

**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**President's Message**

We have a lot happening at the museum this summer!! A great job was done by our volunteers on the Car Parts Swap Meet, Pork Dinner and the Rummage Sale. **If you can help with any of our activities, please let one of our Board Members know.**

The Solar Project is generating power. Cleanup still needs to be done. The Solar Project is vital for funding our museum.

The Schoolhouse remodeling is done. Much work has been done to set up displays inside. We want to be ready to open the Schoolhouse for the Farm Festival. **All are invited to a ribbon-cutting at the Schoolhouse on Saturday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. Cake will be served at Townsend Hall at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate!**

We have our Farm Festival coming up July 26 and 27! The schedule of events and activities is on page 2 of this newsletter.

We continue to 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 and members is what makes our activities and projects a success. Thanks, and let's have another great summer!

***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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# *Annual Farm Festival Schedule of Events and Activities*

## *July 26 & 27—8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

### NEW THIS YEAR:

A bounce house both days from 11—3

### Saturday, July 26

- Opening Ceremony 10
- Car Show All Day
- Large Basket Auction\* All Day
- Breakfast at the Hall 8-11
- Symmetrical Band 10:30
- Dino Dig 12
- Lewiston Police Dog Show 12-1
- Rob Gillis at Car Show 1-2
- Tractor Parade 2-2:30
- Rob Gillis at Gazebo 2:30-4

Also a **flea market, craft show** and **duck hunt** and have fun with **Kazoo, The Balloon Guy**

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- Ribbon Cutting @ the Schoolhouse 10:30
  - Cake Cutting at the Hall 11:30



### Sunday, July 27

- Breakfast at the Hall 8-11
- Large Basket Auction\* All Day
- Parkside Brass Band 10:30-12
- Lewiston Police Dog Show 12-1
- Tractor Parade 1-2
- Ice Cream Sundaes 1:30-2
- Sanborn Band 2-3
- Basket Auction Drawing 3:30

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Large Basket Auction With  
High-End Raffle Items,  
Disney collectibles, gift cards,  
scratch-offs.



\*If you would like to donate a gift card or basket for the Farm Festival Basket Auction, please make your donation by July 22. Call Bonnie at 716-957-4851 if items have to be picked up. Thank you!

**For more info call 716-957-4851**

Early Hoover's Farm Dairy  
By Janet Hoover Latham

As I sit down on this bitter, cold wintry day in 2025 to write the early Hoover history, I can't help but wish that George Hoover had chosen a warmer climate to purchase property but then I know that Sanborn was the perfect place. All family members to this day have worked on the farm at one time or another. Once labor intensive, new equipment makes it easier. But the hours are longer than ever.

George Hoover was born on December 10, 1812 in Seneca County, and at age two he moved to Yates County with his parents. After he married Sarah Zacharius of Royalton in 1835, they moved to an area known as the Bear Swamp where they raised their family of two sons and three daughters. At age 65 he sold the farm he had owned in the Town of East Amherst, and in 1871 he bought property on Hoover Road where he made his life until his death at age 76 on June 16, 1988. His obituary noted that he joined the Mennonite Church about 1840 at 28 years old. He was one who took part in moving the church, which is now on the Sanborn Area Historical Society property, from Pekin to Sanborn on logs pulled by teams of horses.

His oldest son, Lyman, settled on the farm later known as the Frank Farm south of the main house on Hoover Road. Lyman married Mary Reigle from Pekin, and they had a daughter, Ada, and two sons, Melvin and Harold. Lyman died at age 59 and his two sons passed away at the young ages of 33 and 47 while his wife lived to age 76. George's daughters, Julia and Barbara, bought the farm later known as the Dean Farm on the opposite side of the road toward Sanborn. Their third daughter, Matilda in ill health, died at age 36.

Dennis was given the farm where the Hoover family homestead still stands today. Dennis and Anna Wagner from LaSalle met at a party in the Hoover home and discovered that both their families came from Switzerland. They married in October 1886 and welcomed three children, Frances, Gertrude and Edwin.

George and Sarah settled on a farm across the street from Lyman where Sarah, referred to as Sally, passed away at age 72 in 1882 and George six years later. From that time to this day in 2025 there were always at least four Hoover families living on Hoover Road.

Edwin and his wife Lucille started Hoover's Dairy in 1920 when his sister, Gertrude Kline, asked if he could deliver milk to their house for their first child, Wesley. The rest is history!



Hoover Family Homestead

**Sanborn Area Historical Society 2025 Upcoming Events**

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

September 23, 2025 —7:00 p.m.—Minimizing the Affects of Aging by Richard Derwald

October 28, 2025—7:00 p.m.—The Songs & Stories of the Erie Canal by Don Dwyer

November 25—7:00 p.m.—James Lester, Ex. Director of the Niagara History Center

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

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