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The Wave

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Join Us for Our “Four Weeks of Famous Families” Lecture Series

How much do you really know about the settlers of Hamburg Township? Can you name the first five to purchase land here? Or explain the impact of the Grisson brothers who – besides suggesting the name of the township – also had a hand in local government, business, and agriculture? What about the family that’s responsible for the most connections (through marriage) in the area? And, though you may have heard about Governor Edwin Winans, what do you know about the careers of his children? Well, all of these questions and more will be answered throughout the month of August in a new lecture series called “Four Weeks of Famous Families.”

The first talk, focused on the Grissons, will be a Zoom presentation because the speaker – scholar Leon Ruterbories – lives in Germany. The next three lectures will all be live at the museum and will focus on the DeWolfs, the Halls, and the Winans.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Please join us for this unique educational event!



James DeWolf (behind the wagon’s right wheel) took his job seriously. As road commissioner for the township, he used his own team to improve the road that became M-36. James was the grandson of settler Jason DeWolf.

DIVE INTO YOUR HISTORY

THANK YOU TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND CINDY MICHNIEWICZ!

Last month, the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees concluded two-and-half years of providing operational support to the Historical Society. Noted society president Karl Bangert, "That support enabled us to hire a temporary museum administrator, develop a strategic plan, begin to modernize our exhibits, and expand our educational efforts. We're so grateful to Pat Hohl and the entire board for believing in us and embracing our dream of making the museum a critical cultural resource that the whole area can enjoy."

Special thanks to our township liaison, Cindy Michniewicz, who supported us in all areas of operation – even baking cookies for the teas!

HELP US PRESERVE AND PRESENT THE HISTORY OF HAMBURG. JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

WHAT'S NEW?

- A member of the family who owned the Hamburg Hotel named **Janet Rae recently donated a nine-patch quilt sewn by her grandmother Bertha Winkelhaus** to our collection. Janet says, "It was pieced together by her when she was a member of the sewing circle at [St. Stephen's] Episcopal Church... and I finished it off with wadding, a backing, and hand quilting." The quilt will be on temporary display at the museum starting in September.



Day camp director Heather Harrison engages children in a Native-American memory game.

- We had a wonderful time hosting a group of 7- to 9-year-olds at the museum for a July history day camp exploring the lives of 19th-century children. If you have teaching experience and would like to **join our education committee to help plan a full slate** of such activities for 2023, call the museum at 810-986-0190.

WHAT'S NEW CONTINUED

- The historical society is talking with John Yost, director of Flyer Paranormal, about **organizing another investigation of paranormal activity in late October**. Watch for more news in future issues of this newsletter.

WHAT'S COMING?

AUGUST 10
FREE TALK on "The Grisson Family"
by Leon Ruterbories
6 pm on Zoom

AUGUST 17
FREE TALK on "The DeWolf Family"
by Vicky Terry
7 pm at the museum

AUGUST 24
FREE TALK on "The Winans Family"
by Valerie Winans
7 pm at the museum

AUGUST 31
FREE TALK on "The Hall Family"
by Teresa Tegels
7 pm at the museum

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