

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message- **HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

I have appointed the following to Committees for the year 2017:

- Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator
- Schoolhouse Museum- Hilda Snyder, Curator
- Legion Bldg Modification, & Parking Lot- Paul Calkins, Building Committee Chairperson
- Landscape & Conservation - Joan Shaw, Chairperson
- Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumbleton, Pat Kopolinski, Elaine Timm (Farm Museum) and Gerry Treichler
- Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson
- Antique Show & Sale- Bonnie Haskell, Chairpersons
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairperson- Jane Schultz
- Finance, Programming & Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Chmn (Includes Monthly Programs)
- Farm Museum Festival- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson with Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits- Bill Read; & Basket Auction- Pat Thompson
- Ways & Means Fundraiser Chairpersons- Various (See Event Schedule herein)
- Christmas at the Farm- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson
- Newsletter, Website, & Nominating Committee - Gerry Treichler, Coordinator
- Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Sandra Manente
- Representative at Federation Meetings- Elaine Timm
- Prog. Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumbleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemarry Warren

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions and the Board of Trustees positions in 2017. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2016 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2017. Others willing to work on these committees please let me or the committee chairperson know. I also want to thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

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)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; Recording Sec-**Joan Shaw (731-5653)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Beecher (731-9627)**, **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, **Lynn Hoffman (731-2491)**, **Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Dave Miller (731-9793)**, **Wes Miller (731-9739)**. **Dave Schmidt (731-5713)**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**, **Hilda Snyder (731-9883)**, **Elaine Timm (471-2217)**.

Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)

Schoolhouse Curator- Hilda Snyder (731-9883)

Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)

Tn. of Lewiston Historic Preservation Comm. (Reserved Position) Michael Rhoney (731-9726)

ANNUAL BUILDING

The annual election was held at our Nov. 22nd meeting. Incumbent members **William Read, Paul Calkins, Joan Shaw, Bonnie Haskell & Jane Schultz** were reelected for a 3-year term and member **Bill Hooter** was elected for a 2-year term, (filling **Bob Deull's** 2-year term after his resignation because of moving out of the area), bringing our board of trustees to 15 members. Our duly elected officers for 2017 were **Bill Read, Pres; Paul Calkins, VP; Glenn Wienke, Treas; Joan Shaw, Recording Sec; & Gerry Treichler, Corresponding Sec.**, each to serve for 1 year. Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein.

LEGION/CHURCH BUILDING

Jay Wendt Construction had the east, south and west siding installed building and is well underway to finishing the north porch with bell tower and the short ramp and deck for handicap entrance to the side door.



Legion/Church Building is taking shape

the building. The sidewalk to the Townsend Hall will be installed under the parking lot contract.

FARM PARKING LOT

Hopefully we are breaking loose the constructing of the 100-car parking east entry driveway with spaces for handicap parking and sidewalks along the south side of the east-west drive.

An engineer is under contract to provide parking lot drawings suitable for presenting to the planning board the first part of 2017. With this data accepted we will be able to go out for bids for the parking lot and select a contractor for installation.

SIGN AT FRONT OF FARM

The trench with metal conduit between the sign and the Read Building is in place for the electric for the museum road sign. Cooper Sign will install the road sign itself as weather permits.

SALE OF PEARL ST. LOT

Bill Read signed a 6 month contract with Fred Blue of Great Lakes Real Estate for the sale of the 50ft x 150ft Pearl Street building lot at a list price of \$14,900. A for sale sign has been placed on the property. This lot is the same size as other lots on the Pearl St.

GRANT FROM JOHN CERETTO

An application has been sent to the NYS Department of Parks, Preservation and Recreation for the \$5,000 grant obtained through John Ceretto. SAHS is waiting for its approval. Monies received will be used to purchase a 12ft x 24ft Amish built shed for storage and showing of exhibits during our events.



Lifting the bell tower into place

We thank members **Paul Beecher, Dave Schmidt and Gary Townsend** for completing the rough wiring with the aid of the work release workers so that Jay can continue with the dry wall installation. Lighting fixtures will soon be placed on order so that they can be installed after interior painting.

This summer SAHS will have the grading completed so that Jay can install the steps for the front entrance and complete the siding on the north end of



Storage/Exhibit Shed expected from Cretto Grant

NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE, Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Co-Chair, Jane Schultz (731-9404) Basket Auction Sub-Chair- with Valerie Dumpleton and many others assisting.

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 1 & 2, 2017 at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429) in Wheatfield. The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show and Sale



Don't forget our Antique Sale & Basket Auction April 1 and 2, 2017

DEFIBRILLATORS-

The members that signed up but missed the first 4-hour certification training course on the defibrillator presented by instructor **Rodney Hogg** of the Pekin Fire Company will be contacted for the second course to take place in the spring.

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chmn (731-5982)

Glenn reports that the program for the **Jan 24, 2017 meeting** will be **“The Play Boy Motor Car Co.”** by **Dave Kaplan** of Williamsonville; for **Feb. 28**, will be **“History of WNY Aviation”** presented by **Hugh Neeson** of Amherst who is **Director of the Aerospace Museum and former Vice President of Bell Aerospace Textrom**; and for **March 28** will be **“Forgotten Communities of Niagara Co,”** presented by **Ann Marie Linna-berry**, Asissitant Director of the Niagara Co. History Center. **Won't you please join us for our monthly meetings and programs at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall?**

A special thanks goes to Glenn who continues to secure these fine programs. **We thank Refreshment Chairperson Valerie Dumpleton with helpers, Jane Schultz and Rosemary Warren** for coordinating the refreshments after the program. Our thanks also go to those who sign up and furnish the treats enjoyed by all. Our sincere appreciation goes to **Sandy Manente, Fred Robinson (new), Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (731-3357)

Year 2016 Membership ended at 423 members including 18 new members. We now have 135 members including 11 new members for the calendar year 2017. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. **WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR 2017 BILLING FOR MEMBERSHIP.** We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family) by the middle of March **USING THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE** and also invite others to join. You will soon be able to pay your dues using your credit card on our web site www.sanbornhistory.org or on Facebook. As before, members will receive this

newsletter on a quarterly basis, will help support our programming and receive the benefits of the museum. This is especially important since the town has cut their support to our budget by 10% or \$4100. We welcome first time members since our last reporting- **Fred Blue, Denise Gansworth, Bonnie Layoie, Harry & Marion Dilger, Candy & Linda Harvey, John & Sharon Hess, and B. Scott & family**

TOWNSEND HALL USAGE

Our members are requested to contact Pres. **Bill Read** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". Also, please contact **Bill** if noting any irregularities at our facilities.



Glenn giving presentation to students from Holy Ghost Lutheran School as part of museum tour

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Bonnie Haskell- Chairman-

Plan now to attend our 13th Farm Museum Festival that will take place on July 22 & 23.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS- Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.- 731-9404) Assisted by Joan Shaw, Elaine Timm, & Valerie Dumbleton.

The full collections committee that also includes the Farm Museum Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Hilda Snyder; Office Secretary Pat Korpinski and Gerry Treichler will meet as necessary. They meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for

acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. Final approval for acceptance rests with the Board of Trustees.

Work Times will be on the 2nd Tues. of the month from 9 TO 11 AM at the Schoolhouse Museum. Please call Jane if you have any artifacts to donate and she will go over the procedure with you. Items received since our last reporting are race car memorabilia, sleigh bells and a grab pole as used in a store **from Bob Deull** and a horse drawn plow manufactured by the Wiard Plow Co. of Batavia donated by **Ken Wieland. Thomas Wiard** built his first plow in Avon, NY believed to be the first in the country. He moved the company to Batavia in 1807 where they made cast iron plows.



Early plow manufacture by Wiard Plow Co.

MUSEUM SITTERS- We again thank interim chairpersons, **Glenn & Marie Wienke 731-5982** for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need someone to relieve them. We also thank those who act as sitters.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM Curator, Hilda Snyder (731-9883)-

The winter visiting hours of our School House museum are the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 PM or by special request. Come and see us with family and friends. We held our annual Christmas party at the Schoolhouse on December 4th.

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

Please inform **Sandra** with names of those members needing "Thinking of you" or

“Bereavement” cards so they can be signed at our meeting or sent out directly by her. **Earl Carmer and Jeanette Hoffman** passed away since last reporting.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President

The SB&PA held another great **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** at the farm in October with SAHS having the food concession. This brought in many visitors to our Farm Museum. They also had a fine Christmas display on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. New this year, the **SB&PA** hosted



Have a healthy 2017

a community **Christmas Carol Singalong** at the farm museum on December 18 with **Mary Palmer of Newfane** leading the singing of the 33 that attended..



Carol Singing at the farm with Mary Palmer

WEB SITES

Jay Krull of Lockport is the **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. You will note that this and other of our quarterly newsletters

are on the web site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly join **SAHS** themselves and support our society. Our **Web Master** will soon set up means to allow you to pay your dues by credit card on-line at our web site www.sanbornhistory.org or on Facebook starting in 2017. He will also provide means for our vendors to pay on line their charge for setup at our Antique Show and Farm Fest.

Don’t forget that we are included on the “allabouthistoriclewistonny.com” website. Visit that web site to see videos of our museums and festival activities. If you have any concerns or questions please contact **Gerry Treichler** at sanbornerry@gmail.com or 731-9510.

EVENT SCHEDULE

We thank **Bonnie Haskell, Wes & Sally Miller, Hilda Snyder, Ray Fegley** for chairing and **Jane Schultz and Pat Thompson** for the taking the lead on the basket auction and all those that helped and those that showed their support by providing their goodies as needed and attending our fundraisers/activities this past year.



The kitchen help ready to serve you from our great kitchen. Thanks one and all!!!!

Funds from these events are used to augment the funds received from the Town of Lewiston to meet our budget. **Next years schedule is shown on the next page.**

SAHS 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

Sat-Sun	April 1+2	Antique Show with Basket Auction
Sunday	May 7	Car Parts Show
Sunday	May TBD	Tea & Vintage Fashion Show
Saturday	June 10	Pancake Breakfast
Sat-Sun	July 22+23	Farm Museum Fest
Saturday	September 9	Country Breakfast
Sat-Sun	October 7+8	Autumn Fest
Sat-Sun	December 9+10	Christmas at Farm

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long term giving program, as memorials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums. The Town of Lewiston has cut their allotment towards our budget for 2017 by 10% or \$4100 so we need your special giving more than ever. We thank Gloria Carlisle for her gift of \$2000 in December.

WISH LIST-

A good used golf cart estimated to cost \$2000 and a new commercial stove estimated to cost \$1200 are urgently needed in the spring.

OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM-Bonnie Haskell

We had another great Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of you put so much work in to. We had a record attendance bringing 300 children ages up to 8-years old to sit on Santa's



Bonnie, Grand Daughter & Olaf

lap and receive a present.. Bonnie thanks Nelson Cook for being Santa Claus, Sue Kerrison for being Santa's helper, Mike Cushman portraying Olaf from *Frozen*, and all of the numerous members and their families that made the event the success that it was with a record number of town's people and others that came out in the balmy 60F temperature.



Bonnie, Grand Daughter & Santa



We had our snow and horse drawn wagon rides



Join the crowd next year!

ACRES: THE PRODUCTIVE FARM- By permission of, **Bill Habschied**, adult student of NCCC

Students and faculty take a trip to 3111 Niagara County Community College (NCCC) some for employment others for degree opportunities. But what students and faculty don't know as they drive the main entrance off route 31 and come to the fork on campus they drive through The Morning Dale Farm House torn down by the state under eminent domain.

In 1931 **Ronald Alton Wendt** (85) was born in the Morning Dale Farm House. "The doctor came to the house in a horse and buggy, it cost my parents twenty-five dollars" said **Wendt**, as he continued "hard to believe a doctor coming to the house especially if you tell young people today." **Wendt** advised me as I made a sketch mapping approximate landmarks of the farm. Such as straight back behind the house about one-hundred yards was the barn, which was one-hundred and fifty feet long that would put the barn between building F and E on the present day campus. The barn housed one-hundred and sixty-three Holstein milking cows all milked by hand, until electric came to Sanborn, along with thirty various breeds of beef cattle as **Wendt** explained in the sketch. The farm had two grain silos made of cedar, tongue and groove, located west side of the barn, center of what is now the campus library. On the east side of the barn what is now H building was the windmill water pump. As **Wendt** described the sketch you could see in his facial expressions great gratification in the accomplishments of working and producing a productive farm.

Wendt said "he not only took care of his one-hundred and ten acres, but also rented an additional four-hundred and twenty-five growing; corn, wheat, oats, buck-wheat and hay; you have to remember the grain silos had to be filled twice a year, and the state confiscated the rented land as well" he reminded me. "**My grandfather**" **Wendt** said, "**was William Wendt** who bought the farm in 1902; one-hundred and ten acres including the house, for breeding work horses which were jet black and took approximately two years training before they were allowed to work the fields."

The "Morning Dale Farm" was the true title according to **Ronald Alton Wendt** owner or the "**Wendt Property**" owned by **Alton Wendt, Ronald's father**, according to information published in the Niagara Falls Gazette Wednesday, May 18, 1966. Regardless the property was confiscated by the state under eminent domain sometime between 1967 or 1968 **Ronald Alton Wendt** owner received financial restitution of seventy-five thousand dollars for one-hundred and ten acres of his property and confiscating the additional four-hundred and twenty-five acres he rented. After paying the lawyers six thousand dollars, **Wendt** had sixty-nine thousand dollars compensation and the bulldozers excavated his farm. It should also be mentioned that **Graham Millar's book: Just a Giant: The First Twenty-Five Years Of Niagara County Community College has Marvin Wendt** as the owner of the property, but **Ronald Alton Wendt** explains "this is a mistake; **Marvin** was my cousin, having no ties to the family farm."

"Things were pretty bleak in my life after the thief of my land," said **Wendt**. "But my first wife **Barbara Wendt (Née Savzymary)** by a fluke of happenstance found our present day farm which we also named Morning Dale Farm." "Two months before we were evicted **Barbara** was driving down Saunders Settlement Road heading toward Lockport, she saw a very tiny sign in the front yard, and for some reason only God could explain she just pulled the car into this driveway, and the sign read *thirty acres of land for rent.*" Well sir, "**Barbara** talked to the owner, whose husband had just died and that started a string of events leading us buying the thirty acre farm and growing the farm to an additional fifty acres, an eighty acre farm today" **Wendt** said.

"But then my story becomes luckier" **Wendt** continues, "**Sam Hermanson** a good friend got me a job at the Niagara County Highway Department as a watchman. From that job I became a laborer, truck driver, heavy equipment operator, and a machinist- top welder. In addition running my present day farm." "Working for the Niagara County Highway Department" **Wendt** continued "I also completed twenty years of service receiving good health benefits, and a pension." "I decided" **Wendt** explained "To take early retirement with twenty years of service, and now being retired twenty-six years." The financial compensation has **Wendt** believing that his pension by the state has reimbursed him for the loss he felt so many years ago.

To a farming community and especially a farmer as in **Mr. Wendt's** case to take perfectly good topsoil one-hundred and ten acres striping the land and replacing with a foreign structure that produces no farm products is sacrilege, to what a farmer believes. But **Mr. Wendt's** Morning Dale Farm and specifically its acreage still produces, not beef, milking cows, or harvest crops as defined by farming standards, but NCCC students. The registrar's office confirmed the acreage has produced thirty-thousand five-hundred and nine students with degrees from 1973 to 2016. It's probable that these students have traveled the four corners of the world starting on one-hundred and ten plus acres. There can be no greater accomplishment than to know **Ronald A. Wendt's** acreage, taken so many years ago has made a priceless contribution to society as a productive farm.

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

PROGRAM

Regular Meeting - January 24, 2017 (See Below)

Regular Meeting - February 28, "History of WNY Aviation"

Regular Meeting - March 28 "Forgotton Communities of Niagara Co"

Program for the Jan. 24
7 PM at Sanborn Fire Hall:

"THE PLAY BOY MOTOR CAR CO."
Presented by Dave Kaplan

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