



The Bulletin

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Spring Celebration!! at the Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society

Saturday, May 7th, 2016 from 10am-2pm

Bring the entire family for fun at Heritage Park and the Conklin Reed Organ Museum as it opens for its spring and summer season. We have activities planned to get you outside, in the dirt and having some fun!

Admission is free

Activities will include:

- o Creating your own compostable pot and plant a seed to take home and watch grow
- o Mothers Day activity
- o Nature scavenger hunt for the little ones
- o Scavenger hunt for the older child
- o Face painting
- o Walk Megs Woods and enjoy the numerous wildflowers in bloom
- o Create your own nature journal
- o Create your own planting box
- o Various outdoor games

Spring

Boxed lunches will be available for purchase



This event will be held rain or shine. If it is raining the activities will be in the Event Center instead of on Heritage Park grounds

2016 Spring Events

May 2016	June 2016
1 st -Museum Open 1pm-5pm	5 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm
7 th - Spring Celebration 10am-2pm	12 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm
8 th - Museum Open 1pm-5pm	17 th -Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner
13 th -14 th -Organ Restoration Workshop 9am-5pm both days	17 th -18 th -Organ Restoration Workshop 9am-5pm both days
15 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm	19 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm
20 th - Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner	26 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm
22 nd - Museum Open 1pm-5pm	
29 th -Museum Open 1pm-5pm	

VanSchoick's Wayside Inn

The Wayside Inn at Round Lake was founded in 1894 by Charles J VanSchoick on 12 wooded acres which had been part of a family estate. The large main building had 4500 square feet of floor space and was surrounded by twelve foot verandas on the first and second floor. The inn had 25 sleeping rooms, each one running from front to back veranda so a breeze was always assured. There was a parlor and large dining room on the first floor. The parlor had a fire place which was in much demand on chilly evenings. The cuisine of the inn was known for its simple excellence and its abundance. Eggs, milk, butter, vegetables and other products came from nearby farms. Water came from an artesian well 150 feet deep. Cleanliness and informality were primary rules. The inn was only 100 feet from Round Lake which provided excellent fishing and swimming. There was also a nine hole putting course, a croquet court, as well as swings and other attractions. There were also two small cottages nearby, one with two rooms and one with four rooms.

The Historical Society has collected over 20 pictures of the inn and the grounds around it. All of the pictures come from post cards printed between 1905 and 1925. Many of these pictures have been scanned and enlarged to 8 in. x 10 in. size for a new display which you can see in our Event Center. The pictures have also been made into a slide show which is posted on YouTube. The easiest way to access the slide show is to go to the Historical Society web site, <http://conklinreedorganmuseum.org/>, click on the Organ Museum tab, scroll down to the Wayside Inn section and click on the Wayside Inn Video link. This will take you to YouTube and start the slide show.



Did you Know?
The H-H Food Pantry

- Is...Operated by volunteers from the community, including 3 area churches
- Is...Funded by local business, service groups, individuals and area churches
- Is...Available to those in need in the H-H School District
- Is...Located in Hillside United Methodist Church-lower level
- Is...Open every Tuesday and Thursday-9:00 am until 12 noon
- Is...Serving an average of 38-45 families per month
- Is...Costing the Pantry \$1000-\$1500 each month to keep the shelves stocked

Tai Chi Class



**Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00
am
New 6 Week Session
Beginning April 7, 2016
Hanover-Horton Area
Historical Society Event
Center**

Tai Chi's slow, gentle movements are good for core strength, flexibility and balance.

The Tai Chi for Arthritis form developed by Dr. Paul Lam will be taught by certified instructor Sharon Folkert.

Please wear loose comfortable clothing that is easy to move in and well-fitting shoes.

Suggested Donation: \$12 for the 6 week session

For more info, please call the HHAHS office
517-563-8927

Spring Cleaning Opportunities

It's Spring! (Really, it is.) And what does spring bring? No, not flowers or butterflies – it brings spring cleaning at the Museum! We've scheduled a couple of days/times so that the museum will be spick and span for our season opening on May 1. We have an added incentive this year of being part of the Bean Creek Organ Festival on May 14 and 15. People from all over will be attending this festival and our own Conklin Museum is one of the tours offered. So we need the museum really looking good.

Our scheduled dates for cleaning are:
Mondays, April 18 and 25; 1:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 both days

A big thank-you to the Jacksonburg Questers who have volunteered to help this spring. They will be scheduling their own cleaning times, but are always welcome on the above dates.

A look back into a local family-

Lena (Reed) Laughlin was born in Liberty Township, on 17Apr1894, to Fred Clifford and Anna Marie (Hatch) Reed.

In 1910, at the age of 16, she took the county school examination and received a third grade teaching certificate. She graduated from Horton High School in 1912 and began teaching at the one-room Drake schoolhouse for \$12 a month. Over the next few years she taught at the Pardee School, East Jackson School and Jefferson school in Brooklyn.

Lena married Freeman Leo Laughlin in 1915 and they settled in Horton and began raising their family consisting of Reed, Rollo, Ruth, and Rosalind. Leo's father owned the grocery and dry goods store on Main Street (located in the Hodge building where Lomar Industries is now located) and began their 30 year career as merchants.

After the sale of the store they decided to build a gas station at the corner of Moscow and Coats Road and eventually opened The Brown Cow.

Lena was very devoted to her family and her community. She instilled a positive work ethic in her children and was a savvy businesswoman. Usually ahead of her time she was an inspiration to those who knew her.

THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCES OF LENA REED LAUGHLIN

"Mom lived to be 93 years old. Although she may have had some physical problems that handicapped her mobility, she remained very active in her hobby of arts and crafts. Her mind remained alert and sound until just a few weeks before her death.

When she was 90, I asked her if she would write a story about the trips that she would make to the Ford factory in Highland Park with her Dad to pick up new automobiles for his Ford agency. I was always fascinated by this adventure.

Another of her proud and happy memories that she loved to talk about, were stories of her early, and life time, business adventure. So, I asked her to write of these many business experiences. These were her stories as she wrote them."

Rollo L. Laughlin

Editor's note: no editing was done on these stories. DRL

"Trips to The Ford Factory: In 1912 father used to take young boys and girls into Highland Park to help drive new cars home. He would buy three at a time, so two would go with him on the Nine o'clock to Jackson, and then pick up another train for Detroit. There, we would take the street car to the Ford hotel near the Ford Plant. We would pick up the cars about nine o'clock in the morning and then start for Horton. It was a long drive, and the roads were bad. No pavement, just sand and dirt roads. Some of the cars were roadsters and two-doors. Most had tops on but they could be lowered or raised. The front seat had no doors on either side: there was an opening to get in and out of the car. The cars had only two speeds - high and low. The tires were very small. The roads had only one track, and to pass something, one had to pull off the road. The horses that we would meet were afraid, so we had to drive slowly in passing. One time coming home, we got caught in the sand and had to call for help. The next day, after we got home, I taught Tim Nugent and Will Weir how to drive.



The Hanover-Horton Class of 2016 celebrates its commencement exercises on May 27, 2016. The Historical Society congratulates them.

The following speech was given and written by Miss Inez Marie Hatch Crosthwaite, a graduate of the class of 1914 Horton High School. This speech is included in Miss Hatch's book "My High School Days," which was donated to the Historical Society:

"In strict justice, woman stands before the world on the same footing as man. She is a daughter of the almighty Father, so every man is his son. Each was created in the divine image and for each the path of duty and destiny is the same. He has given them varied labors, but the same capacities for intellectual, social, and moral advancement. He has given to neither, power over the other. The fact that leads to the unanimous belief of the inferiority of woman is that she has had for ages, to advance with man, her brother along the path of savaging and struggle up with him through the era of Christianity. As we glance along the pathway of the vanished centuries, we can see an astounding contrast between the women of earlier ages and the women of today. Woman was, and ever is, in heathenism, object and miserable but through the influence of mental and moral culture, she has advanced to a loftier position and a happier sphere. Far back in human traditions and history, we find the acknowledgement of woman's mission. The women of Pagan Greece and Rome were not altogether unworthy of praise. Indeed the names of some who dealt in classic lands are the synonym's of graces and virtues, which may well be imitated in a later age. The women of Sparta are always mentioned as heroic. They were educated with their brothers and were accustomed to hardships and the greatest virtue which they cultivated was that of patriotism.

Europe with his marvelous historic and classic histories has done as much for women as the form of Christianity which prevails over by far the larger portion of it with permit. But it is reserved for America to show to the world the rarest excellence of woman in the exercise of the largest and truest liberty the world has ever known.

The United States of America says Mrs. Hale "is the land of modern chivalry where the moral qualities of woman are most highly valued and her station as the glory of man most fully acknowledged." The remarkable effect that this has had on the destiny of the nation was comprehended by M.D. Torquerrille who observed the result, though he did not analyze the process. At the close of his work on America, he remarks that if he were required to point out the cause of the wonderful advancement in prosperity and civilization of the American people he should reply. "It was the superior character of their women."

Our fore fathers founded colleges for men, women were not thought capable of higher education. Girls were not even admitted in the public grammar schools. At the present time our high schools are graduating more girls than boys. Forty thousand women are in our colleges making good records in scholarship. All this brought about because a few brave women were strong enough to take the lead in persistent efforts for the education of women. Furthermore she has been welcomed to a partial participation in government, as voters in ten states, and as a holder of public offices in nearly every state in the union.

Women now constitute nine-tenths of the whole corps of public instructors in the state. They fill the same office in the normal schools and in all the higher schools.

In his laudable enthusiasm the writer before quoted goes on to picture the future of the world, when the women of coming centuries will do fully the work that was given her to do. "I have no more doubt", he says, "I am fully persuaded that women enlightened and enfranchised will be equal to the demand."

If women's progress during the next century is as rapid as that of the last, who can tell to what heights she may not attain. Judging from the past, I can safely predict for her a brilliant future. Let her always live up to that standard of purity and modesty that her creator intended she should."

- Inez Marie Hatch (1914)

Riske Room

The Riske Room upstairs in the Conklin Museum will be getting some much needed attention this year. Look for some new displays coming soon.

Is this a name familiar to you?

The Historical Society recently received two photos dated 1874. The pictures were purchased on Ebay from a seller in Texas. They are husband and wife, David A. and Elizabeth H. (McMichael) Cleland, who lived in Hanover Township, Jackson County, Michigan. David was born April 21, 1836 and was a son of James D. and Elvira Cleland. James Cleland was born in 1801 in Ireland and died in Hanover Township in 1882. Both James and David were farmers. On New Year's Day of 1874 David married Elizabeth H.



McMichael and these may have been their wedding pictures. David died on November 24, 1879 and his death record lists him as single so Elizabeth must have died within a few years of their marriage. We could not determine if they had children. David is buried in the Leidley Cemetery in Hanover Township. Both photos were taken at LeClear's Photograph Palace in Jackson, Michigan. If you have any information about either of these people we would like to hear from you.

A big addition is here!

Monday, April 11th, started a new project for the HHAHS. In March the Board approved the building of a 51'x100' storage barn. This barn will house numerous pieces of antique farm equipment that has been donated by local supporters. The Society has been extremely fortunate to "inherit" these pieces of equipment and have been collecting them for years. It was finally time to build them a house to get them out of the elements. The Society is borrowing money from itself to pay for this project. We are extremely proud of our financial stability and our ability to make this project happen. From start to finish the building of the barn should be less than a week.



Another Project in the Works-

The Conklin Reed Organ Museum will be undergoing a big upgrade this year. The electrical will be modernized and brought up to safer standards. There are many projects that we would like to see happen in the museum, and by upgrading the electrical it brings us one step closer to a finished product we will be proud to show off. This will be done by a local electrician and will hopefully be completed at the end of our museum season.

Heritage Park Event Center



Have you seen...

The HHAHS website recieved a serious upgrade. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Sue Whittaker for all of her hard work on making our website a lot more user friendly. You can now go to our website, www.conklinreedorganmuseum.org and find our calendar, upcoming events, ways to donate, information about the park or the musem, watch videos and listen to organ music. Thanks to Sue and the other members that made this possible. It may have been a while since you have visited it, check it out. The changes have been wonderful!!

Maple Syrup Festival-A success!

March 19th brought out the local community members to the Heritage Park Event Center to celebrate syrup and eat delicious pancakes. Over 300 pancake breakfasts were served and children were able to enjoy watching the way syrup was made in colonial times and how we as a society are doing it now. We at the HHAHS are so very fortunate to be surrounded by such a supportive community.



Community Potluck

The 3rd Friday of each month members of the HHAHS gather at the event center to feast at the monthly potluck. We gather at 6:00pm and eat at 6:30pm. We welcome newcomers and would love to see new faces. Bring your own table service and a passing dish

Organ Workshop Schedule 2016

March 18-19

April 15 – 16

May 13-14

June 17-18

July 22-23

August 12-13

September 16-17

October 14-15

Thank You Luncheon Saturday, September 17
Noon at the Event Center

Workshops are a Friday and Saturday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm both days
At the Herrick Building next to the Museum