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President's Message

The weather was great for the July **Farm Festival**, and it was a very successful two days. The **Flea Market** and **Country Breakfast** in September were a success. Thanks to all who helped with these events. The **Solar Project** is generating power. Cleanup still needs to be done. The Solar Project is vital for funding our museum. The **windmill** maintenance was completed this summer by Jon Brown. We have our **Ham Dinner** October 18 and our **Christmas events** in December. Please plan to attend these events. See our events list in this newsletter for times and dates for all events. 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.



Front Row—Sen. Robert Ortt, Angelo Morinello,
Bonnie Haskell

Back Row—Richard Winter, Glenn Wienke,
Jason Myers, Steven Broderick, Bill Read

The **Schoolhouse Museum** remodeling and landscaping is done. The ribbon cutting was held at the Farm Festival. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lewiston Town Supervisor Steven Broderick and the Town Board for the support in obtaining a Greenway Grant for half the project cost and to Richard Winter for his generous donation that funded a lot of the remaining expense. Many thanks go to Senator Robert Ortt, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Richard Winter, Major Donor, Jason Myers, Lewiston Town Board Member, and Steven Broderick, Lewiston Town Supervisor, for attending the ribbon-cutting.

The hard work by our Board and members is what makes our activities and projects a success. Thanks, and let's have a great Fall!

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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Annual Farm Festival
July 26 & 27, 2025

It was a great weekend for the annual farm festival. One of the main activities this year was the ribbon cutting at the schoolhouse. Attendees also enjoyed breakfast in the hall and an outdoor food tent, an amazing tractor parade with tractors large and small, a huge basket auction and live music in the gazebo by the Symmetrical Band and Rob Gillis. There was a bounce house, face painting, a clown and a dino dig for the kids, and the car show on Saturday was enjoyed by many. Wild Kritters of Niagara County was present with their incredible owls. There were produce stands, locally prepared delectable food items and the music of the Sanborn Band. The Lewiston PD was present with its highly trained police dog and much more! Many thanks go to all the participants and volunteers!



Hoover's Dairy Founder Edwin Martin Hoover (1892-1968) **By Janet Hoover Latham**

On June 16, 1920, Edwin Hoover, the youngest of Dennis and Anna Wagner Hoover's three children, married Lucille Dodge. They worked over the years to create a working dairy farm which, in 2025, is owned and run by Hoover family members still delivering milk in glass bottles. Dennis passed away at the age of 64 after a stroke leaving Edwin to take over the operation of the farm at the age of 18.

Three children soon joined the family. Eugene (1921-2008), Ruth (1922-2010), Lloyd (1924-2017), and I was a surprise in 1936. Our Dodge grandparents were always a big part of our lives. My father didn't know his grandparents. His Grandmother Wagner died when his mother was only three years old. His Grandfather remarried, moved and died when Edwin was five. Seven generations have grown up or lived next door to the Hoover homestead on Hoover Road.

Over my early years, I looked forward to local men coming to help with the crops. I liked hearing all the men around the table laughing and talking together. Dinner was at noon, supper at night in those days. We peeled a lot of potatoes and Mother was up before dawn baking pies.

My dad loved the land, the farm and the animals. He could be found on winter Sunday afternoons currycombing the cows, and I'm sure he talked to them during the grooming. Every few summers he prepared the barn for whitewashing. One summer some friends convinced him to go on a three-day fishing trip. Mother saw them off before dawn on a Friday morning, and he was back at 11 p.m. that same evening. Fishing was never mentioned again.

After school I would often go with Dad to visit friends in the area, and that meant a stop to see Ed Kroening at Kroening's Garage. I still remember that he often had a Mounds Bar in his pocket for us to share.

At the end of his life, he told me he was fortunate to have been able to do what he loved. He had a way with the land and the animals which he treated with tender loving care. At about age 70 I noticed he could not stand up straight as he walked with his hands behind his back. The doctor said he had worn out his stomach muscles.

After his death from cancer at age 76, Gene and Lloyd continued the business followed by their sons and grandsons, adding to the product line and equipment along the way.



Lucille (Dodge)
Hoover



Edwin Hoover

Sanborn Area Historical Society 2025 Upcoming Events

Oct. 18	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Ham Dinner
Sat.		
Dec. 7	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Farm Church Members Caroling
Sun.		
Dec. 13 & 14	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Christmas at the Farm
Sat. & Sun.		
Dec. 20	2:00 p.m.	Caroling at the Farm
Sat.		

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

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

The museum closes for the winter on October 22.

Our Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Nov. 25 at 7 PM at the Farm Museum

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

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