

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

I am very pleased that we are all but complete with our new building and ready for final inspection by the Town of Lewiston Building Inspector and the receipt of our occupancy permit. PARCO was awarded a contract in October 2010 to begin their contract for construction of the building shell and handicap accessible restrooms. Now 2 1/2 years later with a little extra money from the Town and a lot of initiative and ingenuity on our part we have a fine facility to support our museum and fundraising activities that we all can be proud of. This facility is not only complete with handicap accessible restrooms but we have installed a sprinkler system and finished the 3500 sq. ft. main hall and the kitchen including hood and fire suppression system. I thank one and all for their input on committee and helping out on the multitude of tasks when asked. There are so many in this category, I hesitate to name "names" for fear of forgetting someone.

I also thank those that are spending extra time with the work release workers from the jail in seeing that the buildings and grounds are ready for opening and are set up for our fundraising projects.

I understand that we had more outstanding programs at our meetings at the Fire Hall with a record attendance in February of 109. Also, that our membership has increased by 71 over what we had last year at this time with a huge increase of 37 new members for 2013. I am positive that our planned fundraisers will improve just as well. This shows the expertise of our volunteers and their willingness to step in to takeover when some of us are limited because of health or other problems. **THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:30 PM)
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President... **Gary Townsend (731-4578)**

Secretary... **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**

Vice Pres... **Bill Read (731-9570)**

Treasurer... **Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**

Trustees-at-Large **Claudia Beane (531-5090), Paul Beecher (731-9627), Bob Deull (731-9623), Bonnie Haskell (990-6909), Lynn Hoffman (731-2491), Linda Jackson (946-6811), Wes Miller (731-9739), Jane Schultz (731-9404), Joan Shaw (731-5653), Hilda Snyder (731-9883) & Bill Sterner (731-3935).**

Schoolhouse Curator-Hilda Snyder (731-9883), Farm Museum Curator- Linda Jackson (946-6811)

Local Historian Consultant- Marcia Rivers (731-3693),

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

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

NEW BUILDING-

With the help of the extra \$16,000 provided by the Town of Lewiston as noted in our January Newsletter, we are near completion of our new 5000 sq ft facility with 3500 sq ft hall, kitchen and handicap accessible restrooms of which we can all be proud. The contractor for the hood and fire suppression system for the kitchen will start construction on the first week of April. With the soon to be up-graded electrical wiring and installation of counter tops in the kitchen, we will be ready for the town building inspector to have his final inspection and provide us with an occupancy permit.



FARM MUSEUM CURATORS, LINDA JACKSON, (946-6811) & BONNIE HASKELL (990-6909)

We are getting ready to start another season on the farm with our opening Wednesday April 17 this year. This would not be possible without all our volunteers, our farm museum sitters and the help of the work release workers from the jail.

Farm Museum hours are all Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM and Wednesdays 1 PM to 4 PM from Wednesday April 17 to the middle of October except April 7 (our Antique Show at the Wheatfield Legion Post). Contact **Linda or Bonnie** if the museum is needed to be opened at a special time or if you have any questions. Many more exhibits have been added so look around during our activities or stop in with your friends during normal visiting hours. Again, we thank all who help make our farm a great place for all to visit and enjoy.

The **Friendship Club** will use the Farm Museum for their meetings on June 25, July 9, & 23 (Tuesdays) from 10AM to 3:30 PM for

their regular meeting with 30 to 35 present.

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

Visiting time for the Schoolhouse Museum will be every Sunday of the month between 2 to 4 PM beginning April 14 or by special request. Contact **Hilda** if you have a special request for opening. The museum exhibits are updated as new artifacts come in so stop in for a revisit & bring your friends.

The American Legion Post 969 are holding their regular meetings on the first Monday of the month for April & May and their Auxiliary on the third Monday of the month for April and June.

APRIL 6 & 7 NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE

Bob Deull, Ph 731-9623 & Bonnie Haskell, 990-6909 Co-Chairpersons with Jane Schultz, Ph 731-9404, in charge of the Basket Auction. Our tenth Antique Show and Sale will take place at the Wheatfield American Legion Post



Basket Auction Committee

L-R Marilyn Wittkowsky, Joan Shaw, Hilda Snyder, Valerie Dumbleton, Glenn Wienke, Lynn Hoffman and Chairman, Jane Schulz.

#1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429). 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 with the drawing taking place on Sunday at 4 PM. You don't have to be present to win. Admission is \$3 that covers both days. Food will be available at reasonable prices.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- **Sandra Manente, chair, Ph 731-5769** Please call **Sandy** with names of those members needing **"Thinking of You"** or **their families that need "Bereavement"** cards so they can be signed at our meeting and sent out or sent out directly by Sandy. Member **Randy Miller** passed away since our last reporting.

FARM BEAUTIFICATION: **Joan Shaw, Chmn- (731-5653)** assisted by **Valerie Dumpleton**

Joan will soon be starting her work sessions on farm beautification as weather permits. The committee with the help from the work release workers, will be doing spring clean up and plantings. We need your help so please come out when times are scheduled.

POT LUCK DINNER MEETING SET FOR APRIL 23

Chairman Glenn Wienke reports that we will have our 12th annual **potluck dinner just prior to our April 23rd meeting. This is for all members and friends** that want to participate by bringing their own table service and a dish to share. This could be a food dish and/or a dessert. Rolls, butter, and beverage will be furnished. We will start to eat promptly at 6 PM so that we can start the regular meeting at 7 PM. **The doors at the Fire Hall will be open at 5:30 PM** so come early to select a spot and set up. The evening program will be **"LeRoy's Hidden Treasure"** presented by **Lynn Belluscio of LeRoy**. This will be our 132nd program since conception and we are having about 75 attendees at each program. Won't you make a special effort to join in the fellowship?

PROGRAM FOR MAY

Our program for **May 21** will be **"34 Year Career as a NY State Conservation Officer"** presented by **Richard Lang** of Lockport. We continue to **thank Glenn Wienke for the great programs and Ruth & Earl Carmer, Sandy Manente, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the meeting reminder calls. We also thank **Colleen Shanahan**, who is dropping out because of health issues, for her many years of

service with the group. In addition we thank **Ross Johnson** who has agreed to take **Colleen's** place as a caller. We also thank **Valerie Dumpleton and her helpers** for continuing to secure and serve the goodies after the program and you, our members, for furnishing the goodies and attending the program.

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL, Linda Jackson (946-6811) & Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Co-Chairmen

Our ninth annual festival will be a two-day extravaganza again this year so save Saturday July 27 and Sunday July 28 for a fun time. A committee meeting will be held soon to work out details. Many of the long lead tasks have been completed such as letters to sponsors and tractor people and letters and contracts to food and flea market vendors. Our Sanborn Fire Company Band has agreed to play as well.

New for this year for both days will be **Randy**



Niagara River Dancers

Green with the Native America Niagara River Dancers and Rosemary Hill with her Native American Beadwork Exhibits and her providing a "Jitter Making Experience" for those interested. This program is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, Administered by Arts Services Initiative of Western NY.

MONEY RAFFLE

1st PRIZE- \$500, 2nd PRIZE- \$250, 3rd PRIZE- \$100

DRAWING- JULY 28, 2013

At Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum Festival
2660 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn

Donation: 1 Ticket- \$1.00 Book of 6 Tickets - \$5.00
(Do not need to be present)

Proceeds to: *Sanborn Area Historical Society*
No donation necessary

Sample Raffle Ticket

We are having a **money raffle** again this year to help us defray expenses with Claudia Beane coordinating the sale of tickets. A book of 6 tickets for the raffle is included with this newsletter. Please try to sell this book or buy it yourself. Return the money for tickets sold together with the stub of the tickets to our PO Box 172 or bring to the Farm Festival or give to our Treasurer Glenn Wienke (Ph-731-5982). Of course Claudia (531-5090) and Glenn have more tickets if you need them.

Contact our Co-Chairmen **Linda & Bonnie** for general information, **Bob Deull** at 731-9623 for information on the Classic Car Cruise and **Bill Read** at 731-9570 for the Antique Engine and Tractor and Equipment exhibits. More information will be provided in our July newsletter or look on our web site, www.sanbornhistory.org.



Tractor Parade

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

Helping **Jane** are **Joan Shaw Valerie Dumpleton** and museum secretary **Pat Korpinski**. Work Times at the Schoolhouse Museum are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 AM, to accept artifacts, take pictures, etc. Please call **Hilda Snyder (731-9883)**, School House Curator or **Linda Jackson (946-6811)**, Farm Museum Curator, if you have any artifacts to donate. Those who bring artifacts to the museums are asked to tag them with the donor's name and phone number and a brief description of the item(s) so that proper credit and logging can be made.

MEMBERSHIP, Shirley Simrell, Chmn (731-3357)

We thank those that renewed their membership or joined as new members. To date for 2013, we have received 263 units (individual & family) for a **total membership of 366** including 37 new members. Our new members since last reporting are **Rev Roger Harrington, Sandy Hurley, Bob & Linda Knoble, Ron & Donna Lascelle, John & Janet Lavrich, Marvin Meritt, Carol Ortt, Stacey Wasieczko, and Jerry & Marlene White.** **Claudia Beane** has been distributing flyers that she has prepared in her continuing attempt to recruit additional members to help us reach our goal of 400 members.

We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. We encourage our new (and old) members to take advantage of our monthly program meetings held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Sanborn Fire Hall. We have a short business meeting of about one half-hour reporting on activities of the previous month and then get into the program. After the program we have refreshments and fellowship. We broke our previous attendance record at our regular meetings by having 109 attend our February meeting in spite of the rain and sleet. Please join us. There are no regular membership meetings June, July, August and December.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOC, BONNIE HASKELL, PRESIDENT-

The SB&PA has selected Wendt's Propane as Sanborn's Business of the year LEGION BUILDING

A meeting was held with our Grant writer **Bernie Rotella** on March 25 to go over progress he has made since our December 2012 meeting on his seeking grants in our behalf to move the Legion Building to the farm, prepare the foundation at the farm location and modify the building per drawings prepared by **Jim Ditzel**. He indicated that our applications for grants went out in early January. With the State budget all but passed he will setup visits to the offices of **Assemblyman John Ceretto and Senator George Maziarz** to give our applications an extra push in our request for \$150,000 to do the job.

LEWISTON COMMUNITY RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES CENTER-

Town of Lewiston Supervisor, Steve Reiter made an un-scheduled visit to our last board meeting to see how we were doing and to solicit SAHS input on the "**Lewiston Community Recreation & Senior Services Center**" that the town plans to be build



Lewiston Community Center

adjacent to the Lewiston-Porter Central School on Creek Rd. Plans are in place to build a 140,000 sq ft multi-use facility for Recreation, Community and Professional activities. The use for Professional activities could help offset the cost for operation and maintenance. **Supervisor Reiter** indicated that construction cost of the estimated \$8 million dollar facility would be funded using Greenway funds and

could start as early as the 3rd quarter of this year.

Steve noted and we **thank him and the Town Board** for their providing a \$260,000 grant in October 2010 using their allotment from Greenway funds for our new building that is now all but completed.

VISIT TO ELMA SAWMILL on May 4, 2013-

The Elma Historical Society has offered a special tour of their water-powered, working sawmill. Contact **Gerry Treichler** at 731-9510 if interested in going. We have the possibility of car pooling and stopping off for lunch prior to arriving for the 2 PM tour.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible, long term as well as short term giving program, and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums. We thank those that made a special donation toward our new building that allowed us to continue on to its completion.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Antique Show & Sale With Basket Auction, April 6 & 7-** See earlier write-ups.
- **Federation Annual Congress, Sat. April 29- On Saturday April 20 from 9 AM to 2:40 PM** the Federation will host their annual Congress The program is on the Civil War The charge is \$20 that includes a box lunch. **Contact our Rep, Lynn Hoffman 731-2491 by April 13** if interested in attending. **This is open to all members and their guests.**
- **Elma, NY Sawmill Visit, May 4, 2 PM-** A free tour for those interested.
- **Pancake Breakfast, On Sunday June 2,** we will host a all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Farm Museum

• **Old Sanborn Days- July 13 and 14 are the dates for Old Sanborn Days** sponsored by the Rotary Club at the Sanborn fireman's field. Plans are to have our booth setup and manned both days. Chm **Bill Read (731-9570)** needs your help.

• **Tonawanda's Canal Festival, July 14-21:** We will have a float in the **parade** to take place **July 16. at 6:30 PM**

• **Farm Museum Festival, July 27 and 28-** See earlier write-up.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM SITTERS

Please call Shirley (731-3357) to help out.

Open Sunday. 2 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

- April 14 Al & Betty McGreevy
- April 21 Eric & Rosemary Warren
- April 28 Ross & Jane Johnson
- May 5 Bill & Janice Treichler
- May 12 (Mother's Day)
- May 19 Bonnie Bagwell
- May 26 Ross & Jane Johnson
- June 2 Marie Wienke (Pancake Breakfast)
- June 9 Janice Hall & Jane Schultz
- June 16 Carol Beutel (Father's Day)
- June 23 Earl & Ruth Carmer
- June 30

FARM MUSEUM SITTERS- Please call Shirley (731-3357) to help out by sitting.

Open Sun 2 to 4 PM & Wed 1 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

- April 17 Jim & Norma Lewis
- April 21 Shirley Simrell
- April 24 Shirley Simrell
- April 28 Beth Boyles & Marilyn Miller
- May 5 Shirley Simrell
- May 8
- May 12 Don & Ann Calkins (Mother's Day)
- May 15 Beth Boyles & Marilyn Miller
- May 19 Eric & Rosemary Warren
- May 22 Jim & Norma Lewis
- May 26 Gerry Treichler
- May 29 Shirley Simrell
- June 2 Pancake Breakfast
- June 5 Shirley Simrell
- June 9
- June 12
- June 16 (Father's Day)
- June 19
- June 23 Eric & Rosemary Warren
- June 26
- June 30 Shirley Simrell

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler-

The reminiscing article below was sent in by **Willis LeVan** a former Sanbornite who now lives in **Huntsville, AL** about 10 minutes from **Son Richard & Dau-in-Law Vicki (Townsend) LeVan**. He gave us the pictures earlier.

I remember the evening arrival of the mail train in Sanborn, as being the big event of the day. Every kid who was out and about headed for the depot to make sure he did not miss it.



**Willis LeVan
Member of Sanborn Band**



**Post Office
boxes in
Pikes Store**

The post office was located at that time in **W.J. Pike's** grocery, dry goods store, and funeral parlor and **Myra Barber** was the postmistress. **Skip McCann** worked for **Mr. Pike** and would haul the mail bag to the train depot in his push cart and attach it to a post along the side the train track where it

would be snatched up by an arm extending from the mail car as the train roared past. Occasionally the train would stop and deliver packages which Skip would load onto his cart and return to the post office. Occasionally, one or two lucky kids would be allowed into the train engine cab as they waited for the packages to be unloaded. Modern diesel engines cannot compete with the thrill of standing beside a steam locomotive with steam rushing out and the heat and smoke turning it into a living monster.

I will add a little to Willie's recollection: The home my parents (Melvin & Ruth Treichler) owned on Maple St and where I grew up in the 30's and 40's was just around the corner from where Skip McCann lived on West St. I can remember my Mom at the time, occasionally passing a pie or other food over the wire fence between out property lines. Skip was most appreciative and never refused her kindness. I also remember Skip having a she-goat that he kept in a small shed near our property line for his supply of milk. In the wintertime he kept the goat warm (and himself too when he was out getting his milk) by having a light bulb hanging in the shed.

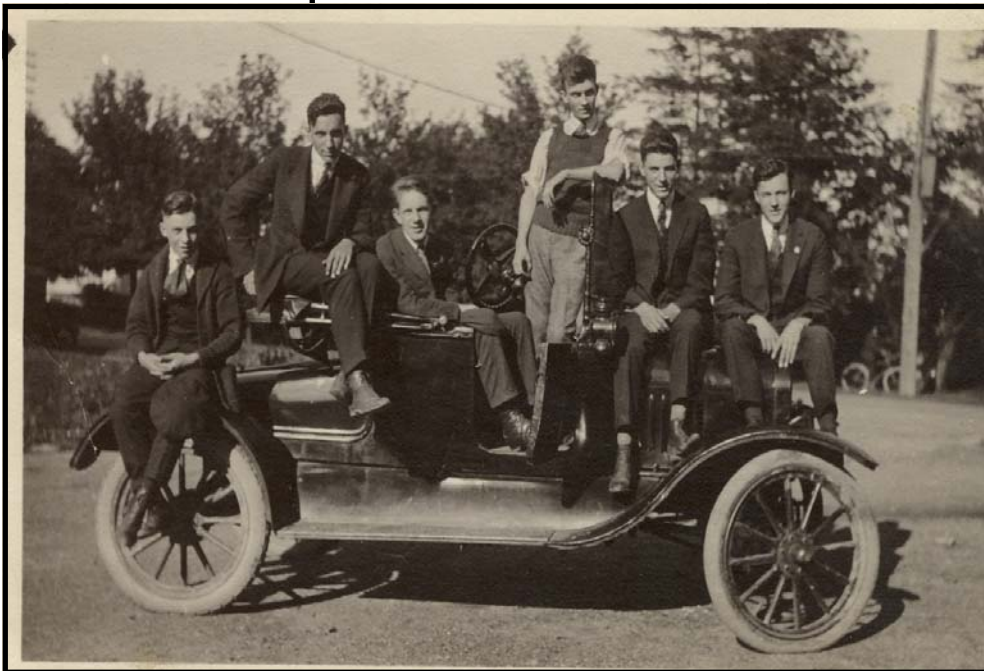
Our home was only a short block from the RR tracks. Once in a while we would hear a light knock at our front door. It would be a hobo riding the rails looking for food. My Mom always seemed to have a little extra food that she gave them. I found out later that hobos passed the word around where they could expect to receive a hand-out if needed. Doubt if anyone would open the door to a shabby stranger in these days, especially if home alone.



Float in Sanborn Fire Company Parade



Norm LeVan's Electrical Business Truck



Local boys frm left- "Peck" LeVan, Norm LeVan (Willie's Dad), Dean Eddy, Lyle Treichler, Floyd Treichler & Melvin Treichler (my Dad) (1937)

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

(All at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

Potluck Dinner Mtg - April 23 Potluck doors open 5:30 PM (See Below)

Regular Meeting - May 21.. “34 Year Career as a NY Conservation Officer”

Special - June 2, 2013 Pancake Breakfast 8AM to 1PM at the farm

June, July and August No Regular Meetings

**Program for the April 23rd Meeting:
At 7:00 PM (after potluck dinner)**

**“LeRoy’s Hidden Treasure”
Presented by by Lynn Belluscio**

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(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)

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() New Member () Renewal Donation Amount _____ Date _____

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