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ARCHAEOLOGY AT SANDUSKY

On November 2nd University of Lynchburg students participated in an archaeological dig at Historic Sandusky. Led by local archaeologists Keith Adams, Randy Lichtenberger, and Dr. Eric Proebsting students searched for the smokehouse.

but he is interested in “seeing first-hand pieces of the past.”



The students dug in the ground and sifted through dirt to find artifacts. “Everyone was excited over whatever you found, whether it was a piece of brick or shards of porcelain,” Emma Gordon ‘23 said. Gordon added that the individuals leading the dig were extremely helpful. “I had never done something like this before and there was always someone to explain how and why something is done,” she said.

Mellad was impressed with the scientific work that goes into archaeology. “In the movies you always see a dig when a person is about to discover some mysterious artifact. So seeing what happens before that and all the planning that has to go into even a small dig was really informative.”



As the dig continues, students will look for any artifacts, but especially anything that might reveal where the smokehouse once stood. “I was very proud to participate in the beginning stages of this project,” Gordon said. “I hope to see it through all stages.” Visit Sandusky’s social media sites for updates to this project.

While Gordan is minoring in archaeology, other students were crossing academic lines to participate. Emmanuel Hernandez Mellad ‘23 is a biomedical science major,

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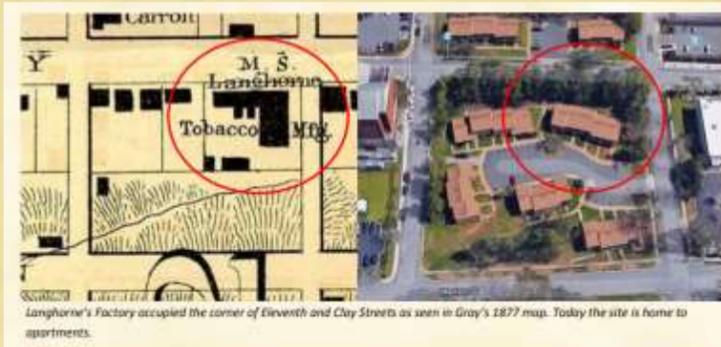
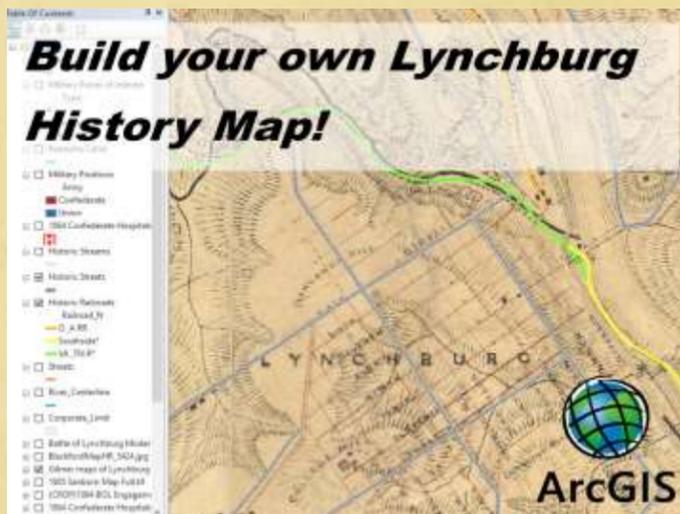
Over the summer Sandusky was beneficiary of two Eagle Scout projects! Thanks to Owen Selden and Jack Prahinski many improvements were made to the Sandusky property. Did you know that only 4% of all Boy Scouts have made it to the coveted Eagle rank? Do you know an Eagle Scout candidate that needs a project? Give us a call!



LYNCHBURG HISTORY MAP PROJECT

In June Historic Sandusky published its online Lynchburg History Map Project. The two-year effort was led by University of Lynchburg professor Dr. David Perault and Graduate Assistant Tyler Wilson, along with a dozen University of Lynchburg students who worked on the project.

Currently, there are twelve different modules that allow users to explore Lynchburg's history through maps, images, video, and audio. Many of the maps highlight Lynchburg's Civil War history and the 1864 Battle of Lynchburg. More map modules are being developed. This project can be accessed at www.historicsandusky.org



155TH BATTLE OF LYNCHBURG COMMEMORATION

This past June marked the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Lynchburg. In observance of this anniversary Historic Sandusky held a day-long free event for the public. It featured reenactors, displays, speakers, and tours of the house. The highlight of the event was the reproduction coffee wagon! These wagons were used during the war by the United States Christian Commission to make and transport coffee to thirsty soldiers. Thanks to Rev. Alan Farley, the 11th Virginia Infantry, Dr. Charles Driscoll, Dr. Clifton Potter, and Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 of the Sons of Union veterans for their help in making this event happen.



HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Historic Sandusky has created a mobile display which has been setting up at community events around Lynchburg. It has traveled to the Batteau Festival, Day of the Point, and New London Day, as well as the campus of the University of Lynchburg. It is manned by students who can describe what Historic Sandusky and the University of Lynchburg have to offer.

If you know of a suitable community event that we can set up at, please contact us.



2019 PARK DAY



NEW EXHIBITS

Two new exhibit panels have been created by students and installed in the Sandusky visitor center. They were researched and written by Ronald Adams '19 and designed Hannah Ramsey '19 under the guidance of Dr. Adam Dean of the History Department of the University of Lynchburg. They describe Lynchburg during the Reconstruction era, the Freedman's Bureau in Lynchburg and Jacob Yoder's school



April's 2019 Park Day was a great success at Sandusky. Volunteers performed a variety of tasks to help make Sandusky look its best for the coming summer. Make plans to come out and help us for next year's Park Day taking place on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

PARK DAY

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RESTORATION

We are pleased to showcase the completed restoration of the sitting room. The room was restored and presented circa 1850s.

Sitting rooms, also known as the back parlor or family parlor, was used daily by the family and was where they entertained their closest friends.

This room is now part of the regular tour at Historic Sandusky. Thank you to George C. Hutter and the Hutter Family Fund for supporting this room restoration.



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JAMES I. "BUD" ROBERTSON, JR. *IN MEMORIAM*

We are saddened to hear about the passing of James I. Robertson, Jr. "Bud" as he was affectionally called served as Chair of Sandusky's advisory board since it's inception in 2001. Robertson, Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Virginia Tech, died on Nov. 2 after a long illness. He was 89 years old.

Robertson used vivid stories to bring the American Civil War to life not just for generations of Virginia Tech students, but also for millions across the world through his award-winning books, frequent television appearances, popular radio essays, and passionate advocacy of history.

Robertson received numerous prestigious honors, including three commendations from the Virginia General Assembly; the Virginius Dabney Award, the highest recognition given by the Museum of the Confederacy; the Virginia Press Association's 2004 Virginian of the Year; the Best Non-Fiction Book Award by the Library of Virginia in 1997; and the Outstanding Professor Award of the Virginia Council for Higher Education.

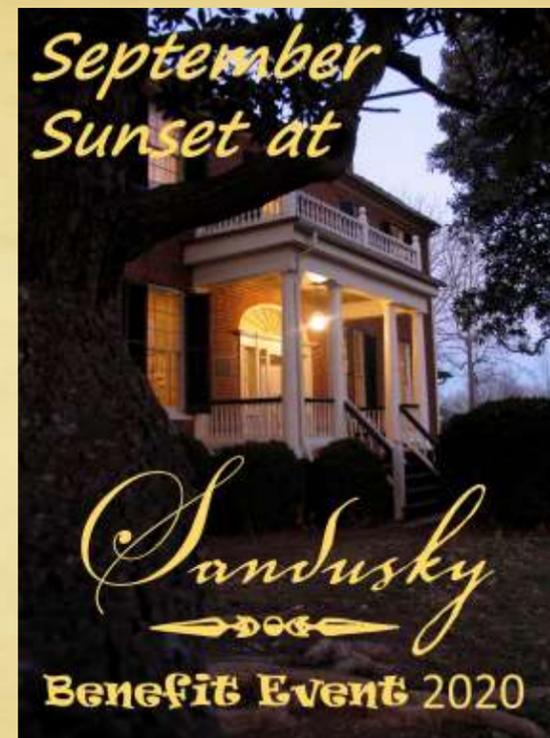


Both Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University gave him honorary doctorates.

Robertson narrated Sandusky's Battle of Lynchburg Audio Driving Tour in 2002 and spoke at Sandusky many times for our benefit. "His voice is now sorely missed — and irreplaceable" said fellow historian William C. "Jack" Davis.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, DEC. 14, 2019

Join us for our annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 14, from 10 am—4 pm. Civil War era Santa will be at Sandusky from 10 am—2 pm. Kids can make and take home a Victorian-era tree ornament! There will be decorations, refreshments, music, and tours of the house and archaeology lab. Children are free, adults \$2.



SUNSET AT SANDUSKY

Planning is underway for *Sunset at Sandusky*. This popular benefit event will take place in September of 2020 and will feature food, drink, music, silent auction, house tours, and other surprises. There will be an appearance by a special mystery guest to be revealed soon. Keep an eye on our social media, or sign up for our email newsletter, to receive updates for this event. Make plans to attend and support Historic Sandusky!



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