



ADELINE ANDREWS is pictured in front of Octagon House, as a child, when her grandparents, the Colwitzes, lived there. (Submitted photo).

Octagon House, January 15, 1987,
Press-Star

It's almost summer and there is no better time to come out to the Historical Village and Thern Farm for a tour! We have several fun events coming up this summer, but if you can't make it out, we are always happy to schedule a time that works for you. As an NLHHS member your membership dues go directly back into the organization, so please stop by, and enjoy the historical sites that you've helped support.

We are always looking for more volunteers at the Village and the Farm. If you can spare some time, please give us a call and we can let you know of some opportunities to lend a hand.

Megan Koehler
NLHHS - Thern Farm & Historical Village

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We were very excited for Thern Farm to be recognized with the Beautification Award at this year's Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet. The purpose of the Chamber Awards banquet is to identify, honor and reinforce the activities of exceptional people and organizations whose service or performance positively contributes to the quality of life in the area served by the New London Area Chamber of Commerce.

We were honored to receive this award as our volunteers and staff put in so much time and energy to make Thern Farm a beautiful part of the community.

Mother's Day Tea

On Saturday, May 6th, we held our second annual Mothers Day Tea Party. We welcomed mothers, daughters, friends, and sisters for a morning of fun. When guests arrived they decorated a hat in the parlor to celebrate the Kentucky Derby, which was happening the same day. The festive hats added to the tea party atmosphere and everyone was so creative! Next the guests moved to the dining room to a beautiful table set with china tea cups and plenty of tea party "finger foods" to enjoy. In between cups of tea and food, games were played with prizes of honey and rhubarb sauce awarded to the winners. There was a lot of laughter and smiles from everyone in attendance. A big thank you to Betty Neuzil and Sheila Wilson for their help making the morning such a fun experience for everyone!



Rhubarb Fest

By the time this newsletter goes out it will almost be time for our 6th Annual Rhubarb Fest! We are anticipating a fantastic fest once again! Rhubarb Fest will be held on June 10 from 9am – 2pm. Bring the family out for a day of fun! We will have vendors, concessions, music, baked goods, kids, games, antique machinery, FFA petting zoo, and more! The bake sale always sells out, so if you want some rhubarb goodies make sure to get there early. You can also pre-order rhubarb pies or crisps and pick them up at Rhubarb Fest. You can order at thernfarmnl.com under the Rhubarb Fest tab.

Hamlets of Mukwa

Submitted by Sylvia Stern



On April 22, 2023, Martin Wilson presented a program on the Hamlets of Mukwa. He had heavily researched from many sources and also his own personal memories. It included old black and white pictures and recent color pictures, maps, newspaper clippings and all this was shown on a large screen. It started with the earliest history and continued to recent times. It included the Village of Mukwa, Phillips Mill, Village of Ostrander, Unincorporated Village of New London, and the Village of Northport. It was held at the Emanuel Lutheran School commons which gave extra seating for the 90 people who came. There was a

break in the middle for coffee, cake and water. This was put on as a joint effort of the New London Historical Society and the Town of Mukwa.

If you weren't able to make it, the program is available on Google slides. You can email Marty at mwilson41@aol.com.

Open Houses at the Historical Village

The Historical Village will be holding open houses on the following dates this summer: May 20, June 3, 17, July 1, 15, 29, August 19, September 2, 16. The open houses will run from 1pm to 4pm. Tour the historical building and rolling stock!

On June 17 (starting at 12pm), pack a lunch, bring a blanket, and come out to the Historical Village for a picnic on the lawn. Lemonade will be provided, and yard games will be available. Bring the family out for some old-fashioned fun.

Heritage Day & Rail Fest

Heritage Day & Railfest will be held August 5 from 10am - 4pm. The NLHHS has planned a full day of fun with vendors, concessions, music, rummage sale, kids games, a trackless train ride, and more! All of the buildings will be open for tours.

Money raised at this event goes back to supporting the Historical Village. Make plans to come out and show your support!

If you would like to volunteer to help that day please email nlhhs.village@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the website for more info on upcoming events: www.newlondonwihistory.org



PLANT SALE
May 20, 2023
8am - 11am

HISTORICAL VILLAGE
NEW LONDON HERITAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
900 Montgomery Street
New London

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If you would like to donate any plants or garden supplies to the sale, please call 920-982-8557 or email nlhhs.village@gmail.com to arrange.

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Historical Village
2023 OPEN HOUSES



May 20, June 3, 17, July 1, 15, 29
August 5 (Heritage Day & Rail Fest 10am - 4pm), 19
September 2, 16
1pm - 4pm

Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of town, a visit to the village is a visit to another era. With six buildings to tour, you will find a snapshot of days gone by within the walls. Browse through the octagon house, a one-room school house, little white chapel, log cabin, train depot and the Simmon's garage. Each is furnished with original or period pieces that capture the historical significance of each building.

www.historicalvillage.org MORE INFORMATION:
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PICNIC
at the
HISTORICAL VILLAGE

June 17th
12:00PM - 3:00PM

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some old-fashioned fun on the lawn of the Historical Village. Lemonade and lawn games will be provided!

900 Montgomery Street
Next to Memorial Park in New London

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HERITAGE DAY & RAIL FEST

900 MONTGOMERY STREET, NEW LONDON
NEXT TO MEMORIAL PARK

AUGUST 5
10AM - 4PM

CONCESSIONS - VENDORS
MUSIC - TRACKLESS TRAIN
RUMMAGE SALE - 50/50 RAFFLE
BUILDING TOURS & MORE

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