



The Bulletin

Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society, Inc.

Conklin Reed Organ and History Museum

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South America Travelogue Presented by David and Jan Hartmann

To celebrate our spring opening of the Museum, special guests David and Janet Hartmann will present a travelogue on South America. Join in on their journey on Sunday, May 6th at 2 o'clock.

David and Janet took off with a larger tour group and were able to visit Peru, Argentina and Patagonia. Come see their adventure on opening day.

Coming Soon!

To the Conklin Antique Reed Organ and Local History Museum

Museum Opening Special Event

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Local Business and Services Room

Beginning in May, displays in the newly refinished Riske Room will focus on historic businesses and services in the Hanover-Horton area, including:

Photo Gallery
Medical Display
Barber Shop
Post Office
Telephone Office
Secretarial Office
Military
Railroad

Dancing Dolls

This spring, thanks to a donation by the family of Neomi Stephens, a collection of antique wooden dancing dolls will be displayed, along with a hands-on exhibit with new versions of the dolls.

Our Pottawatomini Neighbors

A special exhibit of various Native American artifacts and traditions will be on display in August to coincide with the Native American Encampment planned for Rust 'N' Dust.

Wash Day America

Before indoor plumbing!
Before automatic washers and dryers!
Before permanent press!

This summer, an exhibit and demonstration will be held to celebrate laundry day.

This edition of the Bulletin has been put together with the assistance of Emily Reed. If you have information regarding the history of the area or museum news please feel free to send it her way at reedemily@hotmail.com. The deadline for the summer edition of the Bulletin will be May 16th.



Lunar Illuminations

By: Pat Johnson

Did you ever wonder about songs and expressions about the moon, such as "Once in a Blue Moon", "Shine on Harvest Moon", etc?

According to the *Farmer's Almanac* the full moon each month has a name.

January	Wolf Moon
February	Snow Moon
March	Worm Moon
April	Pink Moon
May	Flower Moon
June	Strawberry Moon
July	Buck Moon
August	Sturgeon Moon
September	Harvest Moon
October	Hunters Moon
November	Beaver Moon
December	Cold Moon

A blue moon is when there are two full moons in one month which is a rare occasion. Therefore, the term, "Once in a Blue Moon". This year it occurs in August with the Sturgeon Moon occurring Aug. 2, and the Blue Moon occurring Aug. 31.

Needed...

This fall the corn maze will be in operation, but in need of a volunteer or volunteers to help run its operation. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the historical society office at

(517)563-8927



Send a Note to the Editor

Current news articles relating to the Hanover-Horton Historical Society, local history stories and pictures are welcome. Please contact our editor, Sharon Folkerth, at 517-531-5005, or at OrganNewsletter@folkerth.com to submit items for the newsletter. You may also leave articles at the Historical Society office.

Deadline for next issue: May 16, 2012

2012 Spring Events

April 2012:	May 2012:	June 2012:
<p>20th - 6:00 pm Community Potluck</p> <p>21st - Plow Day</p> <p>27th-28th - Museum Cleaning Bee**</p> <p>28th - Rain Day, Plow Day</p> <p>**If you would like to help during the annual cleaning bee, please call Janette Weimer at 517-563-8479. Any help would be appreciated!!</p>	<p>6th-Museum's Opening Day 1-5 pm</p> <p>Come and see David and Jan Hartmann's Travelogue through South America at 2 o'clock.</p> <p>13th-Museum Open 1-5 pm</p> <p>18th-6:00 pm, Community Potluck</p> <p>20th-Museum Open 1-5 pm</p> <p>27th - Museum Open 1-5 pm</p>	<p>3rd - Museum Open 1-5 pm</p> <p>10th-Museum Open 1-5 pm</p> <p>17th - Museum Open 1-5 pm</p> <p>24th-Museum Open 1-5 pm.</p> <p>**GROUP GUIDED TOURS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By appointment Minimum fee \$30.00 \$3.00 per person</p>

News from Heritage Park...

The park has just purchased a disc and John Deere drag to use to turn the ground for the planting season. The fertilizer has been applied and the farmers are all lined up to plant for the upcoming growing season. **The annual plow day will be held Saturday, April 21st.** The antique tractor men come on out on their tractors and fill their day turning the ground making it ready to plant.

Due to the need of crop rotation, the field that has hosted the corn maze in the past is being planted in soy beans. The corn maze will be moved to the second field and will have a maze that was designed and set up by Ken Reed and Chuck Hemminger. Ken and his wife Karen, have run the maze for many years and are stepping out of that role.

The event center is full up with vendors for the flea market, April 13th and has multiple dates scheduled to host parties during the 2012 graduation season.



PEERING INTO THE PAST - *Part 2*

By Ward Rearick

It was a warm fall afternoon when I decided to walk the old abandoned railroad right-of-way from Grover Road to the East toward Stony Point where the rails are now gone and trees have grown along the once busy railroad. I thought of the people who worked to establish the pathway and can almost hear the sounding of the whistle and rumble of cars clacking along the tracks where the trains no longer are seen or heard. The land has now reverted back to what it was 140 years ago, overgrown with weeds and brush trying to become trees. No doubt the little Spring Brook River and the marshland look much today as they did when the first men traveled through. I know that before the railroad and during the time the railroad was laying the tracks, people were settling the land, clearing and farming it.

Stony Point came to life about 1860. About all that is left of the bustling village and the Stone Quarry are memories... beyond that is a hole in a hill. The railroad ran by a once thriving business of cutting and fashioning stone blocks used in the construction of buildings small and great.

As I walked, I came upon the spot where a Depot stood at the foot of the hill where Stony Point Road turns east along the row of lots that were a part of the long forgotten Village of Stony Point. Once, the Depot was a busy place where villagers boarded the train for business purposes and pleasure purposes to Fort Wayne, Hillsdale, Jonesville, Jackson, and many other points. Prior to the railroad, travel was by horse, a very slow means of travel.

I could envision the area around the Depot where horses were tied and I know that a short distance away there was a Boarding House with a restaurant. All this owing to the quarrying of stone, the reason many came for work. How I would like to go back in time and visit the folks who lived and worked then in this "now, only a memory of time and place."

My walk on that fall day ended where the railroad crossed Stony Point Road. The bridge that served the people traveling on east to Strait Road has long since been removed and the road stops, looking reminiscent of what it looked like before the road existed.

On another occasion, my walk will be into what was once the old quarry. As it happens, I am presently seeking permission from the current property owner to visit the site. My last occasion to be in the quarry was about 65 years ago. I want to have a look at what is left after the ravages of weather and the work of the bulldozer about 40 years ago. I know the land is used for hunting exclusively now. I am sure there are some interesting photos waiting to be taken; time and nature have a way of changing things.



Stony Point Store



As chairman of our Organ Restoration Committee, I receive calls from families with an old organ needing a new home. Unfortunately, I must be selective in what organs I accept for the museum. It must be something we don't already have a good example of and one that can be repaired or restored if need be. Often I encourage the caller to try to find a place within the family for what is generally a family heirloom. Also I urge people to join our restoration crew to learn how to repair and maintain the organ.

Sharon Folkerth

Weary Willie's Sayings

By Wm. Weir

Hanover Horton Local, September 28, 1984

Back in a corner of an upstairs bedroom, in Mother's old farm home stands an almost forgotten Packard parlour reed organ. Covered with dust, it hasn't been played for many a year.

Today there is an auction to sell Mother's dear and loved things. The old organ was moved for the first time in years, to take its place with the many other things to be sold.



The auctioneer came upon the old organ and started the bidding. It stood at twenty dollars for quite a while, until an old man came forth and asked if he could play it for a while. The auctioneer said, "Sure," hoping it would help the bidding somewhat.

Well, he sat down and started to play that old organ, and what music came forth! After he finished, he told who he was and he had taken music lessons from my grandmother on that same old organ when he was just a boy. Today he is first organist in a large New York City church.

Well, when the bidding started again, it was fast and brisk. The organ was sold for well over a thousand dollars and was sold to the old man who said he had always wanted that old organ that started him on his musical career.

For me, I am very happy, for I know that Mother's old organ went into a good home. A place where its history is appreciated and whose owner respects my grandmother and thinks of her fondly.

A temporary farewell to the Bluegrass Bonanza

A huge thank you goes out to all of our community members that helped make our first season of the Bluegrass Bonanza a great success. This event that was new to us this past winter proved to be a great choice for the event center. Plenty of people came from out of area to enjoy the great music and company that the bonanzas supplied. We look forward to having another successful Bonanza season in the fall.

Thank you!!

We need your "treasures"!!

Don't forget to donate your treasures for the annual Rust n' Dust Days trash to treasures sale. If you have treasures you would like to donate, please contact either Sue Reed at (517) 563-2555 or Salle Hewlett at (517) 563-2864



Don't forget to add this to your calendar:

Biennial Class Reunion with special guest Elaine Robinson, Director of Historic Preservation Planning. The Museum has been working with Elaine on making the old high school a part of the National Historic Register. She has been hard at work making this happen and will be at the reunion to give a presentation showing the process that has to happen.

July 15th, 2012

1:00 pm Potluck dinner Meat and Beverages will be furnished

If you are a graduate of Hanover Horton Schools you are invited to attend!!

Heritage Park Event Center



The Heritage Park Event Center is a great place to host your next gathering. Whether you are expecting a small crowd or a full house, the event center can accommodate your needs. If you are interested in renting either room, please contact the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society office at (517) 563-8927 or Richard Tallis at (517) 688-4469.

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April, May, June 2012

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