A Holiday Evening in the Village

The Historic Village lights up with the merriment of Christmas festivities on Saturday, December 7 during Richmond’s “Coming Home for the Holidays!”

- Walk candlelit sidewalks through the village and meander in and out of the historic Donley cabin, School Section School, Columbus Depot, renovated Historic Barn, and the museum honouring “Those Who Serve.”
- Enjoy warm cider, sweets and treats
- Crafts for children
- Storytime in the cabin
- Photo opportunities all around the village including a historic sleigh and buggy
- Holiday Music

The Village opens at 5:00 with activities and buildings open until 8:00pm.

City of Richmond **Parade** at 5:30pm

**Tree Lighting** in downtown Richmond at 6:00pm.

**Smart Bus transportation** will be available to move people around town to and from the Historic Village.

**Stores open** until 8:00pm.

**Christmas Cash**- shop locally and receive valuable cash coupons from local merchants
Friday November 8th—Judge Denis LeDuc’s program at the community center at 7pm. Remember how entertaining and informative his talk was at the last Annual Dinner Meeting? I am sure that you will be delighted once again with Denis’ interpretation of selected historic photos. Why not ask a friend to attend with you?

Friday November 15th—ticket sales begin for the 8th Annual Historic Tea. The tickets must be purchased in advance and are limited, so be sure to tell your friends all about it early. You might even consider purchasing tickets for Christmas gifts. The Tea is March 14, 2020 at Golden Hawk Golf Course; the program is “Wedding Gowns Through the Ages,” and Susan Foster is taking donations for the raffle baskets. We are anticipating another lovely afternoon of traditional tea fare, elegant table settings, pretty hats, and sparkling conversation.

Saturday December 7th—that is the date we will be open for “A Holiday Evening in the Village. This event is in conjunction with City of Richmond’s “Home for the Holidays” when Santa Claus comes to town. More information is on the front page of this newsletter. Please contact the event coordinator Mary Shepherd-Logan if you can help.

Friday January 24, 2020—that is the date for the RAHGS 2019 Annual Dinner Meeting. (Yes, that’s right- we have the 2019 meeting in January 2020. We do this so we can have all of the year end reports ready for your review.) We will meet at 5:00 at Maniaci’s Banquet Center for a social hour, then dinner will be served at 6:00. In December all RAHGS members will receive a mailing with the details regarding the event. Included within the mailing will be a dinner R.S.V.P. form and information about your membership dues. If you pay your dues annually, you owe $20.00. If you are a lifetime member, naturally you do not owe any money for dues. However, if you (both annual and lifetime members) want us to send you the bi-monthly newsletter by U.S. Mail, please send $10.00 to cover printing and mailing costs. In addition to the business meeting and the “Year in Review,” this year we will be introducing “A Slice of Richmond History.” During this segment one of our local families will share with you information about their long-time family business. The name of that family will be revealed to you in the letter that is being sent to you in a few weeks.

It seems that our Historic Village is quite popular with people wanting a beautiful back drop for memorable pictures of special occasions. Recently I captured these lovely homecoming girls posing for pictures in front of the flowers. And Jaime Green’s family finds the Village a perfect setting for their photo. We are always eager to share the beauty and history of our Village and we welcome everyone.

See you at the Village!

Christine
RAHGS 3rd Annual Cemetery Walk

A chill in the air and a brisk breeze didn’t deter RAHGS actors from warming the crowd with the life stories of four notable Richmond families on October 12. The City of Richmond Cemetery was filled with people enjoying the stories of Maude Cooley, William and Martha Gierk, Fred and Wilhelmina Schwark, and Jesse Burroughs.

Donuts and mulled cider were enjoyed by all prior to and after the walk. Artifacts depicting the life and times of these families were on display in the chapel.

Two very special Richmond High School band students, Emma Milbrand and Samantha Gall, shared their musical talents when they played “Richmond High March” at the gravesite of Jesse Burroughs. A huge thank you to both of these girls and their band instructor, Molly Shack, for making this so special.

Denton Descendants Visit Richmond

The John Mclean family came to town to explore their family roots. They live in Montana. John was accompanied by his wife Holly, and four of their nine children. (from left to right: Jayne, Jubilee, Isaiah, and Samuel).

John is the grandson of Ed Denton who had the Denton Drug store on the north end of the Helen Morris Block. This has been the location of several drug stores such as Lutes and Rasmussen as well as Denton’s. Today it is the location of Sew Together. While here the family stopped in at the museum to talk to Norm Gibson to find out more about the family and to share information. They went to Sew Together where they talked to Sue Weinert about the building. They also visited family gravesites in the Richmond and Memphis cemeteries.

Recent Brick Orders

RAHGS:
in memory of Jim McKiernan
in memory of Elmer Villeme

ADK Teaching Sorority:
in memory of Mary Alice Busch

Recent Donations

Elsie Manchester: 2 Victorian picture frames
Dana Trombley: J.C. Earnst shirt, Schwark Stop shirt
Dave Villeme: 3 vintage irons, 1 vintage doll
Mary Foley: Jenny Lind cradle
In Memoriam

Elmer Otto Villeme: June 27, 1929—September 1, 2019.
Elmer walked to the Village on a Thursday in February morning of 2012 to sign up as a RAHGS member. It was such a pleasure to meet this gentleman as he shared his story with us. He was a generous and kind man, and he will be missed. For his full obituary, visit the Rewalt-Peshek Funeral home website.

James Edward McKiernan: April 28, 1925-Sept 14, 2019:
Jim was a cherished RAHGS member for many years. He was always willing to bring his horses to the Village to pull the sleigh or to give rides to the community. He was big-hearted, generous, and involved in his community. He will be missed by all of us at RAHGS. For his full obituary, visit Kaatz Funeral Home website.

Donations and Memorials

Dr. Cichoracki:
Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home:
Al and Carol Bryant:
Dianne Schade:
Jeff and Mary Kay White:
Norm and Dianne Gibson:
Al and Carol Bryant:
Tom and Christine Hebel:
Fran Plagens:
Doug and Mary Ellen Logan:

Shortcake Sponsor
Cemetery Walk Sponsor
In honor of Elmer Villeme’s birthday
In memory of Mike Fields
In memory of Elmer Villeme
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PARKER PLOW CO. STONEBOAT

What is a stoneboat? The stoneboat originated to haul rocks and stones from fields that were being prepared for farmland or pasture, or to haul rocks and stones to where you did want them, such as for lining drainage swales and building stone walls.
A stoneboat is a low-profile drag. It utilizes a flat area of wood, but does not have runners, skids or wheels. It’s used with a singletree and chain hooks and does not require shafts or a pole. It’s designed for use on soft, mostly flat ground, gravel or snow. Stoneboats cannot be used on hilly or slippery terrain.
The faceplate or nose is rounded at the top and squared where it attaches to the wood. The front half of the faceplate also curves up from the ground at a slight angle to assist with maneuverability and to avoid small obstacles. In the center top of the faceplate is a 2.5-inch hole to provide for the chain to the singletree.
A stoneboat turns in place in whichever direction you pivot. As long as a horse has enough room to walk past the stoneboat, you can easily turn around in most barn alleyways. This makes a stoneboat ideal for hauling hay into a barn or for delivering anything almost anywhere on the farm.
The cast iron faceplate or nose was made by Parker Plow here in Richmond. It has been in the collection for a very long time. The Thursday Afternoon Restoration Crew recently restored it.
Good Old Days at the Historic Village

The Volunteers:
Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Marianne Moore

Adamson, Ursula
Almstadt, Kay
Beard, Jon
Beard, Marla
Card, Madeline
Card, Rachel
Chegash, Vicki
Cockerill, Donna
Collins, Al
Donley, John and Michele
Donley, Larry
Donley, Mike and Karen Klein,
Foster, Dave
Foster, Susan
Fryer, Carol
Fryer, Clayton
Gibson, Dianne
Gisslander, Mary
Graham, Don
Grotzinger, Audrey
Grotzinger, Lucy
Haws, Daryl
Haws, Sharlene
Hebel, Tom
Hensch, Chris
Jakubiak, Sue
Klauka, Jenny
Klein, Patty
Knoell, Sandy
Kohlhagen, Bob
Konwinski, Len
Luenser, Max
Luenser, Sandy
Manchester, Elsie
Marshall, Lucia
Nolan, Kris
Papuga, Pattie
Phillips, Marsha
Porrett, Doug
Quick, Dale
Rowley, Bill
Rowley, Christine
Rowley, Gracie
Rowley, Heather
Schade, Brian
Schwark, Warren
Schroeder, Rose
Shepherd, Ginger
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The Sponsor:

Thank you to Dr. Julie Cichoracki for sponsoring the Strawberry Shortcake Sale again this year.

We appreciate your continued and generous support.
Storytelling With Photographs

What can pictures tell us?
How does one find the story in a picture?

Join us for a wonderful journey through pictures!

Richmond Community Center
36164 Festival Drive
Richmond, MI

Friday, November 8, 2019  7:00 P.M.

For more information
contact Mary Ellen 586-808-2953

This program is free of charge and open to the public.

In addition to his duties as presiding judge in the 42-1 District court, Judge LeDuc is widely known for his knowledge of Macomb history and writes a column for Macomb Now magazine.
Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society acknowledges the following local businesses who generously sponsored recent events.

Thank you!

Letter to the editor

RAHGS and the Historic Village are excellent places to commit some time, talent and treasure. Our long-distance affection for Richmond is heart-felt. We appreciate the efforts of the current and past advocates of RAHGS and the Historic Village. We are proud of the museum, depot, barn, school, and the Donley Cabin, as we see these are great examples of the heritage, and history of Richmond. That’s why, as lifetime members, we try to work at the Village during Good Old Days. We hope to see more of our old friends and neighbors, participate in RAHGS!

We trust RAHGS will extend a personal appeal to the local talent pool of volunteers, because their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE will make sustainability possible!

While we don’t get back to Michigan as frequently these days, RAHGS, the historic Village, and Good Old Days are three great reasons to make the trip. (not to mention the COOK HOTEL!) Thanks to all of the volunteers at the Village for the hospitality, friendship, and great time! Good luck with the new member drive, the ideas to make the Village even more inviting, and finding the additional help to sustain the Village into the future. We are proud of your accomplishments in Richmond and trust that the future, for Richmond, will be brighter because of your efforts! Keep up the great work.

Clayton and Carol Fryer
RHS Class of 1960
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Our mission statement:

• To share with others the legacy left to us by our forefathers, the migrants from the East and the immigrants from Europe, who with foresight and conviction built a better future for themselves and their children, and for the generations that followed.
• To honor and remember those who cleared the land, grew the crops, educated the young, and to pay homage to those who fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for something they believed in.
• To encourage our community leaders to preserve the few historical buildings remaining today.
• To provide assistance to those who turn to us for help in finding their roots.

The general membership meetings/programs, which are open to the public, are held throughout the year. The Historic Village is open during Winter Festival, on Log Cabin Day, during Good Old Days, Thursday morning work bees, special events, and by special appointment. Watch the newsletter, the website, and Facebook for dates, times, and program information.