Sleigh Rides

AT THE
HISTORIC VILLAGE
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

DONATION: $5.00 PER PERSON
1:00–4:00 PM
(SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION)

BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR RIDE,
COZY UP TO THE
DONLEY LOG CABIN FIREPLACE
ENJOY COOKIES AND COCOA
STROLL THE PARK
TOUR THE MUSEUM AND SCHOOL

36045 Park Street
Richmond, MI

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RHS Graduation Picture Display Case is Delivered to the High School

With a great sense of accomplishment and pride the replacement Richmond High School graduation display case was placed in the lobby of RHS auditorium for all to enjoy once again. From start to finish the project took five years. During that time, RAHGS rescued the pictures from a store room in the school, raised money, designed the unit, built the case, located four lost pictures, and resized nine of them.

Most challenging was creating a composite picture for the RHS class of 1967. At the time of their graduation there was a mix up with the photographer and their group picture was never delivered to them. With the help from our friends at PrintAll, we were able to scan individual head shots from the ’67 Echo and then place them in the composite format. Not only do we have the picture for the display, but prints were also made just in time for the 50th reunion of the class.

Many of you have four or five generations of family who have graduated from Richmond High School, and now their pictures are preserved. The case has space for the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020.

In other news, we are looking forward to seeing our local members at the Annual Dinner Meeting on January 26th. If you would like to invite a friend to the dinner, we would be glad to extend a welcome—especially to a potential member! And of course your annual dues are due at this time. It would be a great help to us if you would return the forms soon after you receive them. Thank you in advance for doing that!

Mark your calendars for the following RAHGS events:
Friday January 26: Annual Dinner Meeting at Maniaci’s Banquet Hall
Sunday February 11: Sleigh Rides at the Village, 1-4 pm
Saturday March 10: 6th Annual Historic Tea
Thursday April 19: Alan Naldrett program @ Community Center

Thank you, Mary Ellen Shepherd-Logan for creating the awesome flyers for RAHGS!

Happy New Year Everyone!

Correction: The Nov/Dec President’s Corner should have stated: Daylight Saving (no “s”) Time Ended Nov 5th.

Christine
The Historical Village was decorated for Christmas the first week in December.

I hope you got the chance to drive by and see the decorations. A big “Thank you” to Chris Hensch for helping me decorate the Village.

I am submitting pictures of the Christmas decorations for this garden article in case you didn’t see them.

The clean up this year wasn’t finished until Thursday, Dec. 7th work bee. That is and pumpkins. Another big “Thank you” to Rich Weinert and Tom Hebel for always taking away the bags of compost and debris that seems to be never ending.

We will be selling seeds for your 2018 gardens at the January Annual Dinner meeting. They will be for sale after that on Thursdays at the museum during our work bee days. They were harvested from our Village Gardens and these flowers are what make our gardens special and different from other gardens!

We have four varieties this year: Nicotiana, Cleome, Cosmos, and Pink Hollyhocks. See you at the dinner!

Happy New Year!!

Marsha
586-321-8519
To help pay for the barn project, please make a tax deductible donation to the Richmond Historic Barn Project. Mail your donation to: Richmond Area Historical and Genealogical Society, PO Box 68, Richmond, MI, 48062. Thank you so much for your consideration of this project.

It took a five-man crew to install the rafters. Each half of the rafters was hauled up by rope, inserted into a notch in the top beam, and joined together at the top with a gusset.

Roof boards were installed with a space between them that I always thought was so that the cedar shakes could breathe better, and didn’t require as much lumber. Turns out that this spacing also works as a ladder. Most of the roof boards are up, but they couldn’t put the lower ones on until the siding was installed because of the limited space under the eaves for nailing the siding to the top beam.

The siding on the South wall was put up on the coldest day we have had so far this winter. Wind chill was below zero degrees. The siding was a special order of 16 foot long boards.

The crew was able to get all of the North wall siding put up, and some of the West wall before the snow fall got too bad that day. At least it wasn’t as cold as when they put up the South wall.

The North, South and West walls on the lower part of the barn have been installed and about half of the East wall. The loft floor boards were delivered and stacked in the loft.

Still a long way to go before it is finished.
One of the winter projects that Weldon Fealko, Sean Buckert, Mike Buckert, and Norm Gibson are working on is the restoration of a bob sled donated by Deborah Reichenbach. All of the metal parts will be removed and sandblasted. Any wood that is in bad condition will be repaired or replaced. Some of the bolts will have to be remade by hand. When done it will have a box on it like farmers used to haul sacks of grain to the farmers’ elevator in the winter time.

This bob sled was used on the Ankrapp farm located on Rattle Run Road in Columbus Twp. It had been stored in a barn until recently. It is of a different style from the logging sled we restored last winter.

Weldon Fealko, Mike Buckert, and Sean Buckert are starting the process of removing the metal parts from the bob sled for sandblasting. Most of the wooden parts are in much better condition than the wooden parts on the logging sled. Future newsletters will give a progress report.

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**Recent Acquisitions**
Reported by Norm and Dianne Gibson

**Recent Acquisitions:**
- Various household items
- Vintage Lightning Rod Insulator
- 1924 lug wrench
- 17 printed feed sacks
- Horse pad
- Hay carrier
- 1924 Lug wrench
- Ledger
- Koltz Family Genealogy Books

**Donated by:**
- Judy Orris
- Harold Teska, Jr.
- Harold Teska, Jr.
- Ray Evans
- Robert Wendt
- Robert Wendt
- Edward Weber
- Ray Evans
- George Fealko
- Ken and Barbara Kohlmann

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**Donations Received**
Thank you for your support!

**General Fund:**
- First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry

**Amazon Smile**

**Memorials:**
- Diane Schade in memory of Donna Bartell
- Carol and Gary Hanson in memory of Nelson Leach

**Barn Donations:**
- Rewalt-Peshek Funeral Home
- Richmond Service Center
- VFW James Coleman Post
- Allyn Weinert
When the Macomb County Genealogy Group asked if someone from RAHGS would be interested in giving a talk at one of their monthly meetings, we immediately accepted. The group was particularly interested in what Richmond Historical and Genealogical Society has as genealogy resources.

Ursula Adamson and Dianne Gibson went with me, and together we shared with them what our collection contains. Naturally Ursula’s specialty is researching the genealogy of people with German heritage, but she is also knowledgeable about where to readily find additional materials. She delights in reading and sharing Richmond Review articles, and she explained to the group how those articles are helpful in searching the past.

Dianne told about the work that was involved in assembling the American Images: Richmond Area book. That project, she explained, was the starting point for the notebook collections—those books that Norm created that contain enlarged images of homes, churches, businesses, sports teams, etc. in our area.

Our collection of genealogy materials is growing, and if I have piqued your interest at all, here is the current list of resources. Stop in on a Thursday morning and check it out for yourself!

1. Richmond Review (RR) digitized (available at Lois Wagner Memorial Library, RAHGS and Mt. Clemens Genealogy Room)
2. RR obituaries indexed
3. Richmond High School Yearbooks (The Echo)
4. RHS composite class pictures 1925-2017
5. Images of America: Richmond Area, by Gibson and Nye
6. Pictorial Notebooks: (Richmond Then and Now, Cooper’s Town, Richmond Churches, Muttonville and Beebe’s Corners and Farmers, Richmond Homes, Sports Teams and Bands, Richmond Schools, Ridgeway, Richmond Area Surname Information (pictures and short biographies)
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8. Sketches of Richmond Book, by Alice Hicks Beversdorf
9. Family Research
10. Civil War Diary of Cyril Hicks
11. Civil War Diary of William Marshall
12. Various Family Histories: Claggett, Heath, Cantrell, Donley, Keeler
13. First United Methodist Church History
14. Cemetery Books: These contain the records of many local cemeteries
15. Richmond War Casualties of the 20th Century
16. Plat maps, various areas
17. Fire maps, 1926
18. RAHGS newsletter, The Historian
19. The History of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, MI

Bricks Purchased
Curt Coburn in memory of Jeanne Coburn
Michael Donley in memory of Brionna Donley Stout
Deborah Reichenbach in memory of Ankrapp families
Norm and Dianne Gibson in honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary
RAHGS is participating in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the creation of Macomb County by becoming a Macomb County History Passport Destination. Together with other museums, parks, and galleries throughout the county, we hope to increase public awareness of the importance of historic events, places, and people form the past 200 years.

Visitors will learn about the History Passport from advertising throughout the county. Posters will be displayed at libraries, historic venues, and businesses. Culver’s Restaurant and the Macomb County Heritage Alliance will be promoting the program. QR codes and posted address lists will direct guest visitors to our Village where they will receive a stamp on their passport.

RAHGS has created a unique stamp for the passport. The goal for the guest visitor is to obtain 7 unique stamps to fill the seven 1 inch squares on the inside of the passport. Once the visitor has collected seven unique stamps in a passport, he will visit one of three Culver’s Restaurants in Macomb County and redeem the passport for a free meal.

The History of St. Peter’s Church Book Now Available

Christina Kacanowski, born Christina Hummel, has compiled, written and edited “The History of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, MI.” It is a 143 page book detailing the history of the congregation from its founding as a German Lutheran congregation in 1872 until the construction of the present church in 1950. It is full of pictures, biographies of all the pastors up to the present, and original writings and interviews of church members, both clergy and laity. The book is available in the church office at a cost of $6.00.

In Memoriam

David Allan Schenburn
December 31, 1941—November 04, 2017

Historical Society member Dave Schenburn of Almont has passed away. In 1996 David lead a group to renovate the oldest home in Richmond, a home that once served as the Sunday School, in honor of his mother-in-law, Phyllis Hamilton. For a full obituary, go to the Roth Muir Funeral Home (Romeo) website.
Our mission statement:

- To share with others the legacy left 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 building 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 Cain 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.

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