



Huntley Area Public Library Presents

**Oh, My! Mayhem, Mischief and Mysteries in
Huntley History**

Monday, May 13 from 10 to 11 a.m., Library program room

Odd, unusual and shocking events have happened in Huntley and to Huntley residents throughout the years. Hear the stories of these oddities and tragedies such as a Huntley man poisoned by wild women in the big city, or how the Huntley police chief used a machine gun to run an unruly gang out of town. Learn of the Huntley connection to the Titanic, the threat of radio active milk and more.

In conjunction with the county-wide May “Look at Local History” month, the library will present this adult program. Pre-registration is required.

Nancy Bacheller, Huntley Area Public Library Local History Coordinator

We Now Have A Home!!

Following some strategic planning and a period of negotiations in 2018, The Huntley Historical Society (THHS) and the Huntley Park District (HPD) entered into an agreement that proves beneficial to both organizations. THHS leases the farmhouse on the Deicke Stowell property from the HPD. Both groups will consider the appropriate use of this historic location, and the Society now has a headquarters. Such partnering should allow for a greater opportunity for success as we move forward. Having a home gives THHS stability that allows for possible grant acquisition. The HPD benefits by housing a historic group thereby helping to fulfill their mission to keep this farm’s past alive. It’s a win-win!

Next Steps

As with most growth, we must begin with baby steps. At this point, THHS Board members are the only Society members allowed in the farmhouse. Once washrooms meet ADA compliance, some wiring is redone, etc, the public will be welcomed inside the farmhouse. Consultations to plan this work have begun. We’re ready to move forward!

How YOU Can Help!!

Ultimately, the final decision of how the farm property is utilized and restored belongs to the boards of the HPD and THHS. However, your ideas are welcome! Any suggestions regarding how to showcase a historic farm settled in the 1840s should be shared with THHS Board!

Please contact us at huntleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com with your suggestions! Thank you!! *Donna Britton Miller, THHS Member*



Sun Valley Farm, 12201 West Main Street

Volunteer Opportunities

- Huntley history research at the Huntley Area Public Library— Volunteer with the Huntley Historic Society. Contact Nancy Bacheller, coordinator of the Local History Dept., nbachecheller@huntleylibrary.org
- Society Committee work: Fundraising, Programs, Marketing— contact huntleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
- Oral History filming and editing—contact huntleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Preserving and Presenting Huntley History

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Board meetings are 6:30 pm on the 4th Tuesdays at the Farmhouse.

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