

THE CARMEL SIGNAL

CARMEL CLAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fourth Quarter 2023

Established 1975

Our 48th Year



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Have you been by the site of the Carmel Clay History Museum?! The structural steel is in place, and crews will be installing the roof membrane this month. The building is taking shape and should be enclosed this winter! We are busy working on the design of the galleries and anticipate an opening next summer or fall! We are also busy fundraising to make this dream a reality. We need your support to complete the project. If you would like to contribute, contact Deb Gangstad at dgangstad@carmelclayhistory.org.

their comfy PJs! The event is free, but [registration is required](#). If you would like to volunteer for this fun holiday event, please [click here](#), or email dgangstad@carmelclayhistory.org.



CLAY TOWNSHIP HISTORY FAIR



POLAR EXPRESS PARTY

The holiday season is upon us, and we are excited to invite you to join us for a Polar Express Party on December 15, 10-11 a.m., at the Carmel Clay Public Library Community Room A. This event is for children ages 2–5 and their caregivers. We'll have readings from the classic holiday tale, snacks, a craft and a few surprises! Kids can wear

As this is the county's bicentennial year, each township was given a month to host celebrations. Clay Township's month was November. CCHS partnered with the library and other community groups to host the Clay Township History Fair. On November 12, hundreds turned out to see our exhibits as well as those of the Great American Songbook Foundation, the Greater Home Place

Neighborhood Association and Sheri Craig's diorama of Carmel! We had a wonderful slate of speakers and were entertained by a choir ensemble from Carmel High School. Thank you to the volunteers who made this special event possible.



Waneta Dunkerly was given our Heritage Award.



We were honored to present our Heritage Award to Waneta Dunkerly and our Volunteer Award to Cindy Reissaus at the Clay Township History Fair. We give our gratitude to both for the contributions they make to our community.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the General Membership was held at the Carmel Clay Public Library on October 22. Attending members voted in favor of the proposed ballot of officers and board members. Brad Sexauer will continue to serve as president, Lily Pai as vice president and Lisa McLaughlin as secretary. Ginny Steckley will take over as treasurer. We were pleased to welcome Mickey Brooks to our board.



Cindy Reissaus was presented our Volunteer of the Year Award.

Member News

We welcome the following New Members who joined CCHS in the 4th Quarter of 2023

Rebecca Kingry

John Pappillion

Tidbits from our Facebook Page

Did you know Carmel High School had a different name at one time?

The school was built by the Quakers of the Richland Monthly Meeting at Range Line and Smoky Row in 1869. At that time, private academies struggled to maintain funding. The Richland Friends did not even try.

Instead, they leased the building to the township so it could be publicly funded. The school was originally called Carmel Academy and later Carmel High School, but for several years in the 1870s and 1880s, it operated as Richland High School.



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Carmel/Richland High School built 1868.

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