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SAHS EVENTS

FRIDAY, Sept. 9th -- 7:00-10:00 PM

-- Annual Barn Dance

at Three Cedars Farm

Admission - \$3 per SAHS Member

\$5 per non-SAHS Member

Major Sponsors:

Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar

All-American Storage

The Store

Sherry & Gary Whittaker

SATURDAY, Sept. 17th -- 10 AM - 4 PM

-- 4th Annual Country Fair & Flea Market

at Jarvis Stone School

WEDNESDAY, October 26th -- 7:30 PM

--- Membership Meeting

At Jarvis Stone School

Presentation by Susan Nenadic entitled

"Seeing the Elephant: Female Soldiers and Spies in the Civil War".

Additionally, I would like to publicly thank Mike Brautigan for his 8 years of service as the SAHS Treasurer. Mike "volunteered" to replace Jerry Skelly in 2003 and held the position through the years which included our Dickerson Barn Raising. These were years of intense fundraising and lots of expense items. THANK YOU, Mike.

I, also, thank Gilbert Terry for his service during the last three years on the SAHS Board as its Member At-Large. Gilbert has been the leader and driving force on the raising of the Dickerson Barn. Without his guidance and effort, the Dickerson Barn could still be in storage instead of standing on our lot. If you ever want to know anything about the history of Salem, I recommend that you first talk to Gilbert for he is the most knowledgeable person on Salem History that I know. THANK YOU, Gilbert.

Ultra Unlimited Services (248-347-0399) has now completed over a year as the volunteer to maintain the grounds around the Jarvis Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. Sharon Bell and her team have done a great job.

Of the upcoming events, I hope you can attend many if not all of them. These are described on Page 5. Once again, we have been blessed to have Sherry & Gary Whittaker donate the use of the Three Cedars Farm for our Annual Barn Dance. Also, I encourage you to support our Major Sponsors of the Barn Dance. Please make every effort to attend the 4th Annual Country Fair & Flea Market and support this fund raiser by buying some of the items that are being sold.

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer to help the SAHS. Please see those on Pages 2, 4 and 5. It is the efforts of the membership that make our society successful. So, please consider volunteering and joining in on the fun!

Our 2010 Annual SAHS Memberships ended on March 31, 2011. Please see our membership list and renewal form on Page 6. Use it to renew or to recruit new members.

Terry Cwik

Message from the SAHS President

SAHS has held four events since the last *Spirit of Salem*. Read a summary of these events on Page 3. These were: Annual Election and Pot-Luck Dinner in March, April's General Membership Meeting, May's General Membership Meeting and the SAHS Participation in the Annual Salem Flag Day Parade.

The March SAHS Election resulted in two new SAHS Board Members. The membership is lucky to have these new Board Members volunteer and accept the responsibilities and duties that accompany these offices. I, personally, thank Sue DiMilia, the new SAHS Treasurer, and Helen Gierman, the new Member At-Large, and welcome them to the SAHS Board of Officers.

SAHS Country Fair & Flea Market

Hear Ye, Hear ye, save the date. On Saturday, **September 17th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's 4th Annual Country Fair and Flea Market will be held on the grounds of the Jarvis-Stone School at North Territorial and Curtis Roads from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will feature craft & flea market tables that will have lots of unique items and bargains plus an opportunity for doing one's early Christmas shopping. In addition there will be food and drinks as well as baked goods (from our bake sale) available to purchase during the day. Several special baskets and other items will be raffled off. People do not need to be present to win these items. Just come, enjoy and be a part of the festivities.

Country Fair Vendors

The SAHS is looking for antique dealers, crafters and flea market dealers for this event. Ten ft. x ten ft. spaces are available for \$25.00 or 2 spaces for \$35; SAHS members receive an additional \$5 off these prices. Tables and canopies/tents are NOT included. Space is limited. For reservations, please call Pat Hatala, 248-486-5515 or email Sue DiMilia at sdimilia@charter.net, or Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com. Applications are due no later than Sept. 1. Other information and application forms may be found on the SAHS website, www.sahshistory.org. Scroll down the left column of the website. There is a link to the application ("Country Fair Reservation Form") at the end of the article on the SAHS Annual Country Fair.

Country Fair Volunteers

Your help is needed for this event. Volunteers are needed before the event for site preparation and clean-up. Workers are also needed on the day of the event to help with set up, directing traffic, selling raffle tickets and clean up. Contact Marcia Van Fossen, vanfosse62@aol.com or 248-437-6651 to volunteer.

Country Fair Bake Sale

SAHS will be selling baked goods, cakes, pies, cookies, etc. **BAKED GOODS NEEDED!** Baked goods can be, but are not limited to:

Pies (whole)	Brownies (individual or several packed together)
Cakes (whole)	Cookies (suggest 6 per package)
Cupcakes (individual or in multiples)	Muffins, sweet rolls, candy
Breads (whole or individual pieces)	

Store bought items are also acceptable. All items must have ingredients listed on them. If you are using boxed items just cut the label off and attach. To donate call Jo Ann Heyl (248) 437-0539 or send an email to Ghelmet1@aol.com. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Jarvis Stone school on the 9/17 from 9am to 10am or contact Jo Ann Heyl for other arrangements.

Country Fair Raffle Baskets

Five baskets will be prepared for the Raffle this year. We need your donations to help fill them. We welcome all donations; 1 item or enough to fill a basket. These are the baskets we are filling, with suggestions.

- PASTA BASKET: Spaghetti, sauces, Italian cookies, bread sticks, Store coupon for meat or salad, etc.
- FAMILY NIGHT: Movies or gift card to rent, popcorn, family games, candy, etc.
- WOMEN'S: Jewelry box, hand cream, nail file and polish, book, journal, etc.
- KIDS-BOYS: Need puzzles, small games, craft, cars, trucks, etc.
- KIDS-GIRLS: Jewelry, lotion, nail polish, small purse, note pads, pen, etc.
- For Both: McDonald's or Dairy Queen, miniature golf coupons etc.

Or.....CASH, CASH, CASH! Contact Pat Hatala, 248-486-5515. Please contact Pat by August 20th.

The Committee is looking forward to the Craft and Flea Market. We thank you in advance for your participation to make this event a success.

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

2011 Annual Election/Dinner

The March 23rd SAHS Meeting at the Salem Township Hall was our annual Pot-Luck Dinner and Election. Our election results are:

President	Cwik, Terry
Vice President	Van Fossen, Marcia
Secretary	Hatala, Pat
Treasurer	DiMilia, Sue
Member At-Large	Gieman, Helen

After enjoying the dinner and holding the election, Cayce Kelly gave a presentation about her home, the Currie House, on Currie Road. She also gave SAHS a photo book on the history of the house along with a letter describing life at the home in the early 1900's.

April Meeting

The April 27th SAHS meeting was held at the Jarvis Stone School. After a short business meeting, there was a presentation on the Civil War by John Gibney, who is the Director of Monroe Historical Museums. His presentation was about the 24th Michigan Infantry.



The 24th Michigan Infantry was organized at Detroit into Federal service on August 15, 1862. A part of the famous Iron Brigade in the Army of the Potomac, it was noted for suffering the most casualties of any Union Army regiment in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The 24th Michigan went into action with 496 officers and men. Their total casualties were 363 of which 89 were killed & mortally wounded and otherwise wounded were 218 and captured were 56. The regiment was selected as escort at funeral of President Abraham Lincoln. The regiment was mustered out on June 30, 1865.

May Meeting

On Wednesday, May 25, at the Jarvis Stone School during the SAHS Membership meeting, Chris Ropeta presented his research on his family in Salem Township. His Grandmother was Mary Mager, William Mager's daughter. William was a stone mason who helped build the Old

Stone School at Packard and Eisenhower and he was murdered by his son, Harold. Another branch of his family is the Kingsley family, who had land in Section 7 of Salem Township in 1850

2011 Annual Salem Flag Day Parade

On June 11th, SAHS members participated in the Annual Salem Flag Day Parade. It is small town America at its best. Marcia Van Fossen and Susan Bejin passed out SAHS Handouts will marching behind the SAHS Banner.



Upcoming Events

Brighton Area Historical Society

On 8/27, 9/24 and 10/22 at 11am, Brighton Area Historical Society will take have free guided tours of the Old Village Cemetery. Meet at Gate above Millpond Gazebo in Downtown Brighton.

Museum on Main Street (Ann Arbor)

On weekends thru October 23rd, Washtenaw County Historical Society is offering a Civil War exhibit, *Behind the Lines: Horses, Hardtack, Heartbeats and Heroes*. Admission is free. Donation accepted.

Milford Historical Society 35th Home Tour

On Saturday (9/17) and Sunday (9/18) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Milford Historical Society will be holding its 35th Home Tour. The tour includes five homes, the Log Cabin, the Powerhouse and the MHS Museum. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and are available at the MHS Museum.

Dexter Area Historical Society

On Saturday (8/13) from noon to 3:30 p.m., tours will be held in DAHS's Gordon Hall. Donation is \$5. Pickup the WAVE bus in downtown Dexter.

SAHS – Upcoming Events

SAHS 2011 Barn Dance

on **FRIDAY, September 9th -- 7 to 10 PM** at

Three Cedars Farm

(7897 Six Mile Road, West of Curtis Road)

Admissions of \$5 per person or \$3 per SAHS Member will be accepted at the door and will be used to maintain the Jarvis-Stone School and the Dickerson Barn.

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Additional Sponsors:

Country General Store

Salem Hills Golf Club



“Bow to your partner, bow to the corner....” will be heard often at the Annual SAHS Barn Dance. All are welcome. The Picks ‘N’ Sticks and their Square Dance Caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. Families and groups are encouraged to attend. Cider and donuts will be available.



Barn Dance Volunteers

Barn Dance Volunteers are needed. They are needed to help with set up, admission table, 50/50 and clean up. Contact Marcia Van Fossen (vanfosse62@aol.com or 248-437-6651) or Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com to volunteer.

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This event will feature craft & flea market tables which will have lots of unique items and bargains plus an opportunity for doing one's early Christmas shopping. In addition there will be food and drinks available to purchase during the day. Several special baskets and other items will be raffled off. People do not need to be present to win these items. Just come, enjoy and be a part of the festivities.

SAHS - October Members' Meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society's Members' Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26th at the Jarvis-Stone School. After a short business meeting we will be treated to a presentation by Susan Nenadic entitled "Seeing the Elephant: Female Soldiers and Spies in the Civil War". Admission: Free for SAHS Members and \$2 for non-SAHS Members

Jarvis Stone School Bell

Jim Murray, our most recent SAHS Lifetime member, has donated the Jarvis Stone School bell to the SAHS. This bell was in the roof tower of the school. The SAHS Board is developing plans to display the bell in a separate tower structure next to the school. If you are interested in helping in this effort, please call Terry Cwik (248-486-0669).

Don Riddering Memorial Donations

SAHS has received ten donations totaling \$670 in memory of Don Riddering. The SAHS thanks those donors and Don's family for including the SAHS in their honoring of Don. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to SAHS, PO Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175.

Jarvis Stone School Front Room Renovation Project Update

In January and February of 2011, the drywall was hung by Jim DiMilia, Mike Brautigan, Karl Gierman, Wayne Wallazy and Terry Cwik. In May, Terry completed the electrical installation. The drywalls were taped and mudded by a contractor in May 2011. The walls and ceiling were primed by Ron McGinnis and Terry Cwik in June. The finishing paint was applied by Diane and Terry Cwik in July. The next steps are the installation of the wood flooring by SPK Floors and the installation of the door and window trim by Jim and Terry.

Dickerson Barn Update

More progress was made on the Dickerson Barn Project. Ken Brock and his crew has installed the flashing for the ramps, trimmed the large east and west doors to their finished size and built-up the east and west ramp to their finished height. Next step is the building and installing of the small wood ramps for the transition from the dirt ramp to the barn floor.

Historical Designation

As has been discussed at several SAHS Business Meetings, the SAHS Board has begun the process to acquire a Washtenaw County Local Historic District designation for the SAHS property including the Jarvis Stone School and the Dickerson Barn. The first step in the process was to request the Salem Township Board of Trustees to pass a resolution to begin the process to determine the validity of the designation. This was done in June. At the Salem Board of Trustees Meeting on June 14, 2011, the Board unanimously passed (7-0) the "Resolution to Authorize Washtenaw County through the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission to conduct a historic district study of the Jarvis Stone School property in Salem Township for possible local historic district designation". These are the first steps in

a long process that will include reviews by the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissions and the Michigan Historic Preservation Office as well as a Public Hearing. This process is governed by the Michigan Historic Districts Act (P.A. 169 of 1970, as amended in 1992) and the Washtenaw County Historic Preservation Ordinance #115.

The next step is for the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission (WCHDC) to consider the Salem Township request and to approve or disapprove the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee at its meeting on September 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center (4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor).

SAHS and the WCHDC have received commitments from the following volunteers to be members of the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee:

- Jean Bemish
- Cynthia Christensen
- Terry Cwik
- Sue DiMilia
- Helen Gierman
- Jane Griffith
- Melissa Milton-Pung
- Marie Turppa
- Marcia Van Fossen

This group has already begun gathering the information needed to author the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee Report. It is the SAHS Board's hope that this group will officially be approved by the WCHDC and eventually the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

State History Conference

The Historical Society of Michigan's 137th Annual Meeting and State History Conference will be held September 23-25, 2011 in Traverse City. To register online, please visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

Request from the SAHS Board

The Salem Area Historical Society's Board is looking for Society Members to volunteer to be Refreshment Committee Chairperson or member, a Membership Committee member, a Jarvis Stone School Subcommittee member, a Dickerson Barn Subcommittee member and/or an Archival Subcommittee member. If you want to be any of these, please contact a current Board Member or email Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Previous SAHS Lifetime Members:

Marge & Jerry Skelly
 Marcia Van Fossen & Woody London
 Diane & Terry Cwik
 Kimberly & David Ascher
 Keith Klassen
 Paul Uherek
 Billy Kruse

New SAHS Lifetime Members:

Jim Murray

Renewing Annual SAHS Members for 2011:

Richard Anderson
 Kathy & Michael Aznavorian
 Mike Geary & Sue Bejin
 Larry & Jean Bemish
 Marilyn Bertera
 Elaine Braun

Michael & Cindy Brautigan
 Mert & Ann Delancey
 Jim & Sue DiMilia
 Margaret DiPonio
 Wally & Marlene Donoghue
 Linus Droggs
 Karl & Helen Gierman
 Mark & Jane Griffith
 Joan & Ronald Handloser
 Pat Hatala
 JoAnn & Bob Heyl
 Terry & Annette Howery
 Morgan & Sherry Humecky
 Nancy Kiernan
 Robert & Edith Luedtke
 Richard Posthuma & Debra MacGregor
 Barbara & Lawrence Moebs
 Laura Obarzanek
 Gregg & Carol Packard
 Paul Palmer

Don & Ali Riddering
 Doug & Toni Shepherd
 Dennis & Sunyong Siegner
 Susan Caumartin & Todd Stewart
 Gilbert Terry
 Tina & Herman Theeke
 Warren Todd
 Marie-Louise & Albert Turppa
 Wayne Wallazy

New Annual SAHS Members in 2011:

Sharon Bell
 Claudia DeGrazia
 Fran Dew
 Carol & Harry Liogghio
 Ronald McGinnis
 Tillie Van Sickle
 Kim Whiteside

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2011.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2012. 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:

www.sahshistory.org

SAHS Membership Application

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **email ID:** _____

Membership Fee: _____

+ Donation: _____

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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