



2026 Newsletter #1

Fallasburg Historical Society



Past

Do you hear that...?

Wedding Bells! There was a wedding at the schoolhouse this spring.

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Present

Digging into our past. We have an official and active archaeological site opening soon.

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Future

The famous Fallasburg Village Celebration and what to expect this year.

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Spring has officially sprung! Fallasburg is blooming with excitement as we gear up for an exciting spring and summer season.

Past News

We were fortunate enough to have had the honor of hosting the Van Timmeren family at Fallasburg as they witnessed the union between Aaron Nijse and Grace Van Timmeren. Both come from families who have been in Lowell for multiple generations. Congratulations to the newlyweds!



Even when our museums are not actively open, there is still much to see and do here. People are still encouraged to walk over the covered bridge and view the historic homes. We have the North Country Trail that cuts right through the village, plus other additional walking trails, multiple Geocaches speckled about, and the nearby Fallasburg Park, which offers many picnic areas, restrooms, a playground, and a disc golf course!



Present News

Digging Into the Past

Our village is getting scientific! We will be the site of an active and official Michigan Archaeological site. The goal of this excavation is to try to locate one of the old blacksmith shops from the late 1800s. Specifically, we are looking for the one thought to be owned by James Colvin. Based on research from our database and documents in our collection, it is believed his shop was located between the Colvin house and the Flat River.

That is where archaeology comes in! Our Curator and Archivist, Erin Johnston, is also a trained archaeologist, and she will be conducting a dig this summer. The site will be open for viewing and questions while she is excavating, but we ask that the public respect the site and not enter or disturb it, as archaeology is a slow, delicate process.

We are excited to share what we find with you all and keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook for updates throughout the summer.





Future News

Barn Quilt

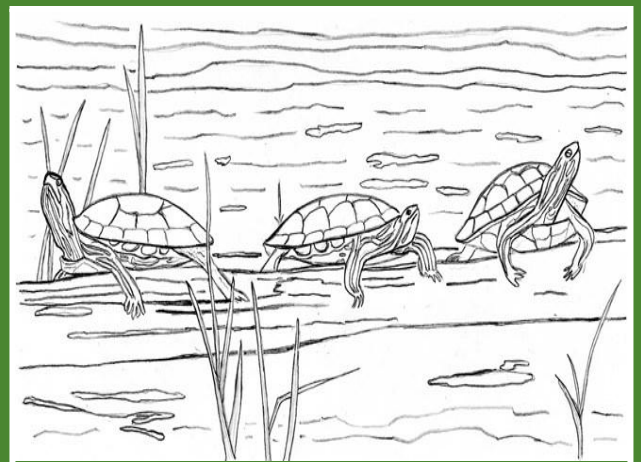
We are getting our very own barn quilt! We are excited to add this to the village, as it provides a pop of color and will become another iconic symbol of the Fallasburg Historical Society.

If you are unfamiliar with barn quilts, a barn quilt takes on the concept of a quilt square, and it is displayed on the side of a barn and made out of wood or metal. The origin of the quilt square on a barn started only in recent years in southern Ohio. In 2001, Donna Sue Groves created the first one as a way to honor her late mother, Maxine. Groves painted the quilt square on the side of their tobacco barn, and from there, the idea caught on and spread across the country.



New Displays

We will be working with local Anishinaabe community members to install a new display highlighting Indigenous presence in the area around Fallasburg before and after the village was established. The exhibit will not only focus on the past for the Anishinaabek peoples but also the present and future to create an active and 'living' display.





Events



Celebration

It's almost that time of year again- the Fallasburg Village Celebration, happening on July 25th, 10 am-4 pm. We will be having a Western Theme this year, accompanied by a costume contest, so come in your best cowboy boots, fringe, and hats. We will have a guest speaker, Aaron Decker from Ronoake Ranch For Kids, talking on ranch life from the old days.

In addition to the Artisan Market, we are also hosting a Vintage Market this year. Spaces are still available and are 10×10, \$30 each. If you are interested in becoming a vendor of either category, or know someone who would want to be one, check out our website or follow this link to sign up.

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We will, of course, still have the vintage car show featuring cars 2000 or older, carriage rides, food trucks, live music, and more.

The schedule with details of the day and activities hour by hour is listed for your convenience.

<https://fallasburg.org/celebration-july-25/>



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Paranormal Investigation

We will be hosting another night of paranormal activity and investigation with The Michigan Paranormal Alliance on October 24th, 2026. If you dare to join, you will take a guided walking tour through three of our historic homes, the Schoolhouse, and the cemetery of Fallasburg Village. As you go, the Michigan Paranormal Alliance will conduct a live investigation.

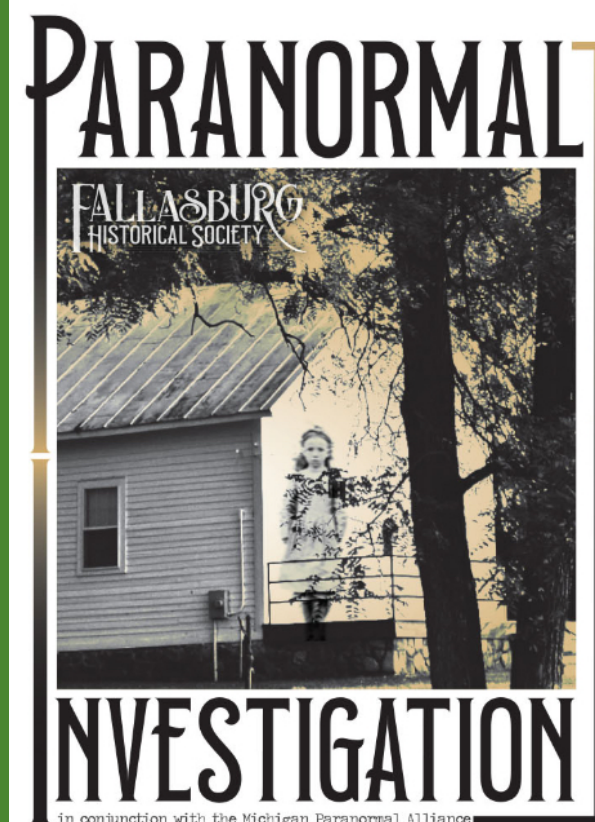
Admission to this event includes a t-shirt, snacks, and, of course, a good time. Tickets are \$50 a person. Sign up for your spot [HERE](#). For any additional questions, check out our website or email info@fallasburg.org

Christmas Through Lowell

The 34th Annual Christmas Through Lowell event is scheduled for November 20, 21, and 22, and we plan to attend again. We will have more updates later on this summer.

Lowell Nighttime Christmas Parade

We will be participating in the parade this year on December 5, 2026. The theme is "A Storybook Christmas."





ABOUT US:

Our Mission: To preserve and promote the unique history of Fallasburg Village by bringing its past to life for the present and future generations. We encourage public support through education, information sharing, and membership.

The Fallasburg Historical Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) corporation

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