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SAHS EVENTS

SUNDAY, Dec. 4th -- 1:00-4:00 PM

**-- Annual Christmas Party
at Paul Uherek's Home**

His home is at 6782 Salem Road, which is on the east side of Salem Road between Brookville and Five Mile Roads. This is a SAHS members only event.

Memberships are accepted at the party. Please bring a dish or seasonal treat to share.

WEDNESDAY, January 25th -- 7:30 PM

**--- Membership Budget Meeting
At Salem Township Hall**

SAHS Annual Budget Membership Meeting with a viewing of the DVD "From Moccasins to Main Street: A Journey Down the Old Chicago Road". It began as a Native American foot trail. It later became a military road connecting Fort Detroit to Fort Dearborn in Chicago. It was traveled by explorers, missionaries and fur trappers. Eventually small communities appeared along it with just the right distance between them to refresh the horses of the stagecoach and replenish the water supply of the steam engine. This is the story of the evolution of transportation in Michigan. This is a journey down the Old Chicago Road.

SATURDAY, February 11th -- 6 PM

**-- Annual Dinner / Auction
at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center**

Tickets will be \$30 per person to the SAHS Annual Dinner/Auction which includes a buffet dinner with coffee and tea and a cash bar. There will be both a silent auction prior to and during the dinner and a live auction after the buffet dinner. Once again, there will be over one hundred auction items from restaurants, local service companies, sports memorabilia, historic items and entertainment venues. There is a ticket request form on Page 6. All are welcome to join us. Bring a group and encourage others to attend.

Message from the SAHS President

SAHS has held three events since the last *Spirit of Salem*. Read a summary of these events on Page 2. These were the Annual Barn Dance held at the Three Cedars Farm, the Country Fair and the October Meeting with a presentation by Susan Nenadic entitled "Seeing the Elephant: Female Soldiers and Spies in the Civil War". The SAHS Board thanks all those members who organized and helped with these events.

There is a list of Holiday events being held in the area by Historical organizations on Page 3.

The SAHS Election cycle for the 2012 membership year has begun. Please read about it on Page 4.

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer to help the SAHS. Please see Page 4 for a list of SAHS Committees that exist. It is the efforts of the membership that make our society successful. So, please consider volunteering for one or more of these committees and joining in on the fun!

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

Our 2011 Annual SAHS Memberships end on March 31, 2012. 2012 Annual Memberships are now being accepted. Please see our membership renewal form on Page 6. Use it to renew or to recruit new members.

Of the upcoming events, I hope you can attend many if not all of them. These are described on this page. It would be great to have a large turnout for our Christmas Party. This year hosted by Paul Uherek. It promises to be a special afternoon for our membership.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Terry Cwik

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

Annual Barn Dance

Our Annual Barn Dance on Friday, September 9th featured the playing and dance calling of the Picks and Sticks.



It once again kicked off the Fall Season in Salem. Attendance was over 200 with all ages represented from pre-teen to senior citizens.



This is our society's largest community event and thanks go to all the members who volunteered to help make this event another success.



Our special THANKS goes to our Barn Dance Major Sponsors, who are **Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, The Store in Salem, All-American Storage, Sherry & Gary Whittaker, In Memory of Barbara J. Rohraff and In Thanks to Ferman Rohraff** and our supporting sponsors Salem Hills Golf Club and The Corner General Store.



4th Annual Country Fair and Flea Market

On Saturday, **September 17th**, the Salem Area Historical Society's 4th Annual Country Fair and Flea Market was 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 featured craft & flea market tables that covered a broad spectrum of items for sale. In addition, there was food and drinks as well as baked goods from our bake sale available to purchase throughout the day. Several special baskets were raffled off.

October Meeting

On Wednesday, Oct. 26th, SAHS held a General Membership Meeting with a presentation by Susan Nenadic entitled "Seeing the Elephant: Female Soldiers and Spies in the Civil War". Nenadic taught history and English in Saline Area Schools. Since her retirement in 2004, she has taught women's history for non-credit programs at WCC, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. Her presentation confirmed that women participated in the Civil War in many ways including being soldiers and spies. The audience of over twenty included many non-SAHS members.

Upcoming Events

Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum

On Dec. 3rd from 9am to 3 pm, the Dexter Area Historical Society will host a Holiday Bazaar at the Dexter Area Museum. Santa will visit the Museum from 10:30am until Noon. There will also be a bake sale. Call 734-426-2519 for more information or go to www.dextermuseum.org

A new DAHS&M event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd and Sunday, Dec. 4th from Noon to 6 PM. A donation of \$5 per adult and \$1 per child ages 5 to 12 is requested.

A number of local businesses are joining with a 6th Grade class to decorate the rooms on the main floor of Gordon Hall for holiday viewing. Enjoy some cookies and warm cider while listening to live instrumental and vocal holiday music. Get your picture taken in an antique sleigh and be sure to stop by and visit with Santa.

Gordon Hall is located on the west side of town at the intersection of Island Lake Road and Dexter-Pinckney Road. Enter the driveway at the traffic light.

Plymouth Historical Society

Plymouth Historical Museum's Annual Craft Bazaar, Open House, & Craft Show!! Craft Bazaar is free and open to the public. Show will feature many crafts, such as knit, ceramic, and recycled art. Stop by our bake sale and try our yummy treats and refreshments. Santa will be here so bring the whole family!

Visitors are also welcome to explore the Museum's current exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," which runs through December 31!

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be having its Bake Sale on Saturday December 10 as well.

Northville Historical Society

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas at Mill Race Village. Hear holiday music floating through the Village. The Handbell Choir from Our Lady of Victory Church has been a favorite opening act for

many "Christmas in the Village" celebrations and will be our first performance in the New School Church. Peaches, Puddin' & Fly, a singing duet with accordion accompaniment will perform a traditional selection of Christmas music. Also performing will be Dr. Charlene Helen Berry, award winning, leading hammer dulcimer, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and Ellipse of the White House. Relax in the cozy Cady Inn. Enjoy a hot beverage and cookies while listening to Al Smitley strumming Christmas music on his banjo. Buildings will be open with Docents on hand to share the building's history and you can watch crafters demonstrate their skills. FREE and open to the public. Call 248-348-1845 for more information.

Milford Historical Society 35th Home Tour

The MHS Museum is open throughout December and is decorated for Christmas. Call 248-684-1948 for more information or go to www.milfordhistory.org

Kempf House Museum (Ann Arbor)

Come and see how a German-American family celebrates Christmas in the early 1900's. The Kempf House Museum on Division in Ann Arbor will be decorated with a traditional tree and other trimmings, and Christmas cookies will be served. Guided house tours will enrich your experience. This will be Saturdays and Sundays (December.3, 4, 10, 11) only, 1:00-4:00 PM. Admission free, donations welcome. Call 734-994-4898 for information or go to www.kempfhousemuseum.org

The Henry Ford (Dearborn)

Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village
December 2-3, 9-10, 16-23 and 26-27 (6:30pm-10pm)
America's Premier Holiday Celebration
Step into a Christmas card from the past. Don't miss the most popular holiday event in the area, complete with candle-lit paths, live entertainment, costumed presenters, horse-drawn wagon and Model T rides, delightful holiday shops, Santa and live reindeer, ice skating, a spectacular fireworks display and more. It's America's premier holiday celebration! Members of The Henry Ford receive discount admission and an exclusive opportunity to purchase tickets in advance. www.thehenryford.org/events/holidayNights.aspx

SAHS 2012 Elections

Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its annual elections as per its By-Laws during the first quarter of 2012. Articles IV, V and VI address this process. Article IV defines the annual meeting of the society as the one held in March. Article V specifies that the officers shall be installed at the annual meeting and defines the officers of the society as:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Officer At-Large

Article VI defines the nomination and election process. Article VI is as follows:

At a business meeting, two months before the annual meeting, a nominating committee shall be appointed. At the next meeting the nominating committee shall present a slate consisting of one or more nominees for each and every office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. Nominations from the floor may not be made on the night of the election.

Officers shall be elected at the club's annual meeting. They shall assume their duties immediately following their installation and should have a meeting to plan activities for the coming club year.

Election shall be by secret ballot. Provided, however, in the event there is only one nominee for office, and no nominations from the floor, the secretary may be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the said nominee.

A majority of votes cast for each office shall constitute an election for that office.

All vacancies in elective offices except presidency shall be filled by the president for the unexpired term.

As has been done in the past, we will follow the process as specified in our By-Laws. At the SAHS January 25th meeting, we will appoint a nominating

committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact one of the current officers of the society. Prior to our February 11th meeting, members who would like to nominate themselves to be a nominee for office should contact either the nominating committee or a current officer. All nominations must be self-nominating and all are accepted. A member need not be present at the February meeting to be a nominee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the February 11th meeting. The 2012 election will be held during our March 28th meeting. A nominee need not be present to be elected.

The current SAHS Board encourages all members to participate in this election process by being a member of the nominating committee, by being a nominee for an office and by voting.

SAHS Organization

The Salem Area Historical Society's Board is looking for Society Members to volunteer to be Committee Chairperson or member. The following is a list of current SAHS Committees:

- Nominating
- Membership
- Program
- Fund Raising
- Financial/Audit
- Historical Archive
- Refreshments
- Jarvis-Stone School
- Dickerson Barn
- Country Fair

If you want to be any of these, please contact a current Board Member or send an email to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Jarvis Stone School Front Room Renovation Project Update

The installation of the wood flooring by SPK Floors was done in September. Also, in September the installation of the Compost Waterless Toilet was completed and passed the Washtenaw County inspection. Additionally, the electrical work was completed and the Salem Township Final Electrical Inspection was passed. The next steps are the installation of the door and window trim by Jim DiMilia and Terry Cwik.

Dickerson Barn Update

Next step is the building and installing of the small wood ramps for the transition from the dirt ramp to the barn floor. This will be done by Ken Brock.

Eagle Scout Project

On Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th, Nicholas Dunklee and his team worked at the Salem Area Historical Society Property restoring the baseball diamond on the north end of the lot. Nicholas began his Eagle Scout Project by approaching the SAHS this spring and developed the project over the summer.

His team cleared and leveled all of the ground east of the barn to Curtis Road on Saturday. On Sunday, they seeded the area, installed two team benches along the first base line, scrapped and painted the backstop. Nicholas has also acquired a home plate and three bases to be used on the diamond.

We are hoping to have an “official” baseball field opening in the spring of 2012.

A big thanks goes to Nicholas and the scouts for the successful completion of another Eagle Scout Project for SAHS. This is the third such project in the last few years. THANKS!!!!

Local Historical District 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 Washtenaw County Historic District Commission (WCHDC) approved the Salem Township request to establish the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee on September 8, 2011. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee at its October 19, 2011 meeting.

Jarvis Stone School Historic District Study Committee is composed of the following:

- Jean Bemish
- Cynthia Christensen, staff to the WCHDC
- Terry Cwik
- Sue DiMilia
- Helen Gierman
- Jane Griffith
- Melissa Milton-Pung, staff to the WCHDC
- Nancy Snyder, WCHDC Chair
- Marie Turppa
- Marcia Van Fossen

This Study Committee is now in the process of gathering information to be used in writing the Study Committee Report. If you have any documentation and/or photographs of the Jarvis Stone School or the Dickerson Barn that you are willing to share with the Study Committee, please contact Terry Cwik at 248-486-0669 or Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

SAHS Annual Dinner and Auction

on SATURDAY, February 11th -- 6:00 PM

at Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Club House

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: _____

of Tickets _____ **@ \$30 each =** _____

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2012.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2013. 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: _____

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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