



LEWISTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserve, Educate, Inspire

2023 FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

As we embrace the beauty of the fall season and the transformation it brings, it is always a good time to reflect on the past year of celebrating and preserving the rich heritage of our beloved community. 2023 was a year marked by both joy and sadness. In this newsletter we'll share updates on our ongoing projects, honor the memory of those we have lost this year, and look ahead to an exciting future for the Historical Society.



THE LEWISTON BANK REPLICA & NEW DISPLAYS

A heartfelt thank you to CaraLynn Pender, who sponsored the construction of the Lewiston Bank replica. The exterior is now complete, and the interior finishing work will commence in May, ensuring a grand opening for the 2024 season. We are deeply grateful to Dave Agren, Doug Agren, Greg Arbogast, Ben Bolser, Mike Boyd, Dennis Cline, Dave Engel, Lewiston Sand & Gravel, Mike Maddin, Kevin Mathias, Mike May, Charlie Munger, and Gene Sauer, who contributed to this significant project.

Over the summer, members transformed the displays in the Heritage Barn, introducing a General Store, Sachs Hardware, and a Lewiston Area fishing, hunting, and sports corner. Many items were relocated to the new barn, with plans for annual refreshment and change. Our heartfelt thanks to Bonita Chinavere and her team for their hard work.

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HONORING AND REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

Each year we celebrate the cherished memories, lasting contributions, and the enduring legacies of those dear members we have bid farewell to. The passing of these remarkable individuals whose passion, commitment, and unwavering support helped shape the Historical Society into what it is today. While we are saddened by their passing, we find solace in the knowledge that their memory and spirit live on in the work we continue. Their legacy serves as a reminder of the enduring power of community and the strength of the human spirit.

LYLE CLINE



Lyle Cline's passing was deeply felt at LAHS. He was not only the driving force behind our display barns but also served as president for many years. Many will remember his blacksmith demonstrations at the museum. He unselfishly contributed his knowledge, labor and materials. His legacy lives on in the museum, and he is deeply missed.

JAN HUSTON



Jan was well known for being an active community volunteer, and gave of her time and talents to the historical society. She planned fundraisers, donated many unique items, and participated in numerous special events. As time went by she would say, "I wish I could do more."

DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION



The celebration of the opening of the Lyle Cline-Greg Arbogast barn was held on August 8th and many visitors stopped by to see the displays. The *Lyle Cline Blacksmith Shop* was featured and Lyle's family was in attendance for this truly special day.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EXHIBITS

We are seeking specific items to enhance our exhibits, including a school black slate board, church pews, maps or globe pre-1950s, a barn butcher's block, and a corn sheller. Additionally, we are looking for bank-related items from Lewiston pre-1950.



Like us on Facebook. LAHS has a Facebook page and our members also contribute to the "You Know You Are from Lewiston" Facebook site.

LOOKING TO 2024

Exciting developments await us in 2024 as we expand our "village." To accommodate this growth, we are exploring the cost of pre-made buildings, starting with a school, a Town Hall, and a saloon (*every town had one so why not ours?*).

The school will host "school days" for our local schools and the Town Hall will house our military/homefront collection ("Freedom Center").

These buildings will greatly enhance the experience of the Museum, house special exhibits and serve as a gathering space for meetings, guest speakers and events.

Make sure to check out our website (www.lewiston-historicalsociety.com) and Facebook for details on the village progress and for all of our 2024 summer activities.

HERITAGE HOMECOMING - 2024



We are thrilled to announce one of our new events: the Heritage Homecoming. This will be a full day of activities for both the young and young at heart. This year's focus will be the Lewiston Water Show (1960 - 1970), and we look forward to reuniting those who participated or watched this cherished event. The date may be around Timberfest as we coordinate with the Chamber to determine the date. More details as they are finalized will be on our website, Facebook and emailed out to those on our email list.

WANT TO STAY ON TOP OF THINGS?

In our efforts to keep you informed, we are creating an email list to send out quarterly updates. Rest assured, your email address will remain confidential, and we will not share your information with anyone. To stay in the loop, please provide your email address on any donation form or send it to lewareahistsoc@gmail.com. You may opt out at any time.

CARE AND PRESERVATION



To safeguard the newspapers, family histories, and plat books donated to us, the board approved the purchase of two fireproof gun safes. If you or someone you know has a knack for organizing, we are in need of assistance in inventorying these holdings for easier use and research.

STUDENT SUMMER HELP MEET MARINA!



Thanks to the generous contributions of Douglas Sharp and Mike & Donna Maddin, we were able to hire Marina Mathias as our summer student helper.

Marina worked every Saturday in June, July, August on a variety of tasks this summer. Her hard work greatly benefited our organization and provided some much needed help. We look forward to welcoming her back and expanding her role next summer!

OUR THANKS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals for their outstanding contributions and support:

- **Cathy Hilgendorf** for the care that she has given to the lovely flower beds around the museum. **Bonita Chinavere** will be taking over with guidance from Cathy.
- **Bonnie Mahoney** for her term of service on the board of directors. **Kevin Mathias** and **Ben Bolser** have agreed to join and serve on the LAHS board.
- **Al and Karen Trouten** for monitoring and keeping the lawn mowed at Camp Lunden CCC Camp on Co. Rd 612 but will be retiring from the job.
- **Michelle Golden** for keeping the community informed with her postings on our behalf on Facebook.
- **Lewiston Lawn Service** for their contribution to the maintenance of the museum grounds

We also want to extend our gratitude to all who donated historical items this year, enriching our collection. We encourage everyone to visit and explore these fascinating artifacts.

HERMAN MILLER ENDOWMENT - CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Mr. Herman Miller left to LAHS a donation which will be paid out yearly. The amount that will be paid in November of each year will vary based upon investment values as determined by the Northeast Michigan Community Foundation. The stipulation is that the funds be used for the preservation of the LAHS collection. We are grateful to Herman Miller for providing for our museum.

However, contributions in the form of monetary support plus time and talents are needed. Not all expenses may be covered by Mr. Miller's endowment. Support is still needed to continue on our mission PRESERVE, EDUCATE, AND INSPIRE. LAHS is a 501(c) (3) for your tax purposes. Any donations made the October, November, December will be listed on our 2024 display.)

IN RECOGNITION of the caring individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding commitment and support demonstrates a spirit of giving that seeks to preserve, educate and inspire.

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