

# REMUS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RAHS)

A NONPROFIT TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

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"OUR PAST, YOUR FUTURE"



The purpose of the Remus Area Historical Society, Inc. (RAHS) an educational charitable non-profit organization is to celebrate the heritage, and preserve the cultural and historical resources, especially in the Townships of Wheatland, Broomfield, Rolland, Millbrook, Colfax, Morton, Martiny, Austin, Hinton, Sheridan, and surrounding area.

## UPCOMING DATES:

- ♦ Wed. May 5, 2021, Remus Museum opens 11a.m.-3 p.m. Clean up day begins at 9 a.m. Volunteers welcome to dust, mop, vacuum, etc. **Museum will continue to be open all summer on Wednesdays 11a.m.-3 p.m. Other days by appointment.**
- ♦ Wed. May 19, 2021, RAHS Board Meeting 4PM. Presentation by Mary Batchelder "Bingen, the Town Before Remus" at the museum & Zoom access.
- ♦ Wed. June 16, 2021, RAHS Board Meeting 4PM.
- ♦ Sat. July 17, 2021, Remus Heritage Days Parade & Museum Open House
- ♦ Wed. July 21, 2021, RAHS Board Meeting 4PM
- ♦ Wed. August 18, 2021, RAHS Board Meeting 4PM
- ♦ Wed. Sept. 15, 2021, RAHS Board Meeting 4PM

NOTE: NEW EMAIL is [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com). For more information about your museum, call Linda Howard (989) 560-8305, Char Lenon (989) 560-2431, or Dawn Snyder (989) 561-5469. Watch or subscribe to [www.Remus.org](http://www.Remus.org) for news about other upcoming events.

Cover photo: In 1905, a group of farmers banded together to organize a company to market their cream. In 1917, this became the Remus Cooperative Creamery.

Come visit the Remus Museum to see our excellent Creamery exhibit!

## Spring 2021

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Yes, I wish to support the Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS) and museum.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you rather remain anonymous? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

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City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for 2021 RAHS membership. (\$35-individual, \$50-family, \$100-business or group, \$500 – supporting member/group. )

Enclosed is also a \$\_\_\_\_ gift made in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail an acknowledgement to \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_ city/state/zip.

\$\_\_\_\_ TOTAL enclosed.

USE PAYPAL/CREDIT CARD LINK:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=JTEM9WVCJEAYA](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=JTEM9WVCJEAYA)

OR, MAIL CHECK TO: REMUS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (RAHS), INC., P.O. BOX 71, REMUS, MICHIGAN 49340



## Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS) - Activities

⇒ The “**Honoring Our Community**” project is nearing completion thanks to grant makers and Remus Museum volunteers. The project highlights the industriousness and cooperative spirit of early residents that helped build the Remus community. The funders included: Consumers Energy Foundation; CARES Act via the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts; Mecosta County Community Foundation, an affiliate of Fremont Area Community Foundation; Remus Downtown Development Authority; and Wal-Mart. While visiting Remus, residents and tourists can enjoy 17 historical placards displayed in windows (like the Remus Consolidated School bus shown above).



A permanent installation for the placards is in the planning stages. In addition, the film/slideshow featuring dozens of Remus area families, will be ready by end of 2021. To order the "Honoring the Community" film/slideshow, email [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com) or subscribe to [Remus.org](http://Remus.org) to receive notice.



⇒ RAHS volunteers have been working to align death and burial records with cemetery plots in the **Morton Township Cemetery** located at 70th Avenue and 7 Mile Road. Once completed, the verified records will be shared with the Township and uploaded to Find-A-Grave. The volunteers were pleased to find the John E. Morton family plot. Born in 1820 in Nova Scotia, J.E. Morton arrived in Mecosta County in 1869 and created a successful pine log sales business before buying 160 acres to farm. The land was then part of Wheatland Township. In 1876, he led a petitioning effort to separate Morton from Wheatland Township. Though he wanted the new township to be named after Presidential candidate Hayes, the Board of Supervisors named the new township Morton. The first meeting was held at the Little River School. Source: *Chapman Bros. 1883 Portrait and Biographical album*, and, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

⇒ **Volunteers are Needed** for tasks such as: Collect Remus area obituaries. Help create displays. Build shelves/organize out buildings and collections. Create artifact labels/signs. Assemble scrapbooks. Stain/seal the picnic tables. Work on flower gardens. What are your skills? Your interests? Call Char Lenon at 989.560.2431 for info.

⇒ We are grateful for **Artifacts given to the museum**. We received items from the Carleton and Ruth Diehm collection (postcard on right shows the Central Hotel located on corner of W. Wheatland Ave. and the rail road tracks): Maureen Bott Wolfe donated Remus centennial dresses made by her mother Martha and other centennial items; Elsie Packard's daughter Delores donated newspaper articles and 1942 class roster; the Latham family provided an article about the Remus Creamery; Audrey Dubois donated the Chapin family skein winder; Phillip Lehnert brought in Arnold and Jenny family memorabilia, Eleanor Stickler contributed articles about John Sharp's Centennial farm and Dr. Benjamin and Bertha Franklin; Jo and Bob Ramsdell donated a crazy quilt from 1918; Dan Hein brought tin type photos and scrapbook; and, Mary Batchelder wrote up Bingen—the town before Remus. (Note the May 19 presentation in the calendar on cover page.)

