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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 — 11 AM TO 3 PM

PICTURE DAY

**SANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALL FOR PICTURES — AT THE MUSEUM**

Let us scan your pictures into our Photograph Archive Collection.

We are looking for: Pictures of Sanford area, people, places, events, and businesses.

Can't make it this day? Contact us to make other arrangements.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (989) 687-9048.

See us on the web at www.sanfordhist.org or on Facebook.

Sanford Centennial Museum

2222 Smith Street

Sanford, MI 48657

Model Train Display Day
Saturday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sanford Centennial Museum
2222 Smith Street in Sanford

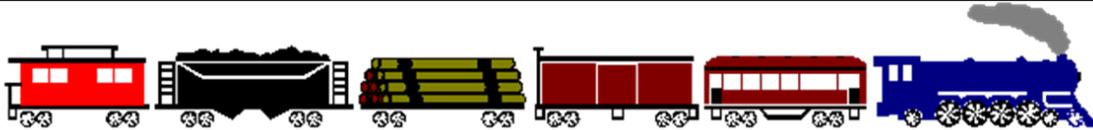


All aboard for Model Train Display Day at the Sanford Centennial Museum 1870s Depot! Come see exhibits and model trains by the Roscommon Historic Model Train Club experts along with local area enthusiasts.

Model trains will be running and on display in the historic depot sitting next to the Sanford Centennial Museum's full-size track and railroad cars featuring two cabooses, switch engine and box car. Adults and children are welcome to tour the inside of the cabooses and switch engine.

Train buffs if you have train items or trains to display for the day please call the museum at 989-687-9048.

The Train Display and the entire museum is completely free along with free parking and the rest of the Sanford Centennial Museum will also be open. To learn more about the museum and event, you can go to www.sanfordhist.org.



Model Train Day Event

At The Sanford Museum 1870s Depot

2222 Smith Street in Sanford Michigan

Saturday, August 5th , 2017 -- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring:

- **Roscommon Historic Model Train Club**
- **“Railroad Sal” Music 1-3 p.m.**
- **Depot G scale elevated train**
- **Displays & More model trains!**
- **Local Area Enthusiasts...Much More**

Save the date!

Free Admission & Parking

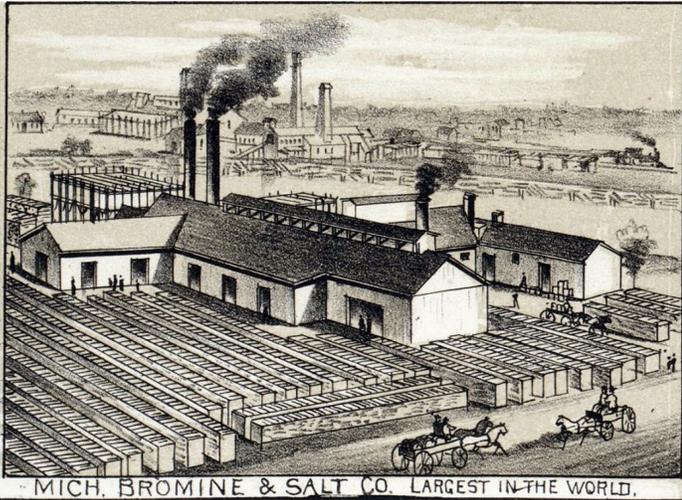


For Questions Call 989-687-9048



July SHS Membership Meeting

The July membership meeting of the Sanford Historical Society promises yet another outstanding presentation by our scheduled History Moment Speaker, Kyle Bagnall. Kyle is the Manager of Historical Programs for the Chippewa Nature Center and will be presenting his multimedia PowerPoint program, *Salt in the Saginaw Valley*.



“Long before salt mines opened under Detroit, drilling began in 1838 on Michigan’s first brine well, in Midland County. Eventually, salt production would become a tremendous source of wealth in the Saginaw Valley, linked to the lumber industry. From health-seekers soaking in mineral springs to countless barrels of granulated salt shipped by train, our region’s fame attracted H.H. Dow to Midland in 1890. Join Kyle Bagnall, Manager of Historical Programs at Chippewa Nature Center, as we investigate our salty past.”



With a degree in Public History from Western Michigan University, Kyle has researched Michigan History for more than 20 years. Since 1995, he’s worked at Chippewa Nature Center, exploring how people have interacted with the natural world.

The program should last about 45 minutes and will be followed by time for questions and answers. Admission and parking are free. This meeting of the Sanford Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the historic 1870s railroad depot on the museum grounds. You don’t have to be a member to attend—everyone is welcome!

2017 Membership and Board Meeting Dates		
	Membership Meetings	Board Meetings
July	19th	11th
August	16th	1st
September	20th	5th
October	18th	10th
November	15th	8th
December	na	5th

Save These Dates	
Picture Day	July 15 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Train Day	Aug. 5 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Founders Day	Sept. 9 & 10 “Early” to 6 p.m.
Santa Express	Dec. 12, 13 & 14 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Railroad Depot

By Rick E. Goodwin
April 21, 2017

It’s still a workhorse in Sanford, just not at its original location. The 1870 Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad Depot has had three locations during its lifetime serving the Sanford community. It was built and first located approximately where the Pere Marquette Rail Trail head is today near the corner of Maple Street and Railroad Street. The first store in Sanford was also located near the depot and run by the Wells, Stone & Co.



Original location of the Depot on the right side of picture near the Allswede Elevator. Flood of 1916. Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

Sometime in the 1950s, local businessman Harley Penney acquired the depot and moved it to his tractor sales business on the corner of Saginaw Road (US-10 in those days) and West River Road. It is said Harley and another person jacked up the depot and pulled it to its new location with 2 Ford tractors.



The Depot at its second location being prepared to be moved to the Sanford Historical Society museum grounds in 1984. Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

Harley Penney used the depot for storage and then it sat idle for a number of years before Steve Hyer donated the depot to the Sanford Historical Society in 1984 and it was moved to its current location. Once on the grounds the depot went thru some renovations including the replacement of the floor boards.



The Depot has seen its share of floods. This is at the original location circa the 1940s. That is the lumber yard on the right-hand side of the picture. Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

Looking back at historical papers gives us some interesting tidbits about the life and times of the depot at

its first location in Sanford. This is the location where the depot served the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad (and its successors from 1870 to about 1947).

1881 – A railroad time table shows train arrivals at 5:49 AM and 9:29 PM heading southeast. Trains headed northwest arrived at 10:31 AM and 4:48 PM.

1889 – Mr. Phillips is ticket agent at Sanford now.

1893 – The depot and freight rooms were reshingled.

1897 – A ladies waiting room was added to the depot.

1897 – They were to add a pair of scales to weigh stock at the depot.

1902 – The depot got a new coat of paint.

1917 – The depot was painted again, dark green with light yellow trim.

Some of the Station Agents who worked for the railroad in the depot over the years were: L. Hardy (1873), Wallace H. Peck (parts of 1883 to 1889), C. J. Schreeves (1893 to 1903), H. H. Cole (1905), and C. G. Mooney (1919). There were others over the years.



The depot today at its third location in Sanford on the museum grounds. Photo from the Society's website. See www.sanfordhist.org for more pictures.

The depot continues to be a workhorse for the community and the Sanford Historical Society. Each December the depot is the location for the Santa Express event. Decorated by volunteers, the depot in all its holiday glory is where children visit with Santa to make their Christmas wishes known to him.

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The Sanford Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month from April through November at 7:00 PM at the Sanford Village Hall, 106 Lincoln Street or in the Historic Depot on the grounds of the Museum. Members and visitors are always welcome.

Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. Dues may be paid on our web site, by mail, or in person at the museum during the season, at any meeting, or at Founders Day.

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