

Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS)

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324 S. Sheridan, P. O. Box 71, Remus, MI 49340

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Remus Area Historical Society

The purpose of the Remus Area Historical Society, Inc. (RAHS) an educational charitable nonprofit 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:

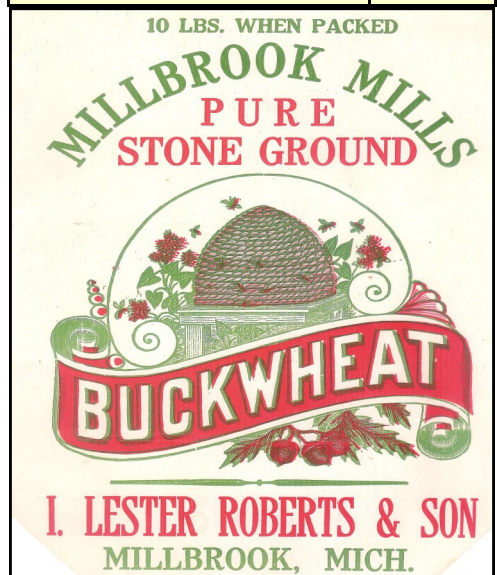
- Wed., April 19, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Wed., April 26, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., RAHS Museum Grounds Workday with Erna Lobert.
- Thurs., April 27, 2 to 4 p.m. Genealogy with Christine Conley-Sowels.
- Wed., May 3, Museum opens for season (Open every Wednesday 11-3.)
- Wed., May 17, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Thurs., May 18, 6 p.m. Genealogy with Mary Ann Stickler.
- Mon., May 29, 9 a.m. to 11a.m. Water, coffee and donuts served at Wheatland Township Hall following parade compliments of Remus Area Historical Society and Remus DDA.
- Sat., June 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Remus Museum, Caravan to Norman-Cummings, Roberts/Wager and Pine River Cemeteries in Wheatland Township for Genealogy/Cemetery tours and Noon tail gate luncheon served.
- Wed., June 21, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Wed., July 19, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Sat., July 22, 1 to 4 p.m. Quilt Display by Sew n' So at and Lumber Display at the Remus Museum during Heritage Days.
- Wed., August 16, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Wed., September 20, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Sat., October 14, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lumbering display and presentation in Me-costa at the Morton Township Library.

Watch www.Remus.org for other upcoming events.

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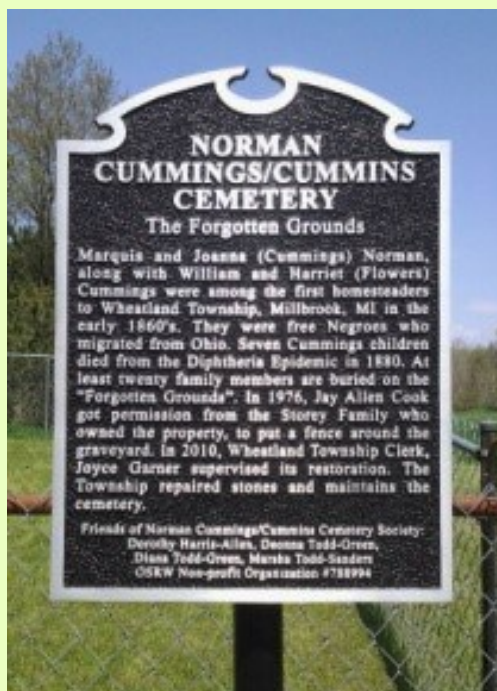


While researching Roberts Cemetery, museum volunteers found that I. Lester Roberts & son I. Howard proprietors of Millbrook Mills are both buried at Decker Cemetery.

Remus Area Historical Society - 2017 Genealogy Series

#1: On Thursday April 27st 2-p.m. to 4 p.m. the Genealogy series at the Remus Museum with Christine Conley-Sowels who will continue to offer tips about Using Computer/Technology resources; Bring your I-Pad or Laptop or smart phone. No cost.

#2. On Thursday May 18, 6 p.m. the Genealogy series continues at the Remus Museum with Mary Ann Stickler who will share information regarding using "Local Court House Records and Old Newspapers to find Family History Tidbits and Treasures." Bring your I-Pad or Laptop or smart phone. No cost.



#3. On Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. for Cemetery Tours in Wheatland Township. Meet at Remus Museum at 10 a.m. Caravan to Norman/Cummings Cemetery on 6 Mile Road where Dorothy Harris-Allen will present. Then continue on to Roberts/Wager Cemetery on 10th Avenue. Enjoy a Tail Gate Luncheon compliments of



Remus Area Historical Society. Finally visit Pine River Cemetery also on 10th Avenue. Learn about the early homesteaders including Mennonite church members, the epidemics that plagued so many families and the influence of the Roberts Bros. Mill. This is a Rain or Shine event. Come share stories about your ancestors! Led by Mary Simon, Di Green, and Margaret Hough.



We are collecting Family Histories! Please drop off at the museum, mail: Attention: Mary Simon, Remus Area Historical Society, PO Box 71, Remus, MI 49340, or, email to museum@winntel.net.

School Section Lake Pavilion Project Completed!



About 125 supporters attended the October 22nd Stone Pavilion restoration celebration at the School Section Lake Veterans Park in Morton Township, Mecosta County, Michigan. The Stone Pavilion, built over 85 years ago in a Craftsman influenced design with extensive fieldstone work, will continue to serve the community for many years to come. A grassroots community wide partnership effort succeeded in preserving this valued local historical and cultural landmark. Over 250 gifts as well as dozens of raffle prizes were donated during fundraising. Thank you to all that helped make this happen!

Photos by Cheryl Colley

Old Remus Area Photos in our Museum Archives!

Many Remus area residents will remember going to the Wonderland Drive-Inn managed by the Cox family. It was located about one mile north of Remus.



Agnes Gundell, Don "Ding" Kimball and Wonderland Drive-Inn owner Donna Cox. Note the "The Remus Record" laying in front of Donna.

Photo taken in the mid 1950's.

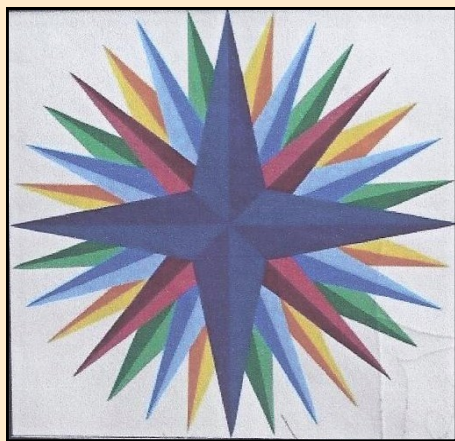


The Remus Area
Historical Society
Presents:

the Mecosta County Quilt Trail



The Mecosta County Quilt Block Trail has added more blocks to the trail. There are now 68 blocks on the trail map. Several people are now painting their own quilt block boards so there are even more creative designs mounted around the county. Self Guided Trail brochures with maps are available online (www.remus.org), at the Remus Museum (324 S Sheridan) and at the Chamber of Commerce in Big Rapids. Go for a drive and see how many beautiful and colorful blocks are now mounted throughout Mecosta, Montcalm, Isabella and Clare Counties. The last block of the project, now in development, will go up soon at Dave & Nita Lewis' at 80335 5 Mile Road, Mecosta.



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LUMBERING IN THE AREA

Looking back: During 2015, Larry Schaftenaar facilitated a highly successful Genealogy Oral History Roundtable in Remus with several founding families and area elders discussing old tales, early settlers, businesses, schools and more. In 2016, a very successful Remembering Lumbering event was held at the Millbrook Township Hall and a new display was established at the Remus Museum.

- ♦ **Lumbering event in Mecosta** will be held on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 from noon to 3 p.m.** at the Morton Township Library in Mecosta. Logging materials will be on display. A presentation will be made by Roger Elkins. A panel discussion will begin at 1 p.m. talking about lumbering in the Mecosta, Rodney and Chippewa Lake areas. Come listen, share information and/or bring logging documents, tools, photos and other artifacts to share. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Linda Howard by phone: (989) 560-8305 or email lhoward@cmsinter.net or contact Larry Schaftenaar by phone: 989-561-2077 or email: lschafte@hotmail.com.
- ♦ Come see the new **Lumbering Display** on Wednesdays 11-3 or during Remus Heritage Days on Saturday, July 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Remus Museum, 324 S. Sheridan, Remus, MI.



Mecosta County Lumber Camp. Used with permission from Wexford County Historical Society. See: wexfordcountyhistory.org

For More Information, email

museum@winntel.net.

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museum@winntel.net.

If you wish to be deleted from this list or if this email should have been directed to a different email address please let us know.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! **WWW.REMUS.ORG**

New! Limited genealogy assistance

is available to Remus Area Historical Society members. (See form below). Members may contact

MargHough@aol.com for more information.

Because Remus Area Historical Society, Inc. (RAHS) is an incorporated tax exempt nonprofit, all gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

This year RAHS managed the Remus Museum, the Mecosta County Quilt Block Trail, the Genealogy series, supported Remus.org, and coordinated the fundraising for restoring the Stone Pavilion at School Section Lake Veterans Park in Morton Township.

The Museum is open to residents and visitors every Wednesday and some Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3 through October 25, and by appointment. Volunteers are welcome to help staff the museum, Memorial Day through Labor Day next summer on Saturdays 11-3.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ken Todd (989) 967-8249, kentodd@cmsinter.net, or, Char Lenon (989) 967-8153, cklenon@frontier.com or email museum@winntel.net.

COME TO A MEETING! Regular meetings are held the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.** at the museum.

Seeking new volunteers and board members!
Come find your niche.
Propose a project or topic that you would find of interest.



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

Contact Name _____

Would you rather remain anonymous? ____ yes ____ no

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

\$_____ is enclosed for **2017 RAHS membership**. (\$20-individual, \$35-family, \$50-business, \$100-contributing member/group, \$500 – supporting member/group).

This gift is made in memory/honor of: _____ Please mail an acknowledgement to _____ (name) _____ (address) _____ city/state/zip.

\$_____ **TOTAL** enclosed.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO RAHS

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