



Cabin Chronicles 2015

Newsletter of The Reedsburg Area Historical Society Pioneer Log Village

50th Anniversary Celebration — Big things in Store for 2015

Spring 2015

Special points of interest:

Calling all PIES!
Sunday, May 24:
Annual Chicken BBQ

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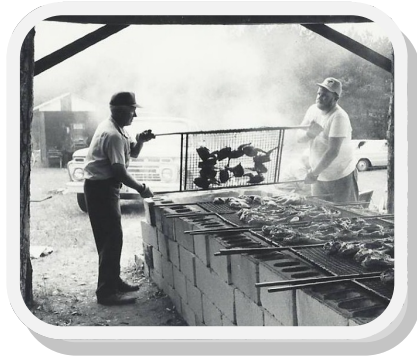
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Area Historical Society Pioneer Log Village. With winter on its way out, we are gearing up for an exciting season. The Rotary has already spruced up the Kruse Cabin. Work is underway in the museum to finish projects started and left in limbo since fall's frigid temps interfered with our progress. Work is planned to purge the invasive honeysuckle vines taking over the woods surrounding the village. Just prior to printing we celebrated our new membership to the Baraboo Chamber of Commerce with a

ribbon cutting on April 29th.

Our next big event is the annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 24th. Mark that on your calendars, and get your pie tins ready. We'll need all hands on deck for this event! (We've already upped our chicken count in hope that we don't run out this year.) June 5-7 marks our first annual Civil War event. (See story below for details.)

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Good things are in the works in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Reedsburg

Civil War: Life on the Homefront, June 6-7, 2015. Mark your calendars!!!

"The Village" is excited to announce that our first Civil War Reenactment event will become a reality this June.

Dale and Marcie Thompson have long been avid Civil War reenactment followers, visiting events in Sauk Prairie and Boscobel, where they first discovered the Historical Timekeepers, a group of passionate Civil War re-enactors from South-east Wisconsin.

Reedsburg through the generosity of local donors in cooperation with Historical Timekeepers, Inc.



The Timekeepers' zest for education about the "Homefront" during the Civil War is evident in their ability to speak about all "family" concerns during that great conflict. This first event, one that board members hope becomes an annual tradition, is expected to draw participants from around the state, including at least 25 re-enactors. A dozen or more encampments will become part of the Log Village setting, and visitors can

expect to find pies, bread, and other delicious fare being baked in the Ligman Cabin's wood-fired cook stove. Palmer's Blacksmith shop has a working forge, and there will be cannon fire demonstrations along with a fashion show on Saturday at 1:00 and church Sunday morning at 10:00. Admission is \$5 for both days. Please join us at the Pioneer Log Village on June 6 & 7, 2015, to take a stroll into history with the Historic Timekeepers.

(This event is funded in part by a grant from the Sauk count UW Extension Arts and Culture Committee.)

Civil War – Life on the Homefront is being brought to

"Wiscon-Sing" - Log Village to Welcome Wisconsin Historian/Singer David HB Drake in Performance



Bring the family and join us on **July 18th at 2:00** at the Village to enjoy songs of Wisconsin history! The Sauk County Arts and Humanities Committee is helping us to sponsor Wisconsin troubadour David HB Drake (pictured right), who has spent over thirty years presenting concerts at fine arts centers, festivals, schools, community centers and concert stages throughout the Midwest. This panorama of history, natural beauty and discovery is



performed on guitar, concertina, dulcimer, banjo, and Native American Flute. David's original songs can also be heard on the "Simply Folk" programs on Wisconsin Public Radio. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and spend the afternoon with us as we celebrate Wisconsin's heritage in song. Enjoy a root beer float while you're here!

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Sauk count UW Extension Arts and Culture Committee.  **WISCONSIN arts BOARD**
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50th Anniversary Events, cont.

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Hot on the heels of the Civil War comes Proclamation Day, on Monday, June 15. Join us at 6:00 as local leaders assemble at the village in celebration of our 50 years gracing the Sauk County landscape. Saturday, June 27, marks the first of four "official" donation collection days. Members will be present to accept artifact/treasure donations to the village. Additional donation days will be July 26 and August 29th at the village during open hours.

July brings a couple of music events to the village. Join us for Business After 5 at the Village on July 16. Please bring an appetizer to pass and prepare to inform area business-folk about The Village. **Wiscon-Sing**, on July 18 at 2:00 will provide guests an opportunity to enjoy the historic voice of musician David HD Drake on the village commons. (See story, page 1). We also expect to welcome Reedsburg's Community Band for an afternoon of music, but that date is to be announced. Watch local papers, our webpage, and our Facebook page for more information.



Rotary Club members visited the village on April 18 to do their annual spring cleaning of the Gluth/Kruse cabin. A little elbow grease, some Windex, and lemon furniture polish breathed fresh life into this village gem. We send our thanks to the Rotary for a job



well done. Rotary members pictured above (Back row): Jim Cody, Beverly Hoege, Mike Prange, Shirley Albers; (Front row): Nina and Anna Prange.



Gifts to the Village: Thank you, Donors!

Picture 1: Dale Emery recently donated over 30 items to the village collection of local memorabilia. We are especially excited about the Bates Hotel Key Fob! Her late husband Gordon Emery found this piece in the Baraboo River as a young boy. The Bates House burned in 1900 and was rebuilt and continued to function as a Hotel until 1911. The Bates House was located on Water Street, now North Webb Ave.

Picture 2: Dale Terrell, who generously donated some lovely oval rugs and hand-made picture frames in 2013, came through again with some pre-1900 books and household items. (with Linda Champagne)

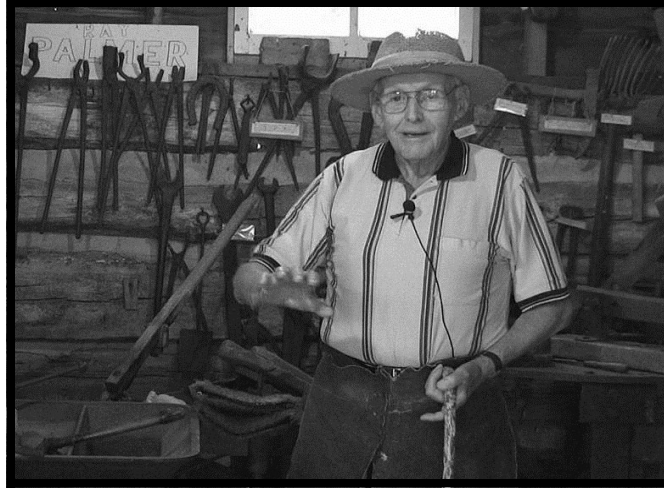
Picture 3: Lavern Penberthy found these two beautiful blankets made at the Reedsburg Woolen Mill being sold at auction still in their original plastic. Cases.



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Video Tour of the Log Village: Coming Soon! — Bill Schuette

This fall I spent several hours at the Log Village, videoing some of the docents as they conducted a tour of the log buildings at the site. Tour guides included, Bob Reed, Lavern Kruse, Alice Farber, Dale and Marcie Thompson, Monica Liegel, Craig Braunschweig, Phyllis Both, Andy Van Sickle and Linda Champagne. After many hours of editing the presentations, the video is almost finished. It will be shown on the Reedsburg Cable System and copies will be donated to area libraries. The DVDs may also be made available as a fundraiser for the RAHS.



Above: Bob Reed explains some of the tools used by pioneer blacksmiths. Bob, one of the original Log Village docents, happily shares his knowledge with guests and historical society members.



Terry Krueger and Andy VanSickle put time into upgrading the forge in Palmer's Blacksmith Shop. 2015 will be a year of smithing at The Village.

Now See This! Reedsburg Public Library Provides RAHSPLV Space to Show Off

The entrance to the Reedsburg Library features a lovely display space that for years has been filled with interesting memorabilia of all kinds. The Society has been blessed with the opportunity to show off our collections in this beautifully secure space. In December, Craig Braunschweig (right), Jarlath Riggs, and Sarah Riedel pulled a smattering of items from among our collection to kick off our use of this space. January featured some fine pieces from among



our kitchen collections as Becky Hovde assembled a display of toasters and waffle makers. Currently, we are featuring Chicken BBQ time. What would you like to see displayed?



Toy Display, 2015. You have to see this!

Take a Trip to Old World Wisconsin with The Village

Make your reservations now to join the folks of the Pioneer Log Village on a trip to Old World Wisconsin. It's a member benefit!

Who: Reedsburg Area Historical Society Members, family, and friends.

What: Charter Bus Trip to Old World Wisconsin, in Eagle

When: September 27, 2015

Cost: \$66, including round-trip travel and admission to the grounds.

Watch your mail for more information. If you know for sure that you want to take advantage of this excellent offer, contact Becky Hovde by phone at 608-356-2897 or vial email: hivebiz@centurytel.net

This offer will be opened up to the general public June 15. Their cost: \$75



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**Calling all quilters and
quilt owners!**

Join us during **Heritage
Day**, September 12
for The Airing of the Quilts.

Bring your quilts to display
among the cabins. Write up a
little history about your quilts
and share that history with your
village friends. Ask for more
information from Becky Hovde



In Memory: Kenny Krey, 1928—2015



On Sunday Jan. 18th we lost a dear friend of the village. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Kenny Krey. Kenny was not only a friend, but a strong supporter of the Reedsburg Area Historical Society Pioneer Log Village. Kenny is pictured here in front of his display at the village. This was created in his honor, and he loved this display and visited quite often. Kenny was a special man who loved his dogs dearly and is remembered for riding his bike with them in many local parades. Kenny will always hold a special place in our hearts!

In Memory: Conrad Steinweg, 1922-2015

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to another member of the Reedsburg Area Historical Society Pioneer Log Village. Conrad Steinweg was a great friend of the village and one of our Military Heroes! Conrad was born and raised in Reedsburg and raised his family there. He was a decorated World War II veteran who proudly served his country in the United States Army from November 1942 through February 1946 receiving the Purple Heart. We will remember him for giving of his time so freely with the school children and sharing his military experience, along with his knowledge of the German language that he could speak and read.

