





November 2024



## MUSEUM OPEN DATES — 1-4 pm

Sunday, Nov 10th, Dec 8th, Jan 12th, Feb 9th

#### **ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM** AT THE NEW BERLIN LIBRARY

Monday, November 18th

**Annual Business Meeting &** 6:30pm:

**Election of Board Members** 

7:00pm: "Cold War Wisconsin" presented by local author Christopher Sturdevant



Marlyene Pfeiffer drives NBHS's Farmall Cub in the Historic Days parade

#### **Board Member Elections**

At the Annual Meeting, the membership will elect five members to fill three-year terms. There are six candidates for the five seats available. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of candidates: Ken Derra, Mona Fillar, Irene Hawkinson, Sandy Klingensmith, Barbara Koeppen and Frenchi Trottier-Wasielewski. Please familiarize yourself with these candidates and attend the meeting so we meet the required quorum.

#### **Annual Meeting Speaker Presentation**

Following the meeting we will welcome local author Christopher Sturdevant who will share his book "Cold War Wisconsin". He will be sharing some very interesting facts about Wisconsin during the historic time of the Cold War.

#### Historic Day

Finally, perfect weather which brought out possibly our biggest crowd ever and kept the shuttle buses hopping. The annual mini parade had lots of interesting vehicles. People were buying popcorn, cookies, honey and apples. Others were touring the buildings, watching the blacksmith or listening to the "Happy Music" from the band organ.



Miss New Berlin Kailee Doherty Once again, folks enjoyed "Happy enjoys a WWII jeep ride in the Music" provided by the Roy Historic Day Parade.



Meidenbauer band organ!



The THE BLUEGRASS ALL STARS entertain the crowd

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#### Applefest/Beer Garden

Many people willingly braved the surprisingly blustery weather that day. Kids were riding the barrel train through the orchard, shelling corn and making apple cider. The free shuttle bus was running at this event also and visitors enjoyed beer from Component Brewing while listening to the music of the BLUEGRASS ALL STARS.

#### Membership Dues

September is the month that all members need to renew their membership (unless you are a Life Member). Our Society would be nothing without your support. Please mail in your \$15 dues check, payable to the New Berlin Historical Society as soon as possible. Send your check to Sue Hemmen, 21765 W. Edinbourgh Dr., New Berlin, WI 53146. Thanks!

#### In Memoriam - Roger Woelfel

Roger Woelfel, age 96, passed away on Oct. 7th. Roger was a Life Member of the Historical Society. In 2022 the Landmarks Commission honored the pioneer family by designating the Woelfel farmstead on Woelfel Road as a New Berlin Landmark,

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Don Teffer \$10
Judy & Duane Miller \$35
Ken & Juilie Derra \$65

# Christopher Sturdevant Presents

"Cold War Wisconsin" brings the 20<sup>th</sup> century global conflict to a local perspective. Discover why Joseph Stalin's only daughter sought refuge in the state, why nuclear missiles surrounded Milwaukee, how a cargo ship from Kewaunee was captured by North Korea and many other fascinating Cold War tales



#### Monday, November 18th at 7:00 pm

New Berlin Public Library Community Room

15105 Library Lane in the City Center

Free and open to the public

Light Refreshments



Author **Christopher Sturdevant** is a Children's Librarian who resides in Milwaukee. His interest in the Cold War began when he was growing up in the 1980s. He studied history at Carroll University, is a U.S. Air Force veteran and chairman of the Midwest Chapter of the Cold War Museum in Washington, D.C.

### In Memory of Joanne Erickson



Joanne passed away on Aug. 18th at the age of 88. A Lifetime member, along with her husband Clay who predeceased her, Joanne was on the Board for 47 years. During those years she held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and for many years Tour Director. She was well versed in New Berlin history and the individual history of the people who lived in

each of the buildings. Joanne welcomed all new members and willingly shared her knowledge. Many of us learned all we know of the history of our buildings from Joanne. She loved giving tours to school groups and Boy and Girl Scouts. Joanne had a strong friendship with Peter Lewis Swartz which led to all the marvelous donations of farm equipment used on the historic Swartz Farm, which forms the nucleus of the agricultural display in the museum. Joanne's dedication to the Society and determination to remain active as long as possible meant we could call on her for advice almost to the end of her life. She was a lovely woman, kind and helpful and will be greatly missed.

#### In Memoriam

We would like to thank everyone who donated funds to the New Berlin Historical Society in Joanne Erickson's memory. The total was \$860.

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