



# Spirit of Salem

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“Keeping the Past Alive for Tomorrow”

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## SAHS EVENTS

**SUNDAY, Dec 7th -- 1:00 PM**

-- Annual Christmas Party  
at Marcia & Woody's Home

**SATURDAY, Jan 3rd -- 7:05 PM**

-- Plymouth Whaler Hockey  
at Compuware Arena

**WEDNESDAY, Jan 28th -- 7:30 PM**

-- Electricity into Rural Areas  
at Salem Township Hall

**SATURDAY, Feb 14th -- 6:00 PM**

-- Annual Dinner/Auction  
at Fox Hills Club House

**WEDNESDAY, March 25th -- 6:00 PM**

-- Annual Election/Dinner  
at Salem Township Hall

This month, SAHS will hold its annual Christmas Party at Marcia and Woody's Home from 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, December 7. All members are welcome. Please bring a dish or seasonal treat to share. In addition to socializing and celebrating the season, you will have the opportunity to renew your SAHS membership, buy tickets to the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game (\$11 – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>) and buy tickets for the SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction (\$30 person – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>).

On Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, SAHS will be attending the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game (7:05 PM) at Compuware Arena on Beck Road just north of M-14. Tickets are \$11 per person and there is a ticket request form on Page 6. You are encouraged to attend and bring your friends. SAHS will be running the Chuck-A-Puck event during this game. All proceeds will go to our general fund.

On Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, SAHS will be hosting its Annual Dinner / Auction at the Fox Hills Golf Club House at 6 PM. This is our biggest fund raiser. Tickets are \$30 per person and there is a ticket request form on Page 6. All are welcome to join us and celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Bring a group.

## Message from the SAHS President

SAHS has held five events since the last *Spirit of Salem*. See Page 2 for details of these events. The SAHS Board thanks all those members who organized and helped with our first Country Antique Fair and Flea Market, especially Sue DiMilia, Marcia Van Fossen and Pat Hatala. It was such a success event despite the cold temperatures that we will schedule it again in 2009, but move it to September.

This issue of the *Spirit of Salem* contains the fourth article in a series of articles, Cartography. The series gives you information about our past through the maps of the past with one map in each issue. This is the fourth map in the series on the State of Michigan. See Pages 3 and 4.

Our SAHS membership for 2008 stands at 62 memberships (Individual, Family, Seniors and Lifetime). We would like of all our non-Lifetime members to renew for 2009 and recruit more members. If we all tried to recruit one new member and only 20% of us succeeded, we would have 75 members. Please see our membership renewal forms on Page 6. Use it to renew via mail or at one of our upcoming events.

The SAHS Board has decided to renovate the front room of the Jarvis-Stone School. The plan is to re-roof, gut the interior, build new interior walls, lay a new floor, install a restroom, and add storage and counter space. With that decided, we applied for two grants to assist in covering the expenses. See the article on the school on Page 5 for an update. If you would like to assist, please contact me.

Hope to see you at all of the upcoming Salem Area Historical Society Events. May God bless you and your families during the upcoming Holyday Season.

Terry Cwik

## Recap of Recent SAHS Events Annual Barn Dance

Salem Area Historical Society held its annual Barn Dance at the Three Cedars Farm with music and calling by The



Picks 'N' Sticks on September 19<sup>th</sup>. A crowd of over 180 attended and danced to the music which was non-stop for over 3 1/2 hours! The

crowd spanned and included all ages from 5 to the 80's including many pre-teens and teens. The dancing

instructions, which were mixed in with the music and dance calling, increased the dance skill level and enjoyment for all. Picks 'N' Sticks never



took a break and played an extra 45 minutes because everyone was having so much fun.



SAHS extends a special THANK YOU to Gary Whittaker and his staff at Three Cedars Farm for generously donating their

facility and time for the use of the Barn Dance. Their barn is an excellent venue for our event. An additional THANK YOU goes to Picks 'N' Sticks and Sherry Humecky for their great play, delightful attitude and generous donation that made this event possible, enjoyable, fun and financially successful.

## October Meeting

Our monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, featured a presentation by Michelle Bononi, entitled "**Restoration of Old Gravestones**". The twenty attendees learned about the restoration process and enjoyed many photos of historic cemeteries including those in Salem.

## Country Antique Fair and Flea Market

Thank you to everyone who helped us set up and run our first Salem Area Historical Society's Country Antique Fair and Flea



Market. This includes our crafters/vendors and our customers for supporting us through selling, buying, attending, donating, etc. It

was a successful fundraiser for the SAHS's Jarvis-Stone School and Dickerson Barn projects. It was held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jarvis-Stone School. It

featured a lecture on antiques by Bruce McKenzie with antique appraisals following the lecture. We had over twenty Craft & Flea



Market Tables from local vendors with a wide array of goods. Food, drinks and bake goods were available for

purchase. Despite the cool to cold temperatures all those involved enjoyed the event and recommended that we hold it again in 2009. Everything went so

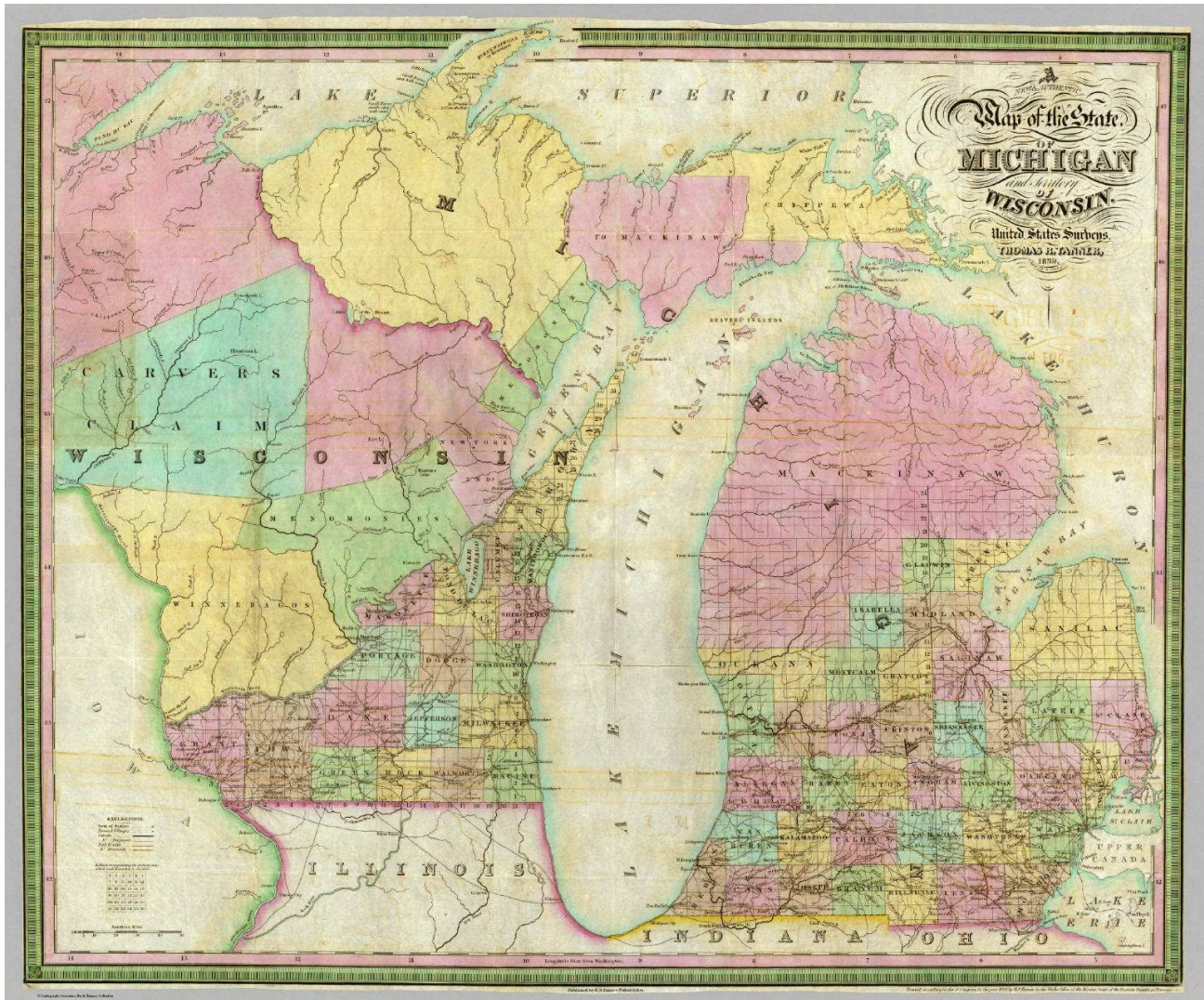


smoothly that one would be lead to believe that Sue DiMilia, Marcia Van Fossen and Pat Hatala are professional event organizers.

## Flu Immunization Clinic

SAHS once again hosted a Flu Immunization Clinic at the Jarvis-Stone School. It was administrated by the Washtenaw County Public Health Department on November 6th. The nurses administrated Flu shots to about two dozen attendees.

**CARTOGRAPHY** - car · tog · ra · phy [kahr-tog-ruh-fee] -noun the production of maps, including construction of projections, design, compilation, drafting, and reproduction.  
**Fourth in the State of Michigan Series**



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**Date:** 1839

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**Publisher:** Pennsylvania: H.S. Tanner

**Type:** Pocket Map

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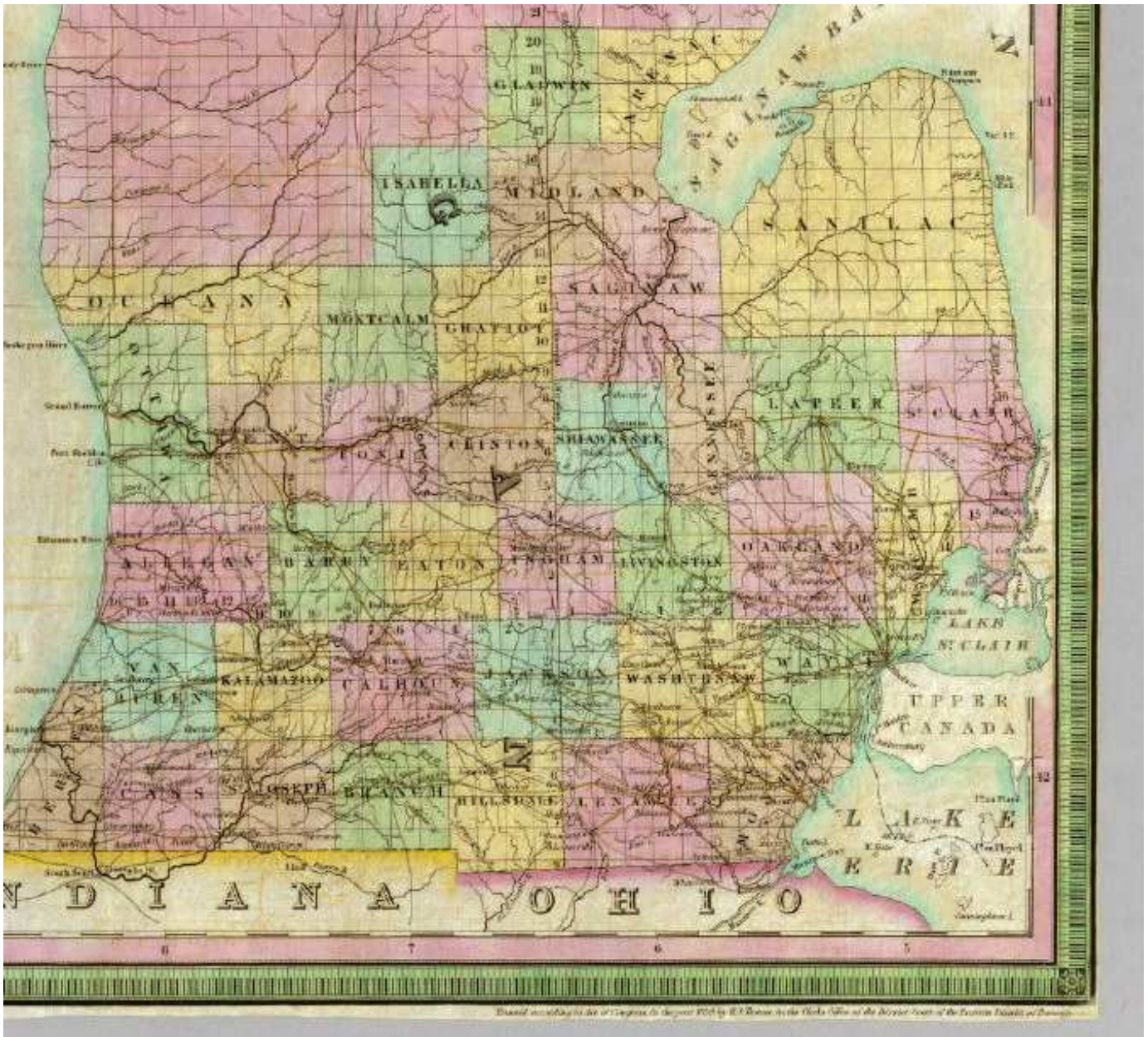
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**Pub Note:** This is the only known state of this map. It was issued as a separate map and also in "A New American Atlas, by Henry S. Tanner," (1839). In full color showing townships with canals in blue, railroads in red, and proposed railways in yellow. It is a pocket map but is lacking its covers.

**Cwik's Note:** This map was published fourteen years after the first land sale in Salem and two years after Michigan became a state. The shape of Lakes Michigan and Huron is close to the shape that we know today. The compromise that settled the "Michigan-Ohio" war is shown. See the Southern border of Michigan where Toledo is now part of Ohio and the fact that the Upper Peninsula is now part of the State of Michigan. Changes since the 1835 map are: 1.) Washtenaw County has become smaller and is as we know it today 2.) the 3 southern rows of counties are as we know them today, 3.) More counties were added to cover the entire Lower Peninsula and 4.) The County of Mackinaw spanned both peninsulas, 5.) The County of Menomoniens spans into the Territory of Wisconsin and 6.) The western portion of the Upper Peninsula does not yet have a county government.



**Enlarged Portion of the 1839 Thomas Tanner Map**

**Sympathies of the Salem Area Historical Society are extended to the family of Olive Conant**

Olive Anne Conant, age 95, passed away on September 28 after suffering a stroke in late August. She was born on March 16, 1913 in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1930, her family relocated from Mankato to Michigan to find work at the beginning of the Great Depression. She married Herbert Eugene Conant of Denton, Michigan on June 25, 1940.



In 1942, she and Herbert moved their State historic (1833) John Wesley Conant house to its present location on Napier Road near Plymouth, Michigan because its original location was appropriated for the Willow Run Bomber Plant to help in the World War II effort. Recently the entire farm was granted a Conservation Easement and was approved as a Washtenaw County historic site.

Olive and Herbert raised their family on the farm. They raised chickens for eggs, vegetables, and baking goods for sale at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market for many years. Olive served as part time Market Master there with Herbert in the early 1970s. She was active in the Salem Area Historical Society, Ypsilanti Seniors, Michigan Botanical Club and Michigan Herb Society, 4-H and the St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth for many years.

## Dickerson Barn Update

In October, Billy Kruse put together an effort to install the drain around the barn. With help from Doug DiPonio and Gilbert Terry, the task was accomplished over the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the drain, they completed the routing of the electrical line to the barn and the shaping of the land around the barn. It was a job well done and our thanks go to all involved and especially to Billy for leading this effort.

Also in October, SAHS contracted with McCauley and Sons to paint the Dickerson Barn a beautiful Barn Red. The paint, a quality Sherwin-Williams product, was donated by Sue Bejin and Mike Geary. They sprayed and rolled the entire exterior in time to have it complete for our first Country Antique Fair and Flea Market event.



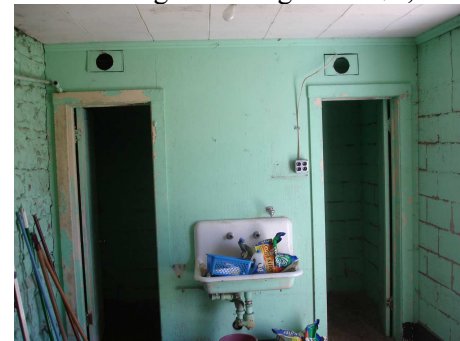
Once again, Scout Troop #743 held a community service event at the SAHS site. This time, they worked in the Dickerson Barn on November 15<sup>th</sup>. They cleaned the crawl space below the floor, rearranged and laid the floor boards, sorted and stacked the extra floor boards and moved the “original Windy Acres” exterior sign siding to the loft. Thank you to the troop and the SAHS members that helped. SAHS still needs to raise the last of the funds to complete this project.



We are still short of funds to complete the windows, fence and the landscaping. We still need about \$3,000.

## Jarvis-Stone School Update

In September, SAHS wrote and submitted two grant applications regarding the Renovation Project for the Front Room of the Jarvis-Stone School. The project to renovate this 1941 addition was divided into three phases with the goal of turning this area into a usable Restroom and an Entry Room with storage cabinets and countertops. A grant request for Phase I (\$2,978) was submitted to the Detroit Red Wings Foundation. They have not yet made their grant decisions. The second request to cover Phase II (\$2,174) was submitted to the Community Foundation of Plymouth through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. Following an interview process, SAHS was informed that our request was granted and that the Community Foundation of Plymouth will be awarding SAHS a grant of \$2,174.



This Renovation Project will begin this winter and is targeted for completion in the first half of 2009. If you would like to participate on this project or make a donation to support it, please contact Terry Cwik at 248-486-0669.

## SAHS Hockey Night

on SATURDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup> -- 7:05 PM  
at Compuware Arena (Plymouth Whalers)

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at Fox Hills Club House

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SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2010. Consider becoming a SAHS Lifetime Member. Your Lifetime Membership will help bring stability to our organization. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible.

You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society.

You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this form to your family and friends. Additional forms can also be printed from our Website:

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**Membership Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Since** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

\$10 per Senior \_\_\_ \$15 per Individual \_\_\_

\$25 per Family \_\_\_

\$50 per Business/Organization \_\_\_ and

\$300 Lifetime Membership per Couple \_\_\_

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