

# Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS)

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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 18, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Wed., April 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., RAHS Museum Grounds Workday. Bring your gloves, rakes and shovels.
- Wed., May 2, Museum opens for season (Open every Wednesday 11-3; also some Saturdays)
- Wed., May 2 – 5, National Genealogical Society 2018 Family History Conference at DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, MI. 175 sessions. Ride share from Remus possible. Register online. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- Wed., May 16, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Mon., May 28, 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.
- Fri., June 1, deadline for submitting old early Remus family pictures for the Early Remus Pioneers coloring book. (See page 2)
- Sat., June 2, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Old Settlers, with RAHS, are hosting a Morgan Cemetery tour in Wheatland Township with a focus on its Civil War veterans. (See page 2)
- Wed., June 20, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Sat. July 14, 10 a.m. Bundy Hill History Trail dedication and walk with the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy and supporters. (See page 3)
- Wed., July 18, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Sat., July 21- 22, Remus Heritage Days. The Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
- Wed., August 15, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Wed., September 19, 4:30 p.m. RAHS Board meeting.
- Sat., November 10, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Vietnam Veterans Event to be held. (Planning underway/tentative date/location – see article on the right)

Watch or subscribe to [www.Remus.org](http://www.Remus.org) for news about other upcoming events.

**NOTE: NEW EMAIL is [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com)**

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The Remus Area Historical Society wants to recognize veterans (from east side Mecosta County/ west side Isabella County) that served in Vietnam. An event honoring Vietnam Veterans and families is in the planning stages



for the fall of 2018, tentatively November 10. If you have Remus area **Vietnam Veteran you would like recognized** and/or would like to help organize the event, before July 1st please send **your contact info, Vietnam veteran name, service years, photos, letters, maps, items**, etc. by mail to RAHS, PO Box 71, Remus, MI 49340, or call Ken Todd 989.967.8249, or stop by the Remus Museum (324 S. Sheridan) or send an email to [kentodd@cmsinter.net](mailto:kentodd@cmsinter.net) and/or [remusmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:remusmuseum@gmail.com)

## Remus Area Historical Society - 2018 Genealogy Activities

#1: **Computers for Genealogy** Four-part genealogy workshop series led by experienced computer workshop educator MaryAnn Stickler held at the Morton Township Library helped area residents improve their skills as they research their heritage. Participants learned how to organize their family history data on their computers, find primary source documents and resources, and hone their search skills while using online genealogy sites. Many interesting stories about assorted ancestors were shared and new friendships were created. The second series is currently underway. For those interested in learning about the next series to be held, contact [maryannstickler@hotmail.com](mailto:maryannstickler@hotmail.com) or [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list. There is a \$20 fee.

#2. **On Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 12 noon for Cemetery Tour in Wheatland Township.** This is a Rain or Shine event. The Old Settlers group is hosting a cemetery tour on June 02, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery in Remus, Michigan. The Fred Hart Genealogy Society from Detroit will be in attendance as the focus is on the ten colored Civil War Veterans buried there. The cemetery, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located northwest of Remus (two miles north of Remus, left on 11 Mile Road for 2 miles, left on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, one mile to cemetery on the left.) Light refreshments will be served. Offered in conjunction with Remus Area Historical Society, open to the public. Bring your own lawn chair to sit during program. Led by Mary Simon, Di Green, and Margaret Hough.



#3. **Early Remus Pioneers coloring book.** Old Settlers Reunion Website (OSRW) is publishing a historical Early Remus Pioneers coloring book illustrated by Raymond Pointer to be available at Remus Heritage Days in 2018. The author is a 40-year film and animation professional. Pointer studied film and television production at Wayne State University and The University of Southern California. He served as a film producer for the U.S. Navy Office of Information and has worked in the animation industry for Film Roman, Hanna-Barbera, Fred Wolf Films, MGM and Nickelodeon. If anyone has old early Remus family pictures they would like us to consider for the coloring book, please submit by June 1 by emailing Diana Green at [ladydi\\_no1@msn.com](mailto:ladydi_no1@msn.com) or dropping them off at the Remus Museum, 324 S Sheridan, Remus, Michigan.

**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 [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com).**

MANSFIELD'S ELEVATOR, REMUS, MICH.



Mansfield Elevator in Remus in 1907

### The Melting Pot



The social fabric of the Bundy Hills area was heavily influenced by Oberlin College Congregationalists, who practiced racial and gender equality. Emphasis was on having caring relationships with neighbors, land ownership, and schools/churches available to everyone. Some of Michigan's first integrated schools and churches were in this area. Almost all schools were integrated (see above Nostrant School students), three additional integrated Schools were located, within 2 miles. Church services were held in various locations, an integrated church from the 1860s is still active 4 miles to west of here. Interracial marriages were common here, 130+ years before most of the USA.

### The Bundy Hills History Trail

*The Historical "Living Trail" project at the Bundy Hill Preserve on River Road, Broomfield Township will soon have new trail signs recognizing the area's unique and rich history. (Note the example above is a draft and has not been finalized.)*

**Join us Saturday July 14, 10 a.m. at the Bundy Hill Preserve for the "Living Trail" dedication. The project was led by Chippewa Watershed Conservancy and supporters: Judy and Larry Schaftenaar, Old Settlers Reunion, Remus Area Historical Society, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and, a matching grant from Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN).**

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When buying on Amazon, log in at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Remus Area Historical Society. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a portion of the sale!

**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. Make gift bags for events.  
What are your skills? Areas of interest?

Contact Char Lenon at 989.506.2431 for info.

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

This year we managed the Remus Museum, completed the Mecosta County Quilt Block Trail, hosted the Genealogy series, continued work on an Elders Oral History project and supported Remus.org.

The Museum is open to residents and visitors every Wednesday and some Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 through October 24, 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](mailto:kentodd@cmsinter.net), or, Char Lenon (989) 967-8153, [cklenon@frontier.com](mailto:cklenon@frontier.com) or email [RemusMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:RemusMuseum@gmail.com).

**COME TO A MEETING!** Regular meetings are held the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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, I wish to support the Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS) and museum.**

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

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

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

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

\$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for **2018 RAHS membership**. (\$35-individual, \$50-family, \$100-business or 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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