



# Clinton County Historical Society

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## The Year in Review

### Meet the Volunteers

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My name is Emma and I have lived in Clinton County my whole life. I have been volunteering at CCHS for a few years now, specifically at the museum. I currently work as a bank teller and attend school full-time at Lansing Community College, where I am getting my degree in History. At LCC I am the Vice President of History Club, and have maintained my place on the LCC President's List for my GPA.

After graduating from LCC, I plan on transferring to CMU to pursue a degree in Public History and Museum Studies, and after that I will likely go on to another university to further my research and education in the field. It can be very difficult to juggle work, school, volunteering, and personal life, but it is all part of the journey!



### Annual Meeting Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather, the annual meeting election has been rescheduled for January 14th at 10am at 1st United Methodist Church, St. Johns. Nominated for a new board position is Jim Parr, and Lynne Gregory and Gayla Phillips for reelection for an additional term. CCHS members may make additional nominations from the floor.

The RBW High School panel discussion will now take place at a spring meeting to be announced.

### New Website

We recently launched [cchsmichigan.org](http://cchsmichigan.org) as our new website. Check this site regularly for all the latest information.

2025 was a jam packed year for the CCHS. Our overriding goal was to work on improved unification of the museum (artifacts), archives (documents), and the executive board in a seamless manner.

While we are not completely there yet, we have accomplished a lot. We spent six months rewriting our by-laws which are now solid and workable.

We have redesigned and improved our financial processes with one treasurer (instead of two), and we created a financial operations committee working with a CPA to create proposed policies and budgets.

We have also created a technology committee which has redesigned our website and implemented improved Internet connectivity.

Working with a specialist, we have submitted a request for an America 250 grant, which if successful will cover much of the cost for major improvements at the Museum.

One of our most important accomplishments this year has been improved transparency for all involved.

### Dues for 2026

Beginning in 2026, the CCHS finds it necessary to increase our dues to continue to preserve and maintain Clinton County's history at both the archives and museum.

The Clinton County Historical Society membership dues will be \$40. Membership includes all members of the household, an emailed copy of the quarterly *Clinton County Trails*, free admission to CCHS programs and events, free archives use, \$5 per hour discount for archives remote research, 10% discount of CCHS products, and ability to serve on CCHS committees. Due to increased postage rates, there is an addition \$20 fee for those wishing to receive the *Clinton County Trails* through the USPS.

In addition to our basic membership, we also rely on those who are able to make additional donations to help maintain the museum and archives.