



The Historian

“Richmond Historic Barn Project” is Underway!



Conceptual illustration of the restored barn on the new property.

The RAHGS Board is very excited to announce that we have found a barn for the Historic Village at Bailey Park! Donated by the Van Haverbeck family, this barn will provide RAHGS with much needed space to store and display historic farm implements and artifacts.

The barn, which needs a great deal of work, is currently on Beech Street just east of the Cook Hotel. To do the dismantling and reassembling work we have hired the Amish Builders from Brown City, and we expect the barn to be moved to the Historic Village soon.

Early in February, the Society and Foundation Boards met to discuss funding the project. It was decided that the Foundation will seek grants and gifts from potential corporate benefactors, while the Society will work to generate local funds.

In preparation for the move, members of the LTP Committee have measured the barn and staked out its placement on the new property; additionally, Active Tree Service was hired to clear away the overgrown trees and shrubs around the barn at its current Beech Street site.

Now we must clean the debris out of the barn and get it ready for disassembly. Soon work will begin to dig and pour the footings. The estimated cost to move and restore the barn is \$80,000.00. If you are available to help in any way, let us know. We need people to help clean the debris out of the barn, and naturally we need financial help. Won't you please assist us in spreading the word about this big and wonderful project?



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President's Corner

Barns, Teas, Hot Dogs, and Polar Bears

This year's Annual Dinner Meeting was attended by RAHGS members, their guests, City of Richmond representatives, and Supervisors from the Townships of Casco, Richmond, and Columbus. After all, we are the Richmond AREA Historical and Genealogical Society, and this year those who met on January 20th truly did represent our entire area.

But the biggest news of the evening was the Richmond Historic Barn Project. Yes indeed. Wow! Everyone is onboard—the Society, the Foundation, and the City Council—and it was so much fun to make the announcement at the Annual Dinner Meeting! This BIG acquisition is possible because of the efforts of the Long-Term Planning Committee. They really did all of the legwork, the follow-up, and much of the planning. Now it is time for all of us to broadcast the good news to the world: a big beautiful barn is coming to the Village!

I also want you to know that we prepared packets of information for the membership. If you did not attend the annual meeting but would like a copy, let me know. I can send it to you via U.S. Mail or I can email it to you.

The 5th Annual Historic Tea is March 18th, and the tickets are almost sold out! This fundraiser has become very popular in the area, and we have many women who look forward to it every year. It is a big effort from all of those involved, but so worth it to see the carefully planned tables set with clever themes and pretty china.

And I must tell you that happening at the same time as the Historic Tea is the 2nd Annual Weiner Roast at the Village. The men will not be having tea, but they will have hot dogs and all of the fixings. A highlight of that event is the program that Jon Beard arranged. Mike Grobbel, President of the Detroit's Own Polar Bear Memorial Association, will be giving information regarding the history of the men from our area who joined the U.S. Army in WWI and ended up fighting against the Red Army in North Russia. Several Polar Bears hailed from the Richmond Area. All RAHGS men and guests are invited for the lunch, program, and the comradery. For more information contact Rich Weinert so he can make lunch plans.

So, to summarize: enjoy the pictures from the Annual meeting; help us spread the good barn news; attend the Tea or the Dog Roast, and remember that Daylight Savings Time begins March 12!

Christine



Popular Science Explorers Program Returns to Schoolhouse This Summer

We are pleased to announce that RAHGS member Carol Lippman's program "Historic Village Science Explorers" will return on June 29th and July 6th. The program runs from 10:00-11:30. Cost is \$30.00 for the two sessions and is geared for ages 8-12. All supplies are included.

The students will use basic science principles to do projects that will explore how science helped early settlers improve their lives and how it led to many of the conveniences we have today. The students will also explore how scientists are using the same information today to help improve the future. The program supports STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives).

Registration is at the Community Center.



Welcome New Members!!

Tom and Cindi Greenia
Frank Stockwell • Sue Dudgeon

upcoming EVENTS



March 18:

5th Annual Historic Tea-
Maniaci's Banquet Hall

April: TBD

Village clean up with
RMS Student Council

May 3: 6:30pm

Al Collins-Tin Types, Artifacts,
Cameras, from 1830-1910.

Richmond Community Center

May: 9-12:

Armada Fifth Grade visit to SSS

May 15-19:

Richmond Fifth Grade visit to SSS

May 23:

Richmond Second Grade
visit to Village

June 25:

Log Cabin Day (noon-4:00),
Village Open

June 29 and July 6:

"Historic Village Science
Explorers: a Hands on Learning
Experience" in the School Section
School with Carol Lippman

July 22: 1-3:00pm

Historic Village Open- Buildings
and Garden Viewing

Sept 8-10:

Good Old Days: Village Open,
Shortcake Festival, Stuff Sale,
Demonstrations

Oct: 4: 6:30pm

"101 Things That Happened on
the Mackinac Bridge," by Mike
Fornes Community Center

Oct. 14: 1pm

"Richmond Historic Cemetery
Walk" - details to be announced

Snow, *NO*; Smiles, *YES*!



RAHGS Historic Sleigh ruled the roads on Sunday, Feb. 5 during Richmond's Winter Festival. There wasn't any snow for sleigh rides, but that didn't stop the excitement of going for a sleigh ride. Many local families as well as a family from as far as Oxford, Mi enjoyed the ride around the village listening to the ring of the sleigh bells and clip clop of horses' hooves as the McKiernan team of beautiful Haflingers briskly trotted down the city streets.



Families warmed themselves in the Donley Log Cabin, enjoyed a delicious cup of hot cocoa and snacked on homemade cookies in the School Section School. Richmond Then and Now, the current exhibit in the museum, provided a look into Richmond's past and present encouraging many to reminisce and share their memories of Richmond.

A huge thank you to all who came to the Historic Village and to the McKiernan family for providing their time, horses, and the expertise necessary to make this day a wonderful success.

Recent Acquisitions

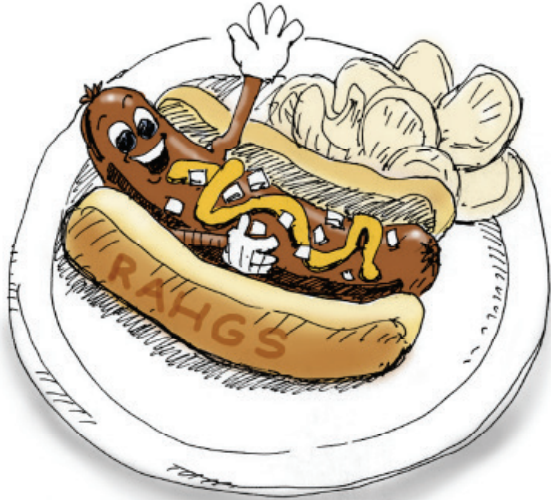


Wicker baby carriages of the 1880s and 90s had its start during the Civil War years. By the 1870s, the demand for carriages was climbing. Several manufacturers that were already producing a diverse line of children's hand-woven, wicker products — bedsteads, cradles, chairs, bassinets and cribs — added carriages. Heywood Brothers & Company were making quality, embellished carriages in large numbers to meet the increasing demand. I have not been able to determine if this carriage was made by Heywood Brothers & Co. This is a beautiful carriage in excellent condition. It features springs for a comfortable ride, and a brake that can be set to keep the carriage from rolling away.



The second item is an 1854 baby cradle/crib. Originally this handmade crib had rockers on the bottom. At some point the rockers were removed and casters were installed. This crib is currently on exhibit in the Donley cabin. The baby carriage and bed were from the Wendt farm, they may have been used by the Hagen's on St Clair Hwy or Howard Street. The baby carriage was most likely used in town rather in the country. Both items were donated by Robert and Holly Wendt, and are welcome additions to our collection of artifacts.

Second Annual RAHGS Historic WIENER ROAST.



**Saturday, March 18th.
1 pm at the Historic Village.
Special Guest Speaker.**

All RAHGS Tea men welcome!

(This event happens during the Women's Historic Tea)

Bring a dish or snack to share.

RSVP to this email: richweinert@comcast.net

or call: 586-484-1643



Join us on May 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM when Al Collins presents "Tin Types, Artifacts, and Cameras from 1830-1910" at the Richmond Community Center. Al is always entertaining and this program is sure to be not only entertaining, but full of interesting history.

Historic 1850's Tombstone Discovered



The big question, how did it get there?

Rich sent an email to some of the board members sharing the discovery with them and what he assumed that Marvin was a descendant of Simon Heath and buried in Richmond. Later, Rich went up to the Richmond Cemetery and tried to find any clues of where the headstone may have come from. No luck finding any evidence of it around the Simon Heath monument. Upon further investigation online via Ancestry.com, Rich was able to locate Eliza Heath and her husband, Andrew J. Heath had a son named Marvin who was born in 1847 and died in 1855. He was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in New Baltimore.

So Rich sent another email out to the board including Marguerite Little and Ursula Adamson our own cemetery experts to clarify where the headstone came from. Both Marguerite and Ursula responded with helpful information.

The plot thickens. Ursula sent a clipping of a 1961 Review article below about the discovery of a headstone unearthed by an

Edison crew digging a foundation for Edison poles in the Municipal Parking Lot near the corner of Parker and Monroe. They were unable to trace the stone at that time,

The big question is how did the headstone get buried in Richmond when it originally was located in New Baltimore? And then, how did it end up a few blocks away near Park and Stone Streets? We will return it to New Baltimore.



19 Oct 1961
DETROIT EDISON CREWMEN unearthed part of the past Tuesday when they found this headstone while preparing a foundation for utility poles at the Municipal Parking Lot, corner of Monroe and Parker streets. Members of the crew said the stone was about one foot beneath the surface of the lot. Efforts to trace the stone Tuesday afternoon were fruitless. Some observers felt that the stone was probably lodged in the parking lot when the area was filled. The Review would appreciate hearing from any reader who has information concerning the stone.

While Rich Weinert and Norm Gibson were walking around the new park property last week after the Work Bee they discovered a historic 1850's era headstone lying in the brush. "Marvin W. Son of _____ & Eliza Heath Died 1856" was engraved on it. We thought it might be from the Richmond Cemetery and related to the Simon Heath family of Richmond. It was thought that maybe it read "Elizabeth" but was broken off at "Eliza".

Donations Received

Thank you for your support!

General Fund:

- Rich and Barb Platz
- David and Susan Foster
- Dan and Karen Gibson
- Richmond Lions Club
- Amazon Smile

Richmond Historic Barn Project:

- Carol Lippman
- Jon Moore
- Max and Sandy Luenser
- Tom and Christine Hebel
- Dennis and Shirley Bolen
- Fran Plagens
- Martin and Louise Borkowski
- Richmond Sportsman's Club
- Jim and Rose Weeks

Bricks Purchased

Garden Grove Estate: in memory of Darryl Adamske
Jeanne Treend: in memory of Dick Foster
RAHGS: in memory of Dick Huvaere
RAHGS: in memory of Edwin Holmberg, Jr

In Memoriam



Edwin Holmberg, Jr

April 30, 1925—February 1, 2017. The Society is saddened by the death of Ed Holmberg. We could always depend on Ed to serve as a cheerful and helpful docent in the schoolhouse, and for many years he said a thoughtful blessing at the annual dinner meetings.

For his full obituary visit the Rewalt- Peshek Funeral Home website.



Richard "Dick" Huvaere

February 17, 2017, age 72 died in Florida after a decade long fight with pulmonary fibrosis. Dick and his team grew his small dealership into one of the five largest dealership businesses in the nation, which became the foundation and inspiration for other business with strong community and charity engagements. Funeral arrangements are pending.

The VILLAGE GARDENER

Marsha Phillips

“The World is very old, but every Spring, it groweth young again and Gardener’s sing”!

I have this saying on a slate plaque given to me by my best friend! She knows me well. I have been singing all week because of the beautiful weather that we have had. How tempting it was to go out in the yard and start spring clean up, but it is too early to do much of anything yet.

I did my flower walk around the Village gardens this past Thursday. I was very excited to see the bulbs coming up. The scilla are popping up by the boxwood between the museum and school. The daffodils are up in front of the school. In front of the train depot, the crocus are popping up. I do not see the tulips yet that were planted in front of the flag pole, but I found one tulip bulb dug up by squirrels! UGH!

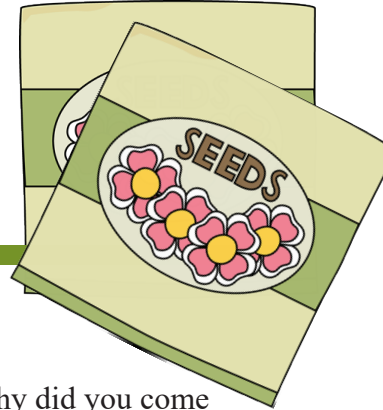
I am excited about the planting season coming up. I am getting ready to start some seeds for our Village flower beds. We have our seeds, that were harvested in the fall from the Village, for sale again this year.

We are offering:	Cleome (Spider Flower)	Cosmos
	Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)	Tall Snapdragons
	Hollyhocks	Columbine (Aquilegia, a perennial)

We are selling the seed packs for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. It is just a little fundraiser to help offset gardening expenses. I would love to mail these to any of you who would like some. Please contact RAHGS or myself and let us know if you would like to purchase any.

March is the perfect time to start your seeds!

Marsha
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My Oh My, WHY?

That question was posed by Vice President Mary Ellen at the Annual Meeting in January. Why did you come to the dinner tonight? Here’s what you said: (some tongue in cheek; some quite serious:

I am looking for a good woman.

I didn’t have to cook.

I wanted an update on the progress of the bordello. (answer: there will not be one)

I love the gardens.

Tom Hebel forced me.

Jean Waterloo gave me a ride.

Kasey told me to.

See the video about what happened all year.

Good friends and good food.

Because those who fail to study history and bound to repeat it.

The Historical Society is awesome!

Overwhelmingly, people responded with sentiments of loving Richmond, supporting RAHGS, a love for history and learning about the progress of the Society and the history of Richmond.

How proud we can all be of Richmond and all the great things that are happening at the Village!



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.



**RICHMOND AREA HISTORICAL
AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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.

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