THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our 2016 Reindeer Day a whopping success through your donation of baskets and baked goods. Also congratulations to all of the basket winners. A special thank you to the radio station WGWE for covering the event and to the following businesses that also contributed items for our raffle:


WALL OF FAME
JUDGE THOMAS H. DOWD

August 20, 1859—October 20, 1953


It is with regret that the Board of the Salamanca Area Historical Society and Museum accepted the resignation of Mrs. Cathy Lacy from the board. We thank Cathy for her service over the years and hope she will continue to offer her insights and talents as she can.

THINK SPRING and Renewal of your membership. Please help keep the museum open and growing with your support and membership.

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME: Please support us by renewing your membership to or becoming a new member of the Salamanca Area Historical Society and Museum. Renewal form is on page 3.
MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF:

MONICA (NIN) ABRAMS
BY: WILLIAM HUNT
MR. AND MRS. WILLARD OFFERBECK
DONALD YOUNG

WILMA COONEY
BY: ROSALYN HOAG

BARBARA GOULD
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BY: CHARLES AND CHARLOTTE
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THE FOLLOWING HAVE GIVEN DONATIONS IN THE FORM OF ITEMS OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

CAROLINE BATTERSON; JOHN CRIST; MARY ELLEN COLLINS; STEVE AND LOUISE FITZGERALD;
SHIRLEY FROST; DIANA GILLIGAN; JACK AND KAREN HALEY; JEFFREY HARNISH; RAYMOND
HOXIE; ROBERT IRWIN; PAUL JUSKO; GAYLE MALEK; MARYANN METKA; WILLIAM O’DELL;
DAVID J. SHERR; RICHARD AND ANN SMITH; MARILYN REED STANDING; ALBERT WEISER;
RICHARD AND LYNNE YEHL;

THANK YOU

NEW TREASURES

Sleigh donated by the Frank Family

Paul Jusko Military Ribbons

C. R. Gibson Bottles from Haley Collection

NEW BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

President: Mrs. Frances Lord
Vice President: Mr. Thomas Sharbaugh
Treasurer: Mrs. Patti Yehl
Secretary: Ms. April Vecchiarella

WELCOME NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD
Mrs. Janet Schmick

BOARD MEMBERS:

ERDENA BURGER, ROSALYN HOAG, ROGER LORD,
TOM PERCY, JANET SCHMICK, KIRSTEN WOODIN,
MIKE ZAPROWSKI.
Salamanca Area Historical Society and Museum

Happy St. Patrick’s Day
May you find your pot of gold at the end of a beautiful rainbow
Erin Go Bragh!

Happy Easter
May all the blessings of the Easter Season be bestowed on you and your loved ones.

Thank you to the Salamanca Police Department for helping us to get the donated sleigh in the door after the falling leaves Festival Parade.

Thank you to all of our members and friends who have renewed their membership for 2017. If you have not as yet done so, please do.

Membership Renewal / New Membership

New Membership ______ 2017 Renewal ________________ (2017 Membership is $10.00)

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: _______________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________________

Membership New or Renewal $10.00 ___________ Donation: $ ___________ Amount Enclosed: ___________

Please send this form to: Salamanca Area Historical Society
125 Main Street, PO Box 23
Salamanca, NY 14779

Please stop in to see the new displays and additions.

Allegany Oxbow A History of Allegany State Park and the Allegany Reserve of the Seneca Nation still available for $5.00 each plus $2.50 postage for mailing

I would like to order ______ copies.
OCTOBER 2, 2017: FALLING LEAVES FESTIVAL. The day started with rain and dreary conditions. The Museum became a refuge for some of the groups participating in the parade and the facilities were well used by many. The museum sponsored a float with the Silver Bells Theme featuring a sleigh that was donated to the museum by the Frank Family from Ellicottville. (see article in Salamanca Press December 15, 2016). More photos available on our website.

OCTOBER 20, 2016: PAST AND PRESENT PARANORMAL from Jamestown did a paranormal reading here at the museum with about 30 people present. After a very informative presentation by the team, they conducted readings on each of the floors with interesting results. We hope to have them return to give us a presentation on the results of the readings later this year. One of the people present gave the following account of the reading on the 2nd floor:

In the Victorian Room over the Mantle is a picture of a local business person that I asked "Are you with us again tonight? and he responded with a very low "Yes". (He had responded by lighting a flashlight on the Mantle the week before when we had our meeting.) Others asked him questions as well and he responded "Yes". There were also pictures of some children on the wall and when asked if they were with us as they had been a week before they answered by flashing a flash light that was sitting on the Mantle.

Our group also joined a group in the classroom that had communicated with someone in there. I asked "Were you a teacher here in Salamanca?" and she flashed on a light that was sitting on the desk. I then asked if she was a Nun from Holy Cross School as the desks in the room were from Holy Cross School. There was no reply, so I asked if she taught at St. Patrick's as we have uniforms etc. from St. Patrick's in the room as well. There was no reply. I then ask if she was a teacher at Maple Street School and the light came on brightly. I would like to have asked more questions but as we were running late, we closed it down at that time.

For more on this see the story that was in the Salamanca Press edition of October 27, 2016. It is also available on our website along with some of the videos and report on the findings. The group will be giving a presentation on their findings here at the museum soon. Date and time to be announced on the radio, in the newspaper and on our website.

DECEMBER 17, 2016: REINDEER DAY Santa and Dancer came to the Museum for a visit along with many happy children and adults. WGWE was here to cover the event. We want to congratulate all the basket winners and thank everyone who donated baked goods for the sale. It was a great event and we hope a good time was had by all. See more photos on page 6 and our website.
REMEMBERING THE HALEY COAL COMPANY AND MILK BOTTLES

BY JACK HALEY

THE HALEY COAL COMPANY started as Kingston and Haley Coal Company. It was owned by my father Arthur (Mutt) Haley and John Kingston. Sometime after Prohibition ended, John sold out to my father and opened the Kingston Liquor Store at 12 Broad Street. In later years, it became the Don Brennan Liquor Store.

Haley Coal Company was located at 164 Rochester Street. My dad and Jake Cooper had their offices in a large room behind the Salamanca Beverage Company office. Jake owned the junk yard and we collected old newspapers and magazines which Dad would bundle for us and bring home the coal truck and we would go see Jake. He always worked with cash out of his pocket. No paper trail. To this day I believe he always gave us kids a little more than the going rate. That was how I earned the money for my first new bike when I was about 8.

Another coal yard remembrance. It was in the winter and we were unloading a railroad car of coal. It was frozen and I climbed up into the car to break the coal loose by hanging on to the side of the car and jumping on the coal. Well, being young and not paying attention, I jumped on the coal but didn’t hold on to the side and I ended up going down with the coal when it broke loose. I ended chest deep in the coal and gave my dad a big scare.

Dad also had a milk bottle exchange. The best I can remember is that the building was about 24 x 60 feet and was built just for the bottle exchange. You backed the stake body truck into the center of the building and the floor was even with the bed of the truck. When the sides were taken off the truck everything was level. My dad had a deal with most of the dairies within a 30-mile radius of Salamanca. The dairies had to take all of their own bottles and he would take all of the ones they didn’t want. It seems like every time I went with him we would come home with more bottles than we started with. When he closed down the milk bottle exchange in 1955, the building was full. Dad called someone from Buffalo and they came down and loaded all the bottles into a big dump truck to be recycled.

In 1955, natural gas had pretty much replaced the coal for heat and waxed cartons were on the way to replacing the glass milk bottle. Mel Fry who owned Riverdale Dairy was one of the first dairies in the area to start using the wax cartons.

Being a 50-state milk bottle collector, I would have loved to have been able to go through the bottles to find the good ones.

The date was Saturday, November 12, 2016. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haley came to visit the museum and brought with them many boxes of unique and wonderful treasures which they so generously donated to the museum. Among these treasures were many bottles from local dairies, stores and bottling works; scrap books with postcards and photos; yearbooks and school items; pencils from businesses; menus and other business forms along with so many fascinating items. We thank the Haley’s again and again.
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MEMBERSHIP:

Are you a member of the Historical Society and Museum? If not, this is your chance to become a member for 2017. Use the form on page 3.

THANK YOU for your continued support of the Salamanca Historical Society and Museum.

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