

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

We have had a busy spring with a number of major projects!!

Work continues on Phase II of the "Legion Building Project" with final plans for the front porch, bell tower and side porch along with new siding. A final electrical plan was prepared and work will be starting on installing the wiring. Quotes are being worked on for finishing the interior. We had to redo our plans to stay within budget which took additional time.

There has been a lot of work on the Greenway funded parking lot to finalize the layout and lighting. We are now getting quotes for the work to include the main parking lot, handicap parking and sidewalk access to the Legion and Townsend Buildings from the handicap parking area. Also, as part of the Greenway grant was funding for a new sign for the Farm. We are finalizing the plans for the sign.

We unfortunately found our roof on the Schoolhouse Museum had to be replaced. We have gotten quotes and plan to have a new roof installed in July. Unfortunately we had not planned on financing a roof this year. Thanks to Gary Townsend for donating a 1973 Mercury Montego for us to sell and help fund part of the roof.

A train layout is being installed in the Townsend Building that will hang down from the ceiling. Our thanks to Wes & Sally Miller and Paul Jackson for the work on this project.

Great job by our hard working volunteers on the Antique Show and Basket Auction, Rod & Custom Swap Meet, Pancake Breakfast and Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. If you can help on any of our activities like these, let myself or one of our Board Members know. We can use additional help.

We have another great Farm Museum Festival Planned for July 23 & 24 including celebration of the Sanborn Area Historical Society 20th Anniversary. Thanks to everyone for your support and have a great summer!!

Bill Read, President

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM)
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

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LEGION BUILDING

The inside of the rear of the building has now been brought to the level of the main hall floor. Also, the exterior side door and protective covering has been raised for use as a handicap entry way to the building. With the bids for our initial design coming in above available funding, we have now received bids for a revised design for the 10'x16' front entry way. Plans are to have an open porch with a gable roof and a bell tower that will house the school bell donated by Bruce Weinheimer. We are in the process of having the architect revise the drawings needed for the Town to provide us a building permit. Work continues on the inside as work release workers are available to help us restore the front part to represent the church as it was back in the mid 1820's. The rooms at the back will be for veterans and other exhibits.

PARKING LOT,

Now that we have the \$200,000 funding for the parking lot and roadside sign, we are progressing to do the necessary paper work required by the Town and meeting with the contractors that will be doing the work. We still will not be able to have our facilities open full time since town sewers are not available and our grinder pump/holding tank system has to be shut down for the winter months. As a point of information, Town sewers have now been extended to Bridgeman Road.

20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY & NEW CHARTER

As reported in our April newsletter, SAHS was formed 20 years ago to save the one-room schoolhouse that many of us received our lower grade education before being bused to LaSalle or Wilson for high school. At this time we are having 1000 commemorative 2 1/4" pins made for handouts at our July 23 and 24 Farm Museum Festival. Pins will be available at the gazebo or see Bonnie inside the Townsend Hall. We also plan to have a cake recognizing our anniversary on July 24th.

Since our museums have been working under a Provisional Charter all these years, our Board has approved submitting our application for an Absolute Charter from the State Education Dept. in Albany. They have acknowledged receiving the required paper work. We can now expect an on-site review to verify that we meet their requirements.

LANDSCAPE & CONSERVATION- by Joan Shaw, Chairman (731-5653)-

Anticipating another display of beautiful flowers in the gardens this year, SAHS volunteers rolled up their sleeves this spring to prepare the soil for flowers that will bloom bright all summer. They planted dozens of annuals along with a few perennials in the Windmill and Flagpole gardens. Graceful hanging baskets line the porches of the Townsend Building. Pocket gardens surround the Jackson Gazebo, while coral & yellow petunias and marigolds add lively color to the Read Building. Mulched islands at the base of the trees were weeded, edged and mulched.

As luck would have it nature has a way of inserting itself into the best laid plans! Current drought conditions challenge the stamina and determination of everyone involved in keeping the gardens sufficiently watered for plants to stay healthy and blooming all summer.



Bonnie Bagwell planning large pots at Read Bldg

In addition, new grass was planted around the storage building, and on-going grass cutting and other summer chores continue. Earth moving operations have begun around the Church/Legion Building to grade it and prepare for construction of the new front entry way and accessible ramp.

A sincere thank you goes to SAHS volunteers for their dedication to keeping the grounds at both museums beautiful. SAHS volunteers: (alphabetical order) **Bonnie Bagwell, Valerie Dumbleton, Fran Haskell, Paul Jackson & family, Sally Miller, Shirley Simrell, Gary Townsend, Glenn Wienke, and the Niagara Co. Sher-**

iff's Work Program. As always we welcome new volunteers and can find plenty for you to do! Every little bit helps. Contact **Joan Shaw 731-5653**. Thank you everyone!

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM, Hilda Snyder
Curator, Ph 731-9883

Hilda continues to vary the exhibits in the museum to create interest. We are now open every Sunday from 2 to 4 PM (or by special appointment by calling **Hilda**). The board approved putting on a new roof on the school house to take place sometime this summer at a cost of about \$7600 that includes some soffit work to improve attic ventilation.

SANBORN-LEWISTON FARM MUSEUM-
Bonnie Haskell, Curator (990-6909)-

The Farm Museum has more signage in place and is now open every Sunday from 2 to 4 PM and every Wednesday from 1 to 4 PM.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS, Jane Schultz-
Chairperson (Ph. 731-9404)

Helping **Jane** on this committee are **Valerie Dumpleton, Joan Shaw, Elaine Timm, Pat Korpinski and Gerry Treichler** and the **Schoolhouse Curator, Hilda Snyder, and Farm Museum Curator, Bonnie Haskell**. Work times are held on the 2nd Tues. of the month between 9 and 11 AM to accept artifacts, take pictures, etc. Please call **Jane** if you have any artifacts to donate and she will set a time to receive them. Artifacts accepted by our Board since last report are: **Bruce Weinheimer of Shawnee**- School bell. **Mary Case of Lockport**- Feed sack dress, picnic basket, toaster, cheese slicer, ball Jar rubber rings, "Domser's Better Butter" crock & cover, iron-on patch kit, curling Iron, button hook, silver candle holder, wooden silverware tray, teapot-Country Cottage design. **Wodo family of Town of Niagara**- Small white gas-fired heater, coal shuttle, wheel block, iron (cast iron), electric toaster, tool for removing tire from rim, 2 hand corn planters. **Chuck Flay of Sanborn**- 3 Navy uniforms, 1 USMC uniform, belts, gray fatigues, etc. **Bill Loeffler of Middleport**- Horse harness with metal rods, wooden crate with 10 metal mesh drawers. **Francis & Patrick Danielewitz of Pendleton**- Loose hay stacker and a hay crimper-binder.

PROGRAMMING-

There will be no regular meetings and programs

for June through August. Program chairman **Glenn Wienke** announced that the program for September 27 will be **Lynne Bellusci** with her program "There's always room for Jell-O". We continue to thank, **Earl and Ruth Carmer, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the reminder calls. This helps to maintain our attendance at about 75. We also thank **Hoover's Dairy** for providing the cold drinks and you our members for furnishing goodies for all to enjoy during our fellowship after the program and **Valerie Dumpleton** for coordinating this.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman, **Shirley Simrell**, reports a total membership of **423 for 2016 including 18 new members**. We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our monthly programs and quarterly newsletter and come to the farm to see our progress when in town. New members since our last reporting are **Mr. & Mrs. Rich Andres, Jim & Sally Ditzel, Sen. Robert Ortt, Bren & Ann Mank, and Robin Wendt & Family**

TOWNSEND HALL USAGE-

Cub Pack 71 of Lockport used the hall on May 29th. **The Friendship Club** is scheduled to use the hall for their meetings on Tuesdays June 23, July 7 & 19 and Aug 2 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Please contact Bill Read (731-9570) to schedule use of the hall.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- **Sandra Manente**, Chairperson, Ph-731-5769

Sandra requests that she be called with names of those members needing "Thinking of You" cards. She will be sending them out under our name during the summer months.

JERSEY SHIRTS AND CAPS-

We take pride in wearing caps and shirts with our museum's logo on them. They can be purchased at our various events or at our museums. See **Glenn Wienke** for information.

SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE

Under the leadership of **Bob Deull, Bonnie Haskell, Jane Schultz, and Glenn Wienke** and their committees and the support from the whole society we had another great antique show and sale at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451. We had

a profit of \$4655 for the two-day show.

We especially thank **Jane Schultz** and her committee for getting the donations and preparing over 100 baskets and securing gift certificates and taking in \$2755 for the basket auction portion of the show. We also thank **Glenn Wienke** for the donation of \$105 from the sale of his baskets and \$140 from the silent auction sale of the quilt donated by **Bob Deull**.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

Thanks to **Paul Otto** who headed up the cooking this year for a fine pancake breakfast. We also thank the kitchen and dining room workers who know how to get the job done. We served 143 breakfasts with a profit of about \$850.



From left– Mike Cushman, Paul Otto & Ray Fe-gley doing their thing at the pancake breakfast

ANNUAL RODS & CUSTOMS SWAP MEET AT FARM

We had a good turnout, considering the rainy weather, for our third hosting of the **Rods & Customs Car Parts Swap Meet** with many visiting our museum. Our profit was \$849 including \$600 from the club. **Hilda Snyder** & her group did a great job with the food concession.

SANBORN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOC., Bonnie Haskell, Pres.-

The portable community sign fund by a Town Grant through the Greenway Commission is

now in place at the corner of Rte. 31 and Rte. 429. The Association, partnering with SAHS will hold their “**Autumn Fest in Sanborn**” at the farm on October 1 & 2. They are presently accepting food, flea market and craft vendors for the festival.

G- GAGE MODEL TRAIN

Wes Miller has been purchasing G-Gage model train cars and track for some time. He thought that they would be a nice added attraction to our museum for kids (and Adults). After his presentation, the Board also agreed and approved the purchase of about 15 cars and 90 pieces of track from him at his cost. **Wes** with the help of **Paul Jackson** have now hung a 12ft x 33ft track from the ceiling in the Townsend Hall to make a working display of the train set. Great job guys!



Wes Miller and Paul Jackson hanging the track for our G-Gage model train in the Townsend Hall

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The night out at the Ransomville Racetrack was a fun time for the 25 that purchased their tickets to fill our booth at the top of the seating area. We received a lot of publicity with our table set up with literature and race car memorabilia and group pictures taken and being mentioned on the PA system.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Niagara County Legislature funded SAHS

for the purchase of 2 defibrillators and for training some of our members in their use. The following members have signed up for the 4-hour certification course to be presented by instructor **Rodney Hogg** of the Pekin Fire Company: **Paul Beecher, Paul Calkins, Bob Deull, Bonnie Haskell, Paul Jackson, Dave Miller, Norma O'Brien, Bill Read, Hilda Snyder and Glenn Wienke.**

REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY

Please consider the **Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts, long term as well as short term giving program,** and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity are essential to assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums.

SAHS WISH LIST-

We still need a good used Golf Cart for use around the farm. If you can help us out please contact **Bonnie** at 990-6909.

MUSEUM SITTERS-

We thank **Glenn & Marie (731-5982)** for being interim coordinators of sitters for both the schoolhouse museum and the farm museum. We still need someone to volunteer to relieve them of this responsibility. We also thank those who were sitters in the past. Please let **Glenn** know if you are willing to be scheduled to sit the museums between now and the end of September. We have many openings. Also tell your friends about our museums or better yet have them stop in while you are sitting. We find this to be a learning experience for ourselves as well as a great time to share our experiences at the museum with others. **WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF OUR FINE MUSEUMS!**

CALENDAR of LOCAL EVENTS -

You might plan on helping out and enjoy the fun of active participation or just attend these events.

- **Olde Sanborn Days- July 9 & 10:** SAHS will have a booth set up and manned for these days at the Sanborn fireman's field, sponsored by the Rotary Club at about the same area as last year. Chairman **Bill Read (731-9570)** needs your help Friday night at 7

PM to get ready, Sat. morn at 8:00 AM to set up our exhibits and Sunday at 4:30 PM to tear down the setup. Also, sitters are needed to sit our booth for both days. If you have not already signed up, please call Bill and offer your services.

- **Tonawanda's Canal Fest Parade- Tues July 19-** SAHS will enter a car advertizing our Farm Festival.
- **Niagara Co. Fair Aug 3 to Aug. 7** at fair grounds in Lockport. The Federation of Museums will have an exhibit with the theme "Things that nobody knows". This is always a family fun time.
- **Autumn Fest in Sanborn Oct. 1 & 2** at our Farm Museum sponsored by Sanborn Business & Professional Association and SAHS. SAHS will have the kitchen concession inside.
- **Fundraisers- Chicken BBQ Aug. 13, 4 to 7 PM; Country Breakfast, Sept 11, 8 AM to 1 PM; and a Special Dinner, Oct 22, 4 to 7 PM.** More later

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL, Bonnie Haskell- Coordinator (990-6909)

You won't want to miss our 12th Annual Farm Museum Festival this year to be held on July 23 and 24. Call **Valerie Dumbleton** at 731-4761 if you can furnish baked goods. A schedule of events is provided on the next page. Don't forget to turn in your stubs to purchase your book of raffle tickets provided in the April newsletter. More books will be available at the festival.



Tractors on display at the Farm Museum Festival

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- Presents:

12TH ANNUAL FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL

Free Admission

ANTIQUÉ TRACTORS
ARTISANS
FLEA MARKET
CRAFT SHOW
BAKE SALE
FOOD
MUSIC
CLASSIC CAR CRUISE
BASKET AUCTION
PRODUCE VENDORS
KIDS ACTIVITIES- INSIDE
G-GAGE TRAIN- INSIDE
WILD KRITTERS
FARM MUSEUM EXHIBITS

SAT. JULY 23 8 AM to 6 PM
SUN. JULY 24 8 AM to 4 PM
2660 Saunders Settlement Rd
(Route 31) Sanborn, NY

**TRACTOR PARADE, NATIVE AMERICAN
NIAGARA RIVER DANCERS, and HORSE
DRAWN WAGON RIDES- BOTH DAYS**

SAT. JULY 23	SUN. JULY 24
Pancake Breakfast- 8 to 11 AM	French Toast Breakfast- 8 to 11 AM
Opening Ceremony- 10 AM	Misguided Lemons- 12:30 to 1:45 PM
Kids Activities & G-Gage Model Train inside- 12:00 to 3 PM	Tractor Parade- 1 PM
Fife & Drum- 12:30 to 1:30 PM	Make-Your-Own Sundae- 1 PM
Symmetrical Band- 12:30 to 2 PM	Kids Activities & G-Gage Model Train inside- 12:00 to 3 PM
Tractor Parade- 2 PM	Sanborn Fire Company Band 2:00 to 3:30 PM
“Eddies Organ Band”- 3 to 6 PM	Announce Winners of Basket Auction & Money Raffle- 3:30 PM

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For Info: 716-990-6909- Bonnie, WEB Site: www.sanbornhistory.org

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler-

The following are remembrances written by Ralph Casselman, an early pioneer who came to Sanborn and started the Sanborn Home Telephone Company in 1912.

When I came to Sanborn in 1912, there was a Station at Cambria, the R.R.. used an old Passenger Coach with an operator. As there was considerable freight to look after, at that time the spur track ran down to the Pekin stone quarry and there was a train of cars filled with stone nearly every day, also there were quite a number of people who took the passenger train for either Lookport or the Falls. I do not remember who had the coal business at Cambria then, but a little later Geo. Witkop ran it for a number of years.

Just for fun I'll make a comparison,

When I was a lad of some nine years old I went to district school, those days as soon as it was warm weather you discarded your shoes and stockings and went bare foot until cool weather in the fall, at this same school from another family two other small boys attended and they would come to school bare foot in the fall long after the rest of us wore our shoes and stockings. I have seen them some times with an overcoat and mittens on and caps pulled down over their ears but still bare foot.

I had a display out at the Farm and Home days and in the evening it was rather cool, you needed a coat on. One evening a very nice looking tall girl came walking by with a heavy wool sweater on, a scarf tied over her head but her lower limbs were only slightly covered with short, short, shorts, as she walked by I heard her complain that she was freezing, Ho hum, how silly can you get?

I want to ask a question: When I came to Sanborn in 1912 there were a certain number of men employed here in Sanborn, there have been various changes, but there are about the same number of men employed.

My question is, what is the Junior Chamber of Commerce, The Lions Club or the Fire Company doing about trying to get some small business companies to locate here? It would seem that certain efforts should be made along that line for the good of our town.

Felix Lombardi drove a horse and rig between the Stone Quarry and Sanborn every day to get the mail and some of the supplies for the quarry operation.

Felix was a happy, good natured guy then and still is, and the many friends he made then he has re-

tained thru the years.

In summer the trip from the quarry to Sanborn was an easy one, but in winter it was rather rough and I can still remember Felix in a big coat in that open rig with the horse doing his best to push thru the snow and bad roads, as much of the time the roads were not ploughed.

Times change, so do roads, ask Felix.

When I was a small boy if you met or heard of anyone who had been to far-away places, like New York City or abroad, it was quite a wonderful thing, and it set those who had traveled afar somewhat apart from others.

But today it is commonplace as nearly every home has some relative or friend who has been to far away places.

To mention just a few of our local young people who have traveled afar I mention the following: Murray Harburn, North Africa; Robert Treichler, Imo Jima; Esther Casselman, Paris & Geneva, Wm. Peart, Greenland & Tripoli; Robert Bower, Phillippines; Tommy Braden, Mexico & Alaska; and many more.

When I came to Sanborn in 1912 Alex Reid was Town Superintendent of Highway, work on the road then required a good deal of hand labor, so Alex had several men working for him. Come winter there was not much that could be done on the roads except to try and keep them open for teams with sleds.

Come a big snow storm and Alex would get some men together and they would shovel thru the bad drifts, there were no plows then and if you could not get thru the drifts you stayed home.

When the Bell Telephone began business in Buffalo in Feb. 1879, there were only 20 telephones, now there are some 376,942. When I began business in Sanborn in January 1913 I had 15 telephones and received \$1.00 per month rental, also it was a very hard job to sell the public telephone service, only a very few understood the advantage and importance of such service for in those horse and buggy days, the age of speed in which we live today was undreamed of. Those were the days of the waltz and the square dance, if a couple had gone onto the dance floor and gone thru the back-breaking wriggle of the twist, socially they would have been considered nil and void.

If you have comments or items of interest for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact Gerry Treichler at 731-9510 or mail to 5530 Townline Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132 or e-mail: sanborgerry@gmail.com

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
(Regular Meetings, all at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

June, July, and August **NO REGULAR MEETINGS**

Booth at Olde Sanborn Days **July 9, 10- 2016**

Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum Festival ... **July 23, 24- 2016**

Program for the:
Sept 27 Reg Meeting:
At 7:00 PM

“There is always room for Jell-O”
By Lynne Bellusci of LeRoy

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