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TOWNSHIP  
MUSEUM**



# The Wave

*Newsletter of the Hamburg Township Historical Society  
December 2024 - Exciting Events on Every Page*



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**THE MOST  
WONDERFUL TIME  
OF THE YEAR!!**

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**Hamburg  
Township Museum**

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[hamburgmuseum.org](http://hamburgmuseum.org)

## **MUSEUM HOURS**

**Saturdays**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**closed Dec. 21 & 28**

To schedule tours or for help with other questions or research, please email or call and a museum representative will respond.

*Make History This Holiday!*

*Wishing you and your family*

*love, peace, and joy!*



*Carrie Schulz, President*

*Alice Winkelman, Vice President*

*Della Copp, Secretary*

*Denise Emery, Treasurer*

*Pat Corr, Membership*

**Board of Directors**



# COOKIES AND CRAFTS

Saturday, December 7 | 10 am -2 pm | Drop In Any Time!



- ◆ Live Action Story Telling
- ◆ Craft Making for Kids and Adults
- ◆ Vintage Toys and Working Train Model
- ◆ Gift Shop with Exclusive “Handmade in Hamburg” items
- ◆ Gourmet hot cocoa bar and a multitude of delicious cookies just like grandma used to make.



And, of course, Santa in person! Take all the pictures you wish!

Registration deadline December 5

\$8 per family

- Easily register and pay online, use the QR code below. You may also call or email with your name and number attending (payment at the door)
- (810)986-0190
- [hthsandmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:hthsandmuseum@gmail.com)



Cookies and Crafts

## KNIT IT, LOVE IT, SHOW IT OFF!

All Newbie and Novice

Knitters: You can knit a snuggly scarf you'll love (just like this pup loves his!) with steps you'll learn in this quick, hands-on workshop.



Coaches Denise and Pat will show first-time knitters how to get started and those who have practiced a bit, how to how to move forward..

**Age:** 10-adult (**NOTE:** Minors must check in with a parent who will need to complete & sign a permission slip allowing the student to participate.) Parents may stay during the session.

**Date:** Saturday, December 28, 2024

**Time:** 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Maximum class size:** 10 participants

**What To Bring:** one 16" or 24" / size 9 circular knitting needle

Yarn is available at no additional cost. However, if you have a very specific color in mind or need special ve-gan or non-allergenic yarn, please bring it with you.

Novices, if you have a project in process, please feel free to bring it.

**Cost:** FREE to members, \$10 for non-members

**Pre-registration** is necessary. Sign up by phone at 810-986-0190 OR via email: [hthsandmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:hthsandmuseum@gmail.com)

Registration will be confirmed by email. Please provide the following details:

Name(s), Student Age (if a minor), phone, email for confirmation.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 26**



## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP IS A GIFT

*A gift to you, or to give, and to your community*

If you are already a member, **THANK YOU** for being part of the team, for keeping history alive in Hamburg. **Renew now. Right now.** Get it off your to-do list. The coming year promises more surprise events that you will want to join.

If you are joining for the first time, we are thrilled to add you to the roster and hope to see you soon.

Give yourself, your family, friend or neighbor a gift! Join the Hamburg Township Historical Society and Museum and enjoy a year of learning exhibits, programs and events. Be a community supporter.

Whether you are joining, renewing, or gifting, use the online option or the form shown below. Your membership cards should arrive within ten business days. If you have any questions, email [hthsandmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:hthsandmuseum@gmail.com).

**You will receive a prompt response.**

**Welcome November new members. We hope to see you often!!**



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\* \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES:** \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Business \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$300.00 (one lifetime payment) \_\_\_\_\_ This is a Gift

Please initial here if you would like automatic renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Free and delivered monthly via email.

Online Membership registration at: <https://hamburgmuseum.org/support/> or make your check payable to the Hamburg Township Historical Society. Mail it with this form to P.O. Box 272, Hamburg, MI 48139



Seeking Board of Director Candidates - Apply Today! Do you have a passion for local history and a desire to make a difference in your

community? If so, the Hamburg Township Historical Society invites you to apply for a seat on its board of directors. Terms to begin in February 2025. If you would like to be considered, complete the online application form no later than December 20, 2024.

<https://hamburgmuseum.org/about/>. Use the apply link in the Board of Directors section.



### ANNUAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 12, 2025 7:00 PM**

**AT THE MUSEUM: 7225 Stone Street,**

**Hamburg, MI**

- ◆ **What's ahead for 2025**
- ◆ **Meet the Board of Directors**
- ◆ **Offer Suggestions**

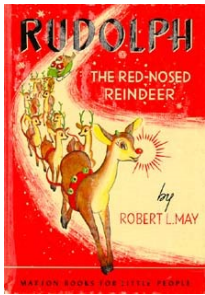




**RUDOLPH** ~ our mascot for this issue ~ has a very **GLOWING** history.

**Rudolph** is a fictional reindeer created by Robert L. May. Rudolph is usually depicted as the ninth and youngest of Santa

Claus's reindeer, using his luminous red nose to lead the reindeer team and guide Santa's sleigh on. Though he initially receives ridicule for his nose as a fawn, the brightness of his nose is so powerful that it illuminates



the team's path through harsh winter weather. Ronald D. Lankford, Jr., described Rudolph's story as "the fantasy story made to order for American children: each child has the need to express and receive approval for his or her individuality and/or special qualities. Rudolph's story embodies the American Dream for the child, writ large because of the cultural significance of Christmas."

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## HISTORY HUB



### A NEW OPPORTUNITY: EXHIBIT SPONSORSHIP

Many of the museum exhibits have special significance for area residents because they or a family member are related to the historical display by heritage, topic interest, or a special feeling for a particular artifact.

One-year sponsorships are now available at \$150 to you or a group in honor of another person, historic community member, or in support of the museum. A sign will be placed at the display recognizing the sponsorship as well as newsletter acknowledgment.



**Lisa Plamondon (right), descendant of past Michigan Governor Edwin B. Winans, is the 2024-2025 sponsor of the Winans exhibit.**

Please email [hthsandmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:hthsandmuseum@gmail.com) to express your interest in sponsoring an exhibit. A Board member will contact you regarding exhibit options or to arrange a visit.

## THE POLAR EXPRESS

### DID YOU KNOW???

The book is set partially in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the author's home town, and was inspired in part by Van Allsburg's memories of visiting the Herpolsheimer's and Wurzburg's department stores as a child.<sup>1</sup> It was adapted as an Oscar-nominated motion-capture film in 2004 starring Tom Hanks and directed by Robert Zemeckis. Van Allsburg served as an executive producer on the film. There is

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one real-life engine that inspired the look and sounds of the train in the 2004 film *The Polar Express*: the Pere Marquette 1225. The 1225 is a 400-ton steam locomotive that's owned and operated by the [Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso, Michigan](http://www.steamrailroadinginstitute.com). It's one of the biggest operating steam locomotives in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Wikipedia contributors. (2024, November 15). The Polar Express. In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved 21:05, December 2, 2024, from [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=The\\_Polar](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=The_Polar)