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Newsletter of the Hamburg Township Historical Society—Feb 2026



**SECOND ANNUAL
PIECE IT TOGETHER PUZZLE CONTEST**

FEBRUARY 21, 12:00 – 2:00

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP MUSEUM

- Two person teams
- History theme puzzle
- Cool prizes for winners
- Fun time only \$10.00 per person
- Easy registration: email hthsandmuseum@gmail.com. Include player names and a phone/text contact number. You will receive an email confirmation promptly. Seating is limited ~ sign up soon!

MUSEUM HOURS

Saturdays

10:00am—2:00pm

Tours or research by appointment.

Email:

hthsandmuseum@gmail.com

Leave your name, phone, and a brief description of your request. A museum representative will respond promptly.

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Some of last year's fun!

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Hamburg Historical Museum

FEBRUARY IS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

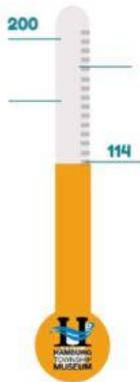
Celebrating the legacy of African American civil rights pioneers and leaders in industry, politics, science and culture.

Ready, Set, Grow—Join the Fun!

We've set our sights on 200 members for 2026, and we're inviting you to be part of the adventure! Already a member? High five! Now, challenge your friends to join the crew.

Not a member yet? There's never been a better time to jump in! Let's make history together, one new member at a time. Who will you bring along?

MEMBER THERMOMETER



- **Easy and affordable to join**
- **Fun to belong**
- **Great Benefits for all levels of membership**

Join at

hamburgmuseum.org



The Knitting Corner

Students from Livingston Classical Academy are diving into the art of knitting with enthusiasm! Guided by our talented knitting team, Pat Corr, Denise Emery, and Barb Nettleton, these young makers are mastering the basics one stitch at a time. Their first project – a cozy starter scarf – is already taking shape, but the excitement doesn't stop there. With creativity buzzing students are already dreaming up what they'll craft next. It's wonderful to see such energy, curiosity and hands-on learning in action.



EARLY HAMBURG BUSINESSES

The Hamburg Dairy, established by the Bennett family in their homestead on Hamburg Road (once called Main Street) was a major supplier of dairy goods to the region. Bottles from the dairy, shown at the left, were considered some of the most decorative in Michigan. See these historic treasures, generously loaned by Jim Bennett and Marti DeWolf, in the Domestics Exhibit room at the museum.

"My parents started the dairy operation from our home. I remember having to get up very early to start the milking."

Mary Jane (Bennett) Bowers

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Advanced Water Systems

<https://awtworks.com/>

Alan's Asphalt

<https://alansasphalt.com/>

Bank of Ann Arbor

<https://www.bankofannarbor.com/>

Boomers Party Store

<https://www.grubhub.com/>

Captain Scotty's Boat Tours

<https://chainoflakesboattours.com/>

Carpet Depot

<https://www.carpetdepot.bz/>

COSTCO

<https://www.costco.com/>

Creature Control

<https://www.creaturecontrol.com/>

Dairy Queen

dairyqueen.com

Hamburg Coney Island

<https://hamburgconey.restaurants.world.com>

Hamburg Pub

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Hamburg-Pub>

Hamburg Township Library

<https://www.hamburglibrary.org/>

Kroger

<https://www.kroger.com/stores/grocery/mi/pinckn>

Lakeland Golf and Country

Club <https://www.lakelandsgolf.com/>

Livingston Eye Care

<https://www.livingstoneyecare.com/>

Peters True Value Hardware

<https://hamburg.shoptruevalue.com/>

Stacy Hewitt, Realtor

<https://stacyhewittpinkagent.com/>

Todd's Landscaping

<https://www.toddsservices.com/>

Wild Indoors Pet

Suppliethewildindoorspetsupplies.net

Zukey Lake Tavern

<http://www.zukeylaketavern.com/>



FEBRUARY – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

11—7:00pm—Annual Meeting
Hamburg Museum (alternatively, pending weather, a Zoom link will be shared)

21– 12:00pm–2:00pm

Piece it Together Puzzle Contest – see page 1
This was so popular last year, we are bringing it back!

MARCH

28 – 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt and Craft
Fun, neighborhood hunt. No lines or big crowds.
Free on-site parking.

Keep watching for details...

- May – Mother’s Day Tea**
- May – Memorial Day Parade**
- July – America250**
- July – REVOLUTIONARY Rummage Sale**

Conversation hearts can trace their origins back to the 1840s, when a Boston pharmacist, Oliver Chase, invented a machine to more easily produce medicinal lozenges



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

February 14

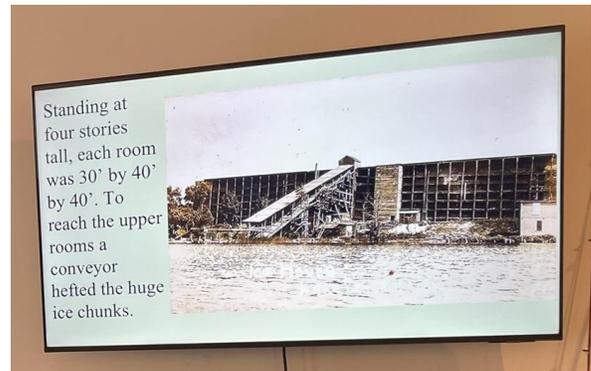
FEBRUARY EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHT

THE ICE INDUSTRY

Break out of house during this freezing time and visit the museum to learn about the positive side of ice. There was a point in time when ice meant seasonal employment and a bit of excitement!

“When Charley would yell “Ice!” his echo would resound as if the very angels of Heaven had made their first Christmas announcement.”
So Melts The Ice, Billie Swarthout, 1979, Page 13

This display is a visitor favorite and now the story is shown on new exhibit screens. Examples of tools used will make it feel real as you enjoy an array of photos from the archives. Step back in time to when this vibrant and necessary industry was thriving only to melt away with the introduction of refrigeration.



The Ice Industry exhibit is currently sponsored by Zukey Lake Tavern

During your visit you can also learn about Wilhemena Swarthout author of *So Melts The Ice*, the fascinating account of the annual colony of people that were employed during the harvest period. Then take a quick walk across the gallery to the train room and see a replica of the icehouse.

A fun adventure for a chilly day!