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# Event Update

FRIENDS OF THE  
SAXONIA HOUSE



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## Here's what happened when Professor Ned Farley came to Saxonia House!

Ned Farley, an anthropology professor at **Wisconsin Lutheran College** showed up to Saxonia House on a beautiful Saturday morning, with the hopes of giving an all clear on **building the Welcome Center**.

With him, he brought along an expensive piece of equipment called a **GPR, or ground penetrating radar**. This machine may just look like a push lawnmower, but it is much more. By sending radiation waves 5 meters underground, this machine can spot changes in soil, metal objects, and other anomalies like burials and artifacts.

GPR is a form of **non-intrusive archeology**, which is why the whole process only took 2 hours- no digging required!

The process of setting up was also surprisingly easy. Farley tested every half meter, keeping an eye out for any peculiarities, including any remnants of the original Klessig Cabin.





## Results

Nothing of significance was found!

The GPR did pick up on changes in soil and a burial spot (where the surface use to be; not human remains), that might make digging a little harder in those areas.

There was metal detected in some areas, but Farley ruled them out as not of significance. He confirms that they are modern and likely debris/junk from the nearby trail to beer cave.

Food for thought: If the original Klessig Cabin was not in this area, where was it? By the water supply? or in Waubeka?



## Upcoming Events

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00-3:00

**Timber and Time: An Immersive Crash Course into Wisconsin Log Cabin Living.**  
(click me! live link!)

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-3:00

**Oktoberfest: Brats, Beer, Tours, and Music!**

Join us for the 175<sup>th</sup>  
Rededication of Saxonia House.

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