

**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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President's Message

It's great to have winter behind us as we begin our activities for 2025. On March 15 and 16 the Antique Show with Basket Auction was held. A great job was done by everyone who worked on this activity. The next activities are the Flea Market on April 5 and 6, the Car Parts Swap meet on May 4 and our Pork Loin Dinner on May 17.

The Solar Project construction is done. All that's left is cleanup and testing. The Solar Project is vital for funding our museum.

Remodeling continues on the Schoolhouse Museum. We also need to finish the inside setup of displays to get it ready again for visitors.

We really need our members' support to put on the museum events and to have museum sitters so we can keep the museum open during planned visiting hours. Please contact any board member if you can help.

The hard work by our board members is what makes our activities and projects a success. Thanks, and let's have a great season this year! Thank you to all those who continue to help out and provide additional financial support!

Bill Read, President

VOLUNTEERS ARE CRITICAL

to keep the Farm running. Please consider
donating some time to this worthy cause!
There are many jobs to be done!

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Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM

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ANTIQUE SHOW & BASKET AUCTION SUCCESS!

It was a great weekend for the Antique Show with a constant flurry of sales throughout the weekend. Fifteen spots sold out for the vendors. The basket auction profit was fair as money is tight for a lot of people. The scratch off lottery cards and the \$100 door prize donated by the Sanborn Business & Professional Association were both big hits. It was a fun weekend for all.



Schoolhouse Museum Move Update April 2025

We continue remodeling the end of the Schoolhouse Museum building facing the sidewalk to add a front door, a front porch and a ramp to the sidewalk. We are also adding a porch with steps on the back of the building and closing off the side doors. Displays need to be put back together inside the schoolhouse building which is a significant project. A lot of work still needs to be done to get the building ready to open.



SAHS Solar Project Update April 2025

Construction has been completed on the Solar Project. The system will be tested before sending power to the electrical grid. Cleanup of the construction laydown area and other construction materials will be done. The solar project is essential so we can pay our bills!!!



Remembering Kroening's Garage

By Martha Haseley

"Hey Mom!" "Where's Dad?" "He went up to Ed's" (Kroening's). I heard that many times. When I asked my Aunt Carol Bohl Pfohl, she said, "Oh, shucks!" Every time I turned around, somebody was asking me to pick them up at Kroening's because they had to leave their car or truck there to be fixed.

If only I had asked Ed's daughter, Gladys. She died recently at the age of 99. She would have been able to tell about having her wedding reception with Ben Haseley in the garage. The meal of the day was a chicken dinner, and they found chicken bones in the corners for weeks after.

Granddaughter Donna Licursi remembered sitting in the big old yellow rocker in the corner of the front room and hoping that when Grandpa came out, he would give her a chocolate bar from the glass display counter, and maybe, if she was lucky, even a bottle of Coke. I sometimes tagged along with Dad and remember sitting in the rocker when Ed's wife, Helen, brought over a plateful of cookies.

Paul Haseley remembers buying a U.S. Motor Atlas from the glass case where Ed wrote out the bills. Paul still has that atlas. My brother, Don Haseley, remembers the barrels of nuts and bolts back in the machine shop.

Ed Kroening began the garage and gas station on Route 31 in the 1930's. He also sold cars there. Ed and his first wife, Edna, had three children, Harold, Gladys and Richard. Edna tragically died of pneumonia after giving birth to Richard, who died shortly thereafter. The obituary states that the funeral was the largest that the St. Peter's Walmore community had ever seen. Son Harold served in the Army in World War II. After he returned to the U.S. he worked in the garage until he retired in 1985.

Ed remarried, and he and his wife, Helen, had two more children, Gilbert and Sharon. Gilbert taught at Niagara Wheatfield and also worked at the garage for many years. Ed owned and operated the garage for 49 years until he died in 1974.

Imagine all the great conversations and jokes that were told throughout the years as Sanborn townspeople and customers from all over brought their vehicles to be repaired at Kroening's Garage!



Sanborn Area Historical Society 2025 Upcoming Events

April 5 & 6 Sat. & Sun.	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Flea Market
May 4 Sun.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Car Parts Swap Meet
May 17 Sat.	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pork Loin Dinner
June 14 Sat.	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale
July 26 & 27 Sat. & Sun.	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Farm Festival
Sept. 6 & 7 Sat. & Sun.	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Flea Market
Sept. 14 Sun.	8:00 a.m. to noon	Country Breakfast
Oct. 18 Sat.	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Ham Dinner
Dec. 7 Sun.	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Farm Church Members Caroling
Dec. 13 & 14 Sat. & Sun.	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Christmas at the Farm
Dec. 20 Sat.	2:00 p.m.	Caroling at the Farm

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

**April 22, 2025—6:00 p.m.—Pot Luck Dinner &
“Local War of 1812 History” by Jon McSwan**

**May 27—“Women of the Civil War”
by Charles Begley**

**Regular Meetings are held at the Farm Museum on the
4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise noted).**

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DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

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