



Clinton County Historical Society

Museum & Archives



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Christmas Season at the Museum

Meet the Volunteers

Cindy Kindel

Cindy Davis Kindel was born in St. Johns in 1952 and grew up in St. Johns. Graduated from St. Johns High School in 1970. Cindy has been volunteering at the Archives since 2021. Before that she worked 35 years at Michigan State University in the College of Business.

Her father's family Davis/Norris were early settlers in Clinton County. She grew up in the Norris home where her great grandmother (Genervia Norris) was raised. Her mother was raised in DeWitt where her father, C. H. Fuerstenau, was the superintendent of DeWitt schools for 35 years.

Cindy and her husband Larry have been married for 46 years and live on a farm north of St. Johns in Greenbush township. They have 2 sons, and 2 grandkids in the St. Johns schools, 1 in the middle school and 1 in the high school.



CCHS Annual Meeting

The CCHS Annual Meeting potluck luncheon will be held on December 10th at the DeWitt Community Center at 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, at noon.

The meeting will include election of CCHS board members. Lynne Gregory, Gayla Phillips, and Jim Parr are running for reelection to the board.

It will also feature a panel discussion of RBW High School. Full details will be in the December Newsletter.

An old-fashioned Victorian Christmas will kick-off at the Clinton County Historical Museum on Saturday, November 22nd from 10-2 featuring tree trimming, storytelling, crafts for kids and lots of Christmas cheer.

The museum will be open during the season on Saturdays 11/22, 12/6, and 12/13 from 10-2 and on Wednesdays 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 from 2-5.

Please plan to join us during this special time of year at the museum and make it part of your holiday tradition.

Archives Notes

The CCHS archives is located in the DeWitt Community Center at 16101 Brook Road in Lansing is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10-4.

While much of the collection is only available at the archives, online databases and other information are available on our archives website including:

[Archives Collection Catalog](#) (updated regularly)

[Photographs](#) (partial; Also DeWitt Library photos)

[School Lessons](#) (mostly elementary)

[Clinton County History Auto Tours](#)

[Digitized Newspapers](#) (more coming soon)

[Clinton County Trails](#) (older issues)

[Newsletters](#) (all)

[Oral Histories](#) (read or listen to dozens)

And births, marriage, deaths, and more!

Upcoming Events

November 2 — 1-4pm Westphalia Farm Exhibit (last day)

December 10 — CCHS Annual Meeting

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACQUISITIONS & RESEARCH

September 2025 Acquisitions

Meeting: Oct. 24, 2025

We had 9 visitors in September. The local county historical societies were hosted by the Elsie Historical Society for the 2nd annual meeting of the minds. It is great to be able to connect with others who are doing the same type of things. Ideas are bounced around and a good time was had by all. Thank you Elsie friends! :-)

PHOTOS:

- Elsie Parade (ca late 1950s early 1960s)
- Possible 1956 centennial info booth on courthouse lawn
- ca 1960s SJ train track in town
- Centennial photo of iron jail on courthouse lawn
- Niles Cemetery from the late 1800s, Eagle Twp, Niles Rd.
- 1900 Painting Niles Cemetery Posts: David Clark Sr., Sarah Smith Clark, Clarissa Smith Byam, Clara Shadduck, Mary Kebler Goodrich, Sarah Jane Tallman
- A group of negatives ca 1920s

SCHOOLS:

- 1963 RBW Football Program [S 187H]
- Misc. RBW Wilson Torch Aug. 1950, ca 1960-1969 [S 187I]

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Peters
Director

