

## Erie Historians Group

The Erie Historians Group has been gathering local history since it formed in 2010, when Bedford area Historian, Trudy Urbani, offered her Erie area history collection as a starting point for expansion by the residents of Erie Township.

Interested citizens of Erie Township have since met once a month for the purpose of sharing memories and collection photographs and documents. Our group, in August of 2012, held the Erie Exposition at the VFW Hall celebrating the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Township. Featured were over seventy Pioneer families sharing their photos, family histories, memories, and artifacts. That event also had displays by the Township Hall, Native Americans, a Fur Trapper, and a French Trading Post. A historic papoose carrier made by Marie Guain of Erie was on loan from the Monroe County Historical Museum. Demonstrations of blacksmithing and other old time activities also took place on the VFW grounds.

Over 500 persons experienced the Exposition that afternoon. As a result, at the Erie Library, The Erie Historians now have a cabinet four housing documents and folders. The Erie Township lobby has two glass cabinets for periodic displays depicting important incidents in Erie Township History.

The Erie Area Historian Group meets at the Erie Township Library the third **Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.** to enjoy learning more about our rich history. All are welcome to attend.