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The mission of the Historic Sandusky Foundation is to preserve Sandusky, interpret its history and in particular its role in the Civil War, and provide opportunities for research and education.

PARK DAY 2015



On March 28th Historic Sandusky again teamed up with the Civil War Trust, History™ and Take Pride in America to participate in the 18th annual Park Day.

Since its inception in 1996, Park Day has attracted volunteers of all ages and abilities bound by their dedication to serving their communities. In 2014, nearly 9,000 volunteers at 104 sites across the country donated more than 35,000 service hours.

Having participated in Park Day for the past eight years, Sandusky had its most successful Park Day this year. More than twenty volunteers helped clean and maintain Sandusky's historic grounds, particularly our boxwoods.

Historic Sandusky is officially classified by the National Park Service as a Civil War battlefield as a result of its use as a command center by the Union army during

the 1864 Battle of Lynchburg.

Thanks to the following organizations who contributed to our Park Day effort: Taylor-Wilson Camp #10-Sons of Union Veterans, the 11th Virginia Infantry Re-enactment unit, and Lynchburg College.



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This year Historic Sandusky holds its 8th annual Lynchburg History Bowl. This event engages middle school history students in a dynamic program made possible by our sponsor Dodson Pest Control.



In September, our 8th annual Sunset at Sandusky event was held. This year featured special guest "Thomas Jefferson" as portrayed by Bill Barker who regaled the audience with stories of Jefferson and Sandusky's founder Charles Johnston.

Thanks to our sponsor, First Citizens Bank, funds were raised towards the restoration of Sandusky.



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The **Langhorne Research Room** was recently completed. This area houses rare books, photos, genealogy records, artifacts, and documents. All of these items are being digitized and entered into computer databases for easier access by students, historians, and researchers.



(Above) Lynchburg College students Lawrence Christopher and Diana Spangler recently spent the day with Peggy Cornet, Curator of Plants at Monticello. Ms. Cornet is a nationally recognized expert in historical landscapes. Both students are working on internship projects related to Sandusky's horticultural history. It was a great opportunity to merge student interests with real-world expertise.



(left) Before, during, and after photos of the north wall restoration. This work was made possible by support from The Easley Foundation and The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust (Sackett-Graves Fund). The modern pump house was removed and the wall returned to its historical appearance.



(Below) After more than a year of research and construction the restored Sandusky parlor was completed and opened. Most of the research was performed by Lynchburg College history graduate student Brittney Bowes. After her graduation from Lynchburg College Ms. Bowes received a full scholarship to the University of Miami in their history Ph.D. program. Congratulations to Ms. Bowes!





BATTLE OF LYNCHBURG SESQUICENTENNIAL



This past June Historic Sandusky, along with Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg College, Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Cemetery, and the Legacy Museum of African American History, commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Lynchburg. Over the course of four days nearly 1,000 people visited Historic Sandusky to witness and participate in the many programs and activities planned by the Lynchburg Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. Thanks to Discover Lynchburg and the Virginia Civil War History Mobile for helping to sponsor the city-wide activities. Thanks also to our Living History presenters Corbin Hayslett, Dawn Doss, David Kincaid, Tim Ake, Charles Driscoll, Dr. Clifton Potter, Jim Hoover, Michael Sipe, the 11th Virginia Infantry Reenactors, Calvert Arms Fife & Drum, the Lynchburg College Archaeology Field School, and the Taylor-Wilson camp Sons of Union Veterans who dedicated bronze memorial markers at Quaker Memorial Church and Sandusky.

2014 Archaeology Field School

By Amanda Cortez



When I heard about the second Archaeology field school that Lynchburg College was hosting with Historic Sandusky, I thought I should sign up. Graduate students in the history program at Lynchburg College spend a lot of time in classrooms and libraries, and making friends with dusty books and computer screens. The field school, led by Professor Lori Lee, would be a great opportunity to get out of those environments and experience a different kind of historical study.

Over the course of the 6-week program, I learned a great deal about Lynchburg history and domestic history in the 17th-19th centuries. There was a thrill in seeing our texts come to life through the discovery of artifacts which advance our understanding of Sandusky and Lynchburg city history. The active nature of archaeology and the ever-growing knowledge students and professionals alike can gain from time at a dig is tremendous. I walked away from the field school at Sandusky a better student of history, and with a new excitement to study history differently.

As an active history student, reading, researching and writing are incredible tools. But I learned to not pigeonhole historic studies to those locations. A shard of glass, a pile of bricks, a row of

bushes all have a story to tell. Our job as archaeological students was to learn how to decipher the story from the artifacts and site. The collaborative nature of archeology became my favorite part of the whole six weeks. When it was over, I was not only a better student, but a better person as I learned to respect and integrate others' ideas and theories into the study of history.

As a result of my weeks of digging and cataloging artifacts I found a treasure trove of local history and a new field of study. Now, I want to hear about future discoveries at Historic Sandusky and what those discoveries can teach us about Sandusky and how that fits into the greater story of history in general.



2015 ARCHAEOLOGY NOW ENROLLING!!!

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YOUNG HISTORIANS WORKSHOP



Sandusky held a Young Historians Workshop for Middle School students. The program was planned and led by Lynchburg College graduate student Kathy Brisentine. Kathy interned at Sandusky during the Fall semester; she is a public school teacher who is completing her M.A. in history. Assisting her were Lynchburg College students Vickie Lunsford, Daniel Porter, and Josh Walker. The students spent a full day touring Sandusky, trying out their archaeology skills, and building a historical craft project.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 2014

Sandusky's open house was a great success, with more than 200 people attending over a four hour period. There were refreshments, children's activities, decorations, and Santa. The program was planned by students from **Lynchburg College**.



L-r : Diana Spangler '14, '16; Kelly Childress '13, '15; Director Greg Starbuck '14; Santa Calvin Ashwell, Sandusky board member Stannard Preston; and Kathy Brisentine '15





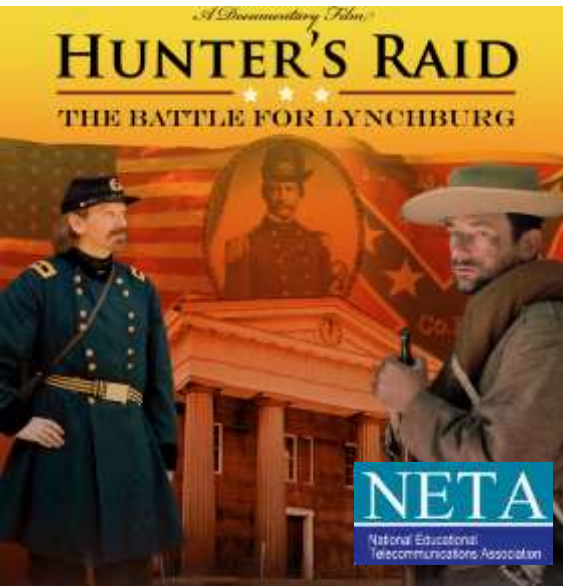
IN MEMORIAM

The Lynchburg community is saddened by the recent passing of Sandusky President Dr. Peter Houck. In addition to working on his many community and historical projects, Dr. Houck was an award-winning physician, author, and friend to anyone he met.

In 2000, Dr. Houck led a coalition of community leaders to establish the Historic Sandusky Foundation. His foresight and hard work were fundamental to our growth and success.

From the beginning his goal was to preserve and interpret Sandusky for the benefit of future generations. His legacy will be embodied in the continuing mission of Historic Sandusky.

A memorial fund has been set up in Dr. Houck's name. If you would like to contribute to it, please contact our office or mail your donation marked "Peter Houck Fund." This fund will be used to support programs Dr. Houck was particularly interested in, such as archaeology and education.

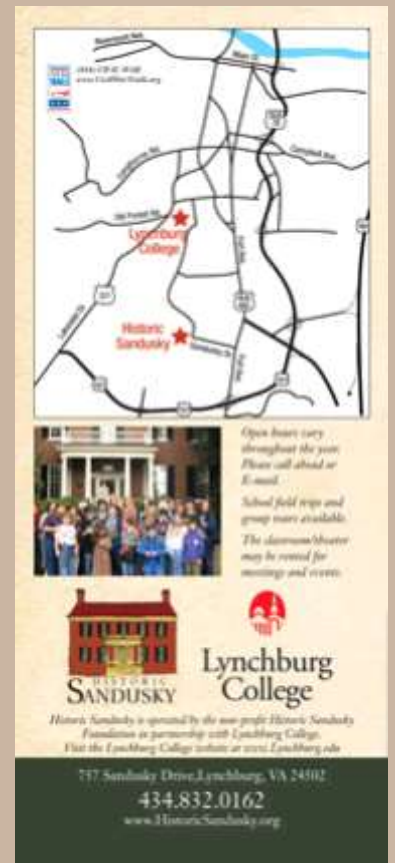


In September of 2014 our *Hunter's Raid* documentary became part of the National Educational Telecommunications Association's inventory. As a result, it has aired on PBS stations across the US including Orlando, FL; Palm Springs, CA, Raleigh, NC; Denver, CO; Columbia, SC; Austin, TX; and Louisville, KY!



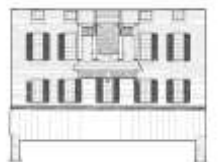
Recently, an original Hutter family crib was donated by the Gale family of Smithfield, Virginia. Delivering and representing the Gale family are Robert Hutter and Alison. Thank you for this important donation!

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