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**VISITING HOURS**

11 am-3 pm  
Weds. & Sats.

**ADMISSION**

\$2 adults, \$1 children  
18 and younger,  
members free

# The Wave

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## Visit GoFundMe Today to Help Create a Learning Center at the Museum!

As you know, the mission of the Hamburg Township Historical Society is to preserve and present the township's history in ways that foster learning. And for years, we met that mission through exhibits and guided tours for adults and schoolchildren. Then the pandemic struck, and we had to shut the museum down. Since 2021, we've been fully open, but haven't had much success drawing school groups back in.

After taking a hard look at what we offer, we decided that our educational approach needed updating. And that concern was confirmed when a local history teacher asked if he could bring students to the museum to enhance their lesson on the 1803 Lewis and Clark expedition. It quickly became clear that a simple tour of exhibits that cover township history (focused on settlement in 1831 and forward) wasn't going to meet this teacher's need.

With some creative planning, we were able to squeeze 45 people into our former tearoom (though the tea tables only seat about 30!) and deliver a presentation with only a single graphic to share: a map of the US pinned to a corkboard and showing the country's boundaries as they existed in 1803 and in 1831.

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DIVE INTO YOUR HISTORY

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The teacher seemed pleased, but it was clear that – if we want to host education programs for children and adults – we need to make some changes. Those changes boil down to three things: a dedicated space, modern presentation technology, and furniture to seat 40 to 50 people.

We're taking steps to fully convert the tearoom for this new use. But to purchase the technology and furniture, we need your help.

We've set up a donation campaign page with GoFundMe, detailing the items we hope to buy and their costs. Any donation you make can help, and the more people who know about this campaign the more money we'll raise. So please share the following URL with your friends, family, and coworkers. And thanks in advance for your support!

<https://gofund.me/c976af53>

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

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Coming soon in the mail is our annual membership appeal inviting you to renew or upgrade for 2023.

In 2022, we used the funds that many of you provided to launch two exhibits; to host talks on first families; and to introduce an 1830s history day camp. We also provided new member benefits, including the rummage sale preview in July as well as free admission to last month's talk on the 2018 meteorites.

If you're ready to rejoin, you can do so in one of three ways: 1) **Visit [hamburgmuseum.org/membership](http://hamburgmuseum.org/membership) to make a credit card payment,** 2) Fill out and send the payment coupon below with a check to the Historical Society at P.O. Box 272, Hamburg, MI 48139, or 3) Stop by the museum (at 7225 Stone St., Hamburg) with a check or cash and your coupon.

**Are you a lapsed member? Or are you interested in joining for the first time? Follow the directions in the above paragraph to get involved today!**

## WHAT'S COMING?

FEBRUARY 4

**GoFundMe Campaign Begins**

Search under *Hamburg Township Historical Society*

## WHO'S NEW?

The Historical Society board has welcomed a new member! Della Copp is a seven-year resident of this area and an experienced business professional specializing in marketing, events, and fundraising. As she explained in her interview, "I want to become involved in the community I live in [and] I believe my skills can be an asset to help support and grow the initiatives the board sets forth."



*Della Copp joined the historical society board at its January meeting.*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### ANNUAL DUES

Individual \$20.00     Dual \$25.00     Family \$30.00

Business \$50.00     Life \$300.00 (one lifetime payment)

\*ADD \$12 to receive paper newsletters via USPS; email copies are free.

Please make your check payable to the Hamburg Township Historical Society. Mail it with this form to P.O. Box 272, Hamburg, MI 48139 or drop it off at the museum at 7225 Stone Street during visiting hours.