Door prizes for the people's choice prize and door prizes for entries were donated by various car related businesses in Menomonee Falls.

Volunteer Committee

Chris Schultz, Jordan Euclide, Marilyn Schneider

Due to lack of volunteers this year we had to close house during some events. Many of our trusted volunteers are ageing and not able to give us the time they had in the past.

With schools being closed because of the virus many of our young volunteers weren't available.

Hopefully things will be better for our season next year.

Collections/Acquisitions

Chris Schultz, Diane Harley, Marlene Fay, Marilyn Schneider

The focus of this committee is to catalog existing and new artifacts in the Past Perfect software program.

Due to lack of space the committee prefers donations that have connections to the Falls; if that's not the case we try to fit the item in somewhere else. We received a beautiful yellow crochet child's dress, not from the Falls, but we have not children's clothes in the Miller Davidson children's room. The dress will fit well in the room. Part of an old school desk from Sunnyside School was donated; it had been stored in the attic of the school before it was torn down. The committee asks they be contacted about donations first.

Rentals

Chris Schultz, Diane Harley

The Society rents our facilities and grounds for various parties, reunions, showers, weddings and other events. We now have the Pavilion for rent.

This past year we had 7 rentals, one an outside wedding during a beer garden, another a Murder Mystery Party.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

By Diane Harley

Due to Covid concerns about indoor group gatherings, our **SPRING** and **FALL** quarterly meetings were canceled.

SUMMER

On Aug. 16, 31 people attended our summer cookout/quarterly meeting at Old Falls Village. It was an exciting gathering because two dedications occurred. President Diane Harley introduced Joseph and Louise Reis, the donors who made

our new pavilion a reality. They did the honors in cutting the red ribbon for the REIS PAVILION, a beautiful multi-purpose covered gathering space south of the Depot.

Our newly-acquired 1956 Chicago & Northwestern caboose was also dedicated, with Richard Burgess and Bill Schulz doing the ribbon-cutting, because they were the masterminds who made this purchase happen. They gave a short summary of the events leading up to its acquisition, and introduced Chris Blocker from Boone, Iowa, who was instrumental in getting all the negotiations to succeed, including the plans to transport the caboose from Iowa to Menomonee Falls.

Diane explained that because of the Covid pandemic, In Touch With History Days were canceled and the Beer Gardens did not begin until mid-July, using our own kegerator and many new safety procedures. She praised Irene Lape and Maria Pupak for their leadership of the Civil War Encampment, and Nancy Greifenhagen for chairing the World War II Days event.

The upcoming Roaring 20's Beer Garden and the Sept. 19 Car Show were discussed. Halloween Family Fun Nights have been canceled for the year, but a decision has not yet been made about the Silver Tea/Cookie Sale. Jeff Steliga and Monika Oeltgen are considering holding an In Touch with History Days event for home-schooled children.

Diane thanked everyone for their help so far this year, and said that all people's comfort levels are respected during this unusual year of the pandemic.

During the summer, benches were built and put in place around the park by Bill Schulz. David Schultz removed the ramp to the Miller Davidson House, and the Umhoefer Cabin, Sparrow Cabin, and Koch Houses were sealed.

Alan Meyer, Jeff Steliga, and Pat Heagney showed off their blacksmithing skills and some recent items they created, and our guests enjoyed watching them and also had a chance to take a walk through the caboose.

Everyone was welcome to enjoy a beer from the kegerator, and enjoy visiting as they ate a delicious picnic supper in the new Reis Pavilion.

NEWSLETTER

By Jordan Euclide

I have done my best through this crazy year to get the newsletter out on time. Please make sure if you did not receive your newsletters to update your address.

IN MEMORY OF

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Rev. Warren Granke on Sept. 26, at the age of 74. As Past President of the Historical Society, he had a constant smile, was always open to new ideas, and loved the history of Wisconsin. He passionately collected farm tractors and farm-related toys. He and his wife Sharon loved to travel, and they organized and led many trips with members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he was senior pastor for 22 years. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sharon and all of the Granke family members.

