

2017 Events:

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September 15th 16th 17th
- **Halloween Family Fun Night**
October 20th and 21st
- **Quarterly Meeting**
October 28th
- **50th Anniversary Silver Tea**
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It appears that summer is over. The past few days have been cool. We still have activities at old Falls Village. We have our Halloween Family activities October 20 and 21, and the Silver Tea December 3. The Halloween event is so important as it brings many people to our campus. We need volunteers to help. Call Chris at OFV if you can help. Our thanks to all who have helped this year!

–Warren

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Get ready for a spooktacular event. The Menomonee Falls Historical will be hosting “Halloween Family Fun Nights” on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. both nights.

This is a fun affair for all. The event is free if you are a member, otherwise the cost is \$4.00 for three years old and up, \$2.00 below three years old. This year in the upper barn there will be a magic show starring David Seebach; trick or treating though out the park; hay rides near the depot; cookies and apple cider in the Public House; pumpkins in the lower barn; crafts in the caretaker’s garage; roasting of marshmallows; storytelling in the Umhoefer cabin and more.

As always, volunteers are needed. Dress in costume (optional) and come have some fun. We need people to hand out candy, work admissions, help with hayrides and crafts, and read stories. We would like to have a full three-hour shift. We’ll accommodate a shorter shift if you can’t manage a full three hours. Can’t volunteer at night? We can use volunteers for setup during the day. Please call Chris Schultz at 251-9162 to volunteer.

Can’t volunteer? We could use your help with donations for the event. We need candy for our trick-or-treaters. We went through 4,000 pieces of candy last year. Other items needed include cookies,

apple cider, and Kraft regular size marshmallows. Drop off items on Saturday October 14th, between 9:00 and 11:00 am. For more information, call Vikki Schmidt at (262)-255-5065. Thank you. Hope to see you there.



FALL QUARTERLY MEETING

You are invited to attend the Fall Quarterly meeting of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society on Saturday October 28. It will be held at the Fred Keller History Museum operated by the Sussex-Lisbon Area Historical Society in the new Sussex Civic Center. Its across from Piggly Wiggly at N64 W23760 Main St. Sussex, WI. Enter through the back door and take the elevator to the second floor. There will be a 9:30 AM breakfast meeting. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. At 10:00 AM we will tour the Fred Keller Museum. There is a \$2.00 admission fee.

See exhibits about railroads, quarries, fossils, household and farm tools, notable women, sports, local businesses, music, and technology.

Hope you can join us

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

The 18th annual Menomonee Falls Civil War Encampment took place on July 15th and 16th Old Falls Village.

The weather was fantastic for the two-day event. Visitors witnessed field demonstrations by both the Union and Confederate armies. There was a field hospital with medicines and operating tools of the period.



Field Medicine

After the battle, there was a demonstration of medical techniques that were used during the Civil War.

General Grant (Wayne Issleb) was on board and gave narratives of the battles that were taking place.



General Grant (Wayne Issleb)

Abraham Lincoln (George Buss) made an appearance. He read the Gettysburg Address following the battle on Sunday.



Battle Scene



Abraham Lincoln (George Buss)

There also was a train station robbery. Don't worry nothing was taken.



Train Station Robbers and the Law

The Civil War event is great for young and old. It is held every year, the third week-end in July.



Civil War Event

JULY SUMMER MEETING

The Summer Quarterly Meeting was a cookout held at Old Falls Village on July 31, 2017. Twenty-seven people attended and enjoyed delicious burgers and brats grilled by Ken Pruess and Richard Burgess. Tasty salads and desserts were provided by Historical Society members.

It was a beautiful evening. Most people sat outside at the picnic tables, enjoying the food and the company.

Warren Granke and Ken summarized the current projects happening on our campus. Most notably, the Sunnyside School Bell Tower and the chinking of the Sparrow Cabin. Warren explained the Tourism Study which will hopefully begin in the fall. After our supper, many people toured the grounds to see the latest projects. A good time was had by all!



BROGAN CABIN MILESTONE



Brogan Cabin

The Brogan Cabin was dedicated 35 years ago at Old Falls Village (OFV). The cabin was originally located at W220 N6400 Town Line Road in Lannon. The cabin was dismantled and moved to OFV in 1981.

The first Catholic mass in Waukesha County was celebrated in this cabin. There are several other “firsts” associated with the cabin. Jill Schmidt compiled a detailed history. Read all about it on our website (www.oldfallsvillage.com). Select **Reports** from the menu, then click on **Brogan Cabin** for the full report.



SILVER TEA GOES GOLD



Silver Tea

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Silver Tea. The theme of the tea this year is, of course, **gold**. The tea is being held December 3 and includes our annual cookie sale. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. You can read the complete history of the Silver Tea in a report authored by Jill Schmidt. It includes a list of the themes from the past 49 years. You'll find the report on our website (www.oldfallsvillage.com). Select **Reports** from the menu, then click on **Silver Tea** for the full history, including the meaning of “silver tea.” Contact Jill at 262-255-3728 or jabs@wi.rr.com to learn how you can be involved.

OLD FALLS VILLAGE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Do you know how Old Falls Village (OFV) got its name? Or when? Or what other names were under consideration? If not, you can find the answers to these questions and more on our website. Jill Schmidt researched and documented many fun facts about OFV and the Menomonee Falls Historical Society. Read all about it on our website. Visit www.oldfallsvillage.com. Select **Reports** from the menu, then click on **Old Falls Village**.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

There are several new pages on our www.oldfallsvillage.com website. We have added a page called **Prints for Sale** and one called **Reports**.

The **Prints for Sale** are Historical Society photographs that have been digitized and grouped into categories. Pricing and ordering information is on our website www.oldfallsvillage.com. The reports page has more detailed information about events and buildings associated with Old Falls Village.

Please check these pages out.



NEW MEMBERS

Davinder Chawla, Linda Thomas, Candance & Warren Williams