

Historic Site Preservation Commission to hold conference

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The Jefferson County Historic Site Preservation Commission will host the fourth annual history conference on Saturday, Oct. 3. The conference will be held at the Lake Mills Community Center, 200 Waters St., Lake Mills.

The conference will begin with registration, coffee and muffins between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

This year's conference has a distinguished list of speakers. Cindy Arbiture, the JCHSPC chairwoman will begin the morning welcoming everyone and giving an update on the Jefferson County Historic Site Survey.

Rowan Davidson, from Legacy Architecture, will discuss the benefits of the National Register of Historic Places.

After a break, Ann Engelman will make a presentation on Lorine Niedecker, a noted poet from Fort Atkinson. Paul Recker, with the Wisconsin Historical Society will explain some of the technology that is being used to find historical Fort Koshkonong, located near the confluence of the Bark and Rock rivers. Box lunches will be served between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon session will begin with a presentation by James Levy and his students from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, about their Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project. They will be followed by noted author, professor, and archeologist, Bob Birmingham's presentations on the Native Americans and Historical Landscape of Jefferson County. The day will end with a discussion of historic Lake Mills by the Lake Mills Historical Society.

A \$18 registration (students \$10) will include lunch and attendance at the conference. Individuals interested in attending the conference can get registration forms from their local historical society, or call Cindy Arbiture at 262-593-8099.