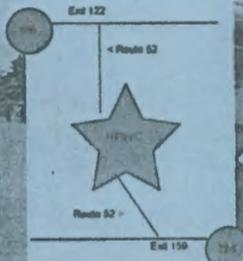


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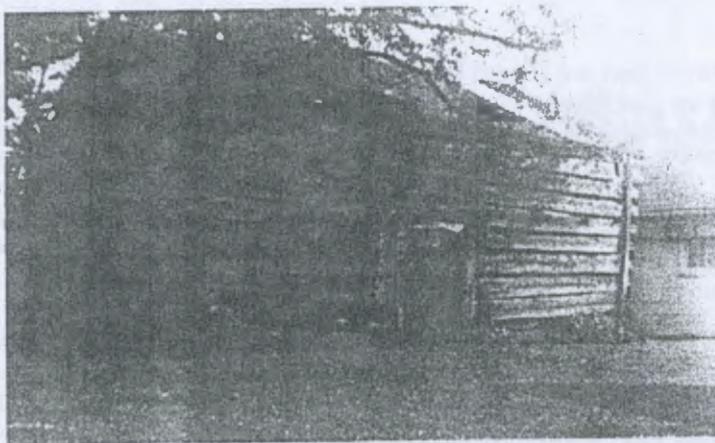
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McCreery Homestead, McCreery and Territorial Roads



Stockbridge Area 175th Anniversary Celebration

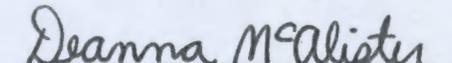
The first settlers came to this area in 1835. These hardy pioneers came by wagon and horseback, often bringing a cow or two with them, from "out east." The migration came through Detroit and Ann Arbor. These pioneers would stake out a claim and enter the land at the land office in Detroit. They would arrive at their new home and erect what amounted to little more than a shed or a shanty before building a more substantial log house or cabin and commence the arduous task of clearing the land. This was a hard life for all involved. Both the husband and the wife and even children put in long hours of back breaking labor. These people stuck to it and prospered. Log cabins gave way to substantial houses, many of which still dot the area.

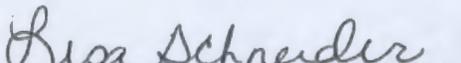
It is these hardy pioneers and what they started that we are celebrating. Their perseverance paved the way for the pleasant community we live in today. It is a history well worth celebrating.

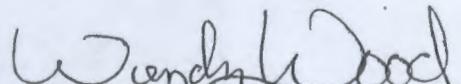
The Stockbridge Area Anniversary Committee was formed in the fall of 2009 for just that purpose. Many individuals have contributed to the celebration that is planned for later this summer. We hope you ponder the list of people at the back of this book who have selflessly volunteered their time to make this celebration a success. We also hope you attend the many events that have been planned, also listed at the back of this book.

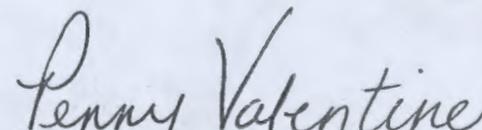
We take great pride in the people that have made the area what it is today. From the earliest pioneers to the current farmers, business people and community leaders, it is indeed an area to be proud of. With this thought in mind, let us continue the celebration, mindful of the past, proud of what we are and looking forward to the future.


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175th Anniversary Celebration



From the Editor

I was born at Rowe Memorial Hospital in Stockbridge way back in 1942. Many of you may not be aware that Stockbridge used to have a hospital. The building still stands and is a private residence now. Dr. Guy Culver and Ellen Mayer were the moving forces behind the hospital which lasted from about 1930 into the late 1950's. The Stockbridge Brief-Sun carried a column each week listing who was in the hospital and why. I can imagine that it was avidly read by the newspaper's subscribers.

The newspaper continues, of course, as the Sun-Times. Should you wish to go back and read about who was in the hospital and why, the Brief-Sun is on microfilm at our local library.

This book is about a lot of things. Outside of what I put in this letter, we are not going to give you a history of the area. That has been done. In developing articles for the book, we have concentrated on four areas. The most exciting for us was getting the story of the many centennial farms and properties in the area. This is something the previous books haven't done. We feel these are important stories to be told. We have expanded coverage of churches to include all the churches in the area, roughly that of the school district, rather than just the churches in Stockbridge. In addition, we are doing the usual coverage of the many businesses and organizations in the area.

As I stated, I was born in Stockbridge. I consider it a privilege to have grown up in this area. When I started school in 1947, there was but one school building in Stockbridge. That was what is now the middle school.. The building housed kindergarten through 12th grade and was the only building I went to school in. It wasn't until the many one room schools in the area began to close and consolidate with Stockbridge in the 1950's that the need for additional space arose and Smith Elementary School was built. The new high school came along in 1967.

I not only grew up in a great small town, I grew up in a great neighborhood. When I see someone from the old neighborhood, we quite often talk about how lucky we were. Very few of the parents that made the neighborhood great are left but you know who you are and we thank you.

I thought it might be fun to take a look back at a specific period of time. I was here in 1960 when the area celebrated its 125th anniversary. It was a great time for the community. The enthusiasm for the celebration was intense and the participation almost universal. I thought it might be fun to go back and take a look at what Stockbridge was like in 1960.

As far as population was concerned, the village was about the same, just over 1,000 souls. We had five churches, Baptist, Church of God, Methodist, Presbyterian and Stockbridge Community Church. The Church of God has become the Highest Praise Worship Center and the Community Church has disappeared.

We had four grocery stores in Stockbridge. One could shop at Bradshaw's, Stanfield Brothers, Watson's General Store or Wilde's Super Food Market. We had a full fledged department store in Dancers. We also had Brown's hardware and the A. W. Brown Co. drugstore. Before we started renting our school books, we would buy them at A. W. Brown's. We had two soda shops, Collins' and Spadafore's. And, automobiles. In Stockbridge, you could buy a Chevrolet or Buick from C. W. Glenn and Sons, a Ford or Mercury from Malcho Brothers, a Plymouth or a DeSoto from H. M. Collings or a Pontiac from Cobb and Schreer. If you didn't want to buy a car in Stockbridge, you could drive over to Munith and buy a Plymouth or DeSoto from H & F Sales and Service. Stowe Brothers was still selling Fords but Ray Stoddard had stopped selling Oldsmobiles.

Retail outlets proliferated throughout the area. Both Stockbridge and Munith had lumber yards. You could buy furniture from Caskey's in Stockbridge. Munith offered Porter's Grocery and Frinkel's Hardware. You could shop at Tom's Market, H. E. Munsell General Store, H. E. Marshall's Dry Goods or Howlett Brothers Hardware in Gregory. Unadilla, Fitchburg and Plainfield had top notch general stores. How many of you can remember riding out to Millville on your bicycle to get one of their gargantuan ice cream cones. They were good.

Stockbridge even had a movie theatre. It was located in the Township Hall. It had closed by 1960 but I remember going down there on Saturday afternoon and getting a bag of popcorn and a ticket to watch a cowboy double feature, usually in black and white, all for 25 cents.

The first settler in the area was John Baptiste Barboux, an early fur trader. Mr. Barboux claimed to be in the area as early as 1815. Although several fur traders probably came through the area, Mr. Barboux is the only who stayed around, establishing a farm on the north shore of Batteese Lake. Mr. Barboux married an Indian lady, Mary White, and entered the first and third parcels of land in Henrietta Township.

Eli Ruggles is generally credited with being the area's first settler. Eli and his brother-in-law, Amos Williams were directed to the Unadilla area by friends in Dexter. Mr. Ruggles entered land and built a log house but did not remain in the area. Mr. Williams did remain, returning in the fall of 1833 along with his wife, son, daughter and son-in-law. He built a saw mill on Portage Creek in 1834 and called the area Unadilla. The actual village of Unadilla was originally called Milan but when the post office came in 1836, the name had to be changed because there already was a post office called Milan south of Ann Arbor. The Collins brothers, Selah, Josiah and Harrison, also settle in the area in the fall 1833 but in Lyndon Township.

Probably the most interesting Collins was Judson. Mr. Collins was an early graduate of the University of Michigan, taught at Albion College and became the Methodist Church's first missionary to China. Mr. Collins died at the tender age of 29 and is buried in Collins Plains Cemetery near Joslin Lake. The Methodist Church in Unadilla was named in his honor.

Settlement continued quite rapidly. Plainfield became settled in 1835 with the arrival of Jacob Dunn and Levi Clawson. Plainfield and Unadilla remained the area's trading centers until the Grand Trunk Railroad came through the area in 1884. The railroad came through the Philander Gregory farm. Mr. Gregory platted a village and the village of Gregory was born.

Settlement continued from the east. David Rogers appears to be the first settler in Stockbridge Township, entering land in Section 26. Some say the first settler may have been Heman Lowe up around Lowe Lake. Thomas Sill also settled in section 36. The first white child may have been that of Mr. Sill. Or perhaps Mr. Sill did not remain in the area and the first white child was that of Rachel Lowe and Hiram Stocking. One of the two would appear to be the first white child born in Stockbridge Township. But, the first white child born in Ingham County may well have been Abbie Dutcher. We, at least, have a definite birth date for Miss Dutcher, December 19, 1835. Efforts to find the birth certificates for any of these individuals have been futile.

Miss Dutcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dutcher, appear to have been the first settlers in White Oak Township.

David Fuller, a Baptist Deacon (and my cousin), appears to have been the first settler in Bunker Hill, arriving in 1837 or 1838, followed shortly by a Mister Bunker after whom the township is named. There are two population centers in the township, Fitchburg and Bunker Hill. Ferris Fitch, perhaps the most famous citizen of Fitchburg, served in the state legislature and was a member of the state Board of Education.

Moving south, Hiram Putnam was the first settler in Waterloo, setting up residence in 1834. He was followed shortly by his brothers, Joseph and Guy. Eventually, Waterloo was to see a significant influx of Germans, resulting in the establishment of the only Lutheran Church in the area, St. Jacob's Lutheran Church on Riethmiller Road.

The village of Munith was founded in much the same way as Gregory. When the Grand Trunk Railroad came through in 1884, it came through Hiram Sutton's farm. Mr. Sutton platted his farm for a village and Munith was born. A Methodist Church had been built at Gassburg, a small hamlet at the intersection of Fitchburg and Territorial Roads. The church building was moved to Munith in 1887 along with two stores and several houses.

The only other township in our area is Iosco. The first settler was Alonzo Platt. Elbert Parker followed shortly, locating in what is now Parker's Corners. Lynn Gardner, a former speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, was from Plainfield and is buried in Wrights Cemetery in Iosco Township near his father, Robert, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War.

Stockbridge is the only incorporated village in the area. Elijah Smith laid out the first plat for Stockbridge in 1835, calling his village Pekin. Mr. Smith never registered the plat. Instead, he sold the town site to Silas Beebe for \$25.00. Mr. Beebe, along with Ira Wood, added 20 acres to the plat and registered it with the County Register of Deeds as Stockbridge. The original plat extended from Williams Street on the east to Wood Street on the west and from Morton Street on the north to Rice Street on the south. The village plodded along with a small population of about 100 until the railroad came through in 1884. This ushered in what was referred to as "boom times." Apparently Mr. Beebe felt the railroad would come through much sooner which is why he bought the plat. Apparently Mr. Smith knew it wouldn't which is why he sold the plat.

The original plat set aside a block to be used for public purposes. The block was held by the Beebe family until 1885 when it was deeded over to the township, the village not yet having been incorporated and, therefore, unable to receive property.

With the coming of the railroad, the village began to prosper and was incorporated in 1889. With this prosperity came the need for a meeting hall and a petition was presented to the township board to build a town hall. In 1892, voters approved a bond issue in the amount of \$3,500.00 to build such an edifice.

Progress was slow. A committee was appointed, bonds floated and architects hired. A contract was let on July 5th, rescinded, and re-let on August 5th. In March of 1893, the voters were asked to authorize another \$1,000.00. This was approved. We don't know when the hall was completed, but in August, 1893, the township board established fees for the hall's use so it must have been completed at about that time. The total cost of the building was \$5,500.00. There is no record of a request for additional money so the assumption is that the township board made up the last \$1,000.00 out of their own pockets.

For the next 35 years, the town hall and opera house was the center of social life in the community. The locals considered it to be the most impressive rural town hall in the state. The auditorium, including the balcony, could seat up to 400 people. The building was used for high school graduation exercises, plays, dances, traveling shows and entertainment of all kinds. The auditorium was used as the high school gymnasium, the place where basketball games were played.

When the new high school opened in 1929, the town hall fell into disuse until the auditorium was leased out as a motion picture theater, an operation that lasted until 1955. The library was located in a small room in the basement until the new library building was opened in 1968. The town hall was completely renovated in 1979 and placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1980..

The town hall continues to be used by a variety of civic groups as a meeting place and serves as the seat for township government as well as housing the ambulance service. The auditorium continues to be used for shows and plays.

Electricity came to Stockbridge in 1910. It was originally available in the evenings and then only in the business district. Gradually, residential customers were added and 24 hour service became available in 1912. Natural gas came to the village in 1951.

In 1912, the village water department was formed with the drilling of three deep wells and erection of a water tower behind the village offices on Elizabeth Street. A new water tower has since been built at Memorial Park. A bond issue was passed in 1963 for a sanitary sewer and sewage disposal facility. This project was completed in 1966.

The first fire department was a volunteer department organized in 1889 shortly after the burning of the hotel. When the water tower was completed in 1912, a hose cart and hose was purchased.

Telephone service arrived in the 1890's with the installation of a paid phone in the W. E. Brown store on East Main Street. Expansion of telephone service came in fits and starts.. Phone service began about 1898. The Rural Telephone Company didn't come into being until 1931 and service really wasn't satisfactory until the early 1950's. Many of you can remember having to "ring up" the operator to place a call and the joys of party lines. Many of you can also remember that when dial up service was established in the 1950's, having your call cut off after 5 minutes, the telephone company feeling that was a plenty long enough time to conclude a conversation. When you were talking to your sweetie, though, it wasn't and one just kept calling back.

Oaklawn Cemetery came into being in 1889. The first cemetery was located on Ira Wood's lot on Wood Street between Rice and Spring Streets. Although the cemetery was private, Mr. Wood did sell lots. Burials were also made in neighboring cemeteries such as Unadilla, Williamsville, North Stockbridge and North Waterloo. When Oaklawn opened, bodies were moved from Mr. Wood's cemetery. In 1907, bodies were also moved from Cooper Cemetery a mile west of the village. Early plat maps show a cemetery at the northeast corner of Morton and Adams Roads and this is presumed to be Cooper Cemetery. Silas Beebe and David Rogers, mentioned earlier, were buried in Cooper Cemetery and North Waterloo Cemetery respectively.

And this concludes my ramblings. Several people have made significant contributions to this book and I would be remiss if I didn't thank them. These individuals are Marcy Tracy, Rhoda McVay, Ruth Camp Wellman, Janet Pendell, Pastor Robert Castle, Luci Stoffer and Mary Ellen Ramsdell. Without their help, this book would not be possible. Also, I would like to thank the many people who contributed articles to this book.

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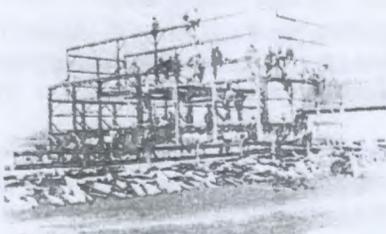
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CENTENNIAL HOMES

The Daniel Freiermuth Farm



5390 and 5386 Freiermuth Road, Fitchburg

Based on an interview with Wayne Freiermuth by Richard Ramsdell

Daniel Freiermuth was born in Germany in 1867. Daniel came to Michigan and commenced working on the Emmanuel Hawley farm on M-106 south of Stockbridge. Daniel's sister, Emma Beiswinger, had preceded him to the United States and told him of the wonderful opportunities. Daniel married Alice Landis of Waterloo December 20, 1883 after having dated for only two weeks.

Daniel purchased a 125 acre farm from Emmanuel Hawley and he and Alice set up housekeeping at 5386 Freiermuth Road, Fitchburg. The house at 5390 Freiermuth Road was moved from downtown Fitchburg somewhere around 1910. This is the house where Wayne Freiermuth now lives.

Daniel and Alice had five children, Edwin, Frank, Celia, William and Clayton. William, born in 1897, bought the farm at Daniel's death. Ed and Frank had neighboring farms. William sold the farm to Wayne prior to his death to avoid problems with the estate.

The barns on the farm were built around 1907. Included were a corncrib, horse barn, tool shed, main barn and sheep barn. The farm had cows, horses, sheep, chickens and, for a short period, hogs. Not everyone liked the aroma of the hogs.

The farm had a set of scales and a team of Belgian horses. People would come from miles around to weigh their hay before selling it.

The farm used horses until after World War II, having, as mentioned, a wonderful team of Belgian horses. Wayne convinced William to sell the horses and buy an International Harvester F-12 and a one bottom plow. When Freiermuth Road was paved, they had to convert the tractor to rubber tires.

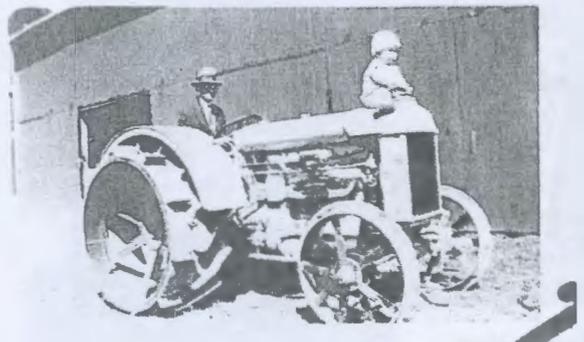
Electricity came to the farm in 1937. Consumers Power's line came to the Freiermuth property line and the Freiermuths had to pay \$300.00 to have the line extended. The next year, Consumers extended the line anyway. Inside plumbing came in 1947. Not everyone welcomed the inside plumbing.

Wayne's job as a youth was to bring split wood into the house and to his grandparents' house next door. Wayne tells the story that his grandparents would eat dinner earlier than his parents and he would sneak next door for a bit of pre-dinner until his mother figured it out.

Wayne's father taught him the value of buying one piece of equipment and not buying another piece until the first piece was paid for.

Wayne attended the Baseline School located at the corner of Baseline Road and Fitchburg Road. He went to high school and college at Spring Arbor.

Wayne retired from farming 15 years ago. The farm is currently leased out to the Zietz family for farming. Wayne and his wife, the former Blanch Kaupp from Batteese Lake, live in the house that was brought from Fitchburg. His grandparents' house was sold to Jim and Carolyn Myer.



William Freiermuth at the wheel and Wayne Freiermuth as the hood ornament on the family tractor.

Heinrich Hannewald Farm



The Hannewald Homestead, 10773 Parks Road.

Madoline and Dennis Hannewald are the current owners of the property purchased by Dennis' Great-Great Grandfather, Heinrich Hannewald, on January 30, 1871. This was the second home that Heinrich and his wife, Charlotte, had occupied in Waterloo Township since their arrival in the United States in the 1840's. The 130 acre original homestead has remained in the ownership of Heinrich's heirs since the 1871 purchase. The farm has gone through the transitions of farming common to most small farms in the last two centuries—from all around homestead with a variety of livestock to dairy farm and now a cash crop farm. The farm originally consisted of 294 acres. The current farm house is the second as the original home was destroyed by fire in the 1800's. The farm received a "Centennial Farm" designation from the State of Michigan in July of 1980.

The Parks Centennial Farm



The original Parks homestead burned in the 1941.

By John Parks

The Parks Centennial Farm is located at 10174 Parks

Road, Section 16 of Waterloo Township. The farm was purchased in 1890 from the Gottfried Meyer estate with a small house and barn, 104 acres, by Edward L. Parks.

In 1891, Edward married Martha Barber and they were parents of 4 children. The oldest son, Homer, became a partner of Edward at the age of maturity. Homer was born in 1894 and married Lila Green in 1915. They had 10 children, 4 boys and 6 girls, who at one time or another contributed to the labor and efforts of the operation of the farm.

In 1915, a major addition was made to the house to accommodate the two families. Additions were also made to the barn and outbuildings.

The operation consisted of general farming, some of everything, including milk cows, beef cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens as was normal for this area.

In 1925, Homer and his sons assumed the daily operation of farm activities, including the operation of the Spencer Howlett farm as share cropping, the farming of the adjacent Kate Hardt farm and fields on the Henry Tisch farm. They farmed all this with horses. In 1928, Homer bought a Fordson tractor but when the depression hit he could not afford fuel to run it so it was parked and never used again. It was sold for scrap in 1943 during World War II.

Homer operated the farm as above until 1941, when sons Donald and John were inducted into military service. Homer operated the original farm of 104 acres during the war with help from younger children, Mary and Richard. On the death of Edward, Homer inherited the farm.

In 1941, the original two story house was destroyed by fire. The family lived in the closed school building next door while the new house was being built.

Homer and Richard, the youngest son, became partners in the diverse operations of the farm after purchasing 40 acres from the Realy farm.

Homer sold the farm to Richard in 1960 and Richard changed the diversified operation to dairy farming. He renovated the barn and added stanchions for the cows, new silos and new outbuildings. Richard purchased the Musolf farm adjacent, including the barn and outbuildings. The Musolfs retained the house and 5 acres.

Richard married and raised 4 children, 3 girls and 1 son who became a partner in later years.

In 1990, Richard added a milking parlor and loafing barn for 60 cows, using the original barn to house young cattle.

Richard died in 2004 and son Richard took over operation of the farm. The widow, Mary, is owner of the farm and leases it to their son, Richard. Richard has 2 sons that are active in the farming. They operate several farms through lease agreements with huge tractors, combines, etc., a somewhat different method than Grandfather Edward's team of horses, plow, drag and miscellaneous hay mowing equipment.

William Tisch Farm

By Richard Ramsdell

Like so many of the early settlers in Waterloo Township, Wilhelm (William) Tisch was born in Germany. Specifically, William was born in Wurtemberg, which is located in Bavaria, in 1825. He married Katharine Hanawald on September 1, 1850 in Bavaria. Katharine, was born in 1830 in Leisstadt, Bavaria.

We don't know when William and Katharine came to the United States. Their first two children, Anna Maria and Elizabeth, were born in Germany in 1851 and 1852. William Albert, was born in Pennsylvania in 1857 as was the next, Charles Carl, born in 1860.

Henry was the first child born in Michigan, entering the world in 1862 in Waterloo, followed by Caroline, Magdalena, Catherine and George. The Tisches have lived on the farm on Mt. Hope Road since the early 1860's.

William died in 1900 and Katharine died in 1914. Their son, Henry became owner of the farm. Henry married Fredericka Maute in 1889 in Grass Lake. When Henry died in 1932, his nephew, Clair Tisch, bought the farm for \$8,000. Clair's parents were George Tisch and Emma Hannewald. George was the son of William and Katharine.

Clair died in 1999, leaving the farm to his daughter, Connie, and her husband, Ronald Wagner. Ron and Connie live in the old farm house but the farm itself is leased out to Robert Hannewald for farming.

The Collins House

The following is based on a history of the Collins house written by Grace Collins.



The Collins House

The Collins House is located at 415 South Clinton Street in the Village of Stockbridge. The land passed through a succession of owners before being purchased by Mrs. Marian Gorton Snyder. Marian and her husband, Frederick Russell Snyder, who married in 1858, moved from what became known as the Schoonover farm on Farnsworth Road. Frederick was to become postmaster at Stockbridge from 1894 to 1905.

The Snyders had 7 children. Kit Carson was a traveling agent for the Champion Farm Equipment Company and died a bachelor in 1889. Gardner was an undertaker in Stockbridge and later studied to become a physician. Walter C. became a physician, practicing in Horton, Michigan. Of the four daughters, Mary E. never married. Sarah Minerva lived at home until her marriage in 1889. Also at home were Aaron J. and Matilda Josephine.

Needing more living space, the Snyders added a dining room and bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs along with expanding the basement. This was done by separating the living room from the kitchen and placing the addition in the middle of the house.

In 1889, John Loren Hubbard married Minerva. John and Minerva moved to Ann Arbor where John was studying to become a pharmacist. John and Minerva had several children. Their first child was Ardie Marian, born at Grass Lake in 1892. Henry Russell arrived in 1897 followed by a daughter, Helen Francis.

Marian Snyder died in 1902 and left the home to her husband and the six children.

Ardie's husband, John Loren Hubbard died in 1912, leaving Ardie atwidow at age 21. Ardie moved back home along with Minerva, Russell and Helen.

Ardie remarried on Christmas day 1913. The wedding took place in the parlor of the Collins house, the same place where her mother had married. Her new husband was Thomas Herbert Collins of Waterloo. Herbert and Ardie originally lived on the Collins farm in Waterloo. Marian Ruth was born in 1915 and Ardie, Herbert and Marian move back to the home on Clinton Street in February of 1915, 10 days before Ardie's grandfather, Frederick Snyder, died.

Herbert worked as a carpenter, for the Ostrander and Glenn garage and for the Marshall elevator.

Phyllis Lorene was born in the parlor of the house in 1917. Herbert David came along in 1920. Loren Hubbard followed in 1922.

The house was wired for electricity in 1921. When the lights came on, David exclaimed in delight.

The family rode out a thunderstorm during the 1920's. Following the storm, several of the family felt a need to use the outhouse, only to discover that it had been struck by lightning and disappeared. This led, of course, to inside plumbing.

Herbert opened a store near the water tower in the late 20's, selling appliances and wiring houses.

The family survived the Depression, thanks, in part, to Herbert's skill as a hunter and a large garden in the back yard.

Marian married Wayne Collier in 1936. David married Margaret Field in 1941.

During the war, Herbert and Wayne worked at the B-24 bomber plant at Willow Run. Loren and David enlisted in 1942. Phyllis became a physiotherapist at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. All three eventually wound up overseas.

Loren Collins married Grace Sauers in Ypsilanti in 1946 and set up housekeeping in an apartment behind the Collins house. Both Herbert and David became state certified electricians.

Loren and Grace had their first child, Philip Loren, in 1947. Stephen Mark arrived in 1948.

Television came to the Collins house in 1948. Also in 1948, the Collins store on East Main opened with the unusual combination of convenience store, soda bar and the electrical and appliance business.

Herbert died of a heart attack in 1951. David and Loren continued with the store.

Loren and Grace welcomed their third child, Craig Herbert, in 1953.

In 1957, Loren and Grace purchased the family home from Ardie with Ardie continuing to live there. During this period, Loren was working days in Jackson and nights at the store. Eventually the store was sold with the electrical business going to David. In 1959, with Craig entering first grade, Grace became secretary to the high school principal, Richard Howlett.

Grace's history of the house ends in 1989. Left out of this article are the numerous upgrades to the house to the point where it would not be recognizable to Frederick and Marian Snyder. Also left out is the story of innumerable relatives who did not reside in the house along with a few who did. This is indeed a home and not simply a house. Grace and Loren celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in the house in 1986.

Sweet Acres



The Original Sweet Farmhouse

By Pamela Hartman Sweet

Lamech Sweet established the Sweet farm in 1843. It continued through 4 generations as the Sweet farm and then in May of 1963, it became Sweet Acres when Edgar with his son John became partners. We are now well into the 6th generation of farmers with John and son Andrew now partners in the farm.

The farm began as a general farm and then in the early 1960's, it became mainly a dairy farm, milking and raising Holstein cows, with about 1/3rd of them registered.

The picture shown above is a picture of the farmhouse

as it was at the turn of the century. It was gutted and rebuilt in the early 1930's to the structure that it is today.

It is the future plan of Sweet Acres to continue the production of milk, maintaining the highest quality of milk production possible and to insure a profitable inheritance for future generations.

A brief genealogy of the family follows:

Lamech Sweet was born in New York in 1804. Lamech married Eunice Skidmore who was born in 1811 in New York. Their oldest son, Elias, died at Alexandria, Virginia, May 12, 1864 while serving with the 20th Michigan Infantry, Company K, during the Civil War. His widow was Salura Burch. Lamech's and Eunice's daughter, Elcina, married Joseph Rogers. Hobart married Sarah Smith. Burtis W. and Mary M. had 3 children, Adah, Anna and Hugh. Burtis and Mary lived on the farm. Hugh married Inez Cobb and also lived on the farm. Their son, Edgar Lamech, married Millicent K. Stephens, daughter of Edwin and Ethel Stephens. Edgar's and Millie's son, John married Pamela Hartman.

The Springman Farm

By Richard Ramsdell

Both John Springman and Christina Magdalena Sager were born in Wurtemberg, Germany and came to Michigan at an early age. John came by himself and Magdalena came with her parents, both settling near Ann Arbor. Whether they knew each other in Wurtemberg is not known. John and Magdalena were married in Ann Arbor in 1869. In 1871, they purchased the Isbell farm two miles west of Stockbridge on Heeny Road.

John and Magdalena raised a family of 11 children, 10 of whom were born on the farm. John died in 1920 and Magdalena in 1921. John was active on the farm until a few months before his death at age 81. The chore of running the family farm then fell to his son, George. George married M. Louise Yelsick in 1930. As George grew older, the farming duties were gradually assumed by George and Louise's only child, Lynn. George died in 1966, two years after Louise, leaving Lynn as owner of the farm.

Lynn married Mary J. Spitz Breitmeyer in 1984, Lynn and Mary had no children. After Lynn's death in 1994, Mary continued as owner of the farm, leasing the land out.

The May Homestead



By Vivian May

The oldest deed for the property is dated 1860 and shows the property transferred to Eldad and Elsie Gilbert May. They had 7 children. Their son Francis S. and Nancy Durkee lived there after that in a log cabin. The house, which is still standing, was built in 1879 by Francis and Arthur May. They built 2 houses. Francis S. died in 1896. His wife, Nancy, lived in the house with her son Millard until the 1920's. Then Arthur and Minnie Pickell May moved into the bigger house. Their son Francis W. and Ione Gorton May moved into the smaller house. Arthur and Minnie passed away in the 1930's. Francis and Ione passed away in the 1940's. Their son, Lloyd, and Vivian (Watkins) May moved there in 1948. They had 4 children, Beverly, Francis, Christine and Virginia. Presently, Vivian May and her daughter Virginia along with husband Ronald Lewis live in the house. The smaller house burned in 1968.

The Westfall Farm

Excerpts from a history of the Westfall Farm written by David Cowan.

The original part of the farm that Benjamin and Jacob Westfall bought in 1875 lay north of M-106 and ran to the old Grand Trunk Railroad bed (which is now a park trail) at the north end of the farm. This property was deeded to Ely Ruggles by Andrew Jackson in 1835. At that time Michigan was a territory, not a state. I have no way of knowing for sure but it seems likely the main house was built shortly after Ely bought the property. Knowledgeable people have confirmed that the house is of the style and similar construction to those built in the area around the 1830's.

In 1846 by will Ely left the property to Isaac whom I believe was his son. Shortly afterwards, Isaac sold to

William Bird. Bird owned and farmed the land for approximately 30 years. To my knowledge, no other structures from that period survive. Whatever Bird used for barns, etc., must have been destroyed by the elements or subsequent construction.

In 1875 Benjamin and Jacob Westfall purchased the property from Bird. They owned the property jointly, not separated by the lane. Benjamin, his wife Orpha, his two daughters Edith May, 10 years old, and Daisy, 1 year old, came from Washtenaw County. Together Benjamin and Jacob, 9 years younger than Benjamin, farmed the property jointly until Benjamin's death in 1901. Daisy predeceased her father, Benjamin, in 1900 and, therefore, Edith inherited her father's interest. At this point the farm was split down the lane between Jacob and his heirs on the east side and Edith May Westfall who retained the property on the west.

In 1926 Edith May bought property from Will Sharp on the south side of M-1906 in Section 30. Later, in 1927 or 1928, she bought additional property south of M-106 to the east of the Sharp land from Lute Ives. In 1930, she died and passed her holdings jointly to her daughters, Gladys Avery Gale and Grace Avery Cowan. In 1932, Gladys died and left her 1/2 interest to her seven minor children. This ownership continued until 1941 when Grace Avery Cowan bought all the property owned by Jacob Westfall's heirs to consolidate both sides of the lane. In 1944 she bought her sister Gladys's 1/2 interest from the seven Gale children. Thus, by 1945 the farm became as it is today in 2007—approximately 440 acres with 320+ tillable acres and three woodlots.

The farm is currently owned by David and Lavonne Cowan. David and Lavonne spend summers at the farm. The farming operations are leased out to the Topping family.

In 1888, May Westfall married John Avery, a young doctor who had studied at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He originally came from a farm on Farnsworth Road only 2 miles from the Westfall farm. I'm sure that May and John knew each other from childhood and may have been sweethearts for some time. They moved to Northville, Michigan where John was going to establish his medical practice. In 1889, Gladys was born in Northville and by the summer of 1891, May was pregnant again. In July, John was stricken with fever, nausea and stomach cramps. Tragically, it proved to be a ruptured appendix. He died on August 11, 1891, leaving a

pregnant widow and a 2 year old daughter. Since he had been in practice only a few years, he had accumulated few resources and May was left in a tough situation. Her only alternative was to return home to her parents on the Westfall farm. It was there on October 11, 1891 that my mother, Grace Arlene Avery, was born. The birth took place in what is now the parlor on a small chaise lounge that I remember as a child.

Even though of German heritage, the Westfall family was strongly Methodist. This meant no drinking of alcohol, no card playing and no dancing except on rare occasions. Also, any work on Sundays was discouraged. For this reason, Orpha and May often baked beans and bread on Saturday so a typical Sunday "supper" was a cold baked bean sandwich. Other typical meals were salt pork and milk gravy, spare ribs and sauerkraut, fresh salt ham, canned meats and vegetables. Fall was the time to butcher hogs, make sauerkraut and do the canning.

Because Michigan had been under tons of glaciers during the ice age, the land, after clearing the trees, was very difficult to till. The glaciers had deposited millions of small and large rocks in the soil. Any farmer who wanted to avoid breaking his plow had to remove all the rocks after clearing the land. Gladys and Grace helped in this effort. A team of horses pulled a large wooden sled called a stone boat slowly along the ground. Men, women and children would walk along the stone boat picking up all the rocks—the bigger ones by the men and the smaller by the women and children. They put the stones on the stone boat until it was almost too heavy for the horses to handle. They would pull it to the side of the field and the workers would unload the stones in a long line forming a kind of stone fence. For this reason, most of the original fields were small, 10 to 20 acres surrounded by these stone fences. My mother remembers some very exhausting days performing these tasks. In fact, the field at the southeast corner of the farm was never cleared and today is a vacant pasture that provides good pheasant hunting.

The Jackson Farm

By Richard Ramsdell and Maryhelen Jackson Silverthorne

In the year of 1834, Dr. Cyrus Jackson of Lyons, New York came to Michigan and took up land from the government. Dr. Jackson entered 40 acres in Section 17 and 349 in Section 18 of Unadilla Township on June 23, 1834. Cyrus's son, John Jackson, Sr., and Hannah Quick were married November 7, 1835 and the following year came to Michigan and settled on the Jackson

homestead. Together, John and Hannah raised 9 children, 5 boys and 4 girls. Their son, Andrew, was the first white child born in Unadilla Township. John Jackson died November 10, 1888. John and Hannah are at rest in Plainfield Cemetery.



James Jackson barn and cutter.

The youngest of the 9 children was James, born November 6, 1854. James spent his entire life on the old homestead. He married Sarah Ellen (Ella) Westfall on May 2, 1877. James and Sarah became owners of the homestead upon John's death. James and Sarah had 2 children. Daughter Frankie died young. The second was Burr Jackson who became owner of the farm upon James' death in 1928. James and Ella sleep in Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

Burr Aaron Jackson was born in 1887. He married Sadie Springman November 23, 1910. Burr and Sadie became the third generation to live on the Jackson farm. Burr died in 1959 and Sadie in 1973. Burr and Sadie are at rest in the Jackson family plot in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Their only child, John Robert, was born May 31, 1913. Robert attended the University of Michigan and was a chemist for Dow Corning Company in Midland. Upon his retirement, he returned to Unadilla to become the fourth generation to live on the farm. Robert married Irene Maasburg January 28, 1939. Robert died in 1989 and Irene in 2004. Both are at rest in Oaklawn Cemetery,

Robert and Irene had three children. The middle child, Robert, and his wife, Lynn, are the current owners of a farm that has been in the same family for 186 years.

The Jackson farm is located at 16524 Dexter Trail.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the beautiful house and well maintained white outbuildings of the Jackson farm.

The Bird Farm

By Mary Ryba Minix and Ruth Ryba Taylor



The Sumner Bird House

David Firman Bird was born in Ann Arbor in 1837. He moved with his parents to Unadilla in 1841 and came to Stockbridge in 1849. Firman married Laura Whitehead in 1868. Firman and Laura had two children, Sumner and Eleanor.

Upon Firman's death in 1901, Sumner became owner of the farm. Sumner was born in 1870. He married Nellie Milner in 1911. Sumner and Nellie had two children, Gertrude and Roland. Gertrude married Jack Ryba and had three children, Mary, Ruth and John.

Gertrude died in 1993, leaving the home to her son John.

The Bird farm was located where M-52 and M-106 meet south of Stockbridge and was always referred to as Bird's Corner. The original woodwork remains in the home with an inscribed date.

In June of 1914 the most destructive tornado in the history of Michigan destroyed the Bird barn along with many other barns and homes in the area. It was always interesting to hear Grandma tell of the stories about the tornado, especially the child that was saved by hanging onto the piano that was carried away by the tornado.

The farm totaled 200 acres at one time and straddled both sides of M-52. All but the house have been sold

off to accommodate such things as the Ford dealership, the BP gas station, the Farmers State Bank and the industrial park.

John Ryba is the fourth generation of the Bird family to live in the house.

The Quinn Farm



Adults: Meta Bella Grandy Quinn and William Quinn
Children: Agnae, Dorothy, John and Ethel Quinn

By Jenell Quinn

The Quinn family immigrated from Faberville Co., Kilkenny, Ireland because of the potato famine. Patrick and John Quinn were in Rochester, New York by 1841. Eventually, the Quinns heard about opportunities in this area. They came by boat and train to Detroit, then by Indian trails through Dexter and Jackson to Bunker Hill. Travel was a challenge because of muddy and rocky roads, no bridges, wild animals and fallen trees.

Once the land was cleared and the family established, the family began to meet their neighbors and the local Native Americans, many from some distance.

Beginning in 1845, the Quinns and their neighbors began meeting at the Markey farm to pray. Later, a traveling priest, Father Kelly, would come every three months to conduct services at Bunker Hill Center.

A local cemetery was created in 1840. With the active support of the Quinn family, the first church building went up in 1863. The Quinn family has always been active supporters of the church and attended the parish school until it closed in 1964. Most of them continued their education at Dansville.

The Quinn family has a stained glass window in their memory at St. Cornelius and Cyprian Church

The Quinn family homesteaded at 2255 Catholic Church Road. Miss Catherine (Kate) Quinn had cleared the land to begin a farm. She also raised her nephew, Richard Gerald Quinn, orphaned at an early age when his mother, Meta Bella Grandy, a Native American, died. Farm property included an A frame house that had replaced the cabin, a large barn, silo, milk house, windmill and other buildings. The barn succumbed to high winds in 2008.

The house was continually expanded. It would house at least 24 children over the years, including at least 11 childbirths and 3 deaths. This house, well over 150 years old, was destroyed by fire in 2005.

The farm was a traditional farm, raising livestock, grain, fruit and vegetables. Most of the family's food needs came from the farm. Nothing went to waste as feed and flour sacks became clothing. The whole family contributed to the operation of the farm.

Kate Quinn died in 1945 and left the farm to her nephew, Richard Gerald Quinn. Richard had managed Kate's farm along with his neighboring farm of 80 acres. Richard married Roberta Lucille (Lucy) Herrick, a Native American, in 1939. Lucy was born in Eaton Rapids. Her parents lived on the Isabella County Indian Reservation near Mt. Pleasant. When Kate died, Richard sold his farm and moved back to the Quinn homestead, living there until his death in 1992.

Richard and Lucy had 13 children. Edward (Scott), the youngest, remained on the farm to care for his aging parents.. Scott also worked in the Quinn asphalt business along with his older brothers. Lucy succumbed to cancer in 2000, leaving Scott alone on the farm.

Over the years, several Quinns built houses on the farm. Among these were William and Carol Quinn, who raised Angus beef.

As time passed, Scott spent more time in the family asphalt business and less time farming. Eventually, the livestock was sold and the farm became a horse farm.

Scott married Cindy Wireman in 2009. Scott and Cindy began to slowly build up the farm. They have horses and various breeds of chickens. The original

grape vines are still productive. Scott and Cindy also raise hay and lease out a portion of the farm.

The Quinn farm was declared a Centennial farm many years ago by Secretary of State Richard Austin. Thus the Quinn family are members of the Michigan Centennial Farm Association and the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Michigan History.

The other Quinn properties and homesteads are numerous in the surrounding areas of Stockbridge, Dansville, Bunker Hill, Leslie, Mason, Fitchburg and the upper peninsula of Michigan. Additional Quinn Historical Centennial Homesteads include Ethel and Ed Brady and Lawrence Quinn on Heeney Road, James Quinn, son of Lawrence, on Parman Road, also the Updike farm at some point in time, William and Meta Quinn on Williamston Road heading toward the Cavanaugh property, Richard Quinn on Catholic Church Road near the McCann farm, Ed Quinn of Leslie, John Quinn on Fitchburg Road and a Quinn on DeCamp

Marshall Family History

When the family first came to Michigan from England they settled in the Unadilla area. George E. Marshall then moved to a farm on Swan Road directly north where the farm is now.

The farm, located at 4591 East M-36 in the townships of White Oak and Stockbridge, has been owned by the Marshall family for 4 generations. The land was originally purchased by Daniel Dutcher on April 1, 1837 from the United States Government. It was then sold to Josiah Koons on November 4, 1867. Eliza Koons, the widow of Josiah, sold the land to George E. Marshall on December 27, 1905. The deed was recorded on March 5, 1906. George paid Eliza \$1,000.00 up front and took a mortgage of \$2,500.00 to be paid off in eight years at 5% interest.

George E. Marshall had three sons, Fred E., Howard E. and Clarence E. Howard and Clarence moved to the Gregory area where Clarence owned and operated a farm and Howard opened a store in downtown Gregory. Fred stayed on the farm, married Ethel Titus and continued to farm. Fred and Ethel had two children, Stanley and Doris. Stanley married Verna Sharland and built their home in the early 1940's next to the original two story house which was built in the 1860's by Daniel Dutcher. With a few minor changes to the structure, the original house still stands today. Stanley and Verna had three children, Elaine, Robert and Dorwin. Dorwin came into the farming business with

his dad in 1974. Then, after Stanley had a heart attack, Robert retired from his job with Ford Motor Company and came back to work on the farm. The two brothers formed a partnership in 1984 and continue to run the family farm.

In the early 1940's the cattle on the farm contacted a disease called Bangs. The herd was destroyed because of this disease except for one small jersey calf. So the family turned to other sources of income such as sheep, chickens and pigs until they could build back up their dairy herd. They sold the eggs from the chickens until the late 1970's. Sheep were on the farm until 1975 at which time they were sold to add more cows to the herd.

In February of 1981 the farm lost the original big barn used to house cows, calves and hay a straw to a barn fire. Dansville, Stockbridge and Unadilla firemen all responded to this barn fire in the late afternoon. Since there were numerous bales of hay and straw in the barn, it was impossible to put the fire out with water alone. Water trucks and milk trucks hauled water as best they could but it was not enough. Neighboring farmers responded. They drove their tractors with manure spreaders and a big payloader in the bitterly cold weather to haul away the burning hay and straw and spread it on fields of snow. Everyone worked over night to keep the fire from burning the rest of the barns and the milking parlor. The barns were saved and the only livestock lost was due to smoke inhalation which had caused damage to their lungs. Firemen, family and friends were given a roast beef and vegetable dinner the next day by the Marshall family. Stockbridge firemen continued to stop by and inspect for 3 days as the fire kept flaring up again.

After the new barn was built and more cows were purchased, the Marshall brothers milking herd consisted of 160 milking cows and approximately 160 replacement heifers and calves. Over the years more land has been purchased and new barns have been built. Upright silos have been torn down and bunker silos have been added. Farming practices have changed to keep up with new technology and innovative ideas.

The Jesse Farm

On the first Sunday in August the descendants of Francis Jesse gathered in the old family farm down on Dexter Trail that was started in 1845.

The event in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Otis was to celebrate their heritage and sale of the

farm to Michael Otis, the sixth generation to own the farm.



Francis and Edith Jesse in front of the old homestead.

Luella Jesse Otis handed the original deed to her grandson Michael.

In honor of her 73rd wedding anniversary she wore her wedding dress. Although a widow for 13 years, the marriage anniversary is still very important to her.

Mrs. Otis is now 96 years old and maintains her own farm residence near Mason. Her parents purchased her wedding dress in Jackson for \$8.00.

The original farm land of about 120 acres was purchased in 1845 by Francis Jesse.

After him were his son Harmon Jesse, then his son Francis Jesse, his daughter Luella Jesse Otis, her son Austin Otis and now Michael J. Otis of Ypsilanti.

In the 1800's and early 1900's it was an active gardening farm. Harmon Jesse was a traveling grocery man from the Stockbridge area who filled his horse drawn wagon with home grown vegetables. One of his specialties was celery.

On this Sunday get together in August, vegetables from the same garden were enjoyed at the picnic.

Written events of the early farm days were read, telling of the Indians who lived "just over the hill" and the interactions these Indians had with the Jesse family.

The original homestead burned to the ground in the 1920's. Austin Otis has lived there since 1946.



Harmon Jesse ready for market

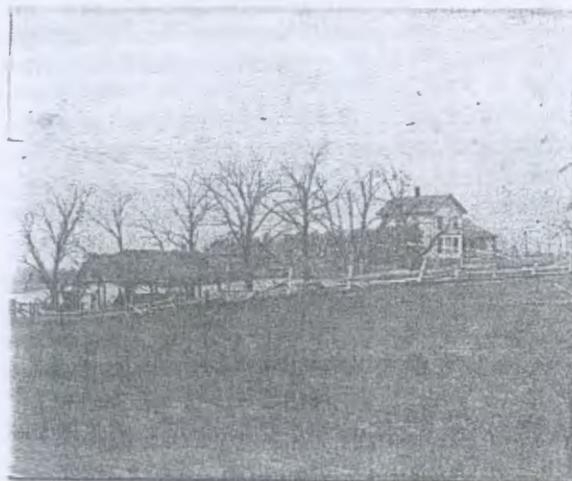
The Feldpausch Farm

By Russell McGauley

The farm was purchased by Louis and Augusta Feldpausch in December of 1876. Louis passed away in 1916, his wife, Augusta, in 1922. Their son William and his family lived there after their passing.

William passed away in 1953. Then, in 1959, ownership of the farm was conveyed to William's oldest son, Howard, and his wife Sarah.

It is now owned by Russell McGauley, grandson of Howard and Sarah Feldpausch and great grandson of Louis and Augusta Feldpausch.



The Feldpausch Farm

The Hawley-Lathrop Centennial Farm

By Minnie Lathrop

In 1842 Joseph Hawley came from England with his wife and children to Michigan. He bought our farm

for his younger son, Edwin R. Hawley, in 1872. Edwin was married to Mary Ann Dewey in March of 1873. They lived in a log cabin on the property. When their son Joseph was born, his grandfather Joseph came to see him. Grandfather Joseph had to sleep in the loft of the cabin and he got snowed on. He decided the family needed a new home. The brick house was built in 1874 at a cost of just under \$2,000.00. The doors and windows were put together with pegs. You can see them in some of the doors. The windows have been replaced. The farm was originally 520 acres but was later divided between Edwin and Mary Ann's sons, Joseph F. and Robert J. Hawley, after Robert and his wife Kate were married. Later Almon J. Lathrop, grandson of Joseph S., bought back some of the original farm. When Joseph S. and Loretta married, a frame house was built next door for Edwin R. and Mary Ann. In the 1990's the white frame house was moved across the fields to a prepared site on Baseline Road and sold.

Almon Lathrop inherited the farm after his grandfather's death in 1970. We had a huge barn fire in 1975. The milking parlor was saved and nearly all of the cattle. The first red metal pole barn was built as soon as possible before the winter snows came. Eventually, two more metal barns were built-one for the young heifers and one for hay storage. Our son farmed with us a few years. When he left, we had an auction. We sold all of the female cattle, a tractor and other small items.

The granary, one of the oldest buildings, has been restored. It is put together with pegs. The smoke house is standing, as is a large double corncrib with a connecting metal roof and sliding door on each end. The dinner bell sits on a platform near the garage. The Centennial Farm sign hangs on it as well as an ox yoke used on the farm. Under it, sitting on bricks, is a pair of andirons that I assume were used in the log cabin.

Almon passed away March 15, 1991 after his second three-way heart pass operation. I am thankful our second daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, Steven Wallenwine, built their home on a corner of the farm.

Heeney Homestead History

By Ann Jackson

I have lived at this address, 2671 Heeney Road, for over 62 years and have witnessed many changes to my home. A member of my family has lived on this site since 1884 when my great-grandfather and my grand-

purchased the farm from George Reilly, 148 acres of land which includes the current homestead.

When I explored my family history, I shouldn't have been surprised that the reason for the family's immigration to the U. S. involved food. The 1846 potato famine in Ireland caused Bernard Heeney, my great-great-grandfather, and his six sons to immigrate to the U. S. After spending a few years in New York, where my great-grandfather, John Heeney, became a naturalized U. S. Citizen, these Irish farm boys decided to drift west to a more rural farming environment. The Heeney families landed in Michigan where a majority of the families ended in the Bunkerhill Township area.

On October 23, 1874 my great-great grandmother, Mrs. Bernard (Margaret) Heeney was walking to her home on DeCamp Road from Fitchburg, where she had been trading, when a team of horses pulling a wagon broke loose from their hitching post on Freiermuth Road and ran away. They traveled about a half mile when they encountered grandma. She was about 78 years of age and quite deaf and did not hear the approaching animals. They ran directly over her, causing her to die within the hour. I guess that horses are just as dangerous as reindeer.

My great-grandparents, John and Margaret (Woods) Heeney, settled in the Bunkerhill area. They had seven children; the second daughter, Mary Ann, married George Reilly. In 1882, at the age of 28, Mary Ann passed away. In 1884 three more of the Heeney young people (ages 28, 22 and 17) died from TB. John, Margaret and family moved into their new home in Stockbridge Township that John and son Patrick had purchased from Mary Ann's husband, George Reilly. On March 9, 1887 John Heeney sold the homestead to Patrick to be transferred upon John's death. In December of 1887 Margaret (Maggie) passed and three months later, on March 11, 1888, John Heeney died at the age of 63, leaving only three of their seven children still alive.

My grandfather, Patrick V. Heeney, married my grandmother, Maude E. Stevens of Henrietta Township and a teacher in the rural schools of the area, on January 20, 1902. Maude was 19 years younger than Patrick. Two years into their marriage they had their first child, my father Lawton Heeney. In the next seven years, they had four more children, a daughter, Gertrude, two stillborn sons and, in 1911, a son, Harold.

Eighty more acres were added to original farm of 148 acres when Patrick purchased adjacent land to the east from Eli Ward in 1913. The eighty-five acres to the west known as the "Duffy Farm" were purchased in 1917 from Christopher Brogan, bringing the total acreage in Stockbridge Township to about 310 acres.

Lawton and his wife, Marcelline, had three daughters and three sons. Two of the daughters established their homes on the farm. Joseph, the fifth child, was killed as the result of an auto accident in January 1987 just a few days before his 21st birthday. Tom and Judy have nineteen grandchildren/step grandchildren and two great grandchildren. One of the grandsons built his home on the north end of the farm.

Then in 1964, the next two siblings were married. My only sister, Mary Ellen, married Michael Mosson in May and moved to Jackson where she lives today. In June, my brother Gerald J. (Gerry) married Gloria Mosson (Michael's sister) and built their home on Parman Road between Tom's and Bill's homes. Mary Ellen and Mike have three sons and a daughter that are responsible for their eight grandchildren/step grandchildren. Gerry and Gloria have three daughters and four grandchildren. The middle child built her home on the property in Bunkerhill Township.

In 1967 my father Lawton became ill and ended up in the hospital in Jackson where he passed away on March 12th at the age of 63. Three months later, on June 11th, my mother, Marcelline, became very ill in her home on Heeney Road and died. My youngest brother, Patrick, and I were still living at home. He was 21 and I was 22. After our parents' deaths the 300 acre farm plus the 58 acre property in Bunkerhill Township was divided among the six children. As my part of the estate I received the old homestead and twenty plus acres on Heeney Road.

In July, 1969 the youngest child, Patrick M. (Pat) was married to Karen Ahlbaum. They built their home just east of the old homestead on Heeney Road. Pat and Karen have two daughters and a son and four grandchildren (and a fifth one due in June.) And then, finally, the last of the six kids to marry, in August of 1970, I, Ann L., married the boy across the road, Willis Jackson. We live in the old homestead on Heeney Road, making our two daughters the fifth generation of the Heeney clan to live on this site.

During the last forty years that we (Willis and Ann Jackson) have made this our home, many changes needed to be made. The majority of the out buildings

had to be torn down before they fell down. When the big hipped roof barn came down we used the north stone foundation as the back wall of a 30' by 40' metal building that was built on the site of the old barn. Lumber from the old barn was also used in construction. Another metal building was built on the site of the old buggy shed. The windmill and the little milk house are the only remaining out buildings. A new garage, new fencing and an 80' by 200' pond were also added to the site. Although the house has seen many changes, no more wood burning stove in the kitchen or fruit cellar in the basement, some things remain the same as several family members and their kin still gather every Sunday afternoon at the old homestead for a tasty country potluck, great company and a few "somewhat friendly" games of euchre and shared stories (usually full of bull) for it is still our love-filled Heeney home.

The Steffey Farm

By John Steffey

October 29, 1906 Frank and Mary Steffey purchased 120 acres from Jay J. and Flora McKenzie. They took possession April 1, 1907. They removed the old kitchen from the house and added a new kitchen and dining room. They built a three car garage and a granary.

In 1912 they bought 80 more acres, making the farm 200 acres. Their income was from 200 fruit trees, a small dairy herd, swine and chicken. The apples were barreled and shipped to cities by train.

March 3, 1926, they sold the farm to their sons, Irving, his wife Ida, and Daniel. They built the hipped roof dairy barn, small milk house and corn crib.

Their income was from a small dairy herd, swine, apples and potatoes, crops of corn, oats and hay. The apples and potatoes were sold at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market. Later years the apples were sold here on the farm.

January 3, 1962, the farm was sold to Donald and his wife, Sally. They continued selling apples with the help of Irving and Daniel. Daniel worked a lot in the orchard. Irving worked at sales. After Irving passed away, Sally took over sales.

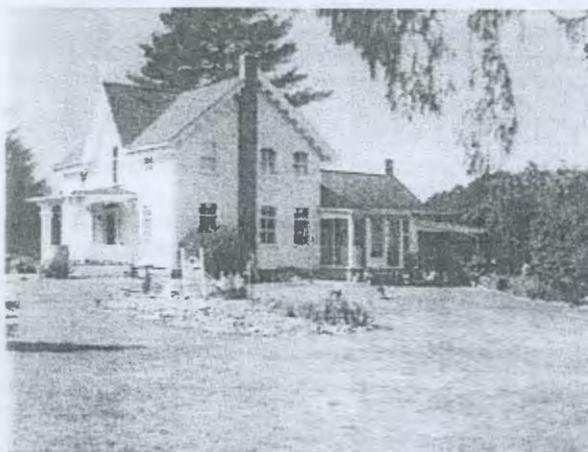
Additional land was bought from small farms to make 430 acres of farm land.

As sons Larry and Ron got old enough to help more, the dairy operation was expanded to 120 milk cows plus dry cows and replacement young cattle. A milk parlor was built along with other buildings for the heifers, hay storage and tools. A lot of orchard trees were removed to make room for the buildings and apple sales were discontinued. Silos and grain bins were added for feed storage.

On December 27, 1986, the farm was sold to Larry and his wife, Holly. They continued the dairy herd and updated the milking parlor with new modern equipment. They also replaced most of the machinery with new more efficient equipment. They added more housing for heifers and machinery. After graduating from college, their son Jakob returned to the farm and is helping them. Their income is from the dairy and corn.

All four families income for the 100 years came from the soil.

The Marshall Farm



By Luanne Heinz

The property, on Unadilla Road, was acquired by George and Margaret Marshall in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were immigrants from Glasgow, Scotland. Their first home on the property was a log house. They had four children, the first three born in Scotland and the fourth, an expert in stone cutting and masonry, was born in Michigan.

Son John, one of the three born in Scotland, helped build the home that is standing now. His first wife, Elizabeth or Betsey was also born in Scotland. They had three children, the first two born in Scotland, the third in Michigan. After Betsey's death, John married Agnes Craig from Stockbridge. They had no children. Agnes' brother, called Uncle Dod, was also involved

in building the house and some of the furniture which is still there. They are also believed to have built the house that Steve and Linda Collins are now in on Stephen Road and I am sure the Craig house on Craig Road.

John's son, George, and his wife, Cora Watts, had two children, Olin and Inez. Olin and his wife, Pearle Ludlow, had two children, George and Maxine. George married Luada Robeson and they had a daughter, Jean, who worked at Stockbridge Manufacturing. Jean married Ted Watters and had Luanne, Mick and Jimmy. Luanne married Dan Heinz and had two boys, Clint and Johnny. Luanne and Dan are the current owners.

In the early days the property consisted of almost 200 acres and went across Doyle Road to where Tulip Tree Gardens is located. That house was also built by the Marshall family.

The Reilly Farm

By John and Linda Reilly

As was told to me many years ago, the Emburys came to Michigan from Canada in search of land that replicated their old homestead. They were loggers, hunters, trappers and farmers and the land in northwest Washtenaw County with all of its lakes, streams and forests satisfied their searching.

The following information concerning the purchase of said land, described as the southwest quarter of section number eleven, town one south, range one east, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan by my great grandfather and great grandmother, Leonard S. and Minnie A. Embury, comes from the Washtenaw Abstract Company 209082.

The property, 120 acres, was warranty deeded by Addo and wife, Anna, Hill, to Leonard and Minnie Embury, June 8, 1909, recorded July 12, 1909, for the sum of \$2,500.00.

A following page notes that one Mary Scrippler warranty deeded a connecting parcel of 40 acres to Leonard and Minnie on December 15, 1909 for the sum of \$800.00, giving them final deed to the aforementioned quarter section of Lyndon Township.

Twenty-two years later, Leonard and a second wife, Grace, warranty deeded all holding the southwest corner of section 11 to my grandfather and grandmother, Clarence and Ethel Embury, who moved with their two daughters, Doris and Ruth, from Jackson, Michigan, giving up work on the Michigan Central Railroad

to begin what turned out to be a very successful lifetime of farming. Forty-nine years later the property was quit claimed by our mother, then named Ruth Jaskot, and for a period of years the sons John and James worked the land and kept it in agriculture.

Upon the death of Ruth Jaskot, John and Linda Reilly became sole owners of the property. The only visible change in description now is that Consumers Energy owns a 200 foot easement north to south on the east side of Joslin Lake Road. That easement now contains a high tension power line.

The farm is at present in the beef, hog, poultry and hay business, or what they call sustainable agriculture...we hope!!!!

The Benjamin Holland Farm



The Holland Farm in 1954

Information furnished by Onalee Batdorff Hartley

Benjamin Jacob Holland purchased what was to become known as the Holland farm at the corner of Holland and Freiermuth Roads in Bunkerhill Township in 1905. Benjamin was the son of George Washington and Anna Mary Freiermuth Holland, who had settled near Bunker Hill Center.

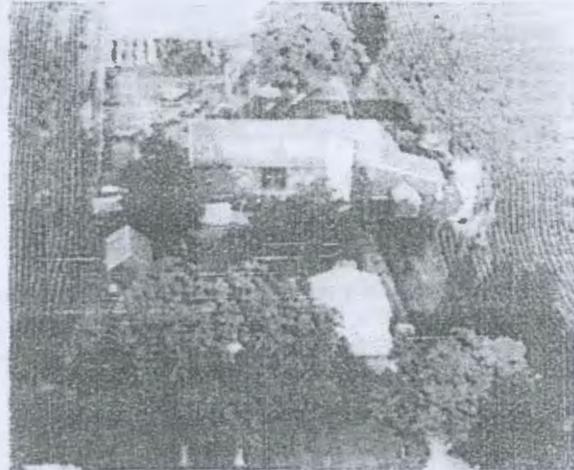
Benjamin married Edith M. Richmond in 1898. Their only child, Vida Esther, was born in Stockbridge in 1901.

Electricity came to the farm in about 1936. Benjamin and Edith had to pay to have the line extended to the farm house but this meant no more outhouse and no more cold seats. It also meant the end of pumping water for the farm animals.

Upon Benjamin's death in 1948, the farm passed to his daughter, Vida and her husband Irving Smith Batdorff, whom she married in 1924. When Vida and Irving

retired to Florida, the property was bought by their daughter, Onalee and her husband Forest "Deac" Hartley. Most of the farm, including the farm house, has been sold off. Onalee continues to live on an acre and a half in a house originally built by her son Daniel and his wife Gail. Merlin, Onalee's brother, and his wife Kay own 20 acres. Other children of Vida and Irving were Monadeen, Myron, Rolland and Charlotte.

The Schray Centennial Farm



The Schray farm from a balloon

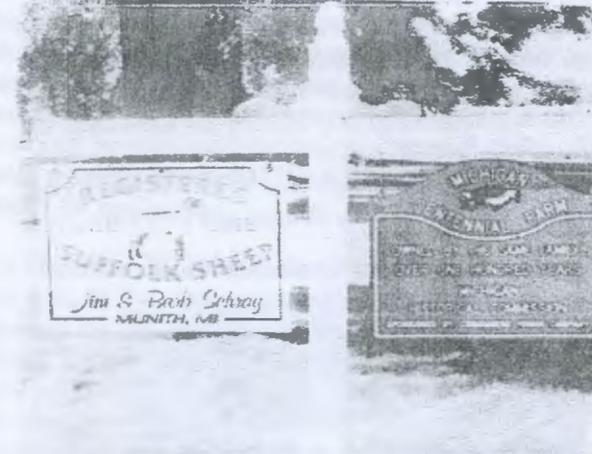
By Jim and Barb Schray.

The Schray farm was founded in 1882 and is located at 11870 Parks Road, Munith, Michigan.

Christopher Schray arrived from Germany in 1865. He purchased the farm on February 21, 1882 from Abram and Susan Croman. The farm was purchased from Christopher's estate by his sons, David and Albert Schray on May 11, 1936. David Schray became the owner on August 6, 1945 after Albert's passing. David owned the farm until his passing in 1964. Sam Schray's son (Christopher's grandson) A. C. and wife Eva Schray became the owners on March 10, 1968. Upon Eva and A. C.'s passing in 1992 and 1993, A. C.'s son James and his wife Barbara Schray purchased the farm from their estate on January 10, 1994. They are the current owners.

The farm was given the distinction of Centennial Farm in 1995. It has always been a working farm. Christopher, Albert and David Schray had livestock and cash crops of wheat, corn and hay. David Schray raised potatoes in his later years. The farm is still a working farm. Jim and Barb Schray have a flock of sheep and raise market lambs for 4-H youth projects. Cash crops

include hay, corn and wheat.



Sign in front of Schray farm.

Hannewald Centennial Farm

The Hannewald family is the second land owner of the farm, located at 14880 South M-52. The Hannewalds arrived in Waterloo Township, July 4, 1842 and settled on the farm in 1880. They initially lived with the Reithmillers, who were friends from Germany. On July 5, 1842, they harvested wheat. They recorded getting 30 bushels per acre in their diary. The papers for the purchase of the original Hannewald farm stated they were to assume the mortgage from the first owner and the manure in the barn.

The land is very sandy. Rex's grandfather, Reuben, once told his son, "That the land is so poor, you can't even raise your voice on it." During the years, it has been a dairy and a lamb feeder farm. The crops raised were oats, soybeans, white beans, alfalfa and corn.

The Hannewalds cut marsh hay from the lowlands and stored it in large haystacks. Later in the season the Trinkles would come from Dexter to bale the hay. Hannewalds would take the bales to Stockbridge to load on the train for glass factories in Toledo. The bales of grassy marsh hay were used to pack around the glass for shipping. One time the farm truck didn't make it across the tracks in Stockbridge and was destroyed by a train engine.

In 1963 the state of Michigan widened M-92, now known as M-52. The state condemned the barns on the Hannewald farm to make way for the highway. Many of the landowners were upset at the price they were paid and filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan. The farmers won. Harold Hannewald replaced their old barns with the pole barns that stand east of the original 1886 house. They discontinued

dairy farming and specialized in raising lambs. It took courage to deviate from their original farming.

Rex and Judi are the 5th generation of Hannewalds to own the farm.

In 1998 Rex designed the large lamb feeding barn that stands north of the homestead. It is said to be the largest lamb barn east of the Mississippi.

Rex and Judi Hannewald have been diversifying the products of their farm. They are selling lamb with their own brand name directly to grocery stores. They have lamb pelts processed for sale for rug, truck seats and clothing. The lamb livers are dried for hearty pet treats. They are using more of the animals that they raise.

An added piece of history. A Moechel girl was killed by a Heydlauff man and is buried in St. Jacob Cemetery. The stone is etched in German to say, "Killed by the hand of a jealous lover."

The McArthur Farm



Herman and Hattie Reason McArthur

The McArthur farm in Section 27 of Stockbridge Township has been in the family for over 100 years. John Reason recorded a deed from George Standish and wife in 1872. After his death, a deed was recorded in names of his daughters, Mary A. Force, Hattie McArthur and Almira Hollis. In 1899, Hattie became sole owner when deeds were recorded from Mary and Almira. In 1930, a deed was made out to Herman McArthur. In 1931, W. G. Reeves and wife recorded deeds from Hattie and Herman. These parcels are now a part of the Stockbridge Community Schools.

Years ago, there was a great huckleberry area on the

farm. After the drains were dug so the muck nearby could be farmed, the berry bushes died out.

In 1946, 20.6 acres was sold to Carl Krummrey. In 1952, the Stockbridge Community Schools wanted to purchase land to add an addition to the school. Herman sold 18 acres to the school forcing an end to his dairy farming. Since then crops have been raised on the farm land.

After Herman passed away, his will left the farm to his three children, Mary, Ruth and Don. His widow, Anna, received the family home at 306 Wood Street. Ruth and Don still live on the farm and Mary owns and pays taxes on her share of the farm land.

Guy Ramsdell Farm

By Richard Ramsdell

In 1910, Guy J. Ramsdell bought the James Powell farm. The farm straddled Morton Road at Heeny Road. About 1930, Guy and his wife, the former Myrta Springman built a new house. They sold the old farmhouse which was moved to a location on Moeckel Road. Other portions of the farm were also sold and moved, the chicken coop, for example, winding up at the Holland house at the corner of Holland and Freiermuth and can be seen in the aerial photograph of that farm elsewhere in the book.

Guy and Myrta moved to town in 1936, selling that portion of the farm north of Morton Road to the Baldwin family. As can be seen in the picture, they took their house with them.



The Ramsdell house in downtown Stockbridge.

Guy and Myrta retained possession of the land south of Morton Road. This became known to the family as the "25 acres." The 25 acres remained in the family,

passing through Guy's widow, Myrta, then to Guy and Myrta's only son, Paul, and his wife, the former Marian Stephens. Upon Marian's death in 1984, Richard and his wife, the former Mary Ellen Knott along with Edwin, who had married Marlene West, became the owners.

Cousin Lynn Springman had been farming the land for a number of years. Farming operations came to a halt in 1985. Edwin, a local school teacher, was the first to build on the land, erecting a log house. He and Marlene, moved onto the property in 1986. Richard and Mary Ellen, returned to Stockbridge in 2002 and built a house after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Ed and Marlene's daughter, Shelley Bumpus, has also built on the property.

The property is home to the area's most exclusive golf club, Ramy Hills, with a membership of 8.

The Knauf Farm



By Duane Yerks

Peter Knauf had a farm in Waterloo Township. In 1871, Casper Knauf (Peter's son) purchased the first 40 acres of the 105 acre farm in Bunkerhill Township. James Knauf (Casper's son) purchased the then 105 acres. In 1947, Eldred and Madeline (James' daughter) Yerks purchased the farm from Margaret Knauf (James' widow). Then in 2000, Duane (Madeline's son) and Debbie Yerks acquired ownership of the original 105 acres. In 1996, Duane purchased 32 acres adjacent to the east adding to the farm size. Eleanor, Madeline and Marion (daughters of James and Margaret) were all born in the house at 1282 Fitchburg Road. There are family stories of funerals being held in the home with the caskets set up in the living room.

Casper was a builder and is believed to have built the two story portion of the house and the two barns. The old hitching post still stands in its original location in front of the house.

The James McCleer Farm



Arthur J. McCleer Homestead, circa 1920

James McAleer, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, acquired his first 100 acres in the Territory of Michigan on Valentine's Day, 1835, sight unseen. Several families from Tariffville, Connecticut, including the McAleers and also the family of David "Deacon" Holmes, left Connecticut on foot the following year, walked to the Michigan Territory and settled near Little Portage Lake in what is now Unadilla Township, Livingston County, State of Michigan. The lake, later renamed Williamsville Lake, was surrounded by artesian springs where the native Indians had frequented. It also had a healthy flowing outlet through which the Williams family constructed a grinding mill.

After James and his two sons arrived, they acquired an additional 40 acres from the United States Land Office in Detroit. They immediately began to homestead on the original purchase and prepare for the coming winter season. Meanwhile, James' wife, Sarah Ann, and the female children remained in Tariffville and continued working in the carpet mills to help finance the Michigan venture.

James' unexpected death in November 1842 left the young split family in a real bind. In the end, everything worked out as the entire family was reunited in a growing Michigan by 1850. The two young sons, left alone by death in Michigan, grew up quickly.

The eldest son, Patrick, kept his father's original 1835 farm, constructed a new salt box home in the 1850's and continued to expand his land holdings. His eighth child, a daughter named May, was born the same year that he died, 1877.

The youngest son, Terence, sought his fortune along with his brother-in-law, James Birney, in the California golf fields shortly after the discovery at Sutters'

Mill. They were very fortunate and made money as most eastern miners did not, as gold was all but gone by the time they had arrived. Terence and James being early entrepreneurs, made their money not by mining the elusive gold but rather by selling grub and supplies to the hoards of miners that had descended upon the gold fields. After returning to Michigan by the mid 1850's, Terence married Ann McCarty, purchased the farm adjacent to Patrick's, and began to raise his family of 12 children, the youngest being born in 1878. Ann McCarty was the oldest sister of Mary McCarty who later married Patrick, making all future McCleers (Patrick's adopted spelling) and McCleers (Terence's adopted spelling) double cousins.

Patrick McCleer's untimely death in November 1877 left his young wife Mary in another family lurch. His oldest child, Neil, was just twelve, and May, the newborn, was just six months old. Somehow Mary McCarty McCleer kept the family and the farm until the late 1890's when son Arthur J. (four years old at the time of his father's death) took over operation of the farm.

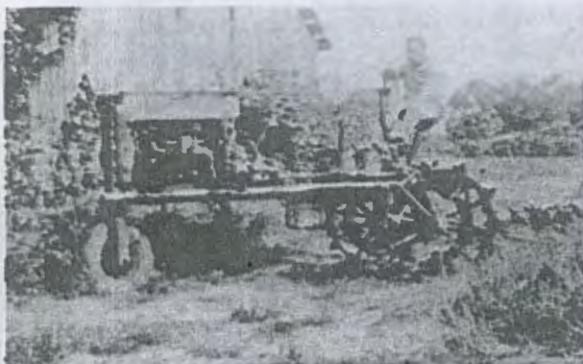
Arthur planted general crops, kept sheep and also added several new sources of income. He trapped and traded in furs, including mink and muskrat. He also found a niche use for the nuisance water that covered some of his land by renting boats on Williamsville Lake to a growing population who needed recreational opportunities but did not own a boat and didn't have the means to transport one any distance. The radio was not yet in wide use and TV (Dumont) was yet to be invented. Arthur rented up to forty wooden row-boats at a time for 25 cents for the entire day.

Arthur, who never drank himself, always kept a tapped barrel of "customer cider" in his cellar to help keep the fur suppliers coming back with their wares to sell. He would then wholesale the furs to major furriers in Detroit.

Art's brother, Neil, had acquired his uncle Terence's old farm directly across the road. There he had six daughters, par for the course for any farmer. Neil later went into the construction business with another brother, Lawrence, who lived in Gregory proper. Neil and Lawrence obtained a United States patent for the Atlas Frame gambrel barn in 1901. Their barns were special as they were built with trusses that prevented the "barn with a broken back." These barns could store tons of hay and would not sag or break. The three gambrel barns at the Westfall farm are a fine

example of the McCleer Atlas Frame designed and built by the McCleer brothers. There were literally nearly a hundred others in the four to five county area.

Lawrence McCleer also constructed a dam and hydroelectric generator on Portage Creek and ran electric lines to Gregory. He lit up Gregory until Consumers Power came in 1928.



Joe McCleer on his Thieman tractor

One humorous incident involving the fourth generation McCleers is worth mentioning. Arthur's oldest son, Joseph P., began working his aging father's farm in the 1930's. He, being the new generation, could not work ground using horses; he had to have a TRACTOR! Joe purchased an early Thieman from neighbor Lafayette Dewey. The Thieman was a poor man's tractor, sold as a kit with many of the components, including the engine, supplied by the builder. Joe had so much grief with the Thieman that, after a serious bout, he put the tractor in gear and attempted to aim it directly into Williamsville Lake. His neighbor and cousin, Leo Gibney, was able to stop Joe until calmer minds prevailed. I do not know whatever happened to Joe's Thieman but I assume it ended up in a wartime scrap collection. Joe later patiently waited his turn during rationing and was able to get a new Ford/Ferguson near the beginning of World War II.

Today, one 106 year young fourth generation McCleer, one fifth generation McCleer and two sixth generation McCleers continue to live and operate the farm settled by James McAleer way back in 1835. We congratulate Stockbridge as we both celebrate 175 years of progress. We look forward to 200 years together.

NOTE:

1.) The early McAleer history was documented in a

Michigan. Call No. CS69.S83z

Title: **The McCleers and the Birney; Irish Immigrant families-into Michigan and the California gold fields, 1820-1893.**

2.) The Bentley Historical Library Historical Collections in Ann Arbor houses the following:
Birney-McCleaer-Hankerd family papers 1835-1972.

The Musbach Farm



The Musbach Farm in 2010

Anson Croman, like so much of Waterloo Township, traces his roots back to Germany, specifically, Wurtemberg. Anson was a veteran of the Civil War and the last veteran of that war from Munith to die, passing to his reward in 1938. Anson was the first family member to own the farm at the corner of North Territorial and Musbach Roads. When his daughter, Susie, married Elert Mushbach in 1895, the farm became the Musbach farm. Elert built the barn, which originally bore his name. The barn has disappeared. Elert lost a leg to diabetes and had an artificial leg. Following Elert's death in 1931, the farm passed to Elton Musbach and his wife, Ione Katz. Elton died in 1971. By this time, Kenneth Musbach and his wife, the former Myrtle Little, had become owners of the property. Kenneth was a self employed truck driver for nearly 50 years. He was active in the Munith Methodist Church, the Munith Lions Club and the Farm Bureau. Kenneth died in 1994. His son, Roger, is the current owner of the property.

The Brower Farm

Josiah M. Brower was born in Waterloo Township in 1850 and died in Stockbridge in 1928. He moved to Stockbridge when he was nine years old. He married Adelada Holmes in 1875. They bought the Collings

farm on Chapman Road north of O'Brien Road and spent the rest of their lives on the farm. Upon Josiah's death, the property passed to Jonathon Brower. John and his wife, Grace (Sellers), had two daughters, Irene and Patty. Irene married Gerald Runciman in 1940. Jerry passed in 1981 with Irene dying in 2003. The farm is currently owned by their son, Gerald, and his wife, Glenna.

The O'Brien Farm

By Richard Ramsdell

Stephen O'Brien was born in Ireland in 1802. He came to the U.S. with his wife, Alice, and family and settled in Bunkerhill Township. Stephen lived there until his death in 1882.

His son, John and wife, Rose Woods, would follow. John was born in 1825, also in Ireland and died in 1892.

The next O'Brien to own the farm was Stephen. Stephen was born on the farm in 1864. Stephen married Leda Springman. Their son, Howard, took over the farm upon Stephen's death in 1942. Howard's mother, Leda, lived to the ripe old age of 96, dying in 1968.

Howard married the former Nella Murphy. Their son, John, currently owns the farm, located on Parman Road.

The O'Brien's have long been members of St. Cornelius and Cyprian Church and are buried in a family plot at the western end of the Church cemetery.

The Mitteer Homestead



The Mitteer Homestead, circa 1895

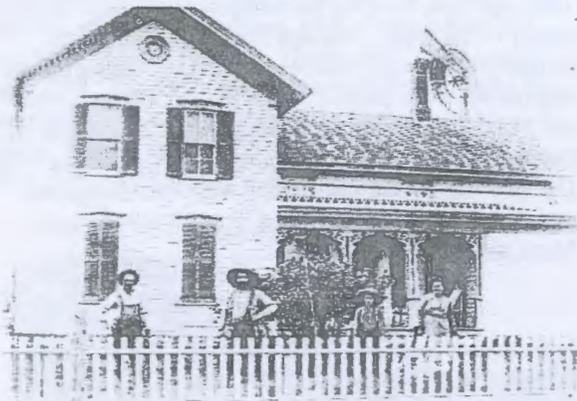
By Jack Mitteer

The history of the Mitteer farm in Stockbridge begins with Samuel Mitteer I who was a member of the French Army of Count Rochambeau and fought in the Revolutionary War with George Washington's Army. He lost an arm at Yorktown (probably in 1781) and was returned to France. He gathered up his family and effects and returned to America in 1783. Samuel I had an only son, Samuel II, born in France in 1776. Samuel II was a carpenter in eastern Pennsylvania and eastern New York. Samuel II married Lucinda Amelia Reynolds and they had 9 children, 4 girls and 5 boys. Allen Mitteer was born in the state of New York, Sullivan County, October 7, 1811. He was the second child and oldest boy of Samuel II and Lucy Mitteer.

Allen Mitteer and his wife, Polly (Cochrane) Mitteer, came to Michigan in 1836. Allen's oldest sister, Katherine, married a Mr. Wood in New York and came to Michigan at the same time. Although we cannot connect all the dots, it seems likely that Katherine's first husband was Ira Wood, one of the original founders of the village. Allen and Polly first settled on land now known as the Price farm on Brogan Road. In 1840 they purchased the John W. Rice farm, a farm much of which is now part of the village of Stockbridge. This and added acreage has been continuously owned and occupied by the direct descendants of Allen and Polly Mitteer. Allen Mitteer died in 1860. His widow, Polly Mitteer, later married H. N. Forbes, one of the early Stockbridge merchants. The Mitteer Farm was the first farm in Stockbridge to be designated a Centennial Farm, in the 1950's. On the death of Allen Mitteer, his son, Robert Henry Mitteer I, took over the farm.

Robert Henry Mitteer I married Ortance Reeves who was a daughter of James Reeves who started the Reeves Centennial Farm on the corner of Brogan Road and M-36 in 1835. Robert Henry Mitteer I died in 1853 at age 42. This was a relatively young age even for those days and we don't know the reason for his death. On his death, his youngest son, James Allen Mitteer, became the owner of the Mitteer farm. James died in 1943. After that, the farm was managed by Robert Henry Mitteer II. After his death in 1962, the Mitteer farm was managed by Helen B. Mitteer, his wife. In 1983 the Mitteer farm was transferred to the Helen B. Mitteer Trust and it is still owned by that Trust. The Trust is owned by the Robert. H. and Helen B. Mitteer descendants and is still actively farmed by the Watters Farms as a rental.

The Fay Farm



The Fay farm when it belonged to Roger Derby

Milo and Matilda Smith purchased the former Derby farm from Roger Derby April 15, 1909. Their daughter, Olive Smith, married Ted Fay. The two families lived together for a time. December 18, 1924 Ted and Olive purchased the farm from the widowed Matilda Smith. Ted was active in township government for many years. Olive was equally busy. One volunteer activity was teaching cooking classes to Happy Hustler 4H Club members.

April 16, 1996 the farm ownership was transferred to their son, Stanley. He, too, was active in Stockbridge Township government. His children, Dale, Kathy and Corrine, as well as the entire community, were shocked by Stan's sudden death in a farm accident.

Corrine's son, Steve Andrew Fay and wife, Rebecca, have purchased the farm from Stan's widow. Their young sons, Nathan, Hunter, Chase and Parker, are busy little farmers on the 101 year old family farm.

Louis Wild Farm

Jacob and Caroline Wild purchased the original farm in 1903. For many years the farm was worked by a partnership of third generation brothers, D'Wayne, Donald and Louis. In the 1990's, Louis purchased 159 acres of the original farm from the partnership. The partnership of the three Wild brothers or their heirs continue to own 85 acres of the original farm.

Philip Dyer Farm

Philip Dyer was the second settler in Plainfield, originally called Dyersburg, arriving from New Jersey in 1836. At that time he purchased two 80 acre parcels. Sometime later, one of his neighbors died. His family tried in vain to dig a grave on the their property.

However, the ground was too hard to dig the grave. Philip asked the family to come across the road and try and dig a grave on his property hence the beginning of the Plainfield Cemetery. He also donated land to establish a Presbyterian Church and property to build a one room school house. All this donated property is now part of the cemetery. This left Philip with approximately 158 acres to farm. He used part of his farmland for an orchard and immediately started planting seeds.



The house Philip Dyer built

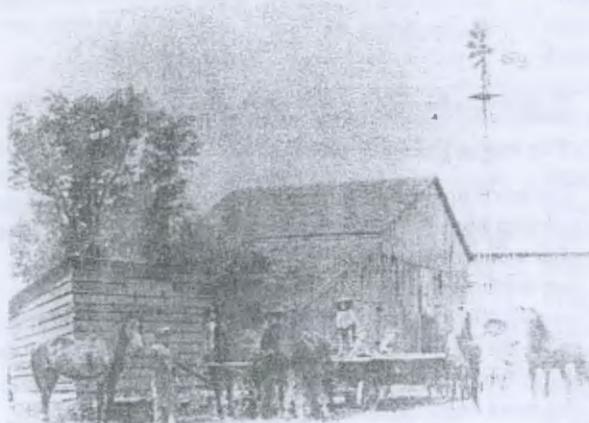
The brick house and upright wing took Philip two years to build. The bricks were all handmade from the clay soil on the farm. The kiln was located on a hill just north of the house. The woodwork in the house was all black walnut taken from the area he cleared to build the house. There were stalls for the horses on the south end of the barn, wooden cattle stanchions where the cows were milked, and a calf pen. The Dyers raised calves for veal. On the north end of the barn, there was a sheep area which could be expanded by moving a wooden wall so there was more room at lambing time. The upper floor of the barn had a large granary where wheat, oats, barley and rye were stored. There was a hay mow on the north and south ends of the barn with a driveway between where the thrashing was done in the late summer. The barn was destroyed by a tornado in the early 1960's.

In the mid 1800's Harvey Dyer, Philip's son, purchased the farm. By this time, the orchard had matured and apples were shipped all over the United States from Gregory, Michigan. Harvey could graft an apple tree capable of producing several varieties of apples on one tree. The favorite family apple was a pound sweet apple which was a large yellow sweet apple. Working among the apple blossoms, Harvey was also an avid beekeeper. He wore an old hat with a curtain sewn around the brim and used a type of binder twine around his wrists and ankles to protect him from the bees.. He would order the queen bee from a cata-

log and carefully inspect the bee upon arrival in the mail to make sure she had survived the trip! The north end of the farm had some low land, springs and swamp which produced an abundance of wild cranberries. Harvey could also witch for water, which was a skill that neighbors used when deciding to dig their wells.

The Dyers were very industrious. They were tavern keepers, having built a wooden tavern close to their home. They also had a harness shop where the local farmers gathered to visit and purchase supplies to repair the harnesses for their horses. Josephine Dyer, Harvey's wife, traveled to Detroit to take fresh produce in season, including squash, elderberries, strawberries, holly, chickens, apples and eggs, all of which were sold at the Eastern Market.

The Proctor Farm



Asa Proctor Farm

Samuel Proctor came to Michigan with four other young men. Samuel, born in Vermont, walked from Niagara County in New York through Canada. A gentleman in Grass Lake told them about a Mr. Gregory in own 1 North, Range 2, East (Stockbridge Township) that had a list of lands in the township which had not been entered or bought. Samuel found his way and entered land in Sections 1 and 2 of Stockbridge Township on April 20, 1835. He returned to Niagara County in 1840, married Cordelia Johnson and brought her back to his Stockbridge home where they lived the remainder of their lives. Samuel told of splitting rails for 50 cents a hundred to help pay for the farm. He once drove to Detroit to buy a load of flour. His neighbors united to pay the cost of \$20.00 per barrel. Samuel sold a part of his acreage to James Reeves.

Since Samuel entered his land in 1835, there have been a succession of descendants to live on the Proctor farm.

Samuel's first born son, Asa, followed. Samuel died in 1882 and Asa, born on the homestead in 1843, became owner of the farm. Asa and his wife, Alvira, controlled the land until his death when son Edward John and his wife, the former Sarah Wilson, became owners. Following Edwin and Sarah were Clinton Asa and Grace Lucille. Currently Hilbert Proctor and his wife, Dorothy live on the farm along with their daughters and their husbands, Larry and Tracy Baldwin and Mark and Arloa Smith.

The John Taylor Farm

John Taylor was born at Slack in the township of Barkisland, Yorkshire, England, December 28, 1813. He was the son of John and Sallie Gee Taylor.

In 1839, John and his cousin, Richard Taylor of Cut-edge in the same township emigrated to the United States and settled as pioneers in the township of Unadilla, Livingston County, Michigan. He lived upon the farm in this township the rest of his life.

On June 20, 1845, John married Betty Brearley, the widow of James Tetley. She was born at Ripponden, Yorkshire, England on January 7, 1806. To them was born one child, John Agur Taylor, on March 29, 1847.

John married Helen Jackson of Unadilla on March 29, 1847. John Agur died in 1880 and Helen passed away in 1903. John Agur and Helen had four children; Grace. Who married George Blauvelt, followed by the twins, John Lewis and June. John married Marion Patrick and June married Sylvia Votes. The fourth child was Caspar who married Margie House.

June followed John Agur as owner of the farm. June and Sylvia had seven children, Ellen, Joseph, Norma, Tom. Jean and twins Wayne and Wilma Jean. June was a dairy farmer, member of the Methodist Church in Plainfield, a Mason and a former member of the Stockbridge School Board.

Joseph Taylor was next in line to run the farm. Joe married Janet Musbach. Joe has pretty much retired although he still lives on the farm. His son, Jonathan is in control and raises beef cattle.

The Jump-Garfield Farm

Ramson and Helen Jump moved onto the farm, located just south of Baseline Road on Fitchburg Road in Henrietta Township, in 1883. There, they spent the rest of their lives. After Ransom's passing in 1934, Helen continued to live on the farm, except for a short

period prior to 1956. In 1956, the farm house was completely remodeled and Helen moved back in with her two widowed daughters, Mrs. Francis Garfield and Mrs. Maggie Parman. Helen died in 1961 at the age of 98. The farm passed through Francis, who had married John Garfield, to her son Gerald and his wife Doris. Gerald died in 1990 and Doris in 2002. The farm currently belongs to the Doris Garfield Trust.

The Ackley Farm



The original farm house which burned in 1943.

The Ackley farm, located at 3094 Heeney Road in Stockbridge, was declared a Centennial farm on March 20, 1997. This property has been in the Ackley/Hatt family since January 13, 1896. The farm was purchased by Nathan C. and Elanor K. Hatt and later it was owned by their daughter and her husband, Henry Ackley. Ida and Henry raised daughters Alma, Alta, Muriel and a son, Orla, on the farm.

Orla was married to Mildred Sherman on May 23, 1936. They occupied the farmhouse at this location until a fire destroyed it on March 8, 1943. The fire began between 9 and 10 p.m. and is believed to have been caused by a chimney fire. Orla had heard a noise upstairs and, when he opened the attic door, the whole area was on fire. He carried their two daughters, Elaine and Jean, to safety while his wife went to the neighbors to call the fire department. Evidently the siren was frozen and failed to work. Only a few personal items and some clothing were saved. Orla rebuilt a ranch style home in the same location. Their sons, Bill and Dale, were also raised on this homestead.

The farm was basically a Holstein dairy herd and crops. The Ackleys raised chickens, sheep and hogs. A large garden supplemented their food supply.

Meat was canned as well as other garden produce. Sugar beets, celery, sweet corn and potatoes were also grown.

A grove of pine tree seedlings was planted during the 1940's on a hill which borders the Willow Run Golf Course.

Farming was done with horses until the early 1940's when Oliver and International Harvester Farm tractors were purchased.

Ponies from Belle Isle were kept for the winter months. A filly colt was purchased from Kernie Jones for Jean in the late 1940's. She was named Rusty and was buried on the farm after her death in 1970. You could always see a dog and several cats wondering around the yard.



Belle Island Pony with new house in background

Orla passed away on his birthday, September 15, 1994. Mildred stayed on the farm for a while then moved into town. The large dairy barn was torn down due to deterioration in 2009. The property is now owned by Dale and Bill Ackley and Jean Ackley Johnson.

Sommer Farms

By Doug Sommer

George and Ella May Nichols established the original farm of 160 acres in 1912. The farm was later purchased in 1933 by their daughter and husband, Edna and Emil Sommers. In 1949, the big dairy barn which housed several cows, calves and machinery was struck by lightning and burned, destroying some of the animals and equipment within. Later that same year, a 37 stall stanchion barn was built, which still stands today.

In 1960, Donald and Evadene Sommer bought the farm and added another 148 acres when they

purchased the northeast corner of Dexter Trail and M-52. Don and son Douglas formed the partnership "Sommer Farms" in 1967.



Sommer Farms from the air

Douglas and Terry (Greenamyre) were married in 1969, and that same year a milking parlor was erected allowing the herd to enlarge from 56 to 100 dairy cattle. In 1978, 90 acres were purchased from Vernon Asquith and in 1980, additional land was purchased from the Millhouse farm, bringing the total acreage to 415.

Sadly, in 1992 Donald was killed in a farming accident. Douglas and Terry still operate the farm today with the help of their children, Melissa, Eric and Todd.

The Jacob Wild Farm



The Jacob Wild farm on Baseline Road

By Thomas and Alma Wild Back

Grandfather Jacob Wild was born in Wurtemberg, Germany and migrated to America in the mid 1880's. After arriving in America, he met and married Caroline Seigrist, also from Germany. To this marriage, seven children were born.

In 1903, Jacob Wild entered into a land contract with the Charles Bird estate to purchase about 220 acres for \$626.47. The family moved into the old farmhouse on

this land. The contract was paid off in 7 years. Art and Frank then bought the farm across the road. All of Frank and Vesta Woods Wild's children, Dwayne, Olin, Pauline, Donald, Louis and Marilyn, were born in the old farm home. The family eventually moved across the road and turned the old house into an onion storage building.

Art married Muriel E. Ackley in 1935. They remodeled the onion storage building and added 3 more rooms. Two children were born, John J. in 1936 and Alma M. in 1938. Muriel was committed to the Ypsilanti State Hospital in 1939 and died there 26 years later.

Art had built a new barn in 1928. It was a truss roof barn, the first constructed on the ground and pulled into place by horses. It had an open loft with no center posts. People came from all over to see this new concept. (The reader may want to go back to the story of the McCleer farm to read more about this concept.) The barn was 70 feet by 36 feet with a central alley, left side for sheep and right side for work horses. A granary, corn crib and tool shed were also built.

Later on, the farms were run by Art, Frank, Louis, Dwayne and Donald, forming the Wild Brothers Partnership. Onions, corn, hay, oats, sheep and beef were raised. Later, potatoes, carrots and sugar beets made truck farming possible.

Peppermint was added and the mint still at Stockbridge on Morton Road was built. A boiler from Henry Ford's yacht fired by natural gas produced the steam to extract the mint oil.

John and Alma both attended a one room school 2 miles from home at Baseline Road and Fitchburg Road. We had nine different grades. About 24 children attended. We walked or rode our bikes, often stopping at the Shew farm halfway home. Ruth Shew would m their outside pump.

In 1966, Consumers Power bought a right of way across our farm, 250 feet by 18 acres long.

Alma married Thomas A. Back in 1958. Tom was drafted and spent two years in the Army. Their son, Alan W. Back, was born in 1961 at the Army hospital in California. Randy A. Back was born in 1963 in Jackson, Michigan. We all lived with Art Wild. Tom drove semi-trucks for 20 years; then started up an excavating business which continues yet.

John married Julia Kalis in 1962 and had a son, Kim Arthur Wild. John was killed on Valentine's Day, 1963, at the railroad crossing at M-106 and Territorial Road. Kim is now married and has 3 children and lives in Ludington.

Randy married Vera Humphreis. After the divorce, he now lives us and helps Tom with the excavating business.

Alan married Misty Cooper. They are both natopathic doctors and live in Henderson, Nevada with their daughter, Sierra Sage Back.

In January 1963, Art and Frank split up the farm. Art took the farm on the south side of Baseline Road. Frank took the farm on the north side. The partnership continued until Art passed away at his home in 1974 at the age of 94 years. The farm passed from my father to me in 1973.

The farm was rented out for farming from 1974 to 2008 by Ed Haft. He grew wheat, corn and soy beans. Zeitz Farms, Inc. currently lease the farm.

Carl Hannewald Farm



Carl Hannewald farm, 14320 S. M-52

The Carl Hannewald farm went through several owners before coming into the possession of the Hannewald family. Hiram Putnam was the first owner, buying 80 acres from the Government in 1834. In 1860, Hiram sold to Albert Yocum for \$2,000.00. In 1872, Albert sold 1/2 acre to the North Waterloo Burying Ground, Inc. to be used as a "repository for the dead." Ella Rockwell, Albert's daughter, sold the farm to

Luella Park for \$2,633.00. Finally, on March 16, 1908, Luella sold to Carl Hannewald for \$3,250.00.

Carl Hannewald was born in Waterloo Township in 1853 and was a lifelong member of St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Charlette Kassell in 1870. In 1910, Carl and Charlotte sold the farm to his son, Ezra and his wife, the former Ada Huttenlocker. Ezra and Ada were married in 1910. Ezra and Ada payed \$4,500.00 for the farm.

In 1924, Ezra bought another farm and Ada insisted on a brand new house.



The old house and the new house

Ezra died in a horrific automobile accident in 1975. The farm passed to Ezra's two sons, Martin and Lawrence. Martin passed away in 2000 and Lawrence died in 2003. Martin's son, Robert purchased the farm from Lawrence's estate in 2003 and continues to farm the land to this day.

Gee Farms



Gee Farms around 1920

By Amanda Gee

The original 156 acres of the Gee Farm was deeded in 1849 by Mosses Gee. Mosses' family was originally from England, but Mosses had been born in New York. These early settlers built the farm's first home

on the corner of Bunkerhill and Baseline Roads, planted an orchard and began raising short horn cattle and Shopshire sheep.

Mosses had only one surviving son, Alonzo. When grown, Alonzo continued his father's work with the livestock and the orchard. He would later build the second farmhouse, currently the house next to the market, where he raised his children, Lloyd and Blanche (Peach).

Lloyd Gee expanded the livestock to include dairy cattle. He also dabbled in real estate and developed the land around Batteese Lake. Lloyd and his wife, Lelah, had three children; Wendell, Doneita (DeYarmond) and Beverly (Caskey).

Wendell, being the only son, worked the milking operations after his father's retirement. He worked the farm full time until the late 1950's when he served two years as the township supervisor. In 1961 he was elected as the Jackson County Drain Commissioner, where he worked until 1978. Wendell had two children, Gary and Susan (Mitteer).

Gary began his work for the family at age nine when he opened a produce stand on a picnic table in front of the farmhouse. After a barn fire in 1964, Gary got out of the milking business. He married Kaye Wilson in 1967 and they began growing commercial vegetables and expanded the produce market. They grew pickling cucumbers and peppers for Green Bay Foods for thirty years. During this time, the produce market expanded into bedding plants, vegetable plants, trees and shrubs. In 1996, the farm discontinued the commercial vegetable operations and began to focus on the nursery and landscape market. Gary increased the original farm to include acreage in Pleasant Lake, Bunkerhill and Fitchburg.



The bounty at Gee Farms, Autumn 1963

Today, while some produce is still grown for market, the majority of the farm is dedicated to the production and cultivation of nursery stock. Gee Farms has grown into the largest retail nursery in the state of Michigan and specializes in rare and unusual conifers. Gary and Kaye have four daughters; Kary, Michele, Lisa (Cram) and Amanda. During the spring season all four girls along with many of the grandchildren return to work at the nursery and three of the girls still reside on the farm. Kary and Amanda maintain full time positions as well as the oldest grandson, Coti.

Morehouse Farm



Harold Morehouse home on left and Kevin Morehouse home on the right.

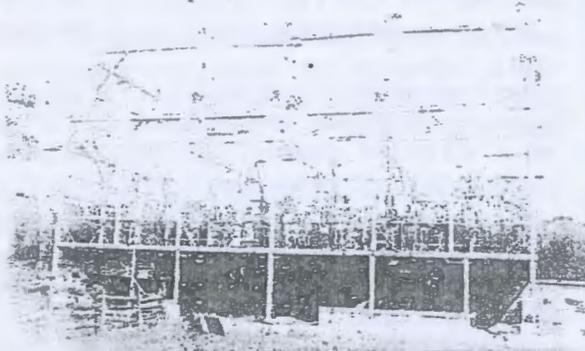
By Julie Schneider

George C. Morehouse and his wife, Mary A., were one of the first families to arrive in the Fitchburg area. The original homestead was a log home at 5025 Williamston Road on the east side of the road. In 1864, they purchased their property from the Van Rippers. Mary took care of the transaction as George was enlisted in the Civil War at the time. George returned from the war and they had four children, George Hollis, Frank C., Lucy and Edgar. In 1882, George C. purchased land across the road from Edwin Hawley. A farmhouse stood on the property at the time and eventually three generations of Morehouses resided there together, Frank C. and his wife, his son, Hugh and his wife with grandson Harold and granddaughter Joanna. Currently, Harold's son, Kevin and his wife, Sherry, reside at the house at 5060 Williamston Road.

In the late 1880's, George and Mary built a new home at 5025 Williamston Road to replace their log home at a cost of \$1,164.00. George died in 1897 and in 1906, Mary transferred the west side of the road to her son, Frank C., and the east side of the road to George Hollis. George Hollis never married and Mary

continued to live in her home with him until she died in 1928. George Hollis died in 1954. This house on the east side, after a few modifications, still exists and is the home of Harold and Dorothy Morehouse, great grandson of the original owner. Harold has lived here since 1957.

In 1907, Frank Morehouse was living on the farm at 5060 Williamston Road. Thady Hamilton and his crew helped him build his barn. Thady Hamilton built most of the barns in the area at that time. That barn



Morehouse barn raising

Frank and his wife, Mary, had two children, Gennie and Hugh. Gennie married Edward Mears in 1911 and moved to Leslie. She died in 1914 at the age of 19 after a short illness from a ruptured appendix. Frank died in 1965 at the age of 98. He is buried in the Fitchburg Cemetery next to his wife, Mary.

Hugh married Daisy Hemstreet and had two children, Harold and Joanna. Harold had four sons, Kevin, Kim, Kurt and Kent. Joanna married Joe Raciborski and had four children as well, Jim, Ann, John and David. The family farm is still farmed today and is registered with the State of Michigan as a centennial farm. The Morehouse family owns approximately 187 acres on both sides of Williamston Road. Besides Harold and his wife, Dorothy, there are several Morehouses that still live on Williamston Road. Kevin, Harold's son, lives in one of the old farmhouses on the west side of the road. Kurt, another son, with his wife Mary and daughter Stephanie lives on the corner of Williamston and Fitchburg Roads and currently farms the family farm as well as operating a trucking business. Harold's sister, Joanna Raciborski, lives south of the farm on a piece of the original farm property.

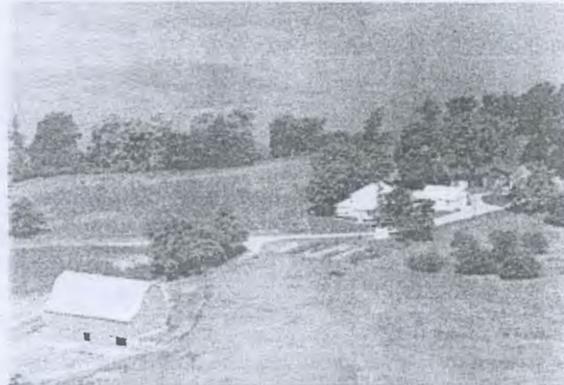
Schumacher Farm

At the end of Schumacher Road in Waterloo Township is Markle Lake and the Schumacher farm. In 1874,

John George Schumacher and his wife, Dorothea, bought the farm and moved from Mt. Hope Road. John was a blacksmith and he moved his shop from Mt. Hope Road, a mile south of Hannewald Road, to the farm. John grew and sold cranberries to pay for the farm. Also on the farm were huckleberries in abundance.

The farm had a dozen cows and 100 sheep along with hogs and chickens. The normal crops of corn and wheat were grown. Both the house and the barn have stone foundations and there is a stone fence behind the barn. Tamarack timbers support the roof of the barn which is constructed of hand hewn beams and wooden dowels.

The farm passed from John and Dorothea to Christian and his wife, Paulina. From Christian and Paulina, the farm went to John and his wife Ida Realy, who grew up just down the road where Schumacher Road ends at Waterloo-Munith Road. Lewis was next in line when he and his wife, Vera Lehman, came into possession of the farm. Vera was the brother of Elmer Lehman who was the Stockbridge postmaster for many years.



The Schumacher farm with Markle Lake in the background

The house was on the farm when John and Dorothea moved in in 1874. It was originally a two family house with the parents occupying a portion of the house and a son and his family occupying another part. Electricity came to the house in about 1950 and with it indoor plumbing. Electricity was late because the house was a mile from Waterloo-Munith Road and there were no other houses on the road. Prior to electricity, the family had a 3-hole outhouse with one of the holes closer to the floor to accommodate the children. The house was extensively remodeled in 1974.

The farm transitioned from horses to tractors at about the same time. The first tractor was a small Ford. The

horses were kept for a while but since they were no longer contributing, they were eventually sold.

Upon Ralph Schumacher's retirement in 1999, he returned from Erie, Pennsylvania and took over the farm. The farm consists of about 178 acres not counting the part that is lake. About 70 acres are tillable with the remainder woods and marsh. The land is leased out to Robert Hannewald for farming.

Fink-Krummrey Farm History



Aerial view of Krummrey farm, circa 1990

By Mary Krummrey

Jacob Fink was born on Nov. 15, 1842 in Gutenberg, Germany. His parents are unknown. He immigrated to the United States on 13 Apr. 1868.

Jacob Fink married Anna Maria Tisch on 26 Dec 1869 in Waterloo Township, Jackson Co. MI. She was born on 7 Sep 1851 in Kirchheim An Der Eck, Bavaria (now Rhineland-Palatinate), Germany. She is the daughter of Wilhem "William" Tisch and Katharine Elisabeth "Catherine" Hanewald. Her family immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1852. About 1861, Anna moved to Waterloo Township, Jackson Co., MI.

Jacob and Anna had five children: William Fink (16 Aug. 1870), Charles Fink (31 Jan 1872), Jacob Fink (4 Oct 1873), George Fink (29 Nov 1876), and Wilhelmina Ann "Minnie" Fink (12 Oct 1878).

William Fink married Emma Marie Niethammer on 10 Apr 1901 in Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI. She was born on 25 Apr 1875 in Saline, Washtenaw Co. MI. She is the daughter of David Niethammer and Elizabeth Herter.

William and Emma had 10 children: Lucille Wilhelmina Fink (16 Feb 1902), Lawrence Jacob Fink (12 Jan 1904), Lester David Fink (27 Sep 1905), Leonard

Fink (16 Feb 1902) Harold Fink (22 Jan 1909) Albert William Fink (23, May 1911) Raymond Howard Fink (2 May 1913), Mildred Mae Fink (24 Jan 1916), Irene Elizabeth Fink (3 Aug 1917), and William Christopher Fink (4 Mar 1920).

Leonard Fink married Anahdell Eckerson 5 Dec 1931 in Jackson Co., MI. She was born on 18 Jul 1909 in Jackson, Co., MI. She is the daughter of Wilbur Eckerson and Sylvia Stringham.

Leonard and Anahdell had three children: Jean Marie Fink, James Leonard Fink and Jane Ann Fink.

Jean Fink married Don Edward Krummrey on 12 Nov. 1950 in Jackson Co., MI. He was born in McGuffey, Hardin Co., OH. He is the son of Carl F. Krummrey and Eva Jane Gould.

Two years after Jacob Fink and Anna Maria Tisch were married, Jacob purchased a 40-acre farm in 1871 to the north of Sears Lake (now known as Fink Lake) in the Southwest part of Sec. 34, Stockbridge Township, Ingham Co., MI. On 17 Dec 1880, Jacob bought the Southeast 1/4 of Sec. 34, containing 160 acres. Jacob later purchased 80 additional acres in Sec. 34. A 1895 plat map of Stockbridge Township shows Jacob Fink as the owner of 280 acres on the north and west sides of Fink Lake, including 2/3 of the lake.

In the 1916-1921 Rural Directory of Ingham Co., Jacob Fink is listed as a farmer owning 270 acres of land, two horses, and five cattle. A 1922 topographic map shows the name of the lake as Fink Lake.

Albert William Fink remembered hearing a story told about his Grandfather, Jacob Fink, buying land from the government for a dollar an acre, and then later selling it back to the government for three dollars an acre.

When Jacob Fink died on 6 Feb 1917, he left the land he owned to his wife, Anna Maria "Mary" Fink. This included 270 acres more or less in Sec. 34 and Lot number 3 of Block number 8 in the village of Stockbridge. Six years later when Anna Maria Fink died on 21 Jun 1923, all the land passed to Jacob and Anna's children, William and Emma Marie Fink, Charles and Lyda Ella Fink, George and Phoebe Margaret Fink, and Minnie (George J.) Hurst. (Their son, Jacob Fink, died in 1895.) One year later, on 17 Jun 1924 all of Jacob Fink's land passed to Charles and Lyda Ella Fink.

On 16 Jun 1939, Charles and Lyda Fink received \$385.12 for 3.095 acres more or less for a Highway

Easement Release for the improvement of State Trunk-line Highway M-106.

Charles and Lyda Ella Fink deeded 15 acres in Section 34 to Floyd Lady and his wife on 5 Nov. 1941.

After Charles Fink died on 4 Mar 1945, Lyda Ella Fink granted 251 1/3 acres more or less to Eddie C. and Elizabeth N. Griffes on 18 May 1945. Two portions of this land purchased by Jacob Fink in 1880, then, later owned by Charles Fink, were purchased by Carl F. Krummrey, father-in-law to Jean Marie Fink Krummrey. One portion was purchased in the mid 1950's and the other in the mid 1960'. This land is still owned and farmed by the Krummreys.

According to an 1895 plat map of Stockbridge Township, W. Fink owned 80 acres in the Northwest part of Section 33, Stockbridge Township, Ingham Co. In the late 1930's, Carl F. Krummrey purchased 50 of these acres.

A portion of the 80 acres of swampland in Section 33, previously owned by W. Fink and a portion of the land Jacob Fink owned in section 34 were cleared and



William and Emma Marie Fink

drained by the Krummreys. It took several years to clear the swampland by hand and to drain the fields using clay tile and ditches to control the water. The first year Carl F. Krummrey grew onions on the fertile muck land. He planted only two acres. Each year he cleared and drained more land and gradually purchased more acreage. He planted willow trees for windbreaks from willow branch cuttings he took from the muck farm in McGuffey, Ohio where his father, George Krummrey, farmed beginning in the late 1800's. The onion storages he built were structurally designed

like his storages in McGuffey. The Krummreys have been growing onions on this muck land near Stockbridge for over 75 years. Potatoes and peppermint were added as rotation crops in the 1940's and 1950's, respectively. George's farther grew onions out east after his family immigrated to the United States. Therefore, there have been 6 generations of Krummreys farming onions for over 150 years.

In the early 1960's, Carl F. Krummrey purchased 10 acres for his homestead along the Northwest side of Fink Lake. Three years after Eva Jane Krummrey died on 3 Dec 1998. Larry Edward Krummrey, his wife, Mary Ellen Steffey Krummrey and their son, Jacob Edward Krummrey, moved to the homestead. This homestead is next to the land Larry's great-great-grandfather, Jacob Fink owned until he died in 1917.

Stowell/Earl Farm

By Rhoda McVay

Lewis D. Stowell, having received United States Government Land Grant approval, moved from New York to Henrietta Township. On May 5, 1837, he registered a deed for 330 acres.

Lewis and Margaret Stowell's daughter, Medora, married Oliver Clark Earl. Their son, John Clark Earl, was born March 7, 1865 and died August 22, 1945 in Jackson County, Michigan. He married Ada (Addie) Jemisca Wonsey. They had eight children. The 7th child, John Clark Earl, Jr., was born June 19, 1904 and died May 30, 1973. He married Bessie Lake. To this union, three sons were born: Wayne, Gerald and Larry.

The current owner, Gerald Earl, lives on the homesteaded farm with his wife, the former Syreta Jane Dixon, and their children, Eric Thomas and Mellory Jane. Brother Larry Earl also lives on the farm.

Jim Moeckel's Farms

By Richard Ramsdell

Jim Moeckel of Munith owns two centennial farms. One, through his father's line, is located at Plum Orchard and McCreery Roads. The other, through his mother's side is on the northeast corner of Sayers and Kennedy Roads.

Aaron Moeckel was born in Waterloo Township in 1871, the son of Charles and Dorothea Moeckel. They bought 40 acres at the corner of Plum Orchard

and McCreery Roads. Aaron passed in 1947 and his wife, Alvina, in 1961. The farm passed to Wesley and Agnes (Carley) Moeckel. Wesley and Agnes had four children, Natalie, Rolfe, James (Jim) and Royston. The farm is currently owned by Jim.

Edward and Eda Carley purchased the 80 acre farm at the corner of Sayers and Kennedy Roads in 1893. Edward Carley died in 1923 and his wife, Eda, in 1943. Upon Eda's death, the farm passed to Agnes who married Wesley Moeckel and now belongs to Jim Moeckel. The Moeckels and Carleys mentioned in this article rest in the Munith Cemetery.

The Lewis Farm



Lewis Homestead, 3550 N. M-52. Henry and Eveline Lewis, Electa Lewis (Henry's sister) seated.

Captain Samuel Lewis was in the Revolutionary War of 1776. He was born in Exter, Rhode Island June 28, 1752 and died August 25, 1822. He is buried on his family farm in Northumberland, New York.

In 1787, he married Sarah Van Volkerburgh. Sarah was born March 9, 1768 in Albany, New York, the daughter of Johannes and Elizabeth (Meindersen) Van Vokerburgh. Captain Lewis was descended (John, Samuel, Jonathon, Sylvester) from John Lewis came to West-erly, Rhode Island in 1661.

During the Revolution, he became an officer in Col. Gansevoort's Regiment, the 3rd New York, which was merged with the 1st New York in 1781. He distinguished himself at the Battle of Saratoga and defended a hill called Stark's Nob and blocked the British retreat and forced their surrender.

He had lived at Desolution Lake but after the war he purchased a farm in Northumberland, a farm that had been taken from a Tory or British loyalist.

Captain Samuel Lewis had three sons, General Samuel, John and Morgan. The Lewis family had traveled from Llanidloes, North Wales and settle in Rhode Island in the early 1600's. Henry Samuel Lewis was the grandson of Captain Lewis, the Revolutionary War hero and the son of General Samuel Lewis. He was born at Gansevoort, New York.

In 1833, Henry Saunders Lewis and his wife, Eveline, traveled to Michigan to homestead on their farm until Michigan became a state and they were able to purchase the land. This was before Stockbridge was born. They homesteaded from 1833 to 1837 when Michigan became a state and they purchased their farm for \$1.00 an acre from the United States Government. The family still has the original deed with President Martin Van Buren's signature. The land was referred to as Sec. 16-Primary School Land. (Editors note: Proceeds from the sale of land in section 16 of each township were to be used for the support of public schools in that township.) The land now has the address of State Hwy M-52, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

Over the years, the Lewis homestead increased in acreage and after many more years decreased in acreage. The last remaining 160 acres were divided into two 80 acre parcels and later purchased by two of Leslie A. Lewis's sons, Donald and Ralph.

Leslie A. Lewis and his wife, Ada, had 5 children, Kenneth, Donald, Mary Jane, Ronald and Ralph.

On January 18, 1958, Donald married Marlene M. Fear. They had 4 children, Leslie (a girl), Donald II, Lenore and Lynda. Lenore and Lynda are twins.

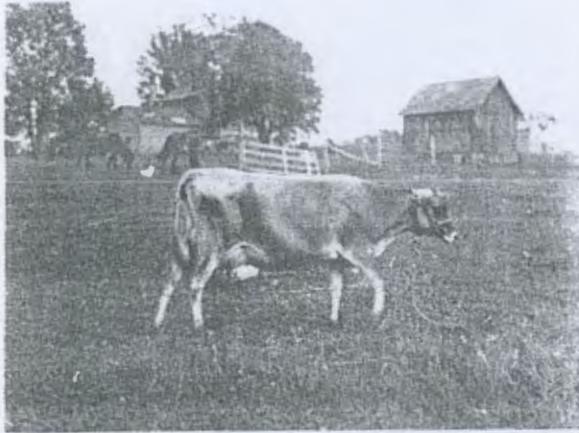
In August of 1977, Donald and Marlene purchased the south 80 acres from the family. Shortly after the purchase, Marlene registered the Lewis farm as a centennial farm with the Michigan State Historical Society.

In the early 1980's, Ralph and his wife, the former Carol Schubert, purchased the remaining 80 acres. Ralph and Carol have three children, Christie, Kelly and Tracy.

In 1984, Donald and Marlene divorced. The farm was split again and Marlene remained in the house and acreage on the front of the farm with the 4 children and Donald remained owner of the acreage on the rear of the farm.

Today, in the 21st century, Donald E. Lewis II and his mother, Marlene, reside in the house on the front parcel

and his father, Donald, now resides on the back parcel, thus keeping the family homestead and heritage intact. Ralph and Carol raised their family and are still residing on their parcel.



The Lewis farm in 1933

It is believed that the Lewis homestead and its original acreage is one of the oldest centennial and sesqui-centennial farms in the state of Michigan. The Lewis family has lived here for over 177 years.

Walz Farm



Original Walz farm house

The Walz family farm on Waterloo-Munith Road was bought by Christian Walz from the State of Michigan January 18, 1865, the deed signed by Gov. Henry Crapo for \$160.00. From time to time the original 40 acres was added to and became 260 acres. The original home was built in 1886. and is still on the farm. It was moved about 100 yards in 1939. Christian's son, Jacob, purchased the farm. His son, Harold, purchased the farm in the 1930's. His children, Duane and Jamie, now own the farm. The farm home now used was built

in 1912.

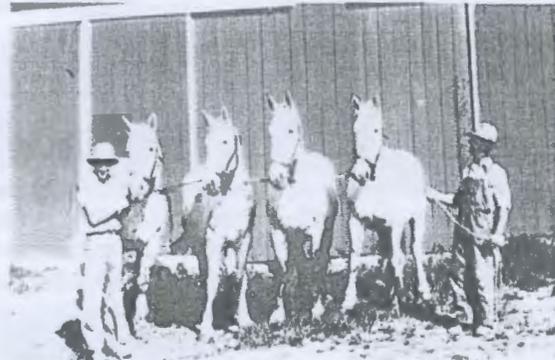
The Walz family intends to continue to pass ownership to younger family to continue family ownership.

The Tisch Farm

Wilhelm Tisch, born in 1825, and Katharine Hanewald, born 1830, were married in their place of births, Bavaria, Germany. To this union eight children were born: Anna in 1851 in Germany, Elizabeth in 1852, William Albert in 1857 and Charles Carl in 1860, all in Pennsylvania, Henry in 1862, Magdalena in 1864, Catherine in 1866 and George Jacob in 1869, all in Michigan.

Charles Tisch married Caroline Malcho. In 1887, he purchased the farm on Territorial Road. Their son, Emra or Spike, married Clara Mollenkopf. Two children were born to this union; Wilber and Wilma Tisch Rose.

Wilber married Ruth Bareis. Their two daughters, Leona and Betty Jane Tisch Ackley, currently own more than two hundred acres of the farm. John and



Max Roeckpe, Mary, June, Duke, Wally and Rubeen Hannewald



Horses on Territorial Road before it was M-52



Work crew at Dancers, 1910: Manie Archenbronn, Oscar Schmidt, Sylvia Willmore Brown, George Dardy, Guy Ramsdill



Robert H. Mitter II on Red leading Centennial Parade in 1935.



Mayer family: Frederick W., Arthur, Frank, Sarah Reithmiller, Irene C.



Gertrude and Roland Bird



Consummating a deal in Fitchburg

ORGANIZATIONS

Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society



By Cynthia Grostick

In 2000, the Ingham County Genealogical Society, the Livingston County Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, the Waterloo Historical Society, the Town Crier and members of the Friends of the Stockbridge Library came together to raise money to microfilm the past issues of the Stockbridge newspapers (late 1880's to 1899). This raised interest for a local genealogical/historical society.

In October 2001, eight people met in Stockbridge to discuss the possibility of putting together a society with the purpose of preserving local and family histories. The area involved would include the townships of Stockbridge, Bunker Hill, White Oak, Henrietta, Waterloo, Unadilla, Iosco and Lyndon. Afterwards, the seven people pictured above (back row: Richard "Dutch" Ramsdell, Bruce BeVier, Milt Charboneau and Randy Gladstone, front row: Betty Turner, Ruth Camp Wellman and Cynthia Tucker, not pictured, Kernie King) met to create bylaws, articles of incorporation and to file paperwork with the Government to obtain tax exempt status.

In November, 2001, the following officers were chosen: President, Richard Ramsdell; Vice President, Randy Gladstone; Secretary, Cynthia Grostick; Treasurer, Betty Turner and Historian, Bruce BeVier. The objectives of the new society were to promote genealogy, history and educational work of a professional nature, locate preserve and index public and private records and artifacts, make these records available to the members and to the general public, encourage and instruct members in genealogical/historical research and maintain quality genealogical/historical standards.

The first newsletter was published March 2002 and the first public meeting was held at the Stockbridge United Methodist Church on September 17, 2002. Our speaker was the late Carole Callard from the Library of Michigan. Carole was the winner of the prestigious Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship and spoke on the holdings of the state library and archives. After that, meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Some society accomplishments include the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer for the Stockbridge library, performing a yearly tour of the Oaklawn Cemetery, publishing books on local cemeteries and publishing a quarterly newsletter. The Society's website is at www.rootsweb.com/~misaghs.

Henrietta Senior Center

By Shirley Doxtader

I began attending the Henrietta Senior Center with my mother-in-law in the 1990's. At that time, the group was known as the Silver Threads Seniors. The Senior Center has changed locations and brought in new members and new leaders.

While at the Henrietta School at Pleasant Lake, the Banjo Club played. Also the Harmonica Club came and played for us. Donna Mazo played her keyboards and accordion. Several other groups and people came and performed. When we left the Henrietta School, we went to the Henrietta Fire Station. We are now at the former Katz School in Munith on Mushbach Road. Since we have been in Munith, we have had floats in the Lions Club Hallowe'en parade. One year, we had an old convertible car in the parade. We also have taken part in the Lions Club Festival that is held in the fall. We raffled off a lap robe, quilt and a picture. Also we had baked goods for sale at the time of elections.

From time to time someone from the Crouch Center in Jackson comes out and talks about health issues, such as getting flu shots, blood pressure, heart problems, diabetes, senior housing and other issues.

In our group on Mondays and Fridays we have card games. Then on Wednesday we play quarter bingo with a prize for the cover all game. At noon we have a dinner sent out from the Crouch Center. Any one 60 years or older is invited. The cost is \$2.50.

Golden Years Senior Citizens

By Shirley Morse

The year is 2010 and we, the Golden Years Senior Citizens, have been around since 1972. We meet every Friday at noon with 12 to 15 people. Some of our people go to Florida during the winter. Sometimes in the summer the number we have is as many as 20. We meet at the Stockbridge Township Hall.

We now pay \$2.50 for our meals and \$1.00 for table supplies. The \$2.50 we get goes to the Tri-County Office on Aging. They bring our meals out from Lansing. We have cake and ice cream the first Friday of every month.

We still go to Lansing once a month for nutritional meetings at the Tri-County Office on Aging.

We have the library come in the first Friday of every month. We play bingo every Friday, a penny a card and 3 cents for the coverall. We used to have entertainers come in but it got so it was costing too much money.

The Tri-County Office on Aging is still composed of Clinton, Easton and Ingham counties.

Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce

By Donna Lippen

The Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) was organized in 1994 to help our businesses and residents succeed by making our community a better place to live.

SACC is managed by a Board of Directors, comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three directors, all of whom are volunteers. The Board represents a membership roster of more than 45 businesses and individuals. The Board of Directors holds open meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The Chamber represents those in the Stockbridge School District including the municipalities of Gregory, Munith and Stockbridge.

The Chamber has helped develop a healthy locale where businesses can thrive through sponsoring community building events such as "A Day in the Village", "Volunteer of the Year Award," "Father of the Year Award," "Make a Difference Day" and "Summertime on the Square."

The annual Stockbridge festival, "A Day in the Village," established in 1994 by the SACC, is held on Father's Day weekend each year. It provides an opportunity for area residents to gather and enjoy a variety of activities and events. It provides a forum for our area youth to come together and have fun in a structured environment. The festival also brings in hundreds of people from outside our area to enjoy our beautiful town and bring in revenue to our local businesses. In addition, it provides an opportunity for local residents and organizations to display their talents.

Community events sponsored by the SACC and other community organizations include "Make a Difference Day" which recognizes people who volunteer their time throughout the year and "Summertime on the Square" which hosts entertainment and competitions on the historical Stockbridge Township Square and in Veterans Memorial Park.

SACC supports area events such as the "Gregory 4th of July" celebration, the "Munith Family Festival," the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation's "Festival of the Tables" and other fundraising events for the school district and community organizations.

SACC encourages our youth to participate in the community through its Scholarship Program, which recognizes one or more students who work for the betterment of the community and show potential for leadership. SACC also offers students community service hours for work at Chamber events.

"Business After Hours" events are sponsored by SACC where businesses can gather and network several times during the year at local business locations. Such events bring together a representation of the Chamber's membership and other members of the Stockbridge area business community. Speakers are brought in to present information pertinent to business development.

SACC's website, www.stockbridge.net, provides a membership directory useful for networking as well as an on-line connection for those visiting the web site to ask questions or offer suggestions to the Chamber.

SACC offers benefits to its members including advertising in local phone books and newspapers, free listings on the Chamber web site, insurance discounts, discounts on seminars held by Community Education, and networking opportunities. Membership in the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce also allows local businesses and residents an opportunity to show local community support.

Gregory Area Senior Citizens

By Loretta Beal

The Unadilla Township Senior Center opened in 2005 with 14 in attendance under the direction of Bonnie Mahler. We meet in a room at the Unadilla Township Office located at Howlett Elementary School. At that time we had 14 in attendance every Tuesday and Thursday; that number has grown to 20+. The first officers were Jan Duprie, president; Jean Waters, vice president; Loretta Beal, secretary; and Bonnie Mahler, treasurer.

Lunch, with a suggested price of \$3.00, is served at noon; there is a food pantry every other Tuesday for those attending and penny bingo is played every Thursday. Meals are prepared in Hartland and brought to Gregory by site hostess Karen Kault who also delivers meals on wheels in the Gregory area every day.

We have taken trips, which are open to the public, to the Holland Tulip Festival, Turkeyville and Frankenthuth.

In 2008, we elected Walt and Dolores Frysinger as our first king and queen for the senior prom at Webers in Ann Arbor. Paul and Loretta Beal were elected in 2009 and Harold and Ruth James were king and queen in 2010. We have a float in the Gregory 4th of July parade that carries the king and queen along with other seniors.

In March 2010 the senior center was renamed the Gregory Area Senior Center and elected new officers. They are Loretta Beal, president; Dick Ellsworth, vice president; Mary Ann Siegel, secretary and Margaret Kunzelman, treasurer. In the future we hope to take more trips, sponsor once-a-month blood pressure and blood glucose testing and exercising by walking in the gym. Anyone 55 years or older can join the seniors with suggested dues of \$5.00. Spouses of any age are welcome.

Join us for two days of fun and fellowship. To make a reservation or for more information, call Dick Ellsworth at 517-851-8881.

Happy Hustlers 4H Club

4H is the largest youth development organization in the world with a vast number of learning experiences in a variety of interest areas. Our organization's motto is "Make the best better." We accomplish this by

providing youth with opportunities to build life skills through educational hands-on learning experiences in a safe and fun environment...have fun, make new friends and gain knowledge in many areas.

Accomplishments: Now that we (yesterday's 4H members) are the leaders, we hear a lot of stories about how much 4H helped kids with their confidence and community service, how much fun it was and how they want their kids to enjoy the same experiences. We use Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure which is helpful when the kids grow up and have to attend city and township meetings as adults. We hope our group will be able to do the same positive things when they have their kids.

Visiting Sacred Heart, Stockbridge Country Manor (until it closed) and other area adult care homes has been a part of our community service involvement for many years. Also, in 1995 we started doing the Adopt-a-Highway program. Other contributions have been collection for the Stockbridge Outreach. Some of our leaders and youth participate in the Waterloo Farm Museum's Pioneer Days.

2010 Officers include Becca Maus, president; Sammie Minger, vice president; Danielle Sidebottom, secretary; Kendall Oleski, treasurer and Kayla Austin and Alex Wilson, trustees. Community leaders are Janice Lasko, Diane Wilson and Lynda Minger. They are helped by a group of 17 leaders, some of whom are the children of past 4H leaders: Betty Jason's daughter, Julie Taylor, Jon and Amy Taylor, and brother Jake and Christi Taylor, Steve Opp, and Danielle Marshall. We also have Barry and Joanne Maus, Sue Oleskei, Michelle Haines, Sue Fowler, Jeff Patrick, Sandy Carpenter and, of course, Margie Pollok. Several of our leaders also serve on the 4H council and also as Superintendents of the individual 4H livestock projects. Ron and Amy Wilcox, Steve Opp, Pat Salow, Susan Fowler, Jon Taylor, Bev and Kim Smith are a few. Currently there are 55 members.

In 2010 Margie Pollok was recognized for 38 years of service to 4H. She is currently our tin punch and stained glass leader and also donates a lot of time during the fair, judging projects for the Crafts and Foods.

In 1995 Beverly Smith took over as Community Leader for the previous leaders. She was joined by Amy Wilcox to help handle the large group averaging 75 to 100 members. In 2002, Karen Salow and Robin Schneider took over for Bev and Amy.

4H softball had begun to taper off as a state activity and more of the older kids attended other statewide functions. In 1998, Sarah Smith attended State exchange in Canada. Jamie Smith and Tim Salow also participated a year ago, going to Chilson County, Wisconsin.

The National 4H Congress is a great opportunity for 4H members from across the country to come together and learn about community involvements, cultural diversity and service to others while meeting new friends in Atlanta, Georgia. 4H National Congress was attended by Michelle Haines in 2001 and by Lauren Knowlton and Katie Salow in 2008.

From 2001-2002 Michelle Haines and Susan Fowler served two years on the 4H council.

Being a 4H ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility. Ambassadors serve as speakers, emcees, program facilitators, hosts or hostesses, committee members and in many other youth leadership roles for 4H and Extension programs and events throughout our state. Over the past 15 years we have had Danielle Wilcox, Casey Glenn, Sara Smith, Nichole Opp, Lauren Knowlton, Tim Salow and Katie Salow to name a few.

Exploration Days is a pre-college program that is an excellent learning tool with some 200 topics to choose. It has been attended by various members of our club over the last 20 years. Alex Wilson attended in 2009.

At the 2010 State 4H Shooting Sports Tournament, Dean Wooden, age 10 (Ingham Sharpshooters and Happy Hustlers 4H Clubs) excelled at Beginner BB Gun-4th Junior BB Gun Team.

Stockbridge Lions Club

Stockbridge Lions Club was chartered October 13, 1951. We are a part of Lions Club International, the world's largest service organization, with 1.3 million men and women in 205 countries. Helen Keller commissioned us to be the "Knights of the Blind." Our mission is sight preservation and helping those in need. Our motto is "We Serve."

Duane Baldwin was Charter President. John Dancer, still a member, is the only charter member still living. Our current President is Thomas Clark, taking office July 1, 2010. At this time we have 52 members.

Our Club is very active in our community, providing many services. We collect and recycle eye glasses

and provide those in need with eye exams and glasses. Through Project KidSight, we test children 1-5 years old for eye problems. We sponsor Little League and Farm Teams and many school programs from early childhood through high school. We honor students of the months and their families. Our scholarship program, in honor of deceased Lions, began in 1987. As of May, 2009, 689 students have received scholarships in the amount of \$264,850.00. We donate to the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation, High School Band and Choir, Stockbridge Community Outreach, Ambulance and Fire Department Equipment, Village Memorial Park (pavilion, picnic tables, grill), Unadilla Township Park (picnic tables and grill) and funds to Eagle Scout to help build the pavilion plus so much more.

We are one of eleven State of Michigan Lions Districts. We are in District 11-C2. We have had Lions from our Club serve on District Committees, as Region Chair, Zone Chair and 1 District Governor, with First Lady. We support District and State Projects including Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Michigan Lions Foundation, Welcome Homes, Radio Talking Readers Service, Braille Transcribing, Michigan Association of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Bear Lake Camp, Ele's Place, Penricton Center for Blind Children, Seedling's Braille Books for Children, Lions All State Band, Pause with a Cause, Project KidSight, etc.

Our Club owns and operates the Lions Air Force, our Parade Unit, fighting the "War Against Blindness." We host Sundaes with Santa and the Easter Egg Hunt and contribute to "A Day in the Village" and Gregory Area 4th of July.

Our fundraisers are Monday Night Bingo and White Can Drives. 70% of our funds raised go back to our community, 30% go to District, State and International Projects.

Munith Rod and Gun Club

By Judy Williams

In 1957, to promote marksmanship and encourage firearm and hunter safety, a group of firearm enthusiasts formed the Munith Rod and Gun Club. For the first two years, the burgeoning group shot clay pigeons, called trap, at Dave Ashbaugh's farm and rifles at the R. H. Reno Post. Then in the spring of 1960, this group purchased 30 acres along Fitchburg Road from Dale Messner. This year, 2010, marks the club's 50th anniversary at this location, which features a rustic clubhouse, four trap fields and a pistol range.

Throughout its history, the club has been home to many state trap champions. Past President Dwayne Kitley recalls a competitive shoot at the club when the Munith team needed a score of at least 48 of 50 to win. Ken Kitley's daughter in law, Connie, was next up on the last squad with Ken's shotgun. He told her if she could break 48 or better he would give her the gun. Connie broke 49 and Ken gave her the gun.

From the mid-60's through the 80's, the club was popular for its Friday Night Under the Lights shoots and elimination and protection shoots. In 2009 Rod and Kathy McClinchey donated lights in hopes of re-starting shoots after dark.

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the facility and friendly folks at the Munith Road and Gun Club, located at 11455 Fitchburg Road in Munith, west of Stockbridge and north of the Waterloo State Recreation State Game Area. Open shooting and prize shoots are held Friday evenings April to October. In addition, to make itself available to Boy Scouts and 4H clubs, the club conducts Michigan Department of Natural Resources Hunter Safety Classes each fall.

Friends of the Stockbridge Library

Friends of the Stockbridge Library was organized in the early eighties. The founding members were Natalie Asquith, Ruth Dancer, Ann Nichol and Erma Streets.

For several years it was an informal group of library supporters before gaining its current status as a tax exempt organization in 1993. Its sole purpose is to aid the library in serving its local patrons. Friends of the Stockbridge Library were project sponsors in the 1998 library expansion. The Friends continue with its fundraising which includes a silent auction in November, a perennial exchange in May and several book sales. The Friends hope to continue to help our local library serve its patrons as best it can.

Stockbridge Area Artists

Late in the 1990's, a small group of like-minded people got together to promote a love and an appreciation of art in the Stockbridge area. Early participants were Deb Duranczyk, Deb Campbell, Barbara Anderson, Bev Glynn, Jay Langone, Art and Diane Rockall and Dorene White. The group met at the high school art room for a time, working on their original art work which led to art shows in the Township Hall during the annual Day in the Village for several years. In August of 1998, a mural was produced in the Children area

of Veteran's Memorial Park by Duranczyk, Campbell, the Rockalls and some of the young artists of the Stockbridge area. The next year a larger project was planned for the brick alley leading from W. Main Street to the parking lot behind the businesses. The ALLEY GALLERY, with historic postcards transferred onto the walls, was painted by the same people and more volunteers as well. Several individuals and businesses contributed to the success of these two projects.

The group dropped the June show but continued to hold the February Ron Fillmore Memorial Art Show, started in 1999. The annual show has been well received by the community and draws a number of artists from beyond the immediate area and also includes the efforts of elementary students of Laura Bowen and high school students of Jay Langone. The show was moved from the Township Hall to the First Presbyterian Church Education Building in 2006, a ground level venue. The Fillmore Show is presently the only sponsored event by the Stockbridge Area Artists though many of the artists participate in other events elsewhere.

Town Hall Players

By Jeff Boyer

After teaching for five years in other school districts, I was hired by Stockbridge Schools in 1994. I began teaching after school drama classes as well as an acting class as part of the middle school exploratory program. After hearing many comments from parents about their days in high school plays, I decided to make an attempt in getting a group of people that would be interested in forming a theatre group. With the help of Jo Mayer, I put an ad in the paper and had our first meeting in September 2000 with about 12 people in attendance. It took 4 monthly meetings to decide where we would perform, what play we would perform, the dates of the performance, create a name for the group and who would direct the play. Our first play was "Cheaper by the Dozen" performed for one weekend in May 2001. I also directed the play with the help of Linda Conrad of Munith. School Board member (at that time) John Ocwiea played the lead. Since then he has not been in any more plays but has been a faithful supporter and has attended many of our shows. We had four shows with the last one being sold out with standing room only. Our second show was "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crik" with former Stockbridge teacher Archie King in the lead role. This was performed in October of 2001 just a month after

the 9/11 tragedy. Since the country was in great mourning and many activities were being cancelled, I was urged by many prominent citizens to cancel our show. Being a person that resorts to comedy to get through hard times, I ignored their request and had cast and crew continue with the show. "Aaron Slick" played to a full audience with six shows in two week-ends.

THP also serves as an alternative to a family night out. Hundreds of people come to each production from not just the community but from communities near and far.

THP has performed 3 to 4 productions a year by using strictly the talented people direct from our community. THP has served as a training ground in the performance arts and technical theatre.

THP has positively changed lives of dozens of people. Many people have gone on to college with a focus in some area of theatre due to our group. New friendships have been made that span generations. Engagements and marriages have occurred as a result of THP, as well as some people deciding to move to our community after traveling a distance to see many of our shows. Some people have made a comment to me that when they see the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," with Jimmy Stewart, they think of me because they can't imagine what their life would be like if I hadn't started THP. That's the best compliment I could receive. Though I have directed the majority of the plays, other wonderful directors have included Mike Glair, Kim Williamson, Larry Torrey and Joy Fahmie along with several others.

After performing many fantastic comedies and dramas, THP performed its first musical, "Sleepy Hollow," in October 2008, which featured a headless horseman on an actual horse upstairs in the Town Hall. "Peter Pan," which was performed in November 2009, was the first musical with a live orchestra. The cast and crew of over 60 people played to sold out shows 7 times.

One thing I should mention is that our group's success is also owed to Barbara Krusinski, who is affectionately referred to as Grandma Barb by many of our members..

THP has provided actors for the annual cemetery tour put on by the Stockbridge Area Genealogical/ Historical Society, sponsored community education sports teams and spent almost \$7,000.00 installing curtains on the Town Hall stage. We are currently

raising money for draperies for the windows. We have a long way to go unless we get some large donations from local citizens or groups.

My dream would be to build a state-of-the-art performing center that would be shared by the school band, choir and other groups that bring in performances. I want Stockbridge to be a destination place for people outside the community.

THP's website is <http://facebook.com/d1137.www.townhallplayers.org>.

Michigan Friends of Education

Michigan Friends of Education is an affiliate of the Library of Michigan and is recognized as an important part of the state's literacy and book program. We provide books at no cost to a wide variety of social organizations that serve the needy. This includes disadvantaged readers, the ill, the incarcerated, senior citizens and the handicapped.

Michigan Friends of Education acts as a central warehouse which allows publishers to make donations to our non-profit organization, while at the same time serving hundreds of worthwhile and qualified non-profit organizations and thousands of needy children and adults every year.

We are a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. We are one of two publicly funded charitable foundations in Michigan that receive and distribute books and related materials to qualifying individuals. Michigan is unique in this type of service.

Michigan Friends of Education works toward a better tomorrow by increasing the academic achievement and reading skills of children and needy adults in Michigan.

Michigan Friends of Education rescues beautiful usable books and materials from being destroyed by soliciting donations from publishers and distributors who have overstocked or outdated inventory. These donations are from companies and corporations throughout the USA. We have the capacity to serve an estimated 855,000 people.

Our extensive network of distributing reading material absolutely free (no hidden costs) to organizations that include Title One programs, migrant education, bilingual education, special education, adult basic education and other social service agencies.

These organizations in turn distribute directly to the children and adults they serve. By donating books, magazines, craft supplies and literary enhancing items, Michigan Friends of Education works as a cooperative network to qualified social organizations on an equal per-capita basis as opposed to first come, first served.

Michigan Friends of Education is located at P. O. Box 183, 171 Kuhn Street, Gregory, Michigan 48137. For further information, visit our website at mifriends.org.

Munith Lions Club

By Charlene Chrisman

The Munith Lions Club was chartered January 1954. We now have 21 members with 13 active. We may be small but we are very active. We have had 3 district Governors from our club. The Stockbridge Lions Club was our sponsor and at that time we were in the same district. We are now in different districts but we still work together. We do the food concession at their Monday night Bingo and several of our members are pilots in the Stockbridge Air Force.

In the past we worked with the American Legion, Munith Post to tear down the old hotel and build a community park which we now own and maintain.

With the help of the community we put up Christmas decorations each year, lights across the streets and a nativity scene. We are looking for more help this summer to redesign the decorations and be ready for this next year.

As we have had several tornados in Munith with death and much damage, we have installed three severe weather alert systems. There is plaque on the system in the park dedicating it to the young boy who lost his life in 1982. We have one in our park in Munith, one at the Henrietta Fire Station and one at Coachman's Cove at Portage Lake. We have taken on updating the existing sirens and purchasing three more in the future as a club project. We will really need the community support for this effort.

Every Hallowe'en for as long as we have been a club we have a big parade and party for young and old. The parade is longer than our main street. We give away prizes for the floats. We have candy, popcorn, donuts and cider. This is always a big event for our small town.

We started the Ox Roast which developed into the Family Festival which was a yearly event but now is

every two or three years. This was our fundraiser for the weather alert system.

Each year at Christmas we adopt several families and supply food, gifts and clothing. We donate to the Interfaith Shelter in Jackson and the Salvation Army. In addition we do the Lions projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Bearlake Camp, Michigan Eye Bank, Braille Transcribing, Radio Reading Service, Project Kidsight and Welcome Home for the Blind. We are as Helen Keller asked of us, "Knights of the Blind."

We supply glasses for anyone in need in the community. This past year we purchased 5 pairs of glasses. We supply them as our funds hold out. We have helped with fuel oil, cataract surgery, a child with cancer and money to help a student attend college. We have donated to "JAWS" and money over the years to the Henrietta Fire Department. We also supported a Little League team for years and a Boy Scout Troop at Katz School while it was in operation. We did sight screening every year at Katz School until it closed.

We do whatever we can to help the people in our community. We are also including the Pleasant Lake area as their Lions Club has disbanded. We now have several members from Pleasant Lake in our club.

We believe in the Lions motto, "WE SERVE." BUT WE NEED HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP SERVING. When you see us on the corner selling white canes, reach deep into your pockets for now you know where your money goes. If you can't afford to help with funds we will gladly take a few hours of your time when we clean the park, put up Christmas decorations or help sell white canes.

Be a Munith Lion for a day or forever! We would love to have you join us. We meet at the Waterloo Township Hall (Old Katz School) the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Masonic Lodge

Stockbridge Lodge No. 130, Free & Accepted Masons, was founded in 1860 and its first regular communication was held on February 7 of that year under a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, with Gilbert E. Corbin in the East as the first Worshipful Master and his officers, all being Charter Members-a few of whom were: Gilbert E. Corbin, Charles G. Cool, William W. Stevens, J. W. Gillman, A. M. Gear, William S. Cool, Mason Branch, F. S. Fitch and J. F. Van Syckle.

The original meeting place of the Lodge was above the H. P. Everett Hardware, a wooden store building which stood on the site of the present Lodge Hall. In 1903, this sight was purchased by the Masons and a new brick building erected with the Lodge rooms on the second floor, the lower floor being occupied by the W. J. Dancer Co. and short time later the lower floor was purchased by the W. J. Dancer Co. Ownership of the second floor is still held by the F. & A. M. The first floor is currently occupied by the Stockbridge Pharmacy.

The Mason Lodge has recently been working with the community schools and parents on a Child Identification Program to help if a child becomes missing or is abducted. We have sponsored youth baseball teams and participated in the Stockbridge Community Schools Festival of Tables.

The present officers of Stockbridge Lodge No. 130 F. & A. M. are William Stiger, W.M.; Ronald Miller, S.W.; Greg Uihlein, J.W.; Rick Reynolds, S. D.; William Reynolds, J. D.; Andy Schuhart, Secy.; Harvey Morrell, Treas.; Ronald Lapata, Tiler; James E. Miller II, Marshal; Robert Cunningham, Steward; Brian Holway, Steward.

Golden Wing Road Riders Association

The Golden Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is a Motorcycle Riders Association of primarily Honda Goldwing and Valkerie owners but all brands are welcome to belong and participate in the planned activities. The GWRRA is a worldwide not-for-profit non-religious and non-political social welfare and educational organization of approximately 80,000 members. It is a family oriented volunteer association and the officers are appointed, not elected.

The GWRRA has several members and officers that live in or around the Stockbridge area and have been instrumental in working with the Stockbridge Community Schools in helping provide many rider education classes and seminars for many GWRRA members and other motorcycle riders.

The Stockbridge High School and the Heritage Elementary School parking lots are both approved training sites and have been used for several motorcycle training programs to train standard two wheel motorcycles, trike (three wheeled motorcycles) and side car instructors from all over the USA and Canada as well as numerous annual classes for GWRRA members and others.

The Stockbridge community is well known throughout Michigan, Indiana and Ohio as a good place to get some quality motorcycle rider training. The Stockbridge Community Schools and their Adult Education Department should be very proud to know that they in part have been responsible for saving many lives by being a part of motorcycle training.

The GWRRA Motorist Awareness Division volunteers have also worked with some of the drivers education classes trying to teach our youth about motorcycle awareness. Several annual medical first aid and AED classes have been taught in the Stockbridge Mason Lodge for the GWRRA over the years and many members have been trained in life saving techniques.

The GWRRA has participated in the Stockbridge "Day in the Village" and some members have participated in the Annual Motorcycle Clubs Day that has been a big success the last few years in Stockbridge.

The present GWRRA Region D Directors, Ron & Dianna Miller, and the GWRRA Region D Membership Enhancement Coordinators and 2008-2009 International Couple of the Year, Ken & Rita Moffitt, are both residents of Stockbridge. Region D consists of the states of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio and it is the second largest region in the world with 11,000 plus members. Further information can be found at www.gwrro.org or www.gwrro-regiond.org.

Stockbridge Branch, Capital Area District Library

By Paul Crandall

The avid demand for service that has marked the Stockbridge Library's history since its 1902 founding by the Home Culture Club continued through the 1980's, 90's and 2000's. In 1998, the Library became part of the newly formed Capital Area District Library, and over the next several years open hours were increased at the Branch. In 1999, the Stockbridge community provided an expansion/renovation that brought the building's square footage from about 1,430 to about 3,400. This was accomplished with funding provided by Stockbridge Township, the Friends of the Stockbridge Branch Library and a grassroots fundraising drive involving many local individuals and groups. The new layout allowed the Library to establish a separate children's area, a program area and computer space. Programs and activities held inside the building blossomed. Another significant improvement in 1999 was the automation of the Library's circulation system.

During the first decade of the 2000's both the size and

and use of the collection increased dramatically and the Library continued to maintain a very busy programming schedule serving all age groups. Following Sharlene Tietz's tenure as head Librarian, Marsi Darwin became the head with Paul Crandall assuming that role in 1997.

The mix of formats with the collection has changed with the times. Vinyl records were replaced with cassettes and then CDs. DVDs were integrated into the media mix as they became popular. More recently the Library has established a growing collection of e-books and e-audio books available for download to computers and from there to e-book readers, handheld devices or whatever these emerging technologies may develop into in the future.

However information formats may change in the future, the library remains committed to providing excellent customer service and to fulfilling its role of offering opportunities for people in our community to improve their quality of life.

Stockbridge Area Girl Scouts

By Julie Chapman, Leader, Troop 293

The Stockbridge area Girl Scouts include the communities of Stockbridge, Munith and Gregory. To date there are 81 registered girls and 18 registered adult volunteers. In 2008 our Girl Scout community, along with several others in lower Michigan, merged to form the Girl Scout Heart of Michigan council. As members of this council the girls participate in a variety of activities, events and camps. Locally the girls attend troop meetings within their age group. Age levels range from kindergarteners, whom are referred to as "Daisys," all the way to high school seniors, who are called "Ambassadors." Every year the girls attend a fall camp in Brooklyn, MI at the Camp O' the Hills, located on Wampplers Lake. Throughout the year the girls also gather for other events such as the mother daughter tea and daddy daughter bowling as well as community service projects.

The Girl Scout Promise and Law outline values and standards held high in our Girl Scout Community. These are the guidelines which foster respect, independence, responsibility and community service. They are the oaths by which the Girl Scouts serve. The Scouts give back in many ways to our local communities. We are very active with Stockbridge Outreach, volunteering as well as participating in their annual Christmas Adopt a Family program. Each year, we

adopt families to buy Christmas gifts for. The American Legion Woman's Auxiliary then holds a "wrapping party" for us. This enables the troops to come together, gather and wrap all the gifts while enjoying some holiday cheer and learning the real meaning of Christmas.

To guide and mentor the girls through their scouting years we have a wonderful group of leaders, co-leaders and adult volunteers. None of this could be possible without their countless hours of time and dedication. The Stockbridge area Girl Scouts are growing up as productive members of their community, following in the footsteps of the successful women that preceded them, many of which are now scientists, doctors, politicians, CEO's and Girl Scout Leaders.

Stockbridge Garden Club

Renamed the "Growing Gals of Gregridge" for a very brief time, The Stockbridge Garden Club was formed in 1984 by seven local women in the Stockbridge/Gregory area. The Club plans and participates in civic projects that include spring planting of flowers at the Stockbridge Township Hall, placement of planters at local merchants and hanging baskets around the town square. The Club also weeds and waters the cemetery memorial flag garden throughout the growing season. They help provide a festive atmosphere at Christmas by decorating the gazebo and Township Hall interior for the holidays. In addition to the beautification projects, an annual Christmas donation in the form of adopted families is made to Stockbridge Community Outreach and a memorial donation is made to the Friends of the Library in honor of current or former members lost.

To raise funds (and show their and other's gardens), the Garden Club has hosted several garden walks featuring the beautiful grounds and gardens of homes in Stockbridge, Gregory and surrounding areas. The Club has also hosted two home tours almost 25 years apart. The latest holiday home tour of 2009 showcased six gorgeous homes in the Village of Stockbridge and was a resounding success.

The rules of the club are few. The #1 rule is that members are required to have fun. No real gardening skill is required, only a love for plants and nature and social good times. Strong backs are appreciated but not mandatory. Minimal dues are paid once a year and the group meets every other month except June and December. When the Club meets, there is often a program covering one topic or another. In the past these have ranged from flowery crafts and creating

cement garden pavers to expert presentations on roses and dahlias and a class on grafting. There are usually several road trips or other get-togethers, both planned and impromptu, throughout the year, never mandatory but always well attended. The membership limit has expanded over the years to accommodate those interested in joining the group and now stands at 28. Currently, there are 22 active members, and they sit with green and brown thumbs waiting to welcome more.

Stockbridge Area Arts Council

The Stockbridge Area Arts Council is a non-profit organization funded completely by donations and staffed by volunteers. Since its inception in 1980, the Arts Council has worked to promote the arts and artistic endeavor in the surrounding community and schools.

Over the years, the group has funded special programs for both elementary and high schools and provided scholarships for students advancing into the study of music and performance arts. The Arts Council has arranged for performances by professional artists in our schools and our students have participated in workshops and assemblies featuring musical forms like the blues, modern dance, ballet, opera, theater and the visual arts.

In 1999, the group established the Ron Fillmore Memorial Art Show which is held every year in honor of the local artist and philanthropist. During this show, artists and students display their work and are judged by the public for merit prizes. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in contests to create advertising posters for our concerts, which are usually held two or three times a year.

The Arts Council purchased a new sound system, improved the lighting, provided a grand piano and contributed funds for the purchase of a new stage curtain in the Township Hall. The Arts Council also provided initial and ongoing support to the Town Hall Players, a regional theater company established in 2001 that performs in the Township Hall and recently obtained non-profit status of its own.

For many years, the Arts Council has presented outstanding local, Michigan and regional talent at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Local talent was also given a venue through performances staged and choreographed by individuals in the surrounding community. Many of these performances are still fondly recalled by residents and participants.

All of this has been possible through the generosity of numerous donors throughout the years, but especially through the hard work of a corps of volunteers dedicated to the mission of the Stockbridge Area Arts Council.

Mackinder-Glenn Post 510 American Legion



In January 1946 a group of Veterans in the Stockbridge area formed an "Independent Veterans Committee" and wrote up a constitution. The meetings were held in the Stockbridge Town Hall basement. In May of 1946 balloting took place as to joining a national organization. This passed with the American Legion organization getting the most votes. A temporary charter was issued by the American Legion National Headquarters and we became Mackinder-Glenn Post of the American Legion.

William Domine donated a lot on the south edge of Stockbridge to the Mackinder-Glenn Post and soon after that the Post bought the balance of 14 acres from Mr. Domine. The Legion Hall was built by the help of members with Arthur Collins as contractor.



Various money making projects were begun. The main one began in 1949 when we had the Down River Amusement Co. come in along with our free fair.

The Legion sponsors the Boys State program, Junior baseball, oratorical contests, flag distribution and proper display of the flag, Memorial Day observances, officiates at military funerals, Poppy Day sales for disabled veterans and helps in various local activities throughout the area. Through our Service Officer, thousands of community veterans, widows and orphans have been assisted in ways too numerous to mention.

Through the years, our Post has continued to evolve, grow and make our Stockbridge community a better place for all veterans and other citizens. The Post building has been improved with additions of a beautiful large hall that seats over 300 guests. This hall is used for major events, parties, weddings, etc.

In 2009, we completely renovated our kitchen to a state of the art facility. We have added recreational and other items to improve the functionality of our facility, such as upgraded pool table, horseshoe pits, gun safe and more.

One of our major regular events is our Wednesday night Bingo, which is a prime fundraiser for the Legion Post. An average of over 50 guests routinely participate in this entertaining evening. The Post also hosts numerous entertaining events, picnics and participates in major parades requiring military honors and flag bearing.

In 2009, the American Legion Post added a major component, the American Legion Riders (ALR). This group consists of veterans and other eligible motorcycle riders who provide motorcycle motorcades and escort for official functions. They conduct ride events and are a fundraiser for the Post in addition to being a significant recruiting tool and patriotic presence.

The Post also enjoys the activities of our Sons of the American Legion (SAL) who are family members supporting their Veteran relatives through involvement with the American Legion.

On Veterans Day, 2009, our Post purchased, installed and dedicated a 25 foot flag pole at a local foster facility that has numerous veterans in residence. During 2009 we also moved into the age of technology, developing a web site (www.mackinder-glenn510.org) and monthly quality newsletter, thereby informing our

membership, far surpassing the established goals.

The Past Commanders are as follows: Paul Stephens, 1946-1947, 1956-1957, William Caskey, 1947-1948, Wendell Barber, 1948-1949, 1951-1952, Harold Ludtke, 1949-1950, Pat McDonald, 1950-1951, John Nichol, 1952-1953, Robert Rose, 1953-1954, Robert Mackinder, 1954-1955, John Horst, 1955-1956, Elmer Lehman, 1957-1958, Walter Barbour, 1958-1959, Max Cool, 1960-1962, Ed Marshall, 1963-1964, Norman Jacobs, 1964-1965, Robert Price, 1965-1966, Loren Collins, 1966-1967, Russell Hartsuff, 1967-1968, Floyd Ward, 1969-1970, Richard Switzer, 1970-1971, Lester Herrick, 1971-1972, Robert Frinkel, 1972-1973, Reid Hartsuff, 1973-1974, Paul Collings, 1974-1975, Lloyd May, 1975-1976, Don Negus, 1976-1977, Thomas Collings, 1977-1978, Roland Stoffer, 1978-1979, Lloyd Olsen, 1979-1980, David Stoffer, 1980-1981, Kenneth Amerman, 1981-1982, Paul Collings, 1983-1984, Don Davis, 1986-1987, Alvin Myer, 1987-1988, William McLeod, 1988-1990, Clete Carleton, 1990-1991, Stan Daily, 1991-1992, Richard Koker, 1992-1993, Elmer Schulte, 1993-1994, Harold Duquesnel, 1994-1995, Douglas Bowman, 1995-1996, Don Davis, 1996-1997, Tom Clark, 1997-1998, Tom Kelly, 1998-1999, James Lobdell, 1999-2000, Al Matyzius, 2000-2001, Joe Kimberauskas, 2001-2002, Frank Strzaulka, Jr., 2002-2006, Don Davis, 2006-2009, William Cool, 2009-2010.



Post officers, left to right, Advocate Stan Daily, Adjutant Don Davis, Treasurer Jim Peterson, Commander Bill Cool, Vice Commander Jerry Kunzelman, Service Officer Ernie Corser and Historian (2009) Pat Davision. Not shown are Sergeant at Arms Bill Romero, 2nd Vice Commander Rick Fusina, Chaplain Paul Beal, 2010 Historian Debbie Clark and Webmaster Sherrie Aly.

Post 510 is a very proud and prominent member of our Stockbridge Community. We look forward to

our future filled with increasing membership and enriching, entertaining and patriotic events.

American Legion Auxiliary (Legionettes)

By Sherrie Aly

In September of 1949, an independent organization called the Legionettes was formed. Its purpose was to help Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post 510 whenever possible. They would help equip the Legion Hall, be of service to the community and provide social activities for the members. The Legionettes were an extremely active and important part of our Stockbridge community.

Some of the early projects of the Legionettes included the purchase of a resuscitator for the Fire Department, the erecting of the Memorial Entrance and Gate to the Veterans Athletic Field and many other worthy causes. The Legionettes contributed both time and money, such as purchasing wheel chairs, making donations to the Red Cross, the Stockbridge Area Community Chest, the Summer Recreation Program, Community Outreach and the Blood Bank. The Legionettes were proud to sponsor a young person for Girls or Boys State each year, a high school education program to teach government operations. Many of the programs initiated by the Legionettes continue today.

In 2001, Marsha Davis, wife of Post Officer Don Davis, organized the Post 510 Auxiliary. Needing at least 10 members to form an Auxiliary Unit, she was pleased to have 12 new members. The original Legionettes organization was reformed as the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 510. Today, we have 50 members, with 6 original members. Marsha Davis passed away in 2008 and we honor her memory with the Martha Davis Memorial Scholarship on Honors Night at Stockbridge High School.

One of the major activities of the Auxiliary is caring for disabled veterans of all wars and conflicts and assisting other veterans to regain a place in civilian life. Through personal contact, the Auxiliary brings comfort to veterans and their families. Our Post 510 Auxiliary has been active in providing assistance to veterans in nursing homes and hospitals throughout our community. They have provided assistance to numerous veterans and families.

Other programs of our Auxiliary includes children and youth activities, disaster relief and serving the local community (safety campaigns, sponsoring Girl Scout Troops and more.)

The Auxiliary works to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child and serves the cause of Americanism throughout the community. We strive to enrich the quality of life of those we serve as well as their members. The Girls State program is a prominent source of education to young Americans who wish to learn about our government. The Auxiliary also provides numerous scholarships to children in our community.

A primary fundraiser for the Auxiliary is our annual Poppy drive. The Auxiliary also runs our newly renovated kitchen to provide food for major functions and events such as the weekly Bingo at the Post. We coordinate numerous activities throughout the year and are an active group in Stockbridge. The American Legion Auxiliary is largest and most influential women's organization of its kind in the world today, and our Stockbridge Post Auxiliary Unit is a proud member of the American Legion Family. The membership of our Auxiliary Unit has continued to grow in numbers and energy! Now in our sixty-first year as an organization, the Legionettes/Auxiliary is continuing as a positive influence in the community and hopes to continue to be of service for many more years.



Auxiliary officers, left to right: Loretta Beal (Chaplain), Betty Crocket (Sergeant-at-Arms), Mary Greer (2nd Vice President), Cindy Hutchins (Alt 2nd Vice President), Vickie Abidin (President), Geri Raszizzi (Historian) and Kathy Kimberauskas (Treasurer)

Waterloo Needlework Club

By Jan Powell

The Waterloo Needlework Club came into being in 1911 when eight neighborhood ladies got together and sewed for William Huttenlocher and his six children. They had a house fire and lost their home and their

mother, Mary. The women enjoyed getting together to sew and visit so much that they continued visiting each other's homes on a monthly basis. The original members of the group were Mrs. Aaron Hannewald, Mrs. Ezra Hannewald, Mrs. Ina Randolph, Carrie and Sarah Huttenlocher, Kate and Julia Hoffinan and Mrs. Nina Miller.

In the beginning, all the ladies would either work on a quilt or sew or mend for the hostess. When each World War came, the emphasis shifted to sewing for the Red Cross. During the years 1917-1918 the club's secretary books contain a list of 1,044 items that were sewn or knitted for the soldiers. Some of the times listed were 114 pairs of men's socks, 17 trench caps, 126 abdominal bandages, 18 hospital shirts, 40 linen compresses, 154 T bandages, 46 men's sweaters and 56 refugee garments.

During the years when everyone heated their homes with wood, there were many house fires. The Neighborhood Sewing Circle, as the group was known then, would make quilts for the families that lost their homes. During the Great Depression, the women would provide shoes, clothing and quilts for the children of needy families.

The Friendly Home of Jackson would ask for donations of vegetables that the women and their husbands would deliver. A yarn fund was started for knitted bedcovers that the Mothers Star Club would make for the soldiers at Camp Custer.

As one reads through the minutes of the secretary's books, one is reading history. When they started the meetings, the husbands would bring the wives in horse and carriage, then the men would drive them in cars on very rough roads. The men would play cards and small children would play while the woman sewed and quilted. In the later years, the women were able to drive themselves and the group membership expanded over the community. The group always sent flowers, fruit or cards to other members or people in the community who were sick or in the hospital. Through the decades the women took in dues of 10-20 cents a meeting. The money would be used to buy material for quilts if the material wasn't donated. Also, money would be sent to different charitable organizations if requested or items asked for would be supplies as we were able.

The different charities that the club has supported through its 99 year history include the Jackson Friendly Home, Red Cross, YMCA (war fund),

Salvation Army, Camp Custer, Polio Fund, Crippled Children's Fund, Cedar Knoll Rest Home, Cancer Fund, UNICEF, March of Dimes. Green Meadows Nursing Home, Howell Sanatorium, Coldwater Hope School, Ypsilanti State Hospital, Historical Society, Motts Hospital, Waterloo Farm Museum, Stockbridge Outreach, Hospice, Youth Haven, Jackson Interfaith Shelter, Aware Shelter, Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor and Allegiance Hospital Infant and Pediatric Departments.

Some of the charities are gone but there are still needy and hurting people in the community so there is still a need for a club such as ours. There has always been a purpose for the Waterloo Needlework Club, as it is now known. The people who have joined the club have always had a charitable heart for the neighbors and community around them. They have found fun, enjoyment and friendships in the process of doing this needle work. We look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2011.

All Clubs Day

By Suzin Greenway-Haenggi

In 2007 when Stockbridge Village President Russ Mackinder asked me to put on a motorcycle show, I knew exactly the road it needed to take. As President of the International Norton Owners Association for the past 12 years and a motorcycle enthusiast who has gathered masses of motorcyclists at my home, I have had experience in conducting large events.

With Russ's suggestion had come the comment, "They used to stop and now they just ride right through town. We need to find a way to get them to stay." I had read about a show in England held on a castle ground called All Clubs Day. We could do that here with the Town Hall as our castle.

The words became "Stockbridge. A Great Place to Ride To" and the event was touted as "Come and enjoy a day of classic, vintage and remarkable motorcycles displayed around the village green by clubs invited to show their best."

Invitations were sent out to local Michigan clubs that I knew and I found others by asking friends or looking them up through magazines. The first year we had clubs of varying philosophy and looks. Also, we displayed vintage racing motorcycles and other brands that have no particular club but are rare and interesting. The star of the show was a 3-wheeled Morgan from England brought to the show by former residents

Dick and Wanda Winger. Weather was great and everyone asked if we could do it again.

With the second and third annual All Clubs Day shows, not only did the show grow, but the spectators came in droves. Weather again worked in our favor, and through advertising and word of mouth, riders came from all over Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada. The parking for motorcycles extended for two blocks down Elizabeth Street. Larry Klein from GT Motors in Lansing set up his bookstore and vendors were brought in to sell food. Spectators numbered over 2,000, making All Clubs Day the best attended village event by people other than residents of the area.

Clubs that have attended are: Michigan Norton Owners, Metro Triumph Riders, Riders Association of Triumph (RATS), BMW Touring Club of Detroit, Ducs (Ducati) Unlimited, Michigan Sports Touring Association, Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, Wheels of Destiny, American Antique Motorcycle Association, American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association, Motor Maids, Michigan Mini-Bike Racing Association and Jedi Knights Scooter Club. Other motorcycles of interest that have been shown are rare example of British trademarks such as Vincent, Velocette, Royal Enfield, BSA, AJS and Matchless.

September 19, 2010 will be the 4th Annual All Clubs Day and anticipation is already mounting through the clubs and motorcyclists who enjoy coming to Stockbridge and riding the surrounding roads. Everyone is realizing what some have already known: **Stockbridge: The Friendliest Motorcycling Village in Michigan."**

Stockbridge Area Education Foundation

By Bruce Brown

The Stockbridge Area Education Foundation was organized on October 12, 2000. The Foundation is a separate legal entity from the Stockbridge Community School District. The mission of the Foundation, as stated in the by-laws, is to fund programs and projects that create or enhance educational opportunities available to residents within the boundaries of the Stockbridge Community School District. Tom Clark was elected the first Foundation president. Since its inception, the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation has pursued its mission by giving thousands of dollars for community projects, student scholarships and education grants to classroom teachers. Grants and scholarships are funded through tax-deductible donations and a well attended community event and auction,

Festival of Tables, held in March. The Founding Members of the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation were: Tom Clark, Bob Hannewald, Meredith Hannah, Larry Krummrey, Gary Ludtke, Gillian Peck, Jack Potts, Darwin Snider, Gary Topping, Dorene White and Bruce Brown. Members with subsequent appointments are: Elizabeth Cyr, Carrie Graham, Beth McLellan, Louis Salow, Thomas Tucker, Judy Williams and Chuck Wisman.

Stockbridge Lioness Club

By Sharon Bordine

The Lioness Club is a non-profit organization dedicating time, talent, energy and financial aid to the people of this community, of Lioness District 11-C2 and of our state.

Why join the Lioness? It is a club that gives us a chance to express concern for human needs through structured productive activities that benefit the community. We work side by side with other women who want to help others. It is an opportunity for club fellowship, for cultural exchange, for meeting with others from other areas of Michigan, and for learning from monthly programs on many topics. The club also takes road trips to places of interest such as the Michigan Braille Transcription Unit in Jackson and the Leader Dogs in Rochester. Parties are scheduled at least twice a year, at Christmas and at the end of May. We meet at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month, September through May, at the First Presbyterian Church basement. Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the same location.

The Stockbridge Lioness Club was organized in October 1982 by Lion Don Porter and Rachel Cassidy. The charter officers were: President, Rachel Cassidy; First Vice-President, Ila Minix; Second Vice President, Tamara Porter; Secretary, Jean Marshall; Treasurer, Grace Kester; Tail Twister, Polly Dancer; Lioness Tamer; Joyce Dickinson, Directors, Geneva Radowski, Kathy Glover and Peg Dancer. Other members were Ann Barry, Peg Brocker, Edith Brown, Marjorie Brown, Linda Cain, Joyce Campbell, Beverly Caskey, Irma Cronkhite, Mary Finley, Kaye Gee, Helen Mitter, Joyce Novak, Linda Stephens, Doris Turner and Sandy Weinman. Lion Don Porter was the liaison with the Lions Club. Charter Lioness Rachel Cassidy and Charter Lioness Grace Kester are still active members of the Stockbridge Lioness Club.

The Stockbridge Lioness Club works closely with other clubs in our 11C2 district which includes

Bancroft, Bellevue, Bretton Woods, Delta, DeWitt, Durand, Grand Ledge, Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns. Several of our members have held district board positions through the years; Rachel Cassidy was Lioness of the year 1982-1982; she and Jennifer Grumelot have both been District President, District Vice President and Treasurer. Judy Lentz and Margie Pollok have both been Region Coordinator.

Current members of the club are: President, Sharon Bordine. Vice President, Linda Swan; Lioness Tamer Grace Kester and Board Members Wanda Brown, Bridgitte Downs, Molly Howlett (also Newsletter Editor) and Margie Pollok.. Other members are Peggy Barnett, Rachel Cassidy, Diane Stowe, Penny Valentine and Mary Barber. We were deeply saddened by the death of Lioness Barbara Smith this past winter.

The Lioness Club gains funding by working with our sponsoring Lions Club at Bingo every Monday night. The earnings from the club go back to the community, district and state. Locally, these include community service and scholarship awards, Stockbridge SAESA, Stockbridge Arts Council, Stockbridge Library Fund, Stockbridge Community Outreach, Area Girl Scouts, A Day in the Village, 4th of July events, Michigan Friends of Education, Foster Care Homes as well as local emergencies such as helping people who have been burned out of their homes. Contributions to the district and state include District EyeGlass Mission Trip, Camp Chris Williams, Leader Dog, Lions All-State Band, Michigan Braille Transcribing, Michigan Eye Bank, Paws with a Cause, Radio Talking Books, Christmas Stockings to domestic abuse shelters, Welcome Homes, Diabetes Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis, Penrickton Center for the Blind, Special Olympics, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, Bear Lake Camp, Lions of Michigan Foundation, Ele's Place, St. Vincent's Home and Charities, Salvation Army, Youth Haven and Lansing City Rescue Mission.

We welcome all women regardless of age to join us for fun and sharing work on our many worthwhile activities. Our motto is "We Serve Too." Contact any Lioness member for information.

Stockbridge Community Outreach

By Jan Dunlap

Stockbridge Community Outreach has served the Stockbridge community for 29 years. During the recession of 1981 a group of citizens and clergy formed a community assistance organization called Stock-

bridge Community Outreach. The first food bank was in the basement of a church. In 1982 it was moved to the middle school and was open once a week.

Stockbridge Community Outreach is now located in a portable building behind the middle school and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Outreach, along with other rural area community food banks, joined a group called Rural Emergency Outreach and is still part of Rural Family Services along with four other agencies. This is a benefit to all food banks to help solicit financial and direct food assistance.

In the beginning, a health program was provided but was no longer needed when Ingham County Health Services opened an office in Stockbridge.

Outreach helps with clothing, bedding and small household items as they are available. It also helps with food, utility payments, housing, prescriptions and transportation expenses. Some of these services are funded by grants and careful reports are kept to show how the grant money is used.

There are special programs at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas for those who qualify. At Easter and Thanksgiving, Outreach provides a complete dinner, and at Easter, bunny bags are provided for children under 10 years of age. Christmas dinners and gifts for the family, especially the children, are provided.

Outreach has wonderful cooperation from individuals, the schools, churches and community groups during the year and especially during the holiday season. The community assistance and all the volunteers help many families facing difficulties in our community.

Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority

By Sandy Kay

Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority (SAESA) was formed in 2006 in response to rising operation costs and cutbacks in insurance reimbursement that forced Stockbridge Area Ambulance, Inc. (SAAI)-a private ambulance service-to seek alternative funding.

SAAI had been established in 1967 when Caskey Funeral Home announced it was discontinuing its ambulance service that had served the community for several years. Community leaders and concerned citizens gathered and formed SAAI with two used ambulances and 23 volunteers.

The Stockbridge Township Fire Department was facing similar difficulties due to unstable economic times. The fire department grew from "The Bucket Brigade"—a group of village residents who responded with buckets when summoned by church bells in the 1800's—to a township-supported fire department with its own fire barn in 1952.

Cuts in Government funding threatened the township support of the fire department in the early 2000's, prompting then supervisor Taylor Allen and fire chief Don McAlister to join John Beck in appealing to community leaders and residents for funding alternatives for emergency response services.

In 2005, Beck and McAlister met with representatives from the five area townships in three counties SAAI served to discuss options that would allow continued emergency responses in those communities.

After several meetings and discussions with local government units, it was decided that a proposal to form a millage-supported ambulance and fire service would be added to the August, 2006 township ballots.

The proposal was passed and SAESA was born. A board of directors was formed incorporating representatives of the townships SAESA serves—Gene Ulrey of Bunkerhill Township, Paul Risner of Stockbridge Township, Mike Sadler of Waterloo Township, Todd Baker of White Oak Township and Janice Armstrong.

SAESA currently serves portions of Ingham, Washtenaw, Livingston and Jackson counties and employs 20 ambulance personnel and 25 fire personnel.



SAESA Fire Department. Back row: Lt. Jason Patrick, Jerry Long, Josh McAlister, John Salyer, Jr, Jeremy Towler, Matt Severson, Matt Francis, Marty Bliss. Middle: Doug Sommer, Chief Don McAlister, Asst. Chief Russ Stowe, Capt. Dave Harrison, Richard McDonald, Brent Stowe, Shawn Warren, John Salyer, Sr. Front: Matt Harden, Bryon Wiley, Mary Ann Finley, Shane Batdorff. Not pictured: Jeff

Long, John Beck, Mark Armstrong, Ridge Owen.



SAESA Fire Flames Auxiliary. Standing: Peggy Stowe, Jean Bliss, Kim Batdorf, Jennell Quinn, Tracy Warren, Terry Sommer, Tammy Salyer, Niki Stowe, Theresa Wiley, Pam Baker, Heather Farr, Kris Harrison. Kneeling: Deanna McAlister, Tia Harden, Nicole Patrick, Becky Salyer, Sarah Caskey, Janice Armstrong. Not pictured: Donna Owen, Carolen Severson, Kim Beck.

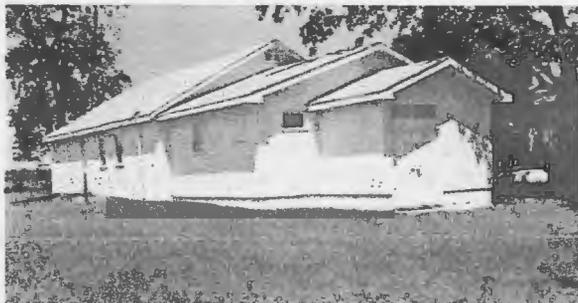
Stockbridge Ambulance Explorer Program

In October of 1993 Stockbridge ambulance began an explorer program with eleven men and women who were in high school. The explorer program offers people fourteen through twenty-one an opportunity to gain experience in the medical field area. The Stockbridge Explorer post offers hands-on experience in emergency medicine. Career interest with the group include EMT, paramedic, nurse, physical therapist and medical doctors.

Explorers have learned how to perform CPR, back boarding, holding c-spine, and care for shock, bleeding and broken bones. These skills are being put to use. Explorers are riding with ambulance crews during scheduled shifts and are giving assistance in caring for patients in need. The Explorers put on car crash simulations called mock crashes. The Explorers participated in a mock crash at Manchester High School in 2002 with Chelsea's Explorers, fire explorers from Manchester and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. The Explorers used to go to camp Grayling every year for 4 or 5 days where they could learn about the military and the different jobs they have. Some of the explorers that have passed through our post have ended up becoming paramedics. Two paramedics at Stockbridge ambulance were Explorers and others have become nurses, physician's assistants and doctors. The current explorers include Dean Kot, Kele Joki, Michael Biehn, Ashley long, Jessie Snapp, Darby Howard and Kadie Smith.

CHURCHES

Mount Olivet Church



Mount Olivet Church

By Elbert Castle

The old Lowe school house at the corner of Oakley Road and M-52 was purchased by the Little Polly Church of Old Regular Baptist from Duck Lake, Michigan in the year of 1955.

After a few years, Little Polly Church moved back to Marshall, Michigan. An arm (a new church) consisting of members of the Little Polly Church was granted permission to establish the present church which is Mount Olive Church of Old Regular Baptist, member of Northern New Salem Association.

Meetings are conducted the fourth weekend of each month.



Jeruel Baptist Church

By Pastor Robert Castle

The beginning of the Jeruel Baptist Church starts with two men, a missionary named Frank Schultz and his faithful convert, Edwin Minix.

Frank Schultz's ministry had begun in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At the age of 40, he dedicated himself to starting Baptist churches throughout Michigan. After 40 years, Pastor Schultz wound up in Gregory, Michigan where he started the Anathoth Baptist Church, later to become Lakeland Trails Baptist Church. There he met and converted Edwin Minix.

After a few years, Pastor Schultz, along with Mr. Minix, started a church in Stockbridge. The first meeting was held September 4, 1972. The church, initially called Galilean Baptist Mission, became Jeruel Baptist Church. Pastor Schultz explained that he "was tired of Baptist churches named Calvary, Trinity, Grace or even First." Jeruel is a Hebrew name taken from II Corinthians 20:16 and means, "Founded by God."

A parsonage was built for Pastor Schultz on Shepper Road. The garage was finished and served as the first church.

Eventually, land was purchased east of Munith near the Ross Tank Plant. The necessary zoning could not be obtained and a land swap was arranged with Dean and Marilyn Katz. This led to the building of the current structure at the corner of M-106 and Neu Road.



Jeruel Baptist Church

Up to this time the congregation had consisted of Pastor Schultz and the Minix family. With the move to Munith, the church began to prosper, especially when the Russell Rogers family and the Bill Withrow family joined. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Clark came from Albion to help with music ministry and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson came from Williamston to help with visitation and worship services.

Church construction had begun in 1973. The second story was added in 1975. The sanctuary was completed in 1977.

In 1976, Pastor Bob Castle was called to become Pastor Schultz's assistant. Pastor Castle was from the area and had attended Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Wisconsin. Pastor Castle, his wife, Debbie, and their infant son, Scott, settled in Fitchburg.

Steve and Caroline Wallenwine joined the church in 1979 with a zeal for missionary work. The first missionary taken on was Nancy Stanley, a missionary to France. Shortly thereafter, Jeruel would take on missionaries Dan and Janet Morrison in Indonesia.

Pastor Schultz's wife, Minnie, died and Pastor Schultz turned the parsonage over to the Church. The parsonage was sold and part of the proceeds were used to start construction of the Church's gymnasium in 1986. Dedication took place in 1988.

Pastor Brian Withrow, son of Bill and Kathy Withrow, became assistant minister in 1989. After a year and a half, Pastor Withrow accepted a call to the Wetmore Baptist Church of Wetmore, Colorado. The new assistant was Pastor Craig Raymond who had grown up in the Loomis Park Baptist Church in Jackson. Pastor Raymond was ordained in 1991. Pastor Jack LaForge was ordained in 1992. Pastor Raymond became Assistant Pastor for Youth in 1993. Jerry and Leslie Gould began to attend and worked with Pastor Raymond in ministry to the youth. Pastor Raymond resigned in 1998.

The church started a Bible Institute to train Jerry Gould along with three others, Bruce Rogers, Fred LaFountain and Chris Kelch. Pastor Gould became Assistant Pastor for the Youth.

Pastor Jack LaForge and Pastor Castle became burdened with the fact that it was time for Jeruel Baptist Church to reproduce itself. This resulted in a mission established at Eden, Michigan which would become Cross Roads Baptist Church.

Jeruel continued to grow and continued to be faced with overcrowding. Pastor Clinner Mitchell of the Pleasant Lake Bible Church approached Pastor Castle about Jeruel taking over Pleasant Lake Bible Church. In 1998, Jeruel received the property of the Pleasant Lake Bible Church, changed the name to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and operated it as a mission of Jeruel Baptist Church. Fifteen members left Jeruel to become core members of the Pleasant Lake church, thus allevi-

ating the overcrowding situation. P. Scott Castle, Pastor Castle's son, would become pastor at Pleasant Lake.

In the fall of 2009, the church decided it should do something to address the substance abuse problem in Munith. After attending a conference in Rockford, Illinois, Pastor Castle and Rick Ramalia approached the church about forming "Reformer's Unanimous." The first meeting was held on September 11, 2009. Reformer's Unanimous has become an important ministry of Jeruel Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church of Stockbridge



Sanctuary at First Baptist Church

By Pastor Brian Johnson

In 1987 Rev. Lloyd Jewitt served as pastor. He was instrumental in creating nursery space in the basement. Also, Rev. Jewitt began introducing the congregation to some more contemporary music. First Baptist Church experienced growth during his pastorate. 1988-1989 was marked by a period of struggle. Attendance was down to 25-30 people on a Sunday morning. The congregation was predominately older.

In 1989 Rev. Jay Thiebaut came to serve us as pastor. Under his leadership we experienced significant growth. We set a goal to grow as a congregation with the church wide campaign slogan of "96 by 96." We met and exceeded that goal. Suddenly we had a problem. We were out of room to grow.

By the end of 1996, we had purchased the old GTE building at 950 S. Clinton Street. Services began there in December of 1996. Within a few months the church's parsonage and old building were sold and the mortgage for the new building subsequently burned.

Growth continued to mark this season of ministry as we became known for our Vacation Bible School program that reached many children every year. During

this time of growth additional staff was added to help oversee the expanding ministry of our church. In 2001 we purchased the house adjacent to the church building for the purpose of future expansion. This house was used for our youth group for a few years.

In the fall of 2003 we welcomed the Rev. Tucker Gunnerman to serve as our interim minister. He helped guide us through the time of transition we found ourselves in. In the fall of 2004 we called the Rev. Brian Johnson to serve as our pastor.

We worked on updating our facility and transformed some classroom space into a children's ministry called "Discovery Island." The mortgage on the house adjacent to the church was burned in 2009.



Playground at First Baptist Church, Stockbridge

As the church continued to grow we were running out of space. In the beginning of 2010 we began and completed extensive renovations to our facility. We completely remodeled the sanctuary and created a café for the community to use. Upon retiring the debt for our renovations it is our goal to build a gymnasium that can meet the needs of the community. Our missionary focus has been on reaching young families through creative means. Our Vacation Bible School program has continued to grow and we have added a Buck Pole contest, Single Mom's event and a School's Out party, all designed to serve our community.

Munith United Methodist Church

By Alma Back

On December 3, 1853 a quarterly conference was organized called the Henrietta Mission. William Jones was the local preacher. He preached at Dewey, Fitchburg, Kennedy, McCreery, Hall, Coon Hill, Moss, Pleasant Lake, Waterloo and South Henrietta. All of these except Fitchburg were school houses.

The area was organized into a circuit in 1856 at Gassburg and steps taken to build a parsonage there. Gassburg was located at Fitchburg and North Territorial Roads. In 1872, the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Henrietta was built at Gassburg. Dedication took place on September 1, 1872. The land was donated by Richard Pixley. Trustees at the time were Jacob Call, T. H. Garris, S. N. Lee, Elias Brown and Addison Suylandt.

In the early 1880's the railroad came through and a new community was established at Munith. The quarterly conference held in 1886 consented to move the First Methodist Church of Henrietta to Munith. The church building was moved by horses and logs to Munith and rededicated on November 28, 1887 by Rev. N. Norton Clark. The new site, located at Main and Seventh Streets, was donated by Hiram and Alice Sutton. In 1889, the parsonage at Gassburg was sold and a new parsonage purchased in Munith. A new parsonage was built to the west of the church in 1923.



Munith United Methodist Church

In the late 1930's, the Methodist Episcopal Church was joined by the Methodist Episcopal Church North and the Methodist Protestant Church. With the union with the United Brethren Church, in 1968, the church became known as the United Methodist Church.

For some time, the Munith church was part of a three point charge that included Munith, Pleasant Lake and Fitchburg. The Fitchburg church closed in 1967 and merged with the Stockbridge church. Mt. Hope replaced Fitchburg on the circuit. Mt. Hope eventually merged with Munith. The current arrangement has the Munith and Stockbridge churches as a two church circuit. The current minister is Rev. Larry Rubingh.

Stockbridge United Methodist Church



Stockbridge United Methodist Church

By Janice Salow and Thelma Brooks

The last twenty-five years have brought many positive changes to our church and community. The Stockbridge United Methodist Church was founded in 1852 by a group of Methodists from the eastern United States. It was officially called *The First Methodist Society*.

Many caring ministers have served our church well through the years. Since 1979 when David Selleck began his ministry with us, we have had pastors Burt Beers, Stuart Proctor, Richard Matson and Robert Henning. Our current pastor is Larry Rubingh. He is married to his wife, Linda and they have two children, Travis and Sydney.

The Methodist church has been instrumental in organizing helpful services in our community. Among these are the "Meals on Wheels" program and "Stockbridge Outreach" program located behind the Stockbridge Middle School.

We have a rich heritage of music as noted in our church history book. We currently have three choirs, the Senior Choir, the Praise Team and the Children's Choir.

Our church has recently had a face lift inside and out, fresh paint, new furnace, new air conditioner and steeple repair.

The ladies of our church are involved in many other worthwhile projects. Among these are the "Crazy Quilters." Every Tuesday morning, a group of ladies meet to make quilts, pillows, bibs and walker bags. The product of their love is donated to the Great Lakes

Hospice Care group in Jackson, Michigan.

The church has a women's missionary group, the United Methodist Women or UMW.

Over the years there were several circles formed including the "Rebecca" circle and the "Sunshine" circle. The "Seekers Circle" was started in 1973 as an evening circle for those who worked and others who couldn't attend the day circles. The "Seekers" are the only circle active at the present time.

Their meetings are held in the church fellowship hall on the third Monday of each month. At the meeting there is fellowship, refreshments and a program lesson to help us understand missions.

The "Seekers" have several fundraisers each year. They make fudge and snacks in March to sell at the "Cabin Fever Show" at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. There is a bake sale at the "Day in the Village" celebration in June and a "Holiday Garage Sale" and a Bake Sale in the fall.

The UMW hosts a Mother-Daughter banquet in May and also a ladies potluck and games day in the spring.

The proceeds of our sales are given to missions such as UMCOR, Stockbridge Outreach, Grand Rapids Community House, Youth Haven and others.

The UMW also prepare and serve funeral luncheons or meal when there has been a death in the family.

We pray that God will continue to bless us and keep us in His care.

The First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge



First Presbyterian Church then

By Grace Collins

In 1838 services were held in a small log school on

Wood Street between Spring and Rice Streets. All denominations used this facility. In 1853 a new Presbyterian society was organized as a branch of the Unadilla Church. By 1855 a new brick church was dedicated on the corner of Center and Elm Streets. The Methodists, Episcopalians and also the Baptists used the building. By 1895 the church was dissolved by the Presbytery and the church building was raised. In 1901, led by Jennie Dancer and her mother, Deborah Hoag and with the help of the old members and new people moving into the community, the society was reorganized. They met in the Episcopal Church where the library now stands. A new church building was completed in 1906 on the site of the old Branch Store on the corner of Center and Main Streets at a cost of \$5,000.00.

With the growth of the church members and families, more room was needed and in 1964 a new Christian Education building was dedicated. By 1986 the church celebrated the 80th anniversary of the church building and the 85th anniversary of the reorganized church society. In 1988 the beautiful stained glass art windows were repaired and registered with the Michigan Stained Glass Census.

In 1987 a hand bell choir was established and 3 octaves were purchased. Each bell was purchased in memory or in honor of some loved one. In 1989-99 a new elevator and housing for it, a new heating system and an air conditioner were installed. A ground level entrance on the southwest corner of the church made both floors available to parishioners,

The 100th anniversary of the reorganization of the society was celebrated in 2001, and in 2006 the 100th anniversary of the church building was celebrated. That year the cornerstone was removed from the church building and the contents were removed, viewed and catalogued. A new capsule, holding many historical items, was buried and is to be opened in 2056.

Everyone is welcome to worship with us.



The Presbyterian Church now

Stockbridge Congregation of the Church of Christ



Stockbridge Church of Christ

By Pastor Larrel Whitaker

The history of the Church of Christ in Stockbridge goes back to the late 1950's or early 1960's. Around that time, John Lee Gillespie was preaching in the Stockbridge area and a small congregation began meeting in an upstairs room in Chelsea at the corner of M-52 and North Main. From there the congregation moved to the Stockbridge Town Hall and held services in the basement, the duration of which is not exactly known but was in the time frame of one to two years.

As the congregation grew, plans were made to construct a permanent meeting place on the outskirts of Stockbridge. Eventually a one acre parcel of land was chosen on Hinkley Road. The one acre building site was purchased from Harlan and Lulabelle Hughes and construction began in about 1961. A good amount of volunteer work went into construction of an approximately 1000 square foot building. Special recognition is due to the members of the Church of Christ in Marshall, Michigan who gave much needed support to the effort in Stockbridge. Originally, the building provided only a meeting room but later two class rooms, bathroom facilities and a baptistery were added. Until the addition of the baptistery, baptisms were held at local streams and ponds. There was something very special about gathering at the waters' edge and witnessing a baptism. It is very easy to understand why this event is known as "being born again."

The Hinkley Road building was eventually sold in 1989 and is now a private residence. While meeting there, the congregation grew-at times to 100 plus members-but for the most part averaged from 60-80 on a weekly basis. In the summer of 1989, construction began on the current church building located on M-52 just south of the McDonalds restaurant. The building is located on six acres, three of which were

purchased from Jimmy and Betty Suiter. The other three acres to the south of the building were purchased from Gary Allen in the 1990's. During the construction of the new facility, the congregation—once again—held services in the basement of the town hall.

A number of ministers have attended to the congregations' needs over the years following the passing of John Gillespie. Some of the men who ministered include Cledys Whitaker, Jim Cockerham, John Natu, Ben Sherfield and Bruce Harris. Larrel Whitaker is the current minister of the congregation. If anyone has additional information or pictures relative to the Church's history, please contact Larrel Whitaker at l_whtkr@yahoo.com.

Plainfield United Methodist Church



Plainfield United Methoist Church

By Jane King Bollinger

The land in Unadilla Township is not as the first settlers found it. Here were broad plains, oak openings that did not have to be cleared for early planting, and enough trees to furnish logs for cabins. Along the north edge of Gregory several old oaks still stand, protected testimony to the wealth they found.

William Dunn and Levi Clawson left Newport, New Jersey in 1835; Clawson stopped over in Ohio and Dunn continued on to Michigan Territory. Clawson came on to Michigan in 1836 and would become an important link in the history of the Plainfield United Methodist Church. In the meantime, Phillip Dyer purchased land originally taken up by Fleet Van Syckle and became the second settler. Dyer and Dunn both operated taverns, stopovers for people seeking land. The place was then called Dyersburg but in 1837, when it became a post village, Mr. Dunn changed the name to Plainfield after a town in New Jersey.

The first need was for shelter and soon cabins went up and the village grew apace. But, in order to create the life left behind in the East, there were other needs to fill.

Soon after they arrived and were settled in their cabin, Levi and Christine Clawson were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wasson, William Caskey and John Van Dorn to form a Presbyterian Society. They eventually built a church house on the west side of the highway. The society was disbanded in 1929; the building fell into disrepair and was torn down.

In 1852 the entire township had been taken up and in that year the President of the Methodist Conference met with Gilbert and Cloe Daniels, Margaret Daniels, Benjamin and Louise Dutcher, William and Elizabeth Asquith and William and Sarah Barrett at the Fulmer schoolhouse on Dexter Trail to organize a Methodist Protestant Class. They were transferred to the school house in Plainfield by order of the conference.

The church was more formally organized in June of 1863 when the following trustees were elected: Morris Topping, Jonathan Foster, G. J. Daniels, S. P. Reynolds and William Dunn. M. S. Angel and William Dunn were Inspectors of Elections; Morris Topping, Justice of the Peace. The proceedings were recorded July 4, 1863 at the court house in Howell. (Note: on that date Generals Lee and Mead were moving south from the three-day battle at Gettysburg, leaving behind many wound and dead to be cared for by the people of that little village.)



Church Choir, 1891. Back, left to right: John Taylor, James Jackson, Sylvester G. Topping, Otis Dutton and Ashel Dutton. Front, left to right: Viola Wood Wasson, Jane Longnecker Dutton, Lottie Braley, Minnie Glenn Dutton and Jessie Braley Topping.

The Methodist Protestant Church was built on land purchased from Levi Clawson and dedicated September 23, 1868. It was a small simple church completely adequate to their needs. In the spring of 1906 it was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

The present church was built in the fall of 1906 and dedicated January 27, 1907. The beautiful stained glass windows bear the names of some of the members who were instrumental in organizing and maintaining the church in its early years. Many of them rest in the burial ground across the way.

A rededication and celebration of the 100 year old building was held January 28, 2007 and the congregation is in its 103rd year.

Stockbridge Church of God



Highest Praise Worship Center

By Bishop Jeffrey S. Lambert

The Stockbridge Church of God was first organized on January 1, 1950 under the name "Glad Tidings Assembly." Under the leadership of Clyde Williams and about 35 charter members they began to worship in a small church on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Williams Street. Shortly thereafter it was accepted into the Church of God Denomination out of Cleveland, Tennessee. This decision set the course as a Pentecostal Fellowship and the church name subsequently was changed to the "Stockbridge Church of God." This small band of faithful Christians was committed and labored diligently.

The Stockbridge Church of God has had a heartbeat for the community. The Church was instrumental in the establishment of a food and clothing bank in the community. For a period of time, the Church basement was used to facilitate this great need. Also U.S. Government Commodities were distributed to the local area

from the Church facility.

As the Stockbridge Church of God faithfully ministered to the community, they prospered and rapid growth necessitated building a larger facility after the turn of the new millennium. In a step of vision and faith this band of believers, under the leadership of Rev. Wesley Duncan, set out to build a large structure at 5107 S. Clinton Road. In 2003 it was completed and we moved into our current facility and began operations under the name "Highest Praise Worship Center."

This year Highest Praise Worship Center celebrates 60 years of ministering in this community. Throughout the years many pastors have served diligently to lead this Church forward. Our current pastor, Bishop Jeffrey S. Lambert, accepted the invitation to lead this church in 2005 and since then has placed a high priority on becoming a mission focused Church. With a vision of "Touching Hearts, Building Lives, and Transforming a World" we continually extend a loving hand to the community. The Church has become known for its ONE80 OUREACH efforts such as the "Backpack Giveaway" in the fall and the "Stocking Giveaway" at Christmas, which gives a helping hand to families. The Church's ONE80 OUREACH reaches near and far with efforts such as World Missions to third world countries, to local efforts such as offering professional counseling to community families in need at little or no charge to even hosting regular community events such as the Country Cruise Classic Car Show and the Family Funday Sunday which provides family enriching opportunities. HPWC has truly become a friendly family-focused church in the community. As a progressive and relevant church, great care is given to provide quality ministry for every age.

Continual expansion through the vision, faith and sacrifice of our members has made the Highest Praise Worship Center what it is today. Our faith is not exhausted, our vision is not dimmed and we are therefore looking to find what God has in store for us tomorrow. We know from those who have paved the way for us that it will take work, but also faithfulness and seeking for God's presence in our daily lives and worship.

SS. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church

From the book "Living in Joyful Hope, A History of the Diocese of Lansing" by Msgr. George C. Michalek. Reprinted with permission of Msgr. Michalek.

The first Catholics in the Bunker Hill area were the James Markey family who arrived in 1839. Their longing for the Eucharist led to Rev. Patrick Kelly coming from Livingston County in February 1845 to celebrate mass in their home. In 1849 Patrick Markey donated land for a Catholic cemetery. When Rev. Cornelius Moutard took up his pastorate at St. John the Evangelist in Jackson in 1857, he was also given the care of the Bunker Hill Catholics. In 1863 a wood frame church was erected in the cemetery. A petition was soon sent to Bishop Peter Paul Lefevere of Detroit for a resident priest. In November 1868 he sent Rev. Theodore Hilary Driessen.



SS. Cornelius and Cyprian in 1863

Bunker Hill lost its parochial status in 1873 and remained a mission for the next 32 years. The mission was under the care of the pastors of St. Mary Pinckney, St. John Jackson or St. Mary Williamston for most of that period. During the pastorate (1898-1905) of Rev. John J. Connolly at Williamston, the Bunker Hill community experienced expansion. A new brick veneer church was built opposite the cemetery and dedicated December 1, 1899. In early 1905, plans were set to build a rectory, convent and school. Fr. Connolly secured the services of the Sisters of St. Joseph from Nazareth to staff the school, which opened in the converted old church.

Upon Fr. Connolly's transfer in July 1905, Bunker Hill was given its first resident pastor in over 30 years. Rev. James O'Brien's pastorate (1905-1919) combined the best of times and the worst of times. The 1899 church burned in 1906. The 1906 rectory was destroyed by fire in 1910. A new church (1907), a new rectory (1910) and a new school (1912) were built. The school closed in 1964.

The Catholic faith was greatly treasured by the community of Bunker Hill. Thirteen of the parish's daughters and six of her sons entered religious life or the priesthood

During the pastorate (1923-1942) of Rev. John M. Duffy, Bunker Hill became famous for its picnics. The first one was held in 1869 but probably the largest was in 1937 when 1,500 attended the dinner. Since 1938 Bunker Hill has also hosted the San Ippolito Festival sponsored by the Italian American Catholic community of Lansing..

From 1986 until 2003 Rev. Eugene J. Beiter led the Bunker Hill community. Rev. Michael A. Petroski followed.



SS. Cornelius and Cyprian today

SS. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church is located on Catholic Church Road just east of Williamston Road.

Trinity Pentecostal Church

By Rev. Mark Roark

As a group of about 15 Christians who were not satisfied with the non-democratic style of government within the church, Reverend Charles Roark along with his wife Mary and others began to conduct services independently. The rudimentary service met October 8, 1966 in a rented building, the Rebekah Lodge in Chelsea, Michigan.

While conducting these services the congregation felt the great need for an established and permanent place of worship in order to be united as a church. While buildings and places of worship are not the main focus, the convenience of families is important. So we prayed for a place central to all and, more importantly, God. He would bring it to them.



The church we bought in 1967.

We had heard of a church building available (see above) and submitted a bid to purchase. It was officially sold to us in 1967 after the United Methodist Church consolidated in the town of Stockbridge. The Church started growing and had attendance of 50 with an education wing built and finished in 1969. Over the next 3 years families from all around attended and were inspired to work in the Church.



Trinity Pentecostal Church today

In 1974 the new sanctuary was completed. In 1975 attendance reached an all time high of 160. Men, women and children were growing together in the faith, hope and love of God. In October of the same year, 10 acres across the road became available. The congregation thought this would be a great opportunity for any future expansion for the Church as the current lot was 1 acre.

The Church growth took on the reflection of the top number of attendance. This number is significant because this was beyond the goal of 150 that the people had set as well as the vision that Pastor Charles E. Roark had for the church. This vision was to fill the Church for the glory of God!

The heart for young people had always had a significant role at Trinity Pentecostal Church. From the beginning in the old sanctuary with Pastor "Ed" Roark working with children, teens and young parents, it was evident that the caring touch of Christ was first. Pastor Roark worked with the idea that "Any time you care about the people something good happens." As already stated, much help was given to provide these services. With the support of those who came, the loving care message only grew. The love of God gave a very productive youth ministry which saw many young people giving their hearts to Christ. To this very day many of these young people (now grown up) come back to Trinity Pentecostal Church to visit and tell of the life-changing message (the Gospel of Jesus Christ) that they received from this ministry. The wife of Pastor Roark, Mary Roark, has a large role in the music ministry. Now their son, Rev. Mark Roark, who took over as Pastor in 2007, helps keep the light of God's kingdom burning through the Ministries' work.

Trinity Pentecostal Church is located just north of downtown Fitchburg on Freiermuth Road.

St. Jacob Evangelical Lutheran Church

By Joan Hoffman

The St. Jacob Congregation was founded in 1841. The first services were held in a log cabin in the hamlet of Trist, sometimes called Calftown. Later a church building was erected at the corner of Trist and Moeckel Roads. Guiding the spiritual needs of these German immigrants was founding pastor Rev. Friedrich Schmid. Pastor Schmid organized over 20 Lutheran congregations in Michigan. Because roads were often passable only on foot and he initially didn't have a horse, it is amazing that he was able to serve St. Jacob about every three weeks.

When the congregation outgrew the church at Trist and Moeckel Roads, a sanctuary was built in 1853 on Riethmiller Road on property donated by Jacob Harr. Soon a small parsonage was built and the congregation called its first resident pastor. The sanctuary has since undergone remodeling. Additions have been made to the front and back of the church.



St. Jacob Evangelical Lutheran Church

The German immigrants came primarily to farm. Some of the land surrounding the Church was either marsh or poor sandy soil for farming. Much of it eventually became part of the Waterloo Recreation Area leaving St. Jacob in a peaceful rural setting surrounded by state land.

The adjoining cemetery tells much about the German families who were St. Jacob members. This is the resting place of the Realy family whose home became the Waterloo Farm Museum. Jacob Realy, along with six others, served in the Civil War. Families were large and many families saw several children die at a young age.

Youth of confirmation age left public school for a couple of years to receive religious instruction as well as learning basic school subjects at the one-room St. Jacob schoolhouse. During WW I, the pastor and some church officials were questioned about their loyalty to the United States. Changes came. Classes at the school house ended, Pastor Stevens held some services

in English, although he felt more comfortable with the German language, and the American flag was added to the sanctuary.

At the recent funeral for an 88 year old member, we were reminded of how rigorous youth instruction continued to be. The confirmation oral exam for her 10-member class was three hours long before the congregation. Answers to questions were expected to include memorized scriptural verses.

Pastor Scott Schwertfeger is the current pastor of St. Jacob. He is the 19th pastor in our 169-year history. St. Jacob belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. There are various groups including Pioneers for young people, a confirmation class, WinGS (Women in God's Service) and fellowship activities for all ages. There are monthly church council meetings and quarterly congregational meetings for the conducting of church business.

Our Mission Statement:

As a family of believers united by the truth of God's Word, it is the mission of St. Jacob Congregation to reach out to all people with the Word of God to bring the lost to Christ; in our community by encouraging and supporting our members through worship, education and fellowship and by bringing others to know their Savior; in the world by supporting mission work at home and abroad through our Synod.

Out of love for God and people, based on God's love for us, we men, women and children of St. Jacob, young and old, dedicate ourselves to this mission, using our time, talents and treasures to God's glory.

Bunker Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church



Bunker Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church

By Pat Lykins

In late 1863, some of the people around Bunker Hill Center heard of Seventh-day Sabbath keepers in New York State. After receiving unsatisfactory answers to

explain the Sabbath to them. In response, Elder Joseph Bates came by train to the area and held meetings in the school house. A company of Sabbath keepers was formed and met in the homes of the believers. In April, 1864, the Bunker Hill SDA Church was organized by Elders John Byington and Isaac D. Van Horn with 18 baptized members.

In short time, other individuals joined Elder Bates, including denominational leaders Elder and Mrs. James White and the Kellogg family. They moved on to Battle Creek where Dr. J. H. Kellogg established the world famous Battle Creek Sanitarium and began the breakfast food company for which the city is still known. In Battle Creek today, there is a denominational history section of the town of several blocks that features a display of many of the items that were used in the sanitarium, homes and churches of that era. Regular Saturday afternoon tours are conducted during the summer.

In 1896, the Bunker Hill church was built with the help of many neighborhood men at the current location for \$750. On January 7, 1967, that church burned to the ground leaving only the basement wall standing. In less than a week, the church in business session voted to rebuild on the same site. The only salvageable portion of the old church was the stone foundation. Those stones were carefully removed and re-cut to form the background to the platform area of the new church. During the time the church was being reconstructed, the members of the Felt Plains Methodist Church generously granted use of their church for services. Two years later, on January 8, 1969, the first service was held in the new church which is currently in use. It was totally refurbished in the early 2000's which included a fully modern new kitchen. Today the membership is at 34.

Currently, the church shares its pastor with the Jackson congregation, Pastor Gene Hall. The local elders are Don DeCamp, William Lykins, Lindell Jensen and Mark Schertzing. Worship services are held on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. We have a fellowship meal on the second and fourth Sabbaths following services. Mid-week services are held in homes. Men's Ministries meets monthly for breakfast and Women's Ministries take an annual trip to the state youth camp, Camp Au Sable, near Grayling for a weekend. During the warmer months, we have a Sabbath evening Vesper service with sharing of readings and music that begins about an hour before sundown.

The Seventh-day Adventist denomination was formally established in 1863 and much of the initial work was started in Michigan. It is a Bible-based fundamental

organization with 28 fundamental beliefs, including the seventh-day Sabbath, literal second coming, baptism by immersion and the Trinity.

Bunker Hill was among the first few churches in the denomination to celebrate their 100th anniversary in 1964 with a membership of 70. For many years, the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was in Battle Creek but was later moved to Washington, D.C. where it still is today.

The Bunker Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church is located on Williamston Road south of DeCamp Road in Bunker Hill.

Unadilla Presbyterian Church



Unadilla Presbyterian Church

By Jim Rogers

Activity in Unadilla Township began with hunting and a man by the name of John Drake who was looking for a "fall of water" to build a dam and start a saw mill. Once you have a saw mill, you have a town.

The people settling in the town were Scottish and English who knew the importance of their religion and educating their children. In 1837, just days after Michigan became our 26th state, the Unadilla Church was organized with the help of C. G. Clark of Webster Township (Dexter) and eleven charter members:

- Wm. & Christine Craig-Scottish Presbyterians
- Luke, Eunice & Alexander Montague
- Wm. & Agnes Pyper-Scottish Presbyterians
- John Brewyn
- Dr. Janius & Maria Field-first physician in the area
- John Drake

They purchased the land from John Drake and Daniel

Denton and a brick church was built in 1846. In 1914, a "cyclone" leveled the church. A Mr. L. McCleer built a new church in 60 days for \$1,000! He used the belfry and the round port window that were salvaged from the wreckage.

The Church was known for its Apple Butter Festivals in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Antique Car Shows were held in the early 1990's. A Michigan Historical Marker was dedicated in 2005. Currently, spring of 2010, the Church is holding a Music Extravaganza Series to help pay for a new roof.

We encourage all in need to join in prayer, praise and learning from our Lord's Word to glorify Him by doing what He says.

Good Shepherd Mission



The Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Mission

By Richard Ramsdell

Good Shepherd Mission, located on M-36 west of Brogan Road, had its roots in the mind of Parson Billy Allen. Parson Allen was first led to the site by a sign along side the road that identifies volunteer groups that pick up litter. It took 6 years for Parson Allen to convince the owner of the property to sell. Parson Allen's dream finally came true in 1997.

The land had a history of its own for on the property was the old Reeves schoolhouse. During the early days of reconstruction, a groundhog led Parson Allen underneath the school house where Parson Allen found a corked bottle serving as a time capsule for the new Reeves School which was built in 1871. The Reeves School became the Sanctuary for the Good Shepherd Mission.

Pastor Allen had other signs that indicated to him his Mission was meant to be. The pine pews were donated. Furniture was purchased at half price from St.

Vincent de Paul. When he returned the next day, the sale had disappeared and the personnel did not remember him.

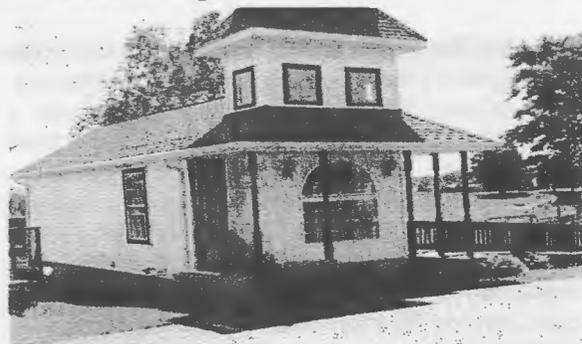
The stained glass windows were found at a salvage business. Glass from broken windows was skillfully used to repair broken sections of the windows that now adorn the front of the Mission.

When asked about financing the Mission, Parson Allen says the Mission is financed on faith. That faith seems to make things happen. Parson Allen tells of the donation of a piano and worrying about finding a piano player. Yet, the mission seems to have someone every Sunday.

Fueled by Parson Allen's faith and determination, the Good Shepherd Mission has grown. The sanctuary is open to migrant workers to celebrate mass in Spanish. The Sunday services are Pentecostal in nature and open to all denominations, nationalities and ethnicities.

Good Shepherd Mission is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It serves as a temporary haven for those down on their luck, housing several gentlemen at any given times.

The Mission is home to Dora's Cupboard. Named after Pastor Allen's mother, who raised 14 children, the Cupboard remembers Dora's giving nature by making food available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4. As many as 15 to 20 people take advantage of the Cupboard and each person is allowed to take 30 pounds of groceries every two months. Thanks to Parson Allen, the church and donations from the community, Dora's Cupboard is able to provide the food without charge.



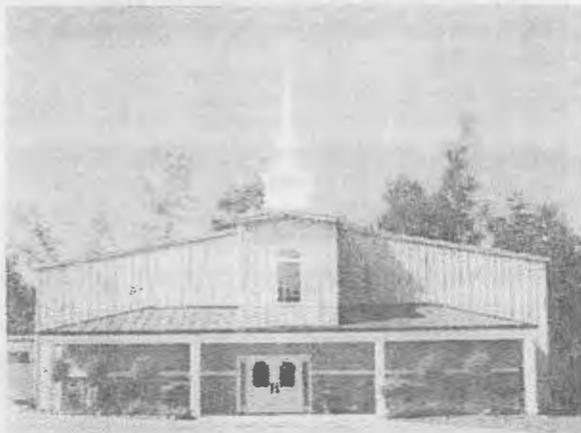
Dora's Cupboard

Ruth's Closet is another opportunity to help others. Open at the same time as Dora's Cupboard, it has all types of clothing sorted and hung for those who need free clothing.

Yet another mission is bread from Pepperidge Farms. Bread is often the one item most food pantries are missing. Good Shepherd Mission keeps a couple of racks filled with a variety of loaves available to all 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Parson Allen is an ordained minister through the Anchor Bay Evangelistic Association, an association with 60,000 churches throughout the United States. He describes the Mission as interdenominational but teaching the full gospel and Pentecostal.

Southwest Church of the Nazarine



Southwest Church of the Nazarine

By Richard Ramsdell

Southwest Church of the Nazarine is located at 14555 Holmes Road southwest of Gregory, Michigan.

The Church offers worship services Sunday morning at 11 and Wednesday evening at 7. In addition, the Church has Men's Bible Study on Monday evenings, Ladies' Bible Study on Thursday evenings and LIFE groups that meet on Thursday evenings.

Southwest Church of the Nazarine offers several programs for children including J.A.M. Worship, Caravan/Benson's Buddies, Bible Quizing, Jr. Nets, Vacation Bible School and Nursery.

For teens, Southwest Church of the Nazarine offers Nets, Summer Camps and Concert Opportunities.

Rev. Gary A. Shluser is the Pastor. Rev. Jody Talbot serves as Pastor to Youth and Families. The church can be contacted at southwestnaz@charternet.com.

First Waterloo United Methodist Church

By Richard Ramsdell

A century ago, 11 God-fearing pioneer citizens from surrounding communities in Waterloo township gathered at the Long Island school house in Grass Lake township to organize the Jackson Mission of the United Brethren in Christ Church.

According to church records, pioneer members of the Waterloo First Church included the Allen E. Caldwells, the William Garners, the Welcome Weeks and the Daniel Parks and son John.

In 1859 the membership had zoomed until two classes were formed. The west, now known as First Church held services in the Dewey School and Second Church held forth in Waterloo village.

In 1870, the west church built a church just east of the current site and on land donated by the McCoy family. The brick church was built for \$2,000 and soon was debt-free. It was destroyed by fire in 1895.

Under the leadership and fired by the spirit of the Rev. J. A. Blickenstaff, who doffed his cleric raiment and donned a bricklayer's apron, the building was soon built. It took less than a year and was dedicated on June 21, 1896 on land donated by E. A. Hall. The church building was debt free. Individuals who generously donated both labor and cash were E. A. Parks, William Weeks, S. A. Howlett, E. A. Hall and Edwin Parks.



First Waterloo United Methodist Church

In the early days, the pastor was assigned to 6 churches and visited each every other week. He would preach at three churches each Sunday, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Electricity came to the area in 1938. Not having the funds to wire the building, the church held a talent

show. A variety of other improvements followed including a new well, new roof, new ceiling, lowering of the floor in the basement and indoor plumbing.

On April 23, 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church united as the United Methodist Church at a meeting in Dallas, Texas.

First Waterloo Methodist Church is located at the corner of Parks Road and North Territorial Road. It is part of a two-church charge with the Waterloo Village United Methodist Church. The minister is the Rev. Georgie Dack.

Family Tabernacle Church of God



Sanctuary at the Family Tabernacle Church of God

From the Family Tabernacle Church of God website.

The Family Tabernacle Church of God got its start in the basement of Pastor Jeff Howard's house. Under the conviction of God, Pastor Howard was led to start this part of the Body of Christ.

Pastor Howard received his training from the Church of God's Office of Ministerial Training starting as a Lay Leader, receiving a Lay Minister Certificate from the Office of Ministerial Development and since has graduated from the Church of God's M.A.P. program and the M.I.P Program and is now an Ordained Bishop in the Church of God of Cleveland Tennessee.

Says Pastor Howard, "The Lord moved in a mighty way establishing the Family Tabernacle Church of God. We have seen many miracles of God here. Every one here has been touched by God in some way." We are excited about our future. Our purpose statement is: Reaching people everywhere with the full Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Every ministry at the church exalts the Lord Jesus and

is committed to growth as disciples, as well as reaching our families and communities for Jesus.

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Our Vision says never stop reaching out to people for Jesus Christ. He never stopped reaching out for us. We are the extension of His love. We see a church full of people uplifting one another. Praying for one another. Helping one another seek God. And comforting one another with the comfort that God has comforted us with.

We see a church committed to our young people helping them to be comforted and seek the Lord, with all here helping them to be all that God has called them to be for the Body of Christ fulfilling the call that God has upon their lives.

The Family Tabernacle Church of God is located on M-36 east of Gregory. The Senior Pastor is Jeff Howard. The Associate Pastor is Doug Prater. Youth ministers are Tony and Peggy Prater.

Gregory Community Church



Gregory Community Church

Based on a history of the Gregory Baptist Church written by Thomas Howlett in 1987

The Gregory Baptist Church was founded in 1837 in Williamsville. According to tradition, the first meeting was held in a coopers' shop about one half mile west of the Williamsville Cemetery. The exact location was probably on M-106 a few hundred feet west of the stream which passes under the road and flows south into Williamsville Lake. There were thirteen charter members at this meeting. Who they were isn't certain; records prior to 1870 are sketchy or non-existent. But they probably included David or Deacon Holmes, one of the very first settlers in the area in 1833, Mr. and Mrs. Elnathan Skidmore, Uriah Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. David D. Bird. Records indicate that David Bird married Agnes Pyper in 1839 and it is believed that Miss Pyper was a charter member. Also, Mrs Philander (Martha) Gregory was probably there along with Rev. James Pyper, D. D. Rev. Pyper arrived in 1837 and began preaching at Williamsville and at Dexter.

No church structure was erected until 1852. This structure was located on Holmes Road about 200 hundred yards east of Williamsville Road. In 1853, the Methodists would build a church on Williamsville Road just south of the cemetery.

Unfortunately no pictures have been found of this church. The church reportedly had two rows of pews and a balcony over the entrance.

By the 1880's a railroad building boom was going on in Michigan. The Grand Truck Railroad passed through the farm of Philander Gregory in Unadilla Township in 1884 causing the creating of the village of Gregory. By 1880, the saw mill had ceased to operate, the coopers' shop was gone and the general store no longer existed. Gregory was growing and Williamsville was shrinking and talk turned toward moving the Church to Gregory, a move of less than two miles. This move was approved without objection in a meeting held December 11, 1886.

The First Baptist Church of Gregory was dedicated December 18, 1887. A photograph of the church taken in the early 20th century shows high rectangular windows of style not in vogue at the time. No record indicates this but Thomas Howlett feels these windows probably came from the Williamsville church.

These are the significant events in the establishment of what is now the Gregory Community Church. The current minister is Heidi DeMott Shanes. The Church maintains a clothes closet. The closet is open the first Saturday of the month from 10 to 12 and on the third Thursday of the month from 6 to 8:30.

Millville United Methodist Church



Millville United Methodist Church

From a history of the Millville United Methodist Church written by Carole Oesterle in 1998 and updated by Ms. Oesterle in 2008.

In or about 1840, George B. Wercester and J. T. Pratt came to White Oak and formed the first class in the old log school house. The class was called Sylvan Circuit and later was known as Ingham Circuit.

In 1857, the Ingham Circuit was divided into two circuits, the Ingham Circuit and the Livingston Circuit. White Oak was served by two classes, the Dart Class which was held at the Dart School on Iosco Road and the Dutcher Class, held at the Dutcher School at the corner of Swan and Burden Roads. The classes were supplied once every two weeks by a preacher from Dansville.

In 1877, the White Oak Class was permanently named the Millville Class. Classes were held in the Millville School. The Millville school was taken down when M-52 was widened in 1968.

The parsonage was purchased from Albert Allen. It has been remodeled several times and was partially destroyed by fire in 1960 and rebuilt. The current church was built in 1898. It was dedicated in September of 1898. The circuit at that time consisted of Millville, Northwest Stockbridge and Vantown.

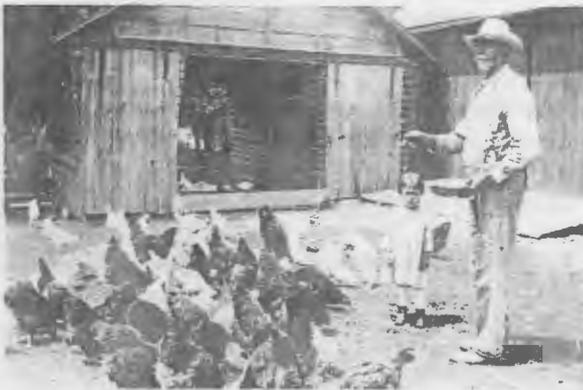
Rev. Robert Freysinger is the current Pastor. The church has an active youth group with 15-30 members, a United Methodist Women's group with 28 members and a United Methodist Men's group. The church was declared an historic building by the Ingham County Historical Commission in 2008.



Marion Collier playing piano at 2007 alumni banquet



Back: Robert, Dora, Herbert, Gurn Dancer. Front: Paul, William J. Jeness Dancer



Charles Schumacher and chickens



Gary Gee in 1946



William Willmore, Eliza Helen Baker Willmore, Johan C. Willmore, Minnie Willmore Green, Nell Willmore Fitch, Sylvia Willmore Brown

SSBBank

(formerly Stockbridge State Bank)

In 1908, William J. Dancer organized the Stockbridge State Bank (now known simply as SSBBank) with a capitalization of \$20,000. He was president of the bank, Orville Gorton was vice president and John Hubert was cashier. Directors were Dr. Christopher Brogan, Edwin Farmer, A. A. Hall, S. L. Cobb, Emanuel Hawley, Charles Gaylord, N. E. McCann, William J. Dancer and Orville Gorton.

The bank was organized in 1908 to save the Stockbridge community from financial chaos. In 1907, the Commercial Bank of Geo. P. Glazier & Gay (a bank in which the Michigan state treasurer had an interest) had been closed. The community was without a bank and the people had had their confidence shaken in banking. The show of confidence and trust that the organizers of the new Stockbridge State Bank had shown to the community and in each other quieted the fears of those who had been hurt in the bank closing of the former Commercial Bank of Geo. P. Glazier and Gay. Shortly, a feeling of confidence replaced the gloom of the banking disaster and Stockbridge began to prosper.

Stockbridge State Bank opened for business in the former offices of the Commercial Bank located in the 100 block of West Main Street, Stockbridge in the far southeastern corner of Ingham County and is the second oldest bank still operating in Ingham County. The Stockbridge office serves customers in Ingham, Jackson, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties. In 1966, the Stockbridge office moved to a large newly built facility just across the street from the original bank. (The old bank is now the location of the Abbott & Fillmore Agency, Inc.)

The bank opened its second office in Gregory on the western edge of Livingston County in 1964. In 1991, a third office was opened in Eaton Rapids on the eastern side of Eaton County. In preparation for even more branches in the future, the bank decided in 2002 to officially change its name from Stockbridge State Bank to SSBBank. After the bank's name was changed, a fourth office was opened in Holt/South Lansing in 2004.

W. J. Dancer remained active in the business until his death in 1942, at which time his third son, Paul C. Dancer, was elected president. In 1985, John T. Dancer was elected president of the bank. In 1993,

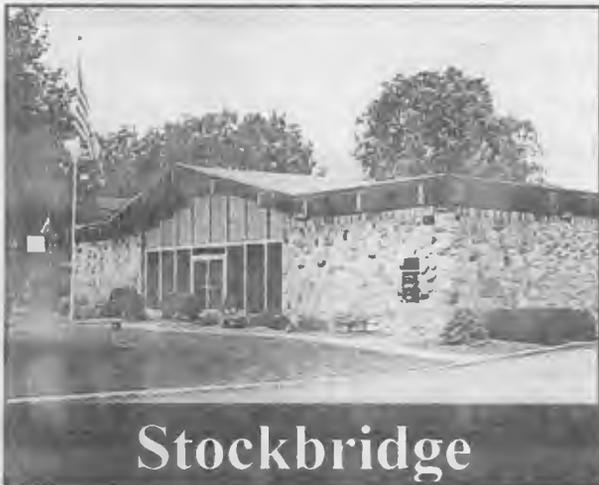
Douglas Orton was elected president and Ronald Soule was elected vice-president and CEO. J. Benjamin Dancer was elected chairman of the board in 2000. In 2001, Ronald Soule was elected president..

Customers have always been of utmost importance to the management and staff of the bank. Former President Paul C. Dancer said, "You can have a great Board of Directors and a wonderful list of services, but it's the customers that make the bank." This was emphasized by former President, John T. Dancer, who said, "Our customers have always been the primary focus of this operation. We want them to be comfortable here and we want them to be very secure in their financial dealings."

According to current President, Ronald L. Soule, "SSBBank is proud of our past and in our role as the foremost provider of financial services in the village of Stockbridge since 1908. We have a history of offering personal hometown service in central Michigan for over 100 years. We are dedicated to providing high quality service and superior financial programs to our customers including the latest in online banking systems, while at the same time, maintaining a strong secure financial position. We have always been community oriented and have demonstrated this by responsibly lending to local businesses and citizens within an area that we could adequately serve. Meeting the deposit and credit needs of our communities is our primary purpose for existence."

Officers of the bank are: J. Benjamin Dancer, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Ronald L. Soule, President & CEO; Robert C. Dickins, Executive Vice President & CLO; Thomas W. Schroeder, Senior Vice President; Donna Lippens, Senior Vice President & COO; Al Stout, Vice President; Jamie D. Bennett, Asst. Vice President and Controller; Trisha Klingbeil, Asst. Vice President & CBO; Kim Richmond, Asst. Vice President & CIO; Kristi Brewster, Branch Administrative Officer; Dawn Hendrickson, Loan Officer and Eaton Rapids Branch Manager; and Lisa R. Schneider, Administrative Loan Officer.

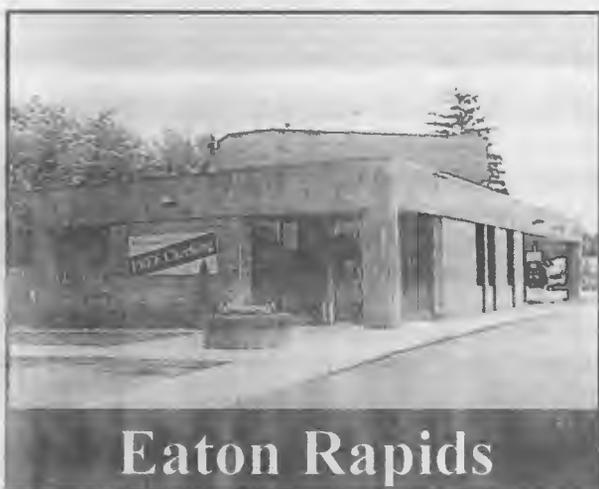
The members of the Board of Directors are: J. Benjamin Dancer, Chairman; Jeffrey A. Caskey, Vice Chairman; Robert C. Dickins; Rich A. Greiner; Mark R. Haubert; C. Jack Potts; and Ronald L. Soule.



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In 1945, Wendell Abbott began selling real estate from his farm home on South M-52, Stockbridge. He ran a branch office for the Whipp Farm Agency at that time. During this period, Wendell began selling dwelling and farm insurance.

In 1947, Wendell and his wife, Marjorie, moved to a new home at 320 S. Clinton Street, where they continued with real estate and insurance and added a Secretary of State branch office, where they sold license plates.

Marjorie was licensed to sell insurance in 1956 and in 1958 Wendell resigned from the Secretary of State branch office and continued full time with the real estate and insurance.

In 1967, the Abbotts moved their business to the current location at 105 W. Main Street and Ronald Fillmore joined the agency as a partner. After receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, Ronald was a teacher for the Stockbridge Schools before being recruited by Wendell. Arloa Smith was hired as an office worker at that time. Arloa worked at the Agency until she retired in 2007, making her 40 years at the company, the longest for any employee (including the owners) thus far.

The name of the agency was changed from "The Abbott Agency" to "The Abbott & Fillmore Agency, Inc." in 1974 and in 1977, Ronald's wife Hester, also a former school teacher, joined the business.

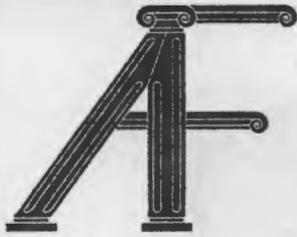
On January 1, 1985, Wendell and Marjorie both retired

leaving Ronald and Hester as sole owners. Wendell passed away in 1994 and Marjorie is still living in the house at 320 S. Clinton and celebrated her 100th birthday in May in 2010.

On March 1, 1995, Ron and Hester's son, Jon Fillmore, passed on Wall Street in favor of 105 W. Main Street. He purchased the agency from his parents at that time. Jon had earned a degree in finance from Michigan State University's Business School and been a vice president at Comerica in Detroit and Dallas prior to that time. Ronald stayed for two years before retiring in August of 1997 and Hester stayed on as a part time bookkeeper for a few years after that. Ronald passed away in October 1998.

Under Jon's management, the agency continued to grow. Jon completed his MBA from the University of Michigan Business School in 1999. Beginning as a class project during his MBA studies, John moved the Abbott & Fillmore Agency into the age of the internet. In the mid-1990's, the agency was one of the very first in the state of Michigan to have a web site where people could go to get quotes on line. The web site is at www.insurancemichigan.com. In 2006, the company discontinued paper files and moved to a completely electronic filing system and also implemented one of the cutting edge office technologies-DUAL monitors on all computer work stations.

The company has also expanded into other states and, in addition to Michigan, now has clients in Indiana and Arizona. In addition to Jon, the company has 7 other employees



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The bank has been managed by seven Chairmen of the Board: William E. Fleming, Charles Pickett, John G. Harr, P. J. Fleming, Fred W. Ford, Wilbur L. Beeman and Craig M. Goodlock. The current Board of Directors consist of Don Hannewald, Leonard Clark, Jay Hoffman, Penny Hicks, Jeanne Richter and Craig M. Goodlock.

As with many small community banks, Farmers State Bank had only one office for many years, located in its town of origin, Munith. In 1977, when fire destroyed the Gingham Inn and made the adjacent lot available, the office was relocated to the newly constructed build-

ing next to the original location. In 1990, the first branch office was added in Stockbridge and in 1995 the Grass Lake office opened for business. Today, the bank benefits from 150,000 shares of outstanding common stock owned by approximately 265 local community members and holds \$62,113,000.00 in assets.

"Obviously, my predecessors did a lot of the right things," commented Craig Goodlock, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "They may not have talked in terms of marketing mix, debit cards, home equity lines, wire transfers and computer software, but our motto, "The bank where you feel at home," has set our marketing strategy for most, if not all, of our 88 years. We still stress that strategy throughout the bank. We're all proud of the fine heritage supporting us, and we plan to continue to offer professional banking services well into the future."



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The old D & C warehouse building was built in 1900 by the Clarks. It is located at 121 East Elizabeth Street. The building is owned by Don McAlister, Jr. Current businesses in the building are: Carquest the Parts Place, operated by Charlie Bissell; The Stockbridge Barber Shop operated by Susanne Tappen and mother Sally Weed and Stockbridge Auto Care, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Don McAlister, Jr. and son Josh McAlister.

Mrs. Clark had a bakery and restaurant in the center of the building and the Clarks lived in the west end. In 1902 Mr. Clark passed away with the commodious mill almost completed. Other businesses that have resided over the years include: The Stockbridge Chair Factory, making Kaltex furniture and baskets; D & C (Dancer & Cowan) warehouse; Bob Glover K & R TV; Family Tree; Screw Factory; Kim & Company and in 1999, Stockbridge Auto Care Service Center was added to the back of the building.

Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Inc.

Funeral service in Stockbridge is provided by the Mitchell Family. John and Gloria and son Johnny and wife Cindy purchased the business from the Caskey family in August of 1995. In 2004 Mike Mitchell

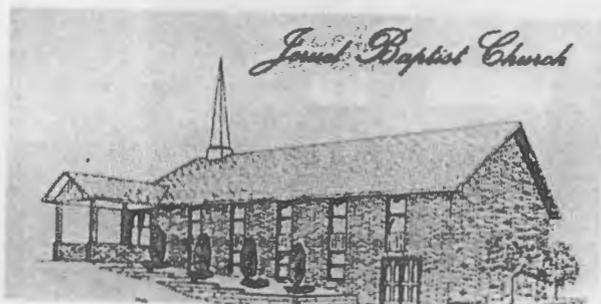
joined the business and now the brothers run the business together. Since 1995 the Mitchell family has been fortunate to carry on the tradition of care that had been set by the Milner and Caskey families.

The business was started by the Louis M. Milner family in 1898 and moved to its present location in 1925. The house was built in 1894 by Asher J. Miller. The Milner tradition was continued when Louis's son, Hugh joined the family business.

The Caskey family was entrusted with funeral service in Stockbridge when Bill and his wife Beverly purchased the business from Hugh Milner after a working relationship that started long before Bill graduated from Mortuary School at Wayne State University in 1942. In 1973 the funeral home went under a major renovation and the porch was replaced by the three story brick façade with circle windows and stained glass windows still present today. The Caskey tradition continued when Bill's son, Jeffrey joining the business in 1975. He also graduated from Wayne State University.

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Gordie was just a pup when he worked at Howlett Brothers Hardware learning the tractor repair business. He learned his trade from Russell Whitehead, Herb Miller, Jack Potts and the Howlett Brothers-Dan and Tom.

Gordie's day starts early in the morning organizing the work flow for the service techs, Fred, George and John. The business services and sells Simplicity lawn and garden products, Dolmar Chain Saws and the works. Bookwork is never ending with the ordering of parts and endless paperwork. The record keeping is shared with wife Penny who handles the monthly sales, payroll and tax preparations.

Gordie's Power Equipment hosts a daily coffee hour for the dozen or so "town fathers" who reminisce about past history. They are full of the good old days when... They are truly the ones who have lived the history of the community.

Ted Watters & Sons, Inc.

Ted Watters & Sons was established in 1967 by Ted Watters. Ted started out doing residential excavating. In the 1970's, Ted expanded his business and began doing oilfield site work and road building. His sons, Mick and Jim, started getting involved with their father in the mid 1970's. Currently, Ted is retired. Mick and Jim are doing residential excavating such as digging basements, installing drain fields and septic,

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Kim & Company, Salon & Wellness Spa, was established in September 1985 by owner Kim (Long) Batdorff and is located in the village of Stockbridge. Kim, a lifetime resident of Stockbridge, had a deep passion for this industry and a dream to own a full service salon. After completing her education in cosmetology, she worked in the Detroit area as a hair stylist, returning to her hometown where she worked at The Hair Affair, owned by Marge Minix, prior to opening Kim & Company. To prepare for her new business venture she completed small business classes at Lansing Community College.

When the doors opened in 1985 at 121 E. Elizabeth, now the Village Barber Shop's location, we started with the basic salon décor. The salon logo at the time was a K for Kim & Company. A centrally located support beam was made into a K, thanks to Paul Murphy. Kim was the only hair stylist and HAIR was the only service. The first employee was Robin (Lowe) Fletcher, a relative hired as a receptionist and later a hair stylist and nail technician. Today she is assistant manager. Joyce Salyer was hired for nails and hair and has since retired.

The décor changed in 1990 to go along with a new trendy "Paul Mitchell" look, black and white walls and white styling stations. As the business grew so did the staff and services. Stylist LeAnn (Cowan) Jackson and, later, Patty Fletcher joined our team. Other stylists came and went as well as some receptionists. Receptionists with longevity were Amy and Kelly Wright, Sarah Ford and Melissa Laramore Salyer, our receptionist today.

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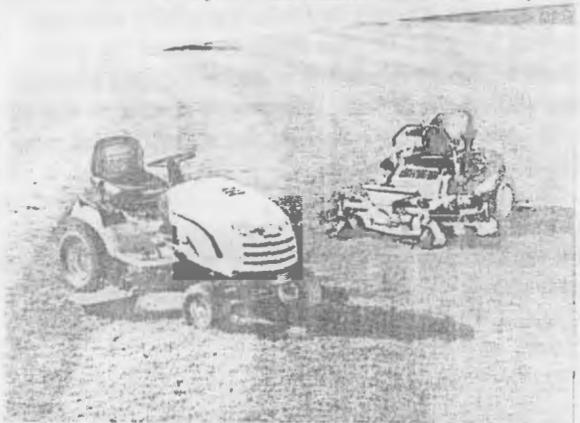
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To accommodate our growth we moved to our current location in December 1997, in the process taking on a whole new look. Today our "unique look" is antique dressers for styling stations and décor including a wall painting done by Jean Bliss. Dawne Batdorff Salow, massage therapist and esthetician, was hired to provide our new services, massage, skin care and reflexology. We added a new product line, AVEDA (the art and science of pure flower and plant essences), and organic hair, skin, body and makeup line. Veronica Lozon, a stylist, joined our team. We were trendsetters then and continue today.

Our ultimate focus is and always has been to create a warm friendly family environment for clients and staff. Our aim is to understand our clients' needs by providing them with excellent service, products and quality customer care.

The salon is managed by Janet Long, Kim's mother, and is a full service salon for the entire family. Our clientele has approximately a fifty mile radius with clients from all lifestyles. We offer services in hair, natural and acrylic nails, spa pedicures, specialized skin care, reflexology, therapeutic massage, make-up application, body wraps, self-tanning applications, full body hair removal and ear piercing. We specialize in event bookings and spa package services. Most include light lunches. To date we have eight employees with most having 10 to 20 years with the salon. Our most recent employee is stylist Amanda Maddick who is also a part time receptionist and Tanya Kilgore, a nail technician. We are team oriented.

Continuing education is imperative in this business. Aside from the in-salon training, over the years some of our staff attend hair shows in Las Vegas, a Caribbean Cruise, Hawaii, Soaring Eagle Casino and the Gem Theatre in Detroit. The salon participates in outside events by donating gift certificates for services and products to schools, churches, community organizations and earth month. Some of team have participated in Big Time Wrestling events, Single Moms Day sponsored by a local church, Muscular Dystrophy Benefit "lock-up," Chelsea Silver Maples Retirement Home,

Senior Activity Center and Habitat for Humanity. We also have an open house around the holidays for Client Appreciation Day.

Kim & Company will be celebrating twenty-five years in business this year. As we look back at these past years at all the changes and challenges from growth of the business to changes in this industry and our economy, no challenge can be so great and unexpected as seeing your dream come true, yet not being able to continue with your passion. Kim's dream of owning a full service salon has been fulfilled. March 2003, she could no longer continue to work because of health issues and was later diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Now Kim's dream is to regain her health and someday return to her profession.

OUR TEAM

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Dawne B. Salow	Massage Therapist
	Esthetician
LeAnn Jackson	Stylist
Patricia Fletcher	Stylist/Nail Technician
Amanda Maddick	Stylist/Manicures/Pedicures
	Part Time Receptionist
Veronica Lozon	Stylist/Nail Technician
Tanya Kilgore	Nail Technician
Melissa Salyer	Receptionist

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In November of 1963 the father and son team of Frank and Dewey Seehase left their Phillips 66 Station, which included wrecker and fuel oil delivery, to move to Holt to open Holt Auto Supply, Inc. Forty-four years later, sons Dick and Dave along with their sister, Cindy and her husband, Larry Meirndorf, own and operate eight auto parts stores known as CARQUEST-The Parts Place. Stockbridge Auto Supply, better known to the old timers as "The Old Chair Factory," was purchased from Don McAlister by Dick and Dave Seehase and became one of those eight locations. Charlie Bissell, a life-long resident of the Stockbridge area, has managed this location since its purchase in 2002. Family owned and operated, CARQUEST-The Parts Place serves four counties in seven different towns. Stop by the Stockbridge location and experience an atmosphere where family values are still important.

Tracy Graphics



Bob Tracy started a hobby in his home in 1993. He always had an interest in painting, drawing and art in general. A friend was opening a restaurant and needed a sign for the building. Bob decided to take on the challenge to construct, design and hand paint the large outdoor sign before the grand opening.

His hobby continued to grow and within a few years, he quit his full time job as a specialty gas salesman to pursue the sign making business. As customers' needs changed, Bob offered new and different items to keep up with the demand.

At the present time in 2010, Tracy Graphics is located on the south side of Stockbridge in the Lantis Plaza. The store offers screen printed apparel, embroidery, team uniforms, vehicle lettering and also signs of any shape and size.

Roepcke Insurance Agency

The Roepcke Agency, established in 1930 by Fred Roepcke, has been giving Stockbridge and the surrounding area dependable insurance service since that time.

In 1939 Niel Mills, foster son of Fred Roepcke, joined the agency as a producer. With the help and assistance of Niel's wife Marie, they built a local rural business known for honest and fair service. Fred Roepcke, the original founder, died in 1953 and, under the direction of Niel and Marie Mills, the agency continued to grow and prosper. In 1971, Niel and Marie Mills' son, Doug, left the teaching profession and joined his parents in the family owned agency.

In 1973, Doug Mills bought the business from his parents and in 1975 moved into a new office building at 517 West Main Street, built to satisfy the increasing needs of the growing business.

Doug's sister, Lorraine Mills Massey, worked in the agency for 25 years until her retirement in 2007. The business has enjoyed continuous expansion and growth since 1973 and Doug is looking forward to many more years of service to the Stockbridge area.

Lynne Beauchamp Photography

Award-Winning Photography

People often ask me, "How long have you been doing this?" An honest and simple question yet one I never knew how to answer. Since my childhood, I have always had a camera in hand photographing animals on our family farm in Fowlerville or taking photographs of steam engine shows or family reunions. At Fowlerville High School I was in yearbook class for 2 years, in charge of advertising and photographing the year's events. Even back then I made it a point to include everyone in the yearbook, not just "the popular kids." I also realized that if I incorporated candid photographs into the advertising section of the book, it might get more individuals to look at the sponsors' ads.

In the early 1990's, I was working as a medical assistant and not very happy with my current job. A co-worker commented on my photographs sitting on my desk. At that point I realized that photography was what I should be doing with my life. I immediately enrolled at Lansing Community College in the imaging program.

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and for a real estate business (which I continue to work with). I also started working with other photo studios learning everything that I possibly could about posing, sales, framing portraits and the business aspect of a studio. Gradually I started my own photography business photographing mostly on location including family portraits, sports and other events.

After building our new home in Stockbridge in 2005, I set up a studio in the basement.

My hours are by appointment and I photograph seniors, family and individual portraits, pets, sports and other events, either on location or in studio. While competition is fierce in the photographic industry, I specialize in offering clients a comfortable atmosphere to come to and offer high quality products at reasonable prices.

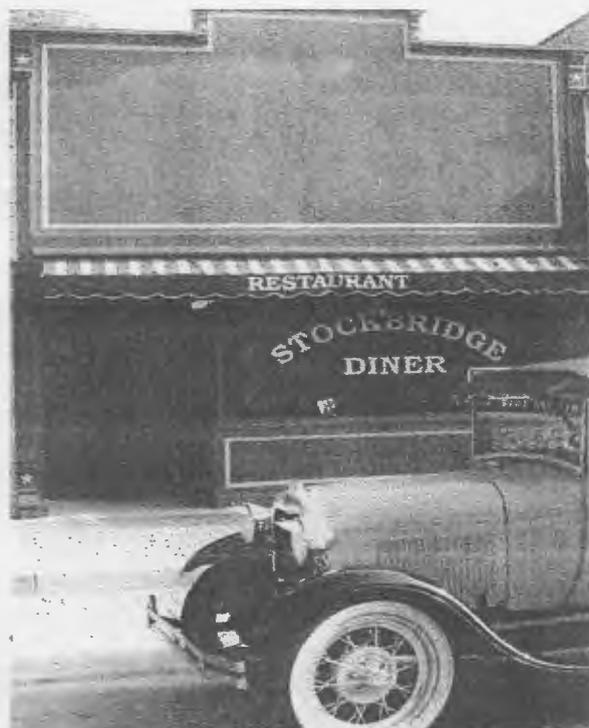
I have had photographs on display in the local Ron Fillmore Art Show for the past three years and am pleased to have won awards two years in a row for my work.

My husband, Bill, my son, Tyler, and my daughter, Hannah, have been very supportive of my business endeavor. Whether I needed a model for a new backdrop, needed assistance in setting up lights or help in keeping clients' children entertained during a sales appointment, my family has helped me in every way.

I am honored to be included in the 175th anniversary book and look forward to meeting everyone during the celebration.



The Stockbridge Diner



When you step into the Stockbridge Diner, you feel like you're walking onto the set of the TV series "Deadwood." Owner Keith Pawlowski has taken great pains in remodeling the circa 1890's era building back to its original splendor. Windows and doors, some of which longtime patrons of previous incarnations didn't even know existed, were uncovered in the latest renovations and replaced. The diner has a long and colorful history, originally starting out as a confectionary. We're not sure what that meant in the 1890's but that was how it was known in the village over 100 years ago. It also served as a recreational gathering place and many hands of cards were dealt in the backroom according to the local old timers. Many of us remember restaurants that have been in the old building over the years, but none offered the old fashioned charm it has now, even with the modernization that has taken place. In fact, it reminds me of an old diner along the famous "Route 66." Accenting the décor are many photographs of area buildings from the turn of the 19th century. Stop in and visit with the friendly staff and have an old-fashioned hearty meal while enjoying a bit of the local history. Located at 110 East Main Street on the town square, the diner is family owned and operated since 2009.

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Stockbridge Barber Shop

Gordon Nawrock retired in 1989. Michael and Sally Weed took over the shop in October of 1989. The shop was located at 121 North Clinton Street, just north of the post office. We occupied the address until it burned in September of 1999. We moved to the back of the old hotel three weeks later. I worked the shop alone until my daughters, Erin and Susanne, finished barber school in Lansing. Erin took over the shop when I broke both of my arms. She lived in St. Johns and decided it was too far to drive. Susanne took over the shop in 2008 and moved it to the present location, 112 Elizabeth Street. I have watched so many young people grow up in Stockbridge. Now some of them bring in their children. Back in 1989 when we took over the shop, haircuts were \$5.00. The original name was "Gordon's Barbership." It was changed to "Village Barber Shop" and is now called "Stockbridge Barber Shop."

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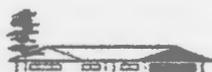
Bremiller Boom Service

Bremiller Boom Service is owned by John Bremiller. He is the sole proprietor. So he is also the operator of the boom truck (crane). He started this business in 1997 with a 1978 International 8 ton boom truck. In July of 2003 he was able to upgrade to a 1999 International 21 ton boom truck. The majority of his jobs are lifting trusses, I-beams, A.C. units and logs for new log homes.

Before he started this business, John was a carpenter in the area for over 20 years. He was known as Bremiller Construction then.

John grew up in Gregory and went to Stockbridge schools along with his 10 brothers and sisters.

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Stockbridge Pharmacy



The crew: Kayla Recchy, Dave Bust, Judy Krisniski, Glenda Bailey, Angie Marchum, Penny Valentine

The first pharmacy in Stockbridge was that of Glazier, Latimer & Co., established in 1883. A couple of years later, the pharmacy was sold to Casper E. DePuy. In 1898, Mr. DePuy took in a partner, Alden W. Brown, and the firm became known as DePuy & Brown. Mr. DePuy retired in 1910 and Mr. Brown became the sole owner, renaming the firm The A. W. Brown Co. Mr. Brown remained the sole owner until 1934 when he took in a partner, John C. Willmore, who happened to be his nephew. After Mr. Brown's retirement in 1957, Mr. Willmore took in Clifford C. Bollman as a partner but retained the name The A. W. Brown Co. Mr. Willmore retired in 1967 leaving Mr. Bollman as the sole owner.

On November 1, 1981, Mr. Bollman sold the A. W. Brown Co. to Chelsea Pharmacy, Inc. The name was changed to Stockbridge Pharmacy. Dale Schumann was the store manager.

The pharmacy had been located at the corner of Clinton and Main where Specialty Satellite and The Sun Times are now located since 1883. The pharmacy has since been relocated to the old Dancers store on South Clinton.

Fred Grice, Jr. became the owner in 2004. Hometown Pharmacy is a full service pharmacy with health and grooming goods, stationery, cards, gifts and notions. It is part of a chain with pharmacies in the nearby towns of Chelsea and Manchester.



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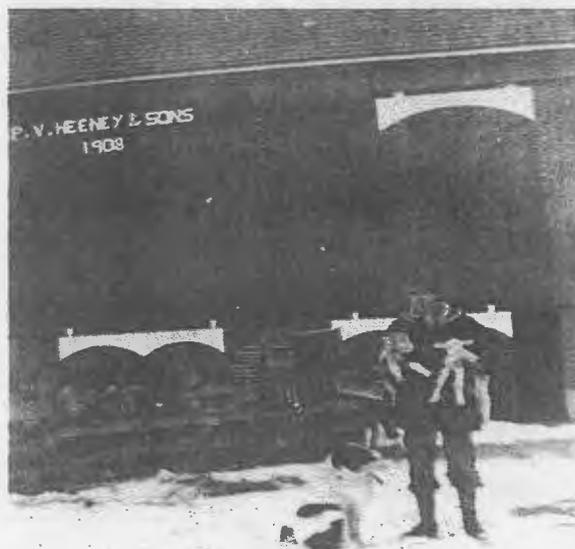
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D & J Floors

By Donnie Fletcher

After graduating from Stockbridge High School in 1962, rather than furthering my education, I thought I'd get a good factory job. But there were not many available, except for farm work. So I worked on a farm during summer making 75 cents an hour. Gas was 33 cents a gallon and a new car payment was \$75.00 a month.

Then my brother-in-law introduced me to a gentleman named Jack Gilbert of North Lake. He had a hardwood floor business, working mostly in Ann Arbor, installing, sanding and refinishing hardwood floors. He also pastes waxed and cleaned wood floors. We did work for the University of Michigan, and residential, and contractors. Jack gave me a job. He was well known and he knew a lot of people, so his business was excellent.

I worked for 2 years with a salary of \$75.00 a week and was never laid off. I then applied for a factory job. I wanted to increase my wages. I got a job at Chelsea Central Fibre in 1964. It was an easier job and more money than doing hardwood floors. I would get laid off from the shop every so often, depending on how car sales were going. I would work for Gilbert Floor Co. when I was laid off; depending on whether he needed help.

After 17 years, the Chelsea Central Fibre plant closed up and moved out to eliminate the union. It moved south in 1980. That sure was a setback. A lot of people lost their jobs. They were making about \$12.00 an hour, with benefits. With no health insurance unless you paid for it, it was a very depressing time, not only for me but also for all the other workers and their families. I received unemployment until it was all drawn out and I used up all my savings buying health insurance, etc.

I joined the labor union in Ann Arbor, and spent about \$350.00 hoping to get a steady job, but no luck. I worked about 2 weeks out of a month's time. Some days I would pack my lunch for the day, hoping to get put on a job, only to be sitting around for half the day and then be sent home. Once home, I would sit on the porch and eat my lunch.

Jobs were not plentiful. So I needed to get a job with some benefits. My brother, Jim, who also lost his job with Chelsea Central Fibre, got a job at Stockbridge Manufacturing. So I applied there as well and was hired. It was a good place to work. Larry and Gary Cornish were the owners. I knew

them from the time I began walking. I still worked for Gilbert floors. Jack's son, John, was then running the business. So I would work the 2nd shift at Stockbridge Manufacturing. During the day, I would do floors.

At one point, we were working for an engineer and I was working by myself. The engineer made a comment that I should go into business on my own. He said I could make a good living. He really gave me a good pep talk. The engineer's aunt was a realtor. The two of them said they would help with recommendations and referrals. The engineer really motivated me. When I got home, I told my wife, I was going into the floor business. I didn't have the funds to buy equipment. I needed about \$10,000. So my wife, Jean, called the Munith bank and talked to Craig Goodlock. He said to come to the bank and we'll talk about it. So we got a loan.

My two sons, Aaron and Chris were getting excited. They wanted to help in the business. The first year was slow, until we got well known. I advertised in the Ann Arbor phone book, but referral is the best way to get work. Later I got a contract with the University of Michigan doing the floors in the family housing and dorms. I began to get a lot of residential contractors.

My two sons wanted to go out on their own. We all worked in harmony. Without their support, it would not be a success.

My daughter, Donna graduated from high school and cosmetology school. She decided she wanted to work with us. I hired her. My wife worked for a while, then she retired. My brother-in-law and niece worked for me at one time. Now my nephew and brother work for me when needed.

It is a family oriented business; that is why we have been so successful. My daughter, Donna, has been working full time with me for about 19 years. She can do all phases of the work. She also does the sales and public relations and is a great problem solver.

The work gets tough at times, but we have really enjoyed our business. We have met wonderful people of all walks of life. They say the more people you meet, the more successful you will be.

Boyce Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Boyce Plumbing & Heating, Inc. was started in January 1977 by Max Boyce. The goal was to provide service and installation of plumbing and heating throughout the Stockbridge/Chelsea area and beyond.

In 1966, Max jumped at the opportunity to have a more steady income for his family, so he went to work for Anderson Plumbing in Lansing. While he worked there (11 years) he obtained his Journeyman's license in 1969 and his Master Plumbing license in 1971.

During his 11 years of steady employment, he did both commercial and residential. The experience was invaluable and he met many good people as a result.

In January 1977, Max had reached the conclusion that if he ever was to have a business of his own he had to start now. The time for starting a business was not the most opportune, but with some good supplier's cooperation, he decided to take the plunge.

January of 1977 was a colder winter than normal with lots of high winds. Frozen pipes seemed to make up the majority of his service calls at that time. Being a home based business; callers would want services at all hours. The "during the night calls" were limited to providing heating repairs for the elderly. They were the highest priority along with families with tiny babies. Gradually Max was able to build inventory to the point where the suppliers would drop off fittings, etc., at the shop then deliver showers, tubs and water closets, at the job site. This eliminated some repetitive handling and allowed more actual time on the job site.

Max has 2 sons, Todd and Scott, and a daughter, Paula. When the need arose, Paula would take the phone messages and help in any way she could. Todd and Scott, however, from a very early age, began to learn the trade and became their dad's right arm. On weekends the boys earned their spending money and summer time they took turns working every other day with their dad.

At an early age, Scott showed a real aptitude and interest in working with his hands. He was a quick study, always looking ahead to see the sequence needed of various installations. Shortly after high school graduation, he decided to go full time. As soon as he had his apprentice time in, he wrote for his Journeymen's license and did the same in

earning his Master's license. His dad was proud to have his input and expertise which was instrumental in building the business name and reputation.

Max retired completely from the plumbing business in 1996 and considered himself fortunate to have a son whose ownership of the business would carry on the family name.

Many new requirements in further education and licensing procedures have demanded that Scott keep abreast of new technology in the plumbing and heating business. Scott has three sons, Ryan, Sean, and Alex. They have been working with their dad from about the age of 9. Working with their dad is a legacy in which they can each learn the value of hard work, honesty and integrity. All are necessary components in order to maintain the fine reputation of Boyce Plumbing and Heating Inc., hopefully passed on for generations to come.

Jerrold's Fine Quality Flooring

In 1991, Jerrold and Lois Bivins took early retirements in order to begin an adventure, now known as Jerrold's Fine Quality Flooring and Paints.

They began by renting space in the Lantis strip mall on M-106. A year later they purchased the building(s) at 116 East Main Street, known as Watson's Grocery. They also purchased a smaller building, which was housing a pet store.

Lois and Jerrold completely refurbished and brought up to code these buildings. Everything possible was kept in the building's original 1902 state.

The larger building was restored and converted into a complete decoration center. The smaller building was transformed into a Porter Paint Color Center.

Over the years they have established themselves as a reputable business, serving many new clients along the way.

Jerrold presently serves the home/building improvement needs of Stockbridge and its surrounding communities. Jerrold's specialty is "Getting It Done the Right Way". He has assisted many in transforming their ideas into completed projects.

Stockbridge Bowl & Sparty Victors Bar & Grill

Our story begins in the summer of 1994 when our family purchased Stockbridge Lanes Lounge from Jim Harbert and Dan Pietras. Our family at the time

had a bowling center in Dearborn called Pine Tree Bowl, which our family had owned since 1966. Our family had been in the bowling business since 1953. Our dad bought his first bowling center in Highland Park; it was where the Detroit's first televised bowling show was filmed. Then about 1960, our father bought into a bowling center in Detroit called Millet's Recreation. Our father sold his part of the business to purchase Pine Tree Bowl. The day after the deal was done, Millet's burned down.

Our family of nine brothers and sisters owns the bowling center. Mike and Theresa operate the center. We decided to name the place Stockbridge Bowl and in 2008, we named the lounge Sparty Victors Bar and Grill. That gave us a theme for the center. Being located halfway between East Lansing and Ann Arbor, we thought it would be cool to go with a MSU and UM theme. The Sparty represents MSU and Victors represents the school we all hail. We put up alumni boards so people that attended either school can sign. Jon Fillmore got to sign both since he has a degree from each.

Our bar is not very big, but every Saturday night we fill it up with singers for Karaoke night. We have an outdoor bar that is called the Gazebo. We added a fire pit the first summer we operated it. Then we put in a nice sandy volleyball courts. Efforts to make the volleyball court a fun option for people fell short and we let nature take over. The summer of 2009 with help from Mason's Dirtworks we put up a new fence. We also replaced the fire pit with a beautiful new one. We added Corn Hole Courts, a fun game to play. It's like a safe game of horseshoes. A player tosses a 16 oz bag of corn onto a 2' by 4' piece of wood with a hole in it. There you have it summer fun.

In the bowling center we extended the floor to the lanes using benches we took from Pine Tree. Booths were added next to the approaches giving us more floor space, which is valuable in our small building. Automatic scoring from a small company named 12 Strike was added around 2001. It's a simple system with an instant replay feature that many systems don't have. We installed lane shield over our lanes. It's the softest surface you can bowl on allowing your ball to hook more. It's a pretty cool system to bowl on and we can put signs under them to wish happy birthdays or other messages.

One of the best aspects of our bowling center is the food. Not only is it good, some items are available as long as we are open and that's 2 AM some nights. Theresa loves to cook, a talent she inherited from

our mother. She enjoys making daily specials to add variety to our extensive menu. She can cook anything you like. Her kraut and stuffed cabbage is just like mom used to make. One time she got some cement work done for us in exchange for a pan of her Stuffed Cabbage, what a deal! Theresa also does catering. One of her regular clients is the Lions Club.

Theresa is also known as the Avon lady. She has been selling Avon for years and often has specials that help her be a top seller. Theresa is also known as Stella, a nickname she received from the Knights of Columbus bowlers from Pine Tree. She likes to organize bus trips. In the past year she took us to a Tiger game, a Red Wing game and a casino trip.

Mike organizes and does the league's secretary work for most of our leagues. He is also responsible for the general operation, keeping everything running smoothly. He often serves on the Board of the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce of which he was a founding member. He also spends time on the Board of Greater Michigan Bowling Center Owners Association and is currently convention co-chairman. Mike serves on the greater Jackson USBC as a youth representative and is past-president of the Jackson Bowling Counsel. He coaches the high school bowling team and proudly took the girls team to MHSAA Finals last season.

When we first started to run the bowling center our employees helped us get to know the community. The workers were the Salyer family, Karen Bishop and Juanita Medina. Juanita worked with us for many years. Over the years we had employees come and go; most of them were pretty good but some were mistakes. A bunch of boys who worked for us went on to serve their country in the war zones in the Middle East. The boys are Tom Heiman Jr., Matt Meir, Joel Meir and Anthony Chapman. Our current employees could be called long time employees. They are Kathy Chapman, Pam Baker, Linda Minger and Mandie Pidd. I can't close this paragraph without mentioning that we once had a bartender named Chez Whiz. We are grateful for the service our employees give us.

I would like to mention a lot of our league bowlers that have bowled here but I'm sorry I'm only going to mention a few. We have Madeline Hannewald who just turned 90 this past season. We all love her. Reid Hartsuff and Steve Pendall have been bowling with us since we took over. We've had only one 300 game bowled since we took over. Nate Breijak who bowled with his father, Matt, bowled it in our

Wednesday Night Men's League. We would like to thank our league bowlers for supporting us over the years.



Back: Karen Haywood, Patty Young. Front: Erica Young, Jake, Sara Young Dancer

On August 14, 2007 Country Petals Floral and Gifts opened its doors for the first time. The main goal of the business is to provide unique gifts and floral arrangements for any occasion. Country Petals is located in the downtown business district on East Main Street. The owners are mother and daughter, Patty Young and Sara Young Dancer. However running a store takes an entire family effort with Erica Young, sister, and Karen Haywood, grandmother, rounding out the team. Customers will also be greeted by Jake the golden retriever mascot of the store. Flowers, plants, balloons, candy candles, cards, jewelry and unique gifts for any occasion can be found at Country Petals.

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Hello, my name is Norman D. Landis and I own Certified Tractor and Auto Repair Inc. in Gregory, NAPA Autocare II in Stockbridge and NAPA Auto Parts in Stockbridge.

In 1956 my parents, William and Beulah Landis, moved our family to a farm in Gregory. In 1980 I opened a small repair shop on the farm. I had one employee, my cousin, Wade Corser. We had one bay to work from. I have since added nine more bays and six more employees that include two of my sons, Ben and Jason Landis; daughter, Amy Monroe; Greg Pena, Eddie Abbey and Katie Peterson.

In 1988 I opened NAPA Auto Parts in Stockbridge.

The current employees are Bruce Klingbeil, Kim Heibel, Curtis Fletcher and Corben Ransom.

In 2009 I opened another autocare center called Autocare II and it is located behind the NAPA Auto Parts. My oldest son, Cory Landis, runs the facility and is the only technician at that location.

Dragonfyre Design Studio

Christine and Corey Landis decided to create an artist's corner in Stockbridge. Our store opened November 7, 2009 on West Main in the downtown business district. Dragonfyre offers custom hand-made wedding and prom gowns, costumes, clothing, accessories, jewelry, alterations performed in store, hand embroidery and beading. They carry jewelry making items, beads and sewing supplies, as well as offering classes and individual lessons. Local artists and crafters are welcome to bring their items in to sell to the public. There are so many beautiful things people make and they put so much effort into what they do. Christine and Corey wanted to offer these persons a space to showcase their work.

Years ago the building was H. M. Collings & Sons automobile dealership selling De Soto and Plymouth automobiles.

Dragonfrye has experienced a lot of support from people in the community who are excited about this shop. We are providing many costumes for the FireBelles' fashion show, sponsoring the traveling sideshow and making the gown for the bride for the traditional wedding during the 175th celebration.

Collins Electric

My grandfather, Herbert Collins, was a pioneer in the electrical business in Stockbridge. In 1925, when Consumers Power Co. (now Consumers Energy) began to provide power in Stockbridge, Herbert worked for it as a meter reader, collecting bills and later as a line repairman. During this time he taught himself wiring methods and wired many of the local homes. He also had an appliance store in Stockbridge. While his family was growing up, the children all worked in the business at one time or another. When WWII came, he worked in a defense plant and later came back to the store with his brother, Loren.

My father, David, had grown up in the electrical trade and after high school attended the Ford Trade School in Dearborn. He married Margaret Field in 1941 and lived in Inkster until serving in the Navy in the South Pacific, at which time, my mother moved

back to Stockbridge. At the end of the war, David returned to Stockbridge and became a local electrical contractor. During the 1960's and 1970's, we wired many of the commercial buildings in town.

I started working with my father in 1964, earning my journeyman's license in 1974 and master's in 1978. I expanded into the heating and air conditioning. When my father passed away in 2000, I continued on the family tradition. My son, Chad, joined the business and I am hopeful I have passed on to him my enthusiasm in carrying on the family tradition. Stockbridge has always been my community and I have been proud to have been a part of its many accomplishments and hope to be a part of those in the future.

Focus On U

Focus On U strives to give good quality work at affordable prices and still maintain a professional, upbeat, friendly and fun atmosphere. The salon is located in the Lantis strip mall. Besides styling hair, it also provides pedicures, waxing and tanning. The first location started in 1997 on South M-52.

The owners are Peggy and Rick Kayholm. They have been married for 23 years. Peggy has been a stylist for 39 years. She can still keep up with the younger generation with her attitude and work ethic. She loves to transform a person with a great cut and some dimensional color. A two-time cancer survivor, she has a passion for life.

Rick is not your typical nail tech. He always wears shorts, year round. While tending to your nails, he is captivating you with his adventures in fishing, shrimping, or baseball or umpiring or whatever is on his mind.

Jen Delahye is a familiar face in the salon. From the time she was a little girl, she has "assisted" her mom, as a hairdresser. By the age of 14, she was been the receptionist in our salon. She completed her dream to become a licensed cosmetologist in July 2009. Jen is a highly trained and skilled hairdresser. She will take the time to listen to a client's needs and follow through with exactly what that person in her chair wants. Jen's motto is "all you need is love".

Amber Ruttan has a word above her mirror that sums her up perfectly, "fabulous". She has a very laid-back, fun-spirited and talented lifestyle. She manages to keep balance in her life, raising her young family and being a workaholic. She is well

liked by her clients. She encourages a client to "step outside the box" and try a new look.

Laura Schlaff has been a stylist for 18 years. She has seen trends come and go. The best thing about styling hair is knowing you made that person look and feel great that day. In turn, that is a great feeling for Laura and it is why she loves the industry.

Ginger Morse has a style of her own. She loves being a mom of 3 daughters. She chose to style hair and it was the best decision for her.



Howlett Tree Farm

Howlett Tree Farm is located 2 miles north of Stockbridge on M-52 on land first purchased by German Weeks from the United States of America in 1836. In 1976, Emil G. and Victoria Wolf sold the property to Rick and Molly Howlett. The 35 acre farm was a choose and cut farm for many years with the main species of trees being Scotch and White pine and Norway spruce.

In 1988, an additional 34 acres was added to the farm. As customer preferences have changed, the Howletts now grow and sell White, Blue, Norway, Serbian and Myer's spruce and Douglas, Canaan, Concolor, and Korean fir. For customer convenience and to ensure freshness, the farm-grown trees are cut daily. They can be drilled for stands and are shaken and baled. The farm also sells tree stands, fresh wreaths and grave blankets.

Tonya's Salon

We are located in the basement of our home at 5621 South M 52. My niece, Jessica Wiley and myself, Tonya Wiley offer services such as haircuts, perms, color, hi-lites, updo's and waxing. I told my husband to build a salon in our basement and I would bring the customers. It worked perfectly.

Muzzin Construction

Tony Muzzin began his business in 2006. Working in construction for many years, he decided to offer his skills locally. He has built new pole barns and updated homes. He has repaired storm damage, replaced siding, roofing and masonry.

Paul Dobos, DDS

Dr. Paul Dobos bought his practice from retiring dentist, Dr. John Van Tiem in July 2007. Prior to owning his own practice, Dr. Dobos worked as an associate dentist in Chelsea, Manchester and Jackson. He grew up in the downriver Detroit area and enlisted in the Navy after high school. His five years of active service included training in weather observing and forecasting. He was stationed on an aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Midway, which had its homeport in Japan. He also had duty at the Naval Air Station Willow Grove in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dobos received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. His practice of dentistry in Stockbridge started with a total revamp of the office spaces. All rooms were redone to make the office more inviting to patients and ergonomic to staff. New equipment was purchased and installed, including an ultrasonic cleaner, electrosurgery unit, two delivery systems, two patient chairs, implant kit, digital x-ray sensor and software, three new x-ray machines, computers in each room, intraoral camera and digital patient records. In essence, the practice was brought into the 21st Century.

Dr. Dobos and his staff are like-minded and enjoy providing "uncompromising dentistry". The office staff includes manager, Paulette of Gregory; Registered Dental Hygienists, Lynne of Dexter and Shannon of Stockbridge; and Registered Dental Assistant, Andrea of Stockbridge. The small staff has a combined 63 years of providing dental care.

Since their childhood, Dr. Dobos and his wife, Cheryl, have known and loved rural living. His grandparents lived on Sugarloaf Lake and her family had a cottage on the same lake for three generations. Today they live with their sons in the Waterloo area.

Dr. Dobos, his family and staff would like to congratulate the people of Stockbridge on our town's 175th anniversary; and specifically, "We thank those who are patients for placing their trust in our care."

Luanne's Hair Shoppe

After attending the Career Center in Mason, I began my career working at the Hudson's Dept. Hair Salon in the Lansing Mall. Six months later I had the opportunity to be transferred to the Hudson's Hair Salon at the Meridian Mall to have a closer drive. Within a few months of the transfer, the store unfortunately closed. I then began working for Dick and Bea Parker at Hairstyles by Richard in Holt. During that time, I attended a one-week intense session of personal training at Bruno's School of Hair Design in Toronto, Canada.

I quit hairstyling to work with my family in farming and the construction business. Once working in an office setting, I realized I truly enjoyed working with people and hairstyling.

I worked with Marge Minix at the Hair Affair. I started looking to relocate nearer to downtown Stockbridge to benefit my clients. That's when Luanne's Hair Shoppe originated in one room across from the Post Office at the back of what is now the dental office. We found the house that the business is currently located in. It was convenient for both my business and raising our family.

At times it has been a challenge while working from home, raising my boys and hurdling all of the life events that have been thrown my way. There would not have been a way I could have done this without the loyalty and assistance of my wonderful clients and family. This all could not have been successful without your help. I wish now to send a Huge THANK – YOU To Everyone. Luanne Heinz

Messner's Used Auto Parts

My great-grandparents Messners bought the land in 1926. It was handed down to my grandfather Chester Messner Sr. in the 1950's. When my father, Chester Messner Jr. acquired the property in 1967, he started the parts business. Now his daughter, Joanna and her husband, Robert Gollither, are running the business since the summer of 2009. My father opened a used auto parts in Coleman, Florida.

White Oak Dental

The schoolhouse that is now the home of White Oak Dental started as a one-room schoolhouse, originally located at the corner Oakley Road and M-52. In 1975, John and Linda Decker had the Lowe School moved to their property to be used as an antique/gift shop.

In 1983, Philip and Ruth Dahl purchased the farm to open his dental practice in the old schoolhouse. The practice was growing and the office needed to expand. In 2004 five operatories and a new laboratory were added to the schoolhouse. It was the intent to try to maintain the look and feel of the old school-house, while updating the facility. The original chalkboards are still in the waiting room and are enjoyed by many of our patients and their children.

Jourash M. Daoud, DMD purchased the practice in 2007. Dr. Daoud had been Dr. Dahl's associate since February 2005. It was renamed White Oak Dental because of the beautiful white oak tree at the entrance to our drive.



Richard Cox Carpentry Inc.

Richard is originally from Sark, a small farming and fishing island between England and France. He was taught the traditional hand tool methods of carpentry from an early age. After many years of training, he set up his own business creating custom cabinetry and furniture. Richard has a love for historic buildings. Upon moving to Stockbridge in 2002, he was drawn to the old creamery building. When the building came up for sale in 2008, Richard was able to purchase it from Jack Owen.

Now the goal is to restore the building, keeping its integrity and charm intact as much as possible. Richard truly feels blessed to be able to create his work in such a unique building and hopes to enjoy the work in progress for many years to come.

Stockbridge Animal Clinic

Stockbridge Animal Clinic began when Thomas Armstrong and his wife visited the area in 2009. We toured Dr. Carolyn Cook's facility. We could envision the building alive with clients and their pets. We knew our caring staff in a progressive

medical setting could serve the community in a meaningful, positive way. We were struck by the community spirit and support here.

Sydney Beckwith M.D. purchased the parcel from Myrta Ramsdell for a clinic. The Presbyterian Church used the building as a Sunday school. Later, Dr. Carolyn Cook operated her veterinary practice here.

The clinic held an open house in September 2009 that drew a wonderful gathering of people. At Christmastime, our clients joined the clinic in helping to support Angel Food Mission. In the spring of 2010, we hosted a table at the Festival of Tables. What a wonderful evening to experience!

As we become more involved in the community and our clients, we are convinced more than ever that we made a good decision to purchase and run Stockbridge Animal Clinic. Our mission here is to help provide the highest quality of life for the longest possible time for our patients. We are following our passion of helping ensure that pets and their owners derive the maximum benefit from the bond they share.

We strive to provide this level of care in a welcoming atmosphere that emphasizes client education, preventive medicine, and progressive diagnostic capabilities. We understand and appreciate the history of Stockbridge and we are honored to now be a part of that history. It is noteworthy that the building that currently houses the clinic has always been a medical facility. We are glad to sustain that tradition and look forward to serving this area for many years to come.

ProPolymers

In September 2007 ProPolymers Corp. acquired the building formerly owned by Sycamore Creek Co. Started in 1996 by Peter Unger, ProPolymers is a custom compounder of plastic resins and specializes in high temperature thermoplastics. ProPolymers extrudes and produces plastic raw material which it supplies to plastic molding companies. Peter Unger is a Material Science Engineer graduating from the University of Michigan and the sole owner of ProPolymers. The Stockbridge building is our only facility and we are looking forward to growing with and being a part of the Stockbridge community.

Ralph's Gun Shop, Inc.

Ralph's Gun Shop Inc. was started in 1976 by Ralph (Buster) D. Myer. I grew up in the Gregory/

Pinckney area. I served 4 proud years in the U.S. Marine Corps and moved to Denver, Colorado to fulfill a long time dream. I attended formal schooling at Colorado School of Trades. I moved back home to Michigan in 1976. I started work at NSK Bearings in Ann Arbor. In 1977, I married Carol Schoonover. We have 3 children: Jeremy, Amy and Beth.

When I opened my shop, I started out small, operated only evenings and weekends in my basement when I was not working as a tool and die maker in Ann Arbor. When my plant closed in 2007, I was able to retire. I devoted all my time to my gun shop. I now operate in a large barn. I slowly increased my breadth of service and sales over the years to include Custom Hot Bluing, making stocks, refinishing, cleaning, mounting scopes, special order sales of all types of sporting goods, firearms transfers, C.P.L. classes, general gunsmithing, and light machining of small parts. I really enjoy meeting with and assisting all the sportsmen and women of the area. I am always ready to offer my knowledge and skill in gunsmithing.

McDonald's Of Stockbridge

In September of 1997, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Industrial Park on Bird Drive for the new McDonald's. Approximately 45 days later, the owners/operators, Jim and Pat Karns and their son, Scott, opened the restaurant on November 24, 1997. In May 1997, they also opened a McDonald's in Leslie. They employ approximately 35 to 40 people, including managers and crew for each restaurant. There are some employees who have been with us for over 10 years.

November 2004 saw the remodeling of the restaurant to satisfy the increasing needs of a growing community and businesses. The Karns would like to congratulate the Stockbridge area on its 175th anniversary.

Stockbridge Shell Market

Stockbridge Shell was formed after Wakeland Oil Company of Owosso purchased the land and an existing business located at 390 W. Main from Brian Mason in 1997. The land included two parcels; one fronting Main Street with an older building that was used over the years as a gas station, floral shop and pizza restaurant. The second parcel (behind the older building) featured a modern convenience store and Laundromat. In 1998, the old gas station was demolished opening up the parcel from Main Street

and making room for a new Shell gas station in front of the convenience store.

Today the convenience store has been remodeled to create a grocery market. It services the community with "fill in" groceries and fresh produce and quality Shell gasoline, in a clean and friendly shopping environment. We are proud to be a part of the Stockbridge community, and enjoy and appreciate serving our loyal customers.

Planet Video

In 1999, the property at 875 South Clinton Street was developed, and Planet Video relocated from West Main Street. Planet Video is in its 25th year of operation, and the Tin Roof ice Cream & Family Fun Center are owned and operated by the grandchildren of Paul and Jennie Spadafore.

Paul and Jennie Spadafore moved to Stockbridge as newlyweds in July 1926. They went into business at 219 Clinton Street, selling candy and fruit. This business was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Field, and the following year they bought the building from Casper Todaro. Many changes were made over the years, including an ice cream parlor and confectionery store, where people of all ages enjoyed socializing. Paul, Jennie and their 3 children, Josephine, Paul and Frank ran the business and lived above the store until 1944.

Later a beer and liquor license was bought and the store became known as Spadafore's Party Store. Gradually Paul and Frank took over the business, expanding the party store into a supermarket known as Spadafore's Food Market, Inc. After being in business on Clinton for 59 years, the Spadafores sold in 1985 to Walco Foods - IGA.

Around 1960, Paul Spadafore Jr. bought the building located at 111 West Main Street. Prior to that, it had served as the Post Office and a warehouse for Dancer & Co. Since purchasing the building, it has been a pool hall, slot car race track, storage, a restaurant run by Betty Oakley Kunzelman, then by the family Don Coakley, a video store and tanning salon and a dance studio. The family now consists of Lisa and Larry Ostrander, Scott and Nikki Spadafore and Bryan and Stacie Spadafore.

Mary Kay Cosmetics

"Hi Neighbor!" I am Jennifer McClure and I am a sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. My office is my home. Tawnia McCalla and I have enjoyed tremendous success over the years. This summer we

will pick up our 4th free company car. Mary Kay offers the best in personalized skin care for all skin types and needs, color cosmetics, fragrances and body care products, all backed by personal service from a trained beauty professional and a 100% satisfaction guarantee. You may enjoy our products by scheduling a personal appointment, scheduling a party with friends, shopping via a catalog or online. We also offer fund-raising programs and a gift-giving service. My personal mission is "changing the world, one face at a time".

Start It Up Auto Electric

We are a small, after-hours business that rebuilds starters, alternators and generators for autos, trucks, boats, farming and industrial machinery. Steve and Gail Horn are the owners of the business, located at their home on Brogan Road.

Steve began learning the business through his high school co-op program in 1979, when he started working in a family owned shop in Ypsilanti. He helped launch a business in a garage in Milan and one in New Hudson that dealt mostly with heavy duty and industrial applications.

Steve always wanted to have his own rebuilding shop. When the family moved to Stockbridge in 2000, he felt the large farming community and rural area presented the perfect opportunity for Start It Up.

Ransom's Food Center

June 1, 1971, John Ransom purchased the building and land from Arthur Wilde. The business was purchased from Felpausch Food Center. This store is a family business involving very long workdays. John and Leona's five children, Peggie, Pattie, Kenneth, Pennie, and Kyle, all worked in the store.

Ransom's held a legal weekly sale of raffle tickets for prizes and admission to the Stockbridge school games. The raffle lasted one year and helped fund the 7th, 8th and 9th grade basketball programs when the Stockbridge Community Schools cut sports programs for financial reasons.

The store has sponsored golf teams. They sold food at a discount to the Day Care Center that operated in the Stockbridge United Methodist church. This program was the forerunner of the early childhood programs now operated and greatly expanded by the Stockbridge Community School system. Ransom's 39-year support for the non-profit groups is well known in this community.

Dragline Works

For 28 years, Dennis Marshall has been providing customers with beautiful ponds. His son, Brandon, joined him in the business and has operated an excavator for eight years.

Dennis learned the needed skills by working for several local contractors. Leland McConnell convinced Dennis to start his own business and sold his machines to Dennis. He said that by the early 1990's, he had dug 330 ponds. He has since lost count but estimates digging close to 1,000 ponds. Dragline Works also cleans ponds that need resloping after soil and debris start to fill them in. He offers land clearing and uses connections to set up fountains and landscaping. The largest pond he has dug was ten acres wide. One of his techniques is digging a pond around an existing area to trees, leaving an island.

He estimates that sixty percent of the work is residential and forty percent government projects. Dennis says he grew up around Stockbridge and his wife is from a large local family. They enjoy people and chatting with the many repeat customers.

Creative Learning

In 2005, Linda Inman established Creative Learning. With more and more children being diagnosed with ADD or ADHD and even autism, it became necessary to find a way to help these children succeed in academic settings. We are goal oriented and provide one on one tutoring in your home. All children as well as adults learn; however, some of them learn differently.

At Creative Learning we use a program consisting of multisensory techniques that are specifically designed to increase ability to encode, decode, and retain information. The brain gives us a selection of neuron pathways that aids us in imprinting our minds. Using visual (optical sensory), auditory (hearing), tactile (touch), and kinesthetic (large muscle movement), we are able to help children excel in academics. This has a direct effect on self-esteem and social skills. At Creative Learning, we can find just the right tools and the right creative way to keep your children interested in the process of learning. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY.

Garnett's Beauty Shop

Garnett Puckett – Harooh has operated her beauty shop out of her home since 1967. I graduated from select Beauty Academy in Jackson in 1966. I still work part time in my shop. I have met some wonderful people and made great friends.

Never Dull

Gary Toler remembers his father sharpening knives. This gave Gary an idea to open a mobile sharpening service called Never Dull. He will tackle everything from minor sharpening to major sharpening of knives with chips or a broken point. Cleavers, hatchets, axe blades, chisels, mower blades are all in a day's work. He has a number of regular clients.

Gary advises the various farmers markets to have people drop off tools, scissors, knives, lawn or garden items. While they shop, he will sharpen the items for them. He has a seasonal stall in the Okemos and Howell Farmers Market. He has been at the year round Ann Arbor Farmers Market for two years. Kathy takes the orders, wraps the sharpened object and collects the money. They enjoy people and chatting with the many repeat customers.

Big Chuck's Pizza Plus

Chuck Minix and Lezlie Jude Fowler opened up Big Chuck's Pizza Plus in April 2004. Lezlie was working at Jackson Pediatrics and had been there for 11 years. Chuck was driving a dump truck, freelancing, working on different jobs. Not his idea of fun. Chuck had previous pizzeria/party store experience. Many months went into opening Big Chuck's. Lezlie continued to work while Chuck started working on the building to get it up to code. Equipment had to be purchased. Chuck worked long and hard to get all of the inspections, plans and all that goes into opening a new business. We had to open early when the "Town Crier" announced the wrong date.

We scrambled to make a success of opening night. Thanks to the community for making our pizza place a success. Lezlie's son Jesse has been with us since the beginning. He is now attending Culinary Arts School in Novi. Sean Osborn has been with us for 5 years.

Whip-N-Ride Trucking LLC

Kevin and Sherry Morehouse of Stockbridge stated a small trucking business in 2005. Kevin drives and maintains the truck and Sherry does all the

paperwork and finds Kevin his loads. We haul general freight and produce across the Midwest, south and southeast.

Munith Mech. LLC

Richard Tisch began his business in 1998 in the Munith area. He moved from Novi, where he had been in business for 20 years. They are a licensed and insured heating and air conditioning contractor. He is located on Sayers Road in Munith.

Munith Mech. offers service and repair on all makes and models of gas or oil fired furnaces and all types of residential or commercial air conditioning systems. They also provide refrigeration services and equipment, featuring Goodman Products.

Richard Tisch enjoys living and working in this and surrounding communities.

Adiska Family Dental

Dr. Gary Adiska opened the Adiska Family Dental in 1986. With his wife, Becky, the dental practice became well established. In May 2005, their daughter Dr. Heather Adiska joined the staff.

Horatio N. Forbes built the building at 100 West Main Street in the 1900's. Mr. Forbes entered the township in 1836, buying a farm in section 26. Twelve years later he moved into Stockbridge to pursue other endeavors. The building has sold clothing and shoes, a butcher shop, an antique shop, a hardware store and the Town Crier office.

Don Hannewald Construction

Don Hannewald Construction has been serving the community since 1971. In 1975, I opened Tree-O-Lumber (which was formerly the Stockbridge Lumber Co.). In 1988, I expanded services to include custom sawing, turning logs into lumber, and custom millwork, Quality and honesty are the key ingredients to 39 years of success. I would like to express my humble and continued thanks to the entire community for their support.

Kitley's Custom Exhaust and Auto

The business was started by Ken Kitley in February 2009. Kitley's is family run with Ken Jr. and Dalton Kitley as employees.

Kitley's is the fifth generation of the Kitley family to own a business in Munith since my great-great grandfather, Charles Crane. He owned a mercantile

and funeral home, whose name can still be seen on the remaining original building in Munith. My great-grandfather, Oliver Kitley, owned a barber shop, my grandfather Kenneth Kitley started K & D Kitley Excavation and Sanitation, which is now owned by my Uncle Dewayne Kitley.

Kitley specializes in custom exhaust bending; brakes, suspension, tires, welding, fabrication, and RV repair.

Bramlett Hardware and Heating Co.

Bramlett Hardware and Heating Co., originally Howlett Hardware, is located in downtown Gregory. The original building, which still houses part of Bramlett Hardware, was moved from Unadilla to Gregory in 1885 after the Grand Trunk Railroad came through Gregory. In 1894, T. Henry and Fred Howlett established the successful hardware that remained in the same family for over 112 years. Brothers Tom and Dan Howlett ran the store for many years while C. Jack Potts did for the remaining 30.

The family owned hardware maintains its old fashioned charm with the original door and creaky hardwood floors and decorative added antiques and vintage items. It is still the place to go for those hard to find items such as cast iron cookware, crockery, and tin signs as well as modern tools, power tools, paint, candles and greeting cards.

A visit to the store is like taking a step back in time.



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Since the founding of Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing in 2001, the company has proven itself a leader among network marketing companies. FHTM has thrived by the leadership of experienced network marketers.

Paul Orberon, native of Lexington, KY, is President and Founder. In 1990, Paul found a new financial opportunity in a small start-up network marketing company. He revolutionized the industry by helping turn that business into a multi-billion dollar, publicly traded NYSE company. Retiring prior to his fortieth birthday, Paul walked away from that company after he had earned more money in a shorter amount of time than anyone had before in the network marketing industry history. Ultimately, Paul decided work proved to be more rewarding than retirement.

Tom Mills, CEO, believed helping start FHTM would be one way for him to help other people achieve their financial goals and to give back to an industry that had been so good to his family.

One thing that sets FHTM apart from other network marketing companies is the list of product and service offerings. It offers many tier-one, brand name services and products that are recognized and trusted by consumers. The company strives to provide a mix of products and services which reach beyond a specific industry, allowing consumers to pick and choose which products and services meet their individual needs.

Entrepreneurship is what it is all about. FHTM is a relationship marketing company. It is an opportunity for people who want to better themselves in a financial way. FHTM provides financial benefits at many different levels. If you resolve to make a change and take your personal and family finances in a better direction, you can find it with this business. Janet Long and Luanne Heinz are local contacts.



American Legion Mackinder-Glenn Post 510

Post 510, Stockbridge, MI wants you to know who we are and that we are here to serve the Veterans and residents of our wonderful community. We have a long history of being a force for mutual helpfulness and patriotism and would like you to join us as a member or as a guest at our numerous patriotic and enjoyable events. Please contact us at 517-851-8445 or visit our web-site at www.mackinder-glenn510.org for more information.



The American Legion

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veterans' service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary

Founded in 1919, The American Legion Auxiliary has almost 1 million members from all walks of life. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs, as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. It is all accomplished with volunteers.

While originally organized to assist The American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to The American Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community. The Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. SAL members include mates of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion compose the Legion family, which has a combined membership of nearly 4.2 million.

American Legion Riders (ALR)

American Legion Riders chapters are often well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.



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Wedlick's Shoe Store in Munith

Munith Mane Event

Munith Mane Event Hair Salon at 9055 M-106 in Munith opened for business in 1979. We are a family oriented, casual group of "girls" all from the Stockbridge area. Our stylists are Lori Mays, Krysti (Gauss) Bunce, and Angela (Bailey) Stolarz.

We offer many hair care services, including multiple color techniques, perming, cutting, styling and special occasion styling. We've been very fortunate to serve many generations of families through the years.

We'd like to thank all our customers and friends for their loyalty over the years. You've made our job very rewarding, and that's why we're here.

K & D Kitley Sanitation

Kenneth and Dewayne Kitley established K & D Kitley Sanitation in 1955 in Munith, Michigan. The business started out pumping septic tanks only. They started with a 1946 Dodge truck purchased from Fred Randolph and a Chore Boy vacuum pump purchased from Howard Harkness. In 1965, they started doing excavating and hauling of sand and gravel.

In 1973, they bought Moffat Sanitation. Kenneth retired in 1976, with Dewayne's son Chuck filling his position in the business. Dewayne's son-in-law, Clark, joined the team in 1988. Dewayne's wife, Connie, has been the bookkeeper for 40 years. They have weathered many ups and downs in this line of business, but continue to serve the community. Over the years, they have sponsored many sport teams and bowling teams. K & D Kitley Sanitation is the only full-service company in the area, as they install, clean and repair septic systems.

Rob's Pizza

Rob's Pizza has been serving the Stockbridge community since 1981. Rob's has had a tradition of serving great pizza and helping local organizations. We have always taken great interest in supporting our local high school athletes as well as the area arts. We have also taken pride in providing youth employment opportunities. Rob's Pizza has employed hundreds of local high school students over the years, giving them their first opportunity to gain valuable work experience. Rob's Pizza has enjoyed success these many years, and

we hope to continue to be a part of the Stockbridge community for many more.

Tulip Tree Gardens

Beverly and Glen Allen opened Tulip Tree Gardens in 1993, after Bev earned a degree in horticulture from Michigan State University. Bev was the one with the green thumb, while Glen helped with the construction and maintenance of the greenhouse. He also sold Christmas trees. The business opened with a 96'x16' greenhouse filled with annuals and a few perennials. Shrubs and vegetables were also available for purchase.

In 1994, a smaller greenhouse was added to over-winter the perennials. Bev kept studying horticulture on her own and was inspired to try something new after a trip to Niagara on the Lake. While there she got the idea for container planters as well as hanging baskets and wanted to present them with fully-grown plants.

First one daughter, Laura Morehouse, then a second, Rachel Camp, began helping their parents with the business. In 2000, after adding a third greenhouse where planters and baskets were filled, Laura and Rachel bought the business from their parents and became partners. A large, multi-purpose greenhouse was constructed behind the others to house annuals, perennials and mixed containers and baskets.

Rachel sells flowers and vegetables at the Brighton Farmers' Market, and the greenhouses are the site for potting classes each spring. Laura's husband, Kim, takes care of electrical, plumbing, and maintenance issues at Tulip Tree.

Beverly and Glen Allen remain active at Tulip Tree, whether it is maintaining the greenhouses, starting seedlings in their home, or visiting with customers.

T & R Lawn Service

T & R Lawn Service has been in the Gregory area for 10 years. Owned and operated by Terry and Robin Scurlock, we provide lawn service for the surrounding areas, including Ingham and Livingston counties. We specialize in complete lawn service, lawn cutting, trimming and seasonal clean-ups for commercial and residential properties. We pride ourselves in the detail of our work. If you are in need of a lawn service, please call 734-395-8782 or email tr_lawnservice@yahoo.com for a free estimate.

Rod Munsell's Collision Repair

Rod Munsell is a 1975 graduate of Stockbridge High School and one of the first auto body program graduates of the then new Capital Area Career Center. As of April 1, 2010, Rod Munsell's Collision Repair moved into a new state-of-the-art collision facility on Doyle Road in Gregory. We specialize in the repair of deer collision accidents and handle all collision related damages, frame straightening and auto glass replacement.

Gregory Market

The Samona family purchased Tom's Market in Gregory about 5 years ago. It is now called the Gregory Market. We, the Samona family, are enjoying the beautiful country atmosphere, as we are used to living and doing business in the city. The Samona family would like to thank the community for their kindness and for welcoming us into the community. The people here have made us feel like family.

Centerless Rebuilders, Inc.

CRI was formerly Steiger Engineering, Inc., started by brothers William "Mike" and Scott Steiger on M-106 in Munith in 1995. They established their business in Munith for a couple of reasons, one being the fact that Mike's wife, Lauri Mays, grew up in the area, and her brother owns the property where the business is located. Another reason is the small town environment. The company is a full-service engineering firm taking a concept from a customer, engineering and designing it, manufacturing it, and producing it. One machine designed by Mike finish-grinds metal components used in air conditioners, taking off precisely .00004 of an inch.

Steiger Engineering, Inc., is currently a second location of CRI, based in New Haven, Michigan. Corey Gauss and Mike Gregory are long-term employees and Nathan Conti is the engineer. Mike Steiger is involved with both plants. The Munith location specializes in mechanical and electrical engineering, machine building with robotic integration, producing parts handling automation and replacement parts for centerless grinders. The plant is busy six days a week.

Main Street Emporium Resale Shop

If only the walls could talk at Main Street Emporium in Gregory, they would have so much history and stories to

tell. 140 Main Street was purchased by me, Dianne Nedroscik, in November of 2003. At that time, High Cotton Mercantile was occupying the store front. Over the shop were the beginnings of an apartment that I had finished and in which I now reside. There are two apartments in the back of the building that have been occupied since long before I arrived.

In 2004, Main Street Emporium was opened part time as an antique shop. I moved from a Victorian home to this small apartment, so I had much to sell. I also worked part time in Brighton, which turned into a full-time job. Because of this, after two years as an antique shop it was closed down, and the antiques were auctioned down in Monroe, Michigan. One year later, I was laid off, so that is where Main Street Emporium began as a resale shop.

Built in the early 1890's, this old building was used as the ol' General Store. It was later purchased by Mr. Howard Marshall from Plainfield, and he continued the general store with a few updates from that time period. He sold clothing, shoes, wallpaper, yard goods and groceries. Later, his son, Ed, took over the business for seven years and then sold the building to George Rob, who continued the tradition.

Since then, different businesses have come and gone. It was once a Dollar Store, The Water Guy, and High Cotton Mercantile. If you know of any other businesses that were in this old building, stop by and share your knowledge with me. I would love to chat and get to know you.

Main Street Emporium is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 AM to 7 PM. There are 257 consignors bringing in clothing, jewelry, shoes, baby items, furniture, kitchen items, tools, books, musical instruments, and even the kitchen sink. There are also DVD rentals at MSE, supplied by Videos To Go. Saturday rentals don't have to be returned until Tuesday because it is closed Sunday and Monday. So come visit and browse. You may find just the treasure you've been looking for!

Stockbridge Collision

Chris Pelton took ownership of Stockbridge Collision in February of 2008 in the former Glenn's Chevrolet on North Clinton Street.

The shop performs high-quality collision repair, detailing, frame straightening, and restoration of motorcycles. Employees are Morgan McCalla and Chris' daughter, Whitney. Son, Ryan, worked until he recently joined the Navy. Chris says, "I am from a small town and enjoy being in a small town. Come and see us!"

Adam's Gregory Barber Shop

Adam Naif opened his barber shop August, 2008 in the historic Gregory grain elevator. The large hand-hewn beams that support the second level are a treasure. His shop is large and offers many amenities, including Wi-Fi and a web camera that clients can watch from home to judge the waiting time for a haircut. Interesting antiques decorate the area and can be purchased.

Adams graduated from Detroit Barber College in 1991. His education was funded by a state program for Detroit inner-city youth. He worked as a barber across most of southeast Michigan until 1997, when he took over a barbershop in Hamburg, renaming it Adam's Barbershop. He has no regrets about the decision to close the shop and move to downtown Gregory. The former Grand Trunk Railroad, now Lakeland Trail, runs behind both his former and current barber shops.

Adam celebrated the opening of his Gregory shop by purchasing a \$1.50 small bean plant from Gee Farms. Both the bean plant and the number of clients have grown at a very fast rate. The shop, after 1 ½ years, needs another barber, and the plant needs a much bigger pot.

Dave's Bargains

Dave's Bargains is a weekend closeout business located in the granary plaza in Gregory. We are located in the end building at 130-134 State Street (M-36). Only open on weekends, Dave's Bargains has over 150,000 new items to choose from, all priced to sell fast at prices that are simply not found at your normal retail store. Often customers pay less than what other retailers pay for the same merchandise.

Dave has a strong don't-gouge-the-public attitude, and that, coupled with the ability to find hot merchandise buys, adds up to great deals for our customers. You never know what Dave will find, and new items arrive weekly. We have been at this location for almost three years, and have been in the business for nearly ten years.

As a result, we've gained many wholesale closeout contacts.

Dave is a graduate of Maple Valley High School in Vermontville and has been living in Gregory for almost 20 years. He has 38 years of retail experience and looks forward to your visit. Dave says, "You can't sell that cheap? I can, and I do!"

Sherwood Forest Campground



Sherwood Forest Campground is located on Big Portage Lake in the Munith area, at 7945 Dunn Road. It was constructed in 1989, and was originally owned as the partnership of Noel Keane, Jim Lester and Bill Lester (of Lester Brothers Excavating in Jackson). Jim and Bill bought out Noel's interest in 1993 and became sole owners of the campground at that time.

The campground is nestled in the midst of 200 acres of beautiful trees, ponds and creeks. It borders the northwest shores of Big Portage Lake. One can enjoy the rustic side of nature, yet still have such amenities as water, sewer and electrical hook-up. Clean restrooms and showers are available, and there is a camp store on site. Swimming, fishing and boating on the lake, and volleyball, basketball, swimming in the pool and sitting by the campfire on land make for a great summer. Special event take place all during the summer months, and campers at Sherwood Forest have the added feature of being able to visit their sites during the winter months as well. Although not able to spend extended time at their sites once the water is shut off for the winter, the campers continue to have access for visits to the campground year round, thus having the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and fun of the winter months as well. This is a unique feature, not offered within most campgrounds.

Weekend campers are always welcome. It's a great way to relax, have some fun and try things out. If interested, permanent sites are usually available. The on-site manager, Randy Gattshall, and his wife, Patti, will be delighted to help you with any questions. Please call (517) 596-2165.

Pregitzer Farm



Pregitzer's farm crew: Shannon holding Grace, Wade holding Sarah and Margie with Evan and Cassidy in front

Pregitzer Farm Market started as a roadside stand in 1996, when Wade Pregitzer thought he'd grow and sell a few pumpkins. The following year, sweet corn and watermelons were added, and they were a great hit. This led to more items being grown and a very busy roadside stand in the following years!

In 2003, we moved a quarter mile north, to a horse farm that was promptly turned into a produce farm. A small barn that is over 75 years old serves as our market. With the additional land and convenient location, we started growing and selling more produce than ever before.

We broadened our vision in 2005, with a focus on farm entertainment and education. We added a corn maze, petting farm, hayrides and field trips. This generated phenomenal growth, resulting in Wade's dream of farming for a living becoming a tangible goal. To do this, we offered even more produce, education, and fun entertainment.

We started the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program in 2007 with 10 shares. In 2008, we had 40 shares, and in 2009 we supplied 106 families with farm fresh produce! In brief, CSA consists of a partnership between the farm and consumers sharing in the harvest. The basic idea is this: At the beginning of a growing season, you buy into the farm by purchasing a share. In exchange, you receive fresh produce on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

In 2008, Wade made the farm his full-time career. This poses some challenges, but as our market continues to grow and expand it was necessary. One of our greenhouses was assembled and operating. In it, we started to grow flowers and start some of our own vegetables. We grew and sold about 150 hanging basket, plus flats and pots. The CSA tripled in size that year, allowing us to provide fresh produce to over 40 families. Fall entertainment was huge that year on the farm, and we added even more attractions.

In 2009, we started all of our own plants in three finished greenhouses. We attended three farm markets weekly during the season. A couple of beef cows were added to the farm with the possibility of more in the future. We also had poultry and eggs to sell.

For 2010, we expect the CSA to remain the same number, if not grow. We will have about 150 shares available. We may also offer an additional share option in early summer, if the crops are successful. Since there has been such a huge demand for poultry and eggs, we are planning on building another bigger shelter. We will be starting even more vegetables and flowers to grow ourselves and to sell, beginning in the spring.

Circle Track Bar & Grill



In 1948, Lester and Margaret Musbach built the building on the corner of Musbach Road and Plum Orchard (M-106) in Munith. This building became the community meat market and grocery and also their home, where they raised their children, Jack and Nancy.



In 1951-52, at the ages of 9 to 10, Roger Musbach would help stock the shelves with dry goods and canned goods. Sometimes, he would spend the night with his cousins Jack and Nancy. A few years later, Lester and Margaret and their children changed the store over to a family owned and operated restaurant. Throughout the next twenty-plus years, the building changed hands a number of times. In 2003, Roger Musbach restored the Musbach name to the property. While remodeling, Lester Musbach's name and the date of shipment was found on the steel support beam, between the restaurant and what used to be his home.

Roger Musbach reopened the family owned and operated restaurant with a race theme, as the Circle Track Café. He has shared his love of all types of racing with others. Many of the community's young adults have held part-time jobs at the café.

In 2006, with the support of many of the regular customers, Roger Musbach and Bev Shortz added beer and liquor to the restaurant fare. It became a family restaurant with the added option of having an alcohol beverage with a meal. The name was changed to Circle Track Bar & Grill.

Tanner Farm and Apiaries

Tanner Farm and Apiaries is located in Gregory, Michigan. The business is owned and operated by Phillip Tanner, Jr., who started his business in 1979 because of a need to pollinate four hundred young fruit trees that were starting to bloom early. Phil developed an almost immediate love for the bees, whose hives over the years have grown to a point of over 850 colonies of honeybees at 35 different locations. This was

accomplished while maintaining a full-time job in the heating and cooling business.

Many changes have taken place in the beekeeping industry in the past 30 years, including obstacles such as varroa and trachea mites, small hive beetles, colony collapse disorder (CCD), and Africanized bees. Through all these obstacles Phil has managed to maintain several hundred hives, and sells honey to local beekeepers in need of additional honey for their markets. Much of the extracting of the honey was accomplished with the assistance of Phil's wife and four children. What started as a hobby has grown into a business.



Looking for a queen bee

Tanner Heating & Cooling, LLC

Tanner Heating & Cooling, LLC, opened for business in Gregory, Michigan in 2001. The business is owned and operated by brothers Phillip Tanner, Jr., and John Tanner. Phil has over forty years experience in the heating and cooling business. Much of this experience comes as a supervisor for a large HVAC business in the Brighton area. John has over twenty three years experience in the heating and cooling business. He has many years of experience as a service manager for one of Livingston County's largest HVAC companies.

Tanner Heating & Cooling, LLC, installs and services furnaces and air conditioners, as well as custom heating, air conditioning, ductwork and fittings. They do both residential and commercial work in the Stockbridge, Munith and Gregory areas for about a 75 mile radius. They work for several builders, doing both subdivisions and custom homes. Their motto is, "Time is money. Let us save you both."



Ezra and Ada Hannewald wedding, Nov. 16, 1910



Lewis and Augusta Feldpausch



Marsh Hay on the Hannewald farm



McCleer Boat Rental on Williamsville Lake

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Willow Creek Golf

In 1964, Richard and Janet Price decided to stop farming and build a 9 hole golf course. Along with their three daughters they started to lay out the design which is known as Willow Creek Golf Club. The course was ready to open in 1965. They turned the barn into a club house starting with a starter house and later adding a pro shop. They owned and operated it until 1975 when they sold it to John and Marilyn Eccleton and their five sons. The Eccletons enlarged the club house and added a pizzeria and restaurant. Little change has been made to the course. Willow Creek Golf Club is located three miles west of Stockbridge on Heeney Road.

The Haircut House

The Haircut House opened on December 10, 1980. It's owner, Judi Hannewald, graduated from the C.A.C.C. School of Cosmetology in 1974. She worked for barber stylist Joe Divietri at the Hair Company before coming home to Stockbridge to open her new salon. The Haircut House is located at 14880 M-52, Stockbridge, Michigan.



Crane Grocery Store, Munith



Stockbridge Theater Guild, circa 1940. Back: Charles Bumpus, Marian Ramsdell, Helen Mitteer, Nick Kirbaway, Marion Collier, Margaret Felton, Doris Bumpus. Front: Bob Sdunek, Ann Kerbaway, Leon Keeper, Evelyn Lantis, Bob Mitteer.



In front of the Unadilla Store in 1936



Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in 1973



Belle and Carrie Havens

LOCAL HISTORIES

White Oak Township

Excerpts from a history of White Oak Township written by Carole Oesterle in 1977.

In 1824, the exterior lines of White Oak Township were surveyed by Joseph Wampler. The land had a dense forest of oak, ash, black walnut and hickory, also tamarack which was found in the swamps. The bulk of this was white oak that grew in such a way that the settlers called it "oak openings," referring to the spaces or openings between the trees. Annually the Indians would improve their game preserve by burning the small brush between the trees. The settlers cleared the land in the same way.

Records stored in the White Oak Township Hall date back to before Michigan's entry into the union. They show that in 1834 Herman Lowe settled on a farm on Section 33, but most other records show and accredit Daniel Dutcher to be the earliest pioneer who built a home within the boundaries of White Oak Township. He was originally a resident of Montgomery Co., New York where he worked and saved for 10 years so he could move west. In May of 1835, leaving his family, he ventured west and bought 335 acres in section 35 of White Oak Township from the Government for ten shillings an acre. He returned home in June, and in September of 1835 with his family and all their belongings and a life savings of 1,500 dollars. they headed for Michigan. They came by canal to Buffalo and crossed the lake to Detroit, and there purchased a year's supplies plus a yoke of oxen and wagon, into which he loaded his household goods and family.

Mr. Dutcher went forward to build his log house, which was 20' by 20', on section 35 of White Oak Township. He moved his family into their primitive abode in October of that year, before he had any windows or doors in it.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher on Dec. 19, 1835, whom they christened Abigail, better known as Abby. She was the first white child born in the township.

The Dutcher family lived alone in the untamed wilderness with the Indians, bears, deer and wolves. The Indians were very hospitable and many a pioneer wouldn't have survived had it not been for their help. The Indians loved to play games. They never gave any trouble to mention, except a little thieving. The wolves, on the other hand, would like to serenade you nightly and would have to be driven away with burning brands from the fireplace before the family could go to sleep. Jim Hynes entered land in October 1835, on sections 35 and 36, and the following year settled on it. His farm embraced 160 acres, which he cleared, improved and made productive.

Henry and John Clements were the next settlers in White Oak Township. Arriving in May of 1836, the former entered land on sections 28 and 29, upon which he built a log cabin and did some clearing. John Clements owned a farm on section 21. John was the first supervisor for White Oak Township. They both were very active in local government. The father of the Clements' brothers died in the township during the year 1836 or possibly a year later. This was the earliest death recorded in the township.

The original government in the area was comprised of four townships-White Oak, Ingham, Wheatfield and Leroy on March 11, 1837 by the legislature. The first town meeting was held at the home of Caleb Carr, ancestor of our present supervisor (that is, supervisor in 1977), Delmar Carr, on April 2, 1838. Twenty-five voters were present. They met to organize a government and elect township officials. These voters were originally from Massachusetts, Vermont, New York and New Jersey. They had some learning and were used to different forms of government which varied from state to state. Each rugged pioneer had his own preference as to how a township should be run and political argument nearly broke up the meeting. As a last resort, William Dryer made a motion that they adopt the same form of government that Stockbridge had adopted a short time before. This was a compromise measure and was agreed upon. The same form of government is used today with slight modification.

The following spring the four township government was dissolved and White Oak Township formed its own government on March 21, 1839. The first meeting with qualified voters was held at the home of Daniel Dutcher on April 2, 1839. Cyrus Post was chosen moderator, and William Balletine, Henry Clements, and James Rathburn inspectors of elections; William A. Dryer was installed as clerk. The following individuals were elected for 1839: Supervisor, John Clements; Township Clerk, William Dryer; Treasurer, Richard Oakley; Justice of the Peace, Cyrus Post, William Balletine, Daniel Dutcher, Henry Clements, Highway Commis-

sioners, David P. Dryer, William S. Hall, Alfred Howard; Assessors, John McKernan, Hiel Phelps, James Rathburn. Primary School Inspectors, Cyrus Post, John Clements, William A. Dryer; Collector, William Post; Overseers of Poor, Jonathan Thomas, John Gillam; Constables. William Post, William Van Buren.

Records in the township show that on April 7, 1873 at their annual meeting the people of White Oak voted to raise five hundred dollars to build a township hall. On April 5, 1875 they voted to establish a site for a town hall on the northeast corner of the "Hamilton Lot." The building committee was appointed as follows: Charles S. Young, David Osborn, Robert Wilson. After Mr. Young resigned in October, Thomas McKernan replaced him on the committee. These men also voted in the 1875 meeting to have their next annual meeting at the new hall; however, there is no record of its use until Dec. 17, 1877 and the date 1877 is inscribed on the outside of the present structure.

In 1967 the township board hired the architectural firm of Mayotte & Webb to draw up plans for an addition to the old building which include a modern bathroom and a small kitchen plus a meeting room. This, of course, also necessitated digging a well, as water had never been available at the original hall. During the summer of 1968 the building was completed. Jack Schaible, Stockbridge, was the general contractor. The new addition to the township hall was built without raising township taxes. It was paid over a two year period at a estimated cost of 15,000 dollars.

White Oak Township is the only all rural township in Ingham County. The 1960 census gave us a population of exactly 1,000 people. With the loss of the general store (in 1968) there is no business or manufacturing in the township. The sawmill, blacksmith shop and post office have been gone for many years. One or two small home factories that had been started in earlier days closed when their owners died. So our township is strictly rural and our people find it a very desirable place in which to live. The rattlesnakes which infested the tamarack swamps are seldom seen anymore and modern technology has taken over much of the back-breaking labor on our farms.

Current officers are Dorwin Marshall (Supervisor), Leela Vernon (Clerk), Mary Joan McArthur (Treasurer) and Todd Baker and Diane Graf (Trustees).

Stockbridge Township

The Township of Stockbridge was organized November 26, 1836, and was the first township to be organized in Ingham County. The village was platted soon after.

The Town Hall was built on the square in 1892 by Stockbridge Township and was completely renovated in 1979; efforts were made to keep it a historical building. Michigan Historical Commission announced in 1975 that the Stockbridge Town Hall owned by Stockbridge Township has been listed in the State of Michigan Register of Historical Sites. In 2009, a new elevator was installed and the windows on the second floor were replaced with energy efficient windows.

In the early years of the Town Hall basketball games, dances, graduations and movies were held in the upper auditorium area. In part of the basement area, the Stockbridge Township Library operated.

The Town Hall is widely used for Lions Club meetings, area historical society meetings, Stockbridge area 4-H club meetings, the senior citizen group activities, township meetings, dance recitals, choir concerts and many other miscellaneous activities. A group called The Town Hall Players was formed and currently uses the building to provide many entertaining plays for the surrounding area.

In 2004 the Stockbridge Township, in conjunction with Waterloo, White Oak, and Bunker Hill Townships, formed the Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority (SAESA), which provides ambulance and fire services for the four Townships. SAESA is funded by a millage voted upon by people

living within the coverage area. The ambulance service continues to be housed at the Town Hall.

The Stockbridge Library facility, a branch of the Capital Area District Library, is provided by the Stockbridge Township. The library was remodeled and enlarged in 1997.

Due to the increase in technology and the wide use of cell phones, permits were granted to construct two cellular towers in the township; in 1995 a tower on Adams Rd was constructed and in 2000, a tower on South M -106.

The population of Stockbridge Township in 2009 was around 3,435. The projected budget for Stockbridge Township in the fiscal year April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 was income of \$309,789.00 and expenses of \$304,265.00.

The Stockbridge Township Board members in 2010 were Supervisor- Paul Risner, Treasurer- Kris Lauckner, Clerk- Mary Wilson, Trustee- Terry Sommer and Trustee- Ed Wetherell.

Stockbridge Community Schools

Stockbridge Board of Education Members, 1961-2010

Edward Weddon, June Taylor, Duane Ford, Olin Wild, Lea James, Dan Howlett, Almon Lathrop, Elwin Breniser, Thomas Campbell, Dwain Dancer, June Myers, Robert Denome, Betty Dancer, Gary Cornish, Cliff Bollman, Robert Jackson, Everell Huttenlocher, Walter Barbour, Charles Bumpus, Judy Heeney, Timothy Boos, Joe Taylor, Randy Myers, Joseph Hanna, Carol Blewett, Carolyn Cook, Craig Goodlock, Thomas Clark, James Crom, Darwin Snider, Charlotte Camp, Ellen Boring, Richard Risner, Howard Spence, John Ocwieja, Ray Chamberlain, Carrie Graham, Christopher Kruger, Dave Wilson, Kimberly DeWaard, Sam Mocer, Kevin Jacobs, Laurie Goodlock, Cindy Lance, Steve Zeigler.

Stockbridge Superintendents Since 1891 - 2010

1891, Jonathan Cook; 1893, T. A. Stephens; 1895, A. A. Hall; 1898, E. S. Searl; 1907, T. E. Johnson; 1911, J. H. McLaughlin; 1912, George A. Smith; 1914, R. W. Sprinkle; 1915, Arthur R. Carr; 1917, F. E. Vansickle; 1919, L. S. Gray; 1920, Arlo Bennett; 1924, Floyd Haight; 1928, Fred Passenger; 1930, L. G. Morse; 1935, A. J. Stroud; 1943, Jesse W. Batchelor; 1970, Richard C. Howlett; 1980, Patrick Decker; 1982, Robert L. Boyd; 1983, Robert Sutherby; 1984, Robert L. Boyd; 1984, David Myers; 1988, Richard C. Howlett; 1988, Donald Pobuda; 1989, Andrew DeSager; 1994, Curtis Bartz; 1994, Bruce Wm. Brown. (Former superintendents listed a second time returned to serve the Board as interim superintendent during management transitions)

1994 Renovations

In the fall of 1994 the Stockbridge Board of Education authorized the formation of the Stockbridge Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee with the purpose of making a Board recommendation about needed building and facility improvements in the Stockbridge Community School District. Jill Peck and Nancy Rogozinski organized and chaired the volunteer group. They were supported by Superintendent Bruce Brown and more than 30 committee members. The outcome of the committee's work was a successful vote authorizing a \$4,000,000 Board of Education bond issue to fund facility improvements. New roofs, floor tile replacement, locker room renovations, a new high school gym floor and replacement asphalt around the district were included in the bond work.

It is significant that also included in the 1994 bond work was the installation of the district's first Internet connected computer network. One of the many benefits this allowed was for Stockbridge students to take

online classes and access vast stores of information from the world of the Internet. It is further noteworthy that during this period the Stockbridge High School Librarian, Debra Overbey, had the insight to secure the school district's worldwide web domain name. Panthemet.net. through the domain registry service. The School Board finished all bond projects within budget and enough money remained available for the Board to pave the high school parking lot.

2000 Construction Projects

In the fall of 1999 the Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee formed once again with the purpose of continuing their exploration of ways to improve school buildings and facilities in the Stockbridge School District. Julie Taylor, Judy Richards, and Dave Peck who were supported by more than 50 volunteer community members chaired the Blue Ribbon Committee. Over the course of the school year the committee carefully conducted a Feasibility Study on the condition and use patterns of all school facilities. During the study Stockbridge Superintendent Bruce Brown and the Fanning/Howey Architectural firm also supported the Blue Ribbon Committee. The role of the architect and school superintendent was to ensure that building use suggestions and cost estimates for improvements were realistic and accurate.

On May 8, 2000, the Blue Ribbon Committee study had concluded and they made a recommendation to the Stockbridge Board of Education to seek a bond vote to finance the construction of a new elementary school, renovate Emma Smith Elementary School, upgrade district technology, and construct an auditorium and second gym at the high school. The School Board accepted the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendation and the electorate voted on September 23, 2000, to approve the majority of the projects. The vote tally showed that 60% of the electorate voted to issue \$17,450,000 in bonds to finance the school construction and technology projects. The ballot proposals to construct a high school auditorium and additional gym generated a few votes less than the majority needed, so they were set aside for another day. The Board of Education retained the Fanning/Howey Architectural firm and completed all voter approved projects within budget.

The new elementary school was constructed on property belonging to the school district just west of Smith Elementary School and was designed by a community based committee. The School Board, following a review of suggestions by students and community members, named the new building Heritage Elementary School. Heritage Elementary was first occupied by proud grade three through five students and school staff on February 23, 2003. School staff and preschool through second grade students reoccupied the expanded and renovated Smith Elementary on August 23, 2004.

One of the significant issues that surfaced during the Blue Ribbon Committee Feasibility Study was the "Centering" of school district buildings in Stockbridge. This required the establishment of an adaptive reuse for the school buildings in Gregory and Munith, Discussion of the concept was long and intense, but in the end the Blue Ribbon Committee vote to recommend centering to the Board of Education was heavily in favor. Howlett Elementary School in Gregory has since been leased to Unadilla Township and the Livingston County Head Start Program. In addition, Howlett Elementary houses the Unadilla Police Department and has a room reserved for the area senior citizens. Katz Elementary School in Munith has been leased to Henrietta Township and Waterloo Township and is one of the only buildings in the State of Michigan to house two township offices. The Waterloo Police Department and area senior citizens are also housed at Katz Elementary School. Both buildings continue to be maintained and remain available for community use.

Maintaining A School District During An Economic Downturn

Michigan has been among the states hardest hit by the nation's economic downturn. In response to reduced state revenue for schools, the Stockbridge Board of Education reduced costs by more than \$2,500,000 between 2004 and 2010 to maintain fiscal stability. The Board had also slowly accumulated cash reserves in case of such a downturn, and used \$1,000,000 in cash reserves during this period to maintain critical programs for students.

Since the new school funding plan, Proposal A, started in 1994 the previous emphasis on property tax revenue

as the source for school funding was switched to reliance on sales tax revenue. As consumer spending slowed, receipts into the school aid fund declined, which limited state support for schools. Since school funding comes to state districts based on the number of students enrolled, reduced student enrollment has caused state school districts additional funding problems. School district enrollment in Stockbridge, along with other Michigan school districts, has followed the declining birth rate trend and has been further reduced by families leaving the state for employment reasons. In 1980 Stockbridge Schools counted 2,049 students in the kindergarten through 12th grade range. By the 2010 school year, K-12 enrollment was at 1,661 students. While the Board of Education has worked hard to maintain district stability, there has been a 20 % reduction in students.

While school funding remains an issue across the state, visitors to Stockbridge Schools will see banners with the State of Michigan Department of Education School Report Card Grade in the halls of our buildings. The grades are A's and are a testament to the involvement of our Board, the quality of our staff, and the diligent work of our students and parents.

Munith

The town of Munith owes its existence to the Grand Trunk Railroad system, and the vision and generosity of farmer Hiram Sutton.

In the early 1880's the Grand Trunk Railroad started making plans to run a track from Jackson to Pontiac. They needed to build a depot in northeastern Jackson County. People in the vicinities of both Munith and Gassburg were hoping for the depot. Gassburg was a small community located on Territorial Road, where it intersects Fitchburg Road. Munith got the depot and Gassburg slowly dissolved.

Along with the train depot, came the need for a commercial infrastructure; thus Munith was born.

Hiram Sutton sold a log cabin to be used for the train depot, and platted his farm for the town. The name Munith was chosen as a slight variation of Munich, Germany, the ancestral home of many of the early settlers. Years later a new depot would be build by the railroad. This building would in turn be tom down by Jim Wordon in 1977. He used the lumber to build an ice cream parlor. The business was called, " Jot Em Down", for the names etched in the siding. This business was closed and the Munith Market moved into this building in 1983.

Able McCley built a grain elevator near the train depot in 1884. It served the Munith area until 1969 when it was torn down. At that time Vern Parks owned it.

Mr. Sutton offered a building site to any church that would come to the new town. The United Methodists decided to move their church building from Gassburg to Munith. The building was moved to Munith in 1887. The United Methodist Church of Munith has a long distinguished history.

A hotel once stood on the site that is the present day Lions Community Park. It was built in 1885 by William Breitmayer. The hotel was torn down in 1975. The story was told that a gambler had lost a fifty dollar gold piece in the hotel. Speculation was that it fell through the cracks in the floor. This story helped fuel the demolition crew in tearing down the old building. Alas, no coin was ever found.

By 1890, Munith had several general stores, a brick factory, a blacksmith shop, a harness shop, a grain elevator, a furniture store which also housed an undertaker's business. Other businesses were a cobbler shop, a barbershop, a meat market, newspaper, a drug store, and two physicians, one of which was Dr. Conlon who moved his practice from Gassburg to Munith. The buildings that housed these businesses were all interconnected, forming several blocks of commercial establishments.

In 1913, a fire destroyed much of Munith. The buildings that housed the businesses of Charles Crane, Ed Carley, the Bank, the shoe store, and the Stovell's were all destroyed. By 1914 several of the buildings were rebuilt. Several of these buildings still stand today.

A new bank was started in 1922 in a storefront building on the east side of Main Street. It was called the Farmers State Bank. An employee who would become very important to the Munith area was Fred Ford. He eventually became president of the Bank until 1980. Wilber Beeman became president of the bank from 1980 until 1986. Wilber's wife, Leona was principal of Katz Elementary School for many years. Their impact on the Munith area is still felt today. Another employee, who became president, and one who has had a great impact on the area is Craig Goodlock. Since 1986, Craig has been a down to earth banker who has a fondness to dress like a woman at Halloween. Craig is known and loved by all in the Munith area.

One infamous business sat just to the north of the Farmers State Bank. It was called the Gingham Inn. It was an eating establishment that served alcohol. In the 1950's it became the scene of many fights and stabbings. It burned in 1974. Farmers State Bank purchased the lot, and a new bank building was erected on the site. The bank moved into this new building in 1977.

During this time, Munith developed the reputation of being a rowdy town. Halloween became a particularly active holiday with outhouses being overturned on Main Street, and bon fires set ablaze. This distinction is still observed as every year, the Munith Lions Club sponsors a parade on the Saturday before Halloween.

A school once sat on the corner of Territorial Rd. and Musbach Rd., which served the families of Munith. In 1925, William Mayer donated land for a new school in Munith. On this site was built a 2 1/2 story, four-room school, which served grades 1-10. In the late 1950's, a large modern addition was put onto the building, and it was named the Katz Elementary School. The high school students were transferred to Stockbridge. This brought an end of the one-room schools that dotted the surrounding area. These students were brought into the Katz Elementary School, and the one-room buildings were closed. When the Katz Elementary School closed its students were bussed to Stockbridge. The school building is now leased to the Waterloo, and Henrietta Townships and it houses their offices.

A farm with great significance to Munith is the Pine Croft Farm. It sits a half-mile north of Munith and is currently owned by Debra and Marilyn Katz. It is believed that the farm was built on the Underground Railroad during the Civil War era. In 1961, it became the site of incident of national importance. An Air force jet crashed in the yard just outside the farmhouse. The jet was part of a training exercise out of an air base in Wisconsin. It was accidentally fired upon with live ammunition. The pilot ejected and was safely rescued in Waterloo. As the jet fell from the sky, it was feared that it would land on the Munith school. It took so long for the jet to crash that there was time to evacuate the children from the school building. When it became evident that the plane would crash away from the school, the children watched as it came down, erupting in a giant cloud of smoke.

Another farm that was of great importance to Munith was Lacerne Dixon, Inc. In the 1930's, the mucky marshes south of Munith were drained and made ready for farming. Many farmers took advantage of the richness of this soil for vegetable farming. The Picketts, Renos, Hudecheks, Drews, Carleys, and Marshalls were just a few of the families that tried their hand at growing onions, potatoes, lettuce, radishes and sod. Lacerne Dixon started his farm in the 1930's. Lacerne bought out most of the small vegetable farms surrounding him, and slowly grew to one of the largest farm operations in the state of Michigan. During World War II, he had German POW's who worked on his farm. At this time, many families moved to Munith from eastern Kentucky, looking for a better life. Many of these families worked for Lacerne Dixon. Later, as the need for more field workers increased, migrant farm workers from Texas and Mexico came to work the fields. During lettuce harvest, crews from the Philippines were brought in to cut the lettuce. For many years, the vastness of the Dixon farm brought Munith the distinction of being the Onion Capital of the state. However, as Lacerne aged, the farm slowed until it was sold off in the late 1990's. Today, Tom Bury owns much of the farm.

Other businesses that have been of great importance to Munith were H & F Sales, specializing in Allis Chalmers farm machinery, Stowe Brothers Buick, and Stoddards repair shop.

The Stoddard building, which sat on the corner of M-106 and Neu Rd., became home to Metalform, a factory owned and operated by Chris Salow. Metalform became the parent company of the nationally recognized "Shop Rat" program. This organization is designed to showcase the importance of machinists and factory workers worldwide. It established a working relationship with Orange County Choppers of California. Today Metalform has relocated to Pleasant Lake, and the "Shop Rat" program offers classes to teens, creating a desire in them to machine steel. The original Metalform building now houses Salow Machine Works.

Past and present businesses include, the hardware store, which has been owned by the Frinkles, Clarks and Wilson's. Luman Clark once owned and operated a gas station in Munith during the 1950's. Munith Lumber was owned by Everell Huttenlocker and operated until the 1980's. The building was sold and Judy's Pizza moved in. For years, they specialized in offering a party pizza, which was a full 24" in diameter. Today this building houses Big Chuck's Pizza.

One business that has long existed in Munith, is the RTC. Formerly known as Ross Tank Co. This business has thrived in Munith for decades. They specialize in building metal tanks of all shapes and sizes.

The Jeruel Baptist Church of Munith was founded in 1974 by the Galilean Baptist Mission of Grand Rapids. In 1976 they called Pastor Bob Castle to be their pastor. Pastor Bob, as he came to be called, grew up in the Munith area. The church currently has a membership of over 150.

A restaurant that has served the people of Munith for decades, is located on the corner of M-106 and Musbach Road. For years it was known as the "Comer Kitchen." It was built in the 1950's, and was operated by Lester Musbach. He sold the restaurant to Bill and Rose Hutchison in the 1970's. They called the business, "Rose's Korner Kitchen". In 1992 the restaurant was sold to Phil and Pat Puhr. After several years, they closed the restaurant and it sat vacant. It was reopened in the 2000's by Roger Musbach, the nephew of Lester. Today it is called "Circle Track Cafe".

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2010 is a census year in the U.S. but as of today (5/21/10) the census is not complete so we can only report that the population of Stockbridge is 1,260 persons, according to the census of 2000. The average village resident pays \$245 per quarter for sewer, water and trash collection. Next month the Village Council will set this year's millage rate and it will remain at 10.74 mills for operating plus 2 mills for local street improvements for a total of 12.74 mills. By comparison, the millage rate in 1955 was 15 mills. The 2010 S.E.V. for the village is \$35,329,600, nearly \$6,000,000 less than 2009 and that is the first time in modern history that the value of the village has fallen.

In the past 25 years the village has undertaken many civil projects to maintain and upgrade our utilities and services. Listed here are a few:

1994-Clinton Street widening

1995-New water tower goes on line

2003-Waste water improvement project \$2.7 million

2005-Maple Street water project-\$375,000

2006-Wood Street water project-\$250,000

2008 East side water project-\$530,000

2009-New well pumps-\$60,000

Other notable developments in village governance include the re-formation of our local police department in 2005 and the occupation of a new village hall in 2009. In 1994 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources converted the former Grand Trunk Railroad bed into Lakeland Trails State Park and in 2010 the Village signed a lease for the 4.1 miles of trail that is inside the Township of Stockbridge. The village is currently working on a trail plan that will connect the Lakeland Trail to the Beckwith Conservancy trail and the Stockbridge Schools trails to create a 5 mile pedestrian pathway inside the village.

Since Pat Long was appointed the first village manager in 1981, the village has had 6 full time managers.

1. Pat Long 1981-1992
2. Roger Price 1993-1999
3. Stephen Penn 1999-2002
4. Jack Myers 2003-2006
5. Denise Koning 2006-2007
6. Dan Dancer 2008-

As reported twenty five years ago the Village Council created the Stockbridge Development Authority in 1985 and I am pleased to say that since then the SDDA has been effective in helping the village to make some significant improvements in the village. Here are the highlights:

1989-Built Veterans Memorial Park

1992-Gave the downtown a facelift with new streetscapes

1995-Created the Stockbridge Industrial Park

2005-Refurbished the old Country Market façade and Wood Street parking lot

2009-Built the pedestrian pathway and bridge on South Clinton

2010-Improved the Herbert Street parking lot on the site of the old Minix property

There is no question that the SDDA has been an effective tool for the village and we look forward to their continued work on economic development and infrastructure opportunities in the future. Currently, times are tough in our beautiful village, and so too throughout Michigan and the nation. The housing crash which begun
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in 2007 has caught up to Stockbridge, as it has all towns and cities. Due to defaults and foreclosures we find that every neighborhood contains several empty homes. In 2005 a 52 unit condominium project broke ground on Brogan Road and has only been able to build 5 units due to the suppressed demand for real estate. The good news is that as we celebrate our rich history we remain optimistic about the future of our community. Every day I see many people who are working to make Stockbridge a better place to study, work, worship, and live and I am happy to be among them.

Plainfield

Plainfield is nestled on the corner of M-36 and Bradley Road, in Unadilla Township. Numerous Native American trails crossed each other at or near the village site. It was originally named Dyersburg, but was changed in 1837 when a post office was established. Jacob Dunn renamed it Plainfield, after a town in New Jersey. About 1833, settlers traveled the trails in search of land to clear and farm. Many times the men would venture alone to locate land to purchase. They would return later with their families. Jacob Dunn traveled from New Jersey to become the first pioneer to purchase land in 1835. Many more settlers followed: Levi Clawson came from Ohio; Fleet Van Sickle and Philip Dyer came from New Jersey. David Dutton purchased land northwest of Plainfield in 1837. Samuel Wasson was from Buffalo, New York and he settled in the area about 1837. In 1839, Dr. Morgan and Albert G. Topping came from Ohio. By 1852, Unadilla Township was completely purchased.

The Native Americans traded venison, fish and tanned hides for salt and whiskey with the settlers. They shared their knowledge of the plants and wildlife with the newcomers. Philip Dyer built his brick home west of Plainfield and operated a tavern. Morris Topping began a general store in 1853. He also opened a barrel making factory, saw mill, grist mill, hotel, blacksmith shop, and wagon shop. As written in the "1880 History of Livingston County" about Morris Topping, "Plainfield is an enterprising village, much of whose prosperity is due to the energy of Mr. Topping, who owns two-thirds of the village." By 1873, Morris Topping built a new general store with the Odd Fellows Hall on the second floor. At the time, the population of Plainfield was 500. The home of Sylvester Topping is still elegantly standing. It is the French Mansard style home on the east side of the village. Morris Topping, Sr. built the home east of the cemetery.

In 1884, the Grand Trunk Railroad ran their new road through the Gregory Farm, three miles south. The railroad brought ease of trade and travel to the area. One by one the merchants began moving their establishments to Gregory. By 1887, two of Plainfield's three general stores were now in Gregory and Levi Jacobs had moved his hotel there. Many homes were moved as well. The Maccabee Hall was built in 1905 to house the fraternal society that provided benefits to its members before life insurance was easily available to ordinary people. It was a social gathering place for dances and potlucks. The Maccabees building, easily identified by the letters "LOTMM KOTMM" (Ladies of the Maccabees Knights of the Maccabees) above the door. The Methodist church was built in 1907 and continues to hold services. The Presbyterian Church and the schoolhouse bordered the original cemetery. Both buildings are now gone and the property has been added to the cemetery.

In 1950, a larger grocery store was built to later operate as Max's Mall owned by Max and Margaret Cosgray. Margaret continued to run the grocery until a couple of years ago. Morris Topping's 1880's general store is the location for R. W. Humrich & Sons, a farm hardware store. Gary Humrich still uses the huge safe Topping installed. R. W. Humrich leased the site in 1965 for their fuel oil distribution office and later purchased the building. In 1976, the Humrich family branched out into tractor repair. They obtained a franchise for New Idea farm equipment and Allis Chalmers tractors in the late 1970's. They are currently the only remaining business in Plainfield.

Unadilla

Unadilla was set up on the Portage Creek. This stream connects Williamsville Lake and Woodburn Lake, which in turn flows into Bass and then into Patterson Lake. Portage Creek was deepened and widened the entire distance between the first two lakes and this was done entirely by man power.

The village of Unadilla proper was platted April 14, 1837 by a Richard Peterson, Jr.; however it was not recorded until April 21, 1840. Robert Glenn and Thomas Sill were the proprietary names on the plat. Until 1836 the village was called Milan, but when a post office was established it was discovered another post office with same name existed in Milan, Michigan south of Ann Arbor. The village then took the name of Unadilla.

Two of the earliest settlers at West Unadilla or Williamsville were Amos Williams and Eli Ruggles. A dam was built there to run a sawmill. This furnished rough lumber for most of the houses and barns in the nearby communities. A dam was built on Fish Creek, which flows into Portage Creek, just east of East Unadilla. This furnished power to saw lumber and grind grain into flour.

A mill was built across the Portage Creek on the 40 acres given by Robert Glenn. Many people owned the mill. Later it was discovered that Portage Creek did not have sufficient water to run all the mills.

Unadilla had a blacksmith shop, leather shop, a hat shop, and a wagon shop. A cooper shop manufactured barrels which were used to haul oil, molasses, crackers, and other articles to be sold in the two stores. A hotel occupied the corner of Main and Ingham streets.

The Killa Dilla was a small sandwich shop operated on land owned by the Black family. It was located across the road from the Unadilla store.

The Black family owned and operated Black's Country Club located in the large home on the corner of Unadilla and Williamsville Roads. They built this establishment upon being refused membership at the Inverness Club. Black's Country Club hosted numerous wedding receptions and other events. The attire was black tie and very formal. Guests were given an option of spending a night at the club.

Marlene Fear lived across the street from the Black's Country Club. Her mother helped Mrs. Black with food preparation. They would color the bread with a rainbow of colors and cut them into shapes for the hors d'oeuvres. Marlene's mother would bring home the scraps that had been cut from the bread for Marlene to hold tea parties with her dolls and young friends.

The blacksmith shop was two stories with May's Hall upstairs. The Odd Fellows held their meetings in this hall. In the 1940's, Ralph Teachout removed the second level. The Odd Fellows moved their meetings to Stockbridge.

The hall above the Livermore store held many socials. One popular event was the oyster dinners that were the result of sparrow hunts. The community families were divided in half. Each side tried to kill the most sparrows. Frequently they stole sparrows from the other side, which was half the fun of the hunt. In the end, both sides totaled the kill and the losing side had to treat the winning side to an oyster supper. The sparrows were taken to the Township treasurer who paid a two-cent bounty for each sparrow. This helped defray the expense of the supper.

The first schoolhouse was built in 1838. Later a brick school was built south of the park. In 1914, a tornado roared in from the west and leveled the brick school building. It was replaced by a frame building, which still stands.

Fay and Almeda Roepcke donated 13 acres behind the Presbyterian Church to the Livingston Land Conservancy. The entire eastern edge runs along the mill pond to help keep the rural character intact of the historic village of Unadilla. There is a diverse mix of vegetation, including the rare plant, *Celtis tenuifolia* (Dwarf Hackberry).

The Unadilla Township Community Park is approximately 3 acres across the road from the closed Unadilla School. Since it lay north of the school it was always used as a playground for the children when school was in session. A gazebo was built as an Eagle Scout project by Ryan Boyce. Future plans include the construction of a walking path around the perimeter, new signs, playground equipment and the planting of flowers.

Unadilla Store



The Unadilla Mercantile, which was built in 1873, has been home to a diverse field of businesses, along with always being a General Store. The store was awarded a Michigan Centennial Business plaque by the Historical Society of Michigan for having more than 100 years of continuous operation. A few of the businesses which operated within the Unadilla store were a post office, living quarters, gas station, a restaurant, beauty shop, accountant office, lawn care service business and an upstairs Community Center. The Community Center hosted dances, weddings and community get-togethers.

The Unadilla Store has had many owners. Among the first were a Mr. O.H. Obert and W. S. Livermore. The Unadilla Store is presently owned and operated by Jim Harbert and family. This historical building and business has survived tornados, the Great Depression and has been in operation since Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States. With the passage of time and the destruction of the town from a devastating tornado in 1914, 90% of the town was destroyed with only 4 buildings remaining; the Unadilla Store, two churches and the little house next to the store.

A visit to the Unadilla Store will transport you back in time; the memorabilia throughout the store is just a glimpse of what life was like in 1873. If you haven't visited us lately, stop in for a flash back to the past.

Fitchburg

By Pastor Bob Castle and Barbara Risner

Nestled half way between Stockbridge and Leslie is the tiny town of Fitchburg, which was originally settled by the Ferris Fitch family. The Fitches built several businesses as well as the large brick home, called the Fitch mansion. (This home is currently owned by Neal and Joan Conway)

The town grew rapidly during the mid 1800's. At one time the town had a gunsmith, a general store, a physician, two lawyers, two masons, a carriage maker, a hotel, a cobbler, a livery stable, a cooper, a blacksmith, a cabinet maker, a miller, a saw mill, a justice of the peace and a church.

The Fitch family was heavily involved in state politics, several of them holding state offices. As they moved from the area, the rapid growth of Fitchburg slowed and the town declined.

Fitchburg survives to this day, being home to hundreds of people in the area. It will no doubt see growth in the years ahead.

The original inhabitants of this area were Native American. Indian artifacts have been recovered from the surrounding fields for years. The early white settlers were of Irish and German Ancestry. In the mid 1900's, the population of the area increased with the migration of families from Kentucky. They were escaping the poverty of the Great Depression and saw an opportunity in the farms that dotted the area.

A business long since removed from Fitchburg is the Poxon's Blacksmith Shop. Owned by Benjamin Poxon, this shop served the equestrian and carriage needs of the area in the early 1900s'. The business sat on the north side of the general store. By the 1950's, the building was gone. Benjamin's great granddaughter, Kay, is married to Merlin Batdorff.

The Fitchburg General Store survived until the 1980's. The store had numerous owners. The Larabies owned the store around the late 30's or 40's. Raymond Lane ran it during the 1940's and 1950's. Raymond Lane was instrumental in getting the streetlights in Fitchburg.

In the 1960's, the Lane daughter Barb and her husband, Chuck Webb ran the store. Many adults have fond memories as children, walking to the store, and finding empty pop bottles along the way. These bottles could be cashed in for a 2-cent deposit to purchase penny candy.

The Store had a community room on the second floor, which was a gathering place for two organizations. The Grange, a local farmers organization, would meet there and the Ladies Aid society. The Ladies Aid sold chicken dinners from the upper level of the store. Some of this money was used to build the Methodist church building.

The store made Fitchburg a busy place, especially on Saturdays. Cars would line the street as patrons bought their week's supply of groceries.

Besides groceries, the store sold hardware, dry goods, toys, gas and oil. The store had a meat counter and carried a great line of fresh cuts of meat purchased from local farmers. Max Hecht was the Fitchburg store butcher.

Unfortunately, as people became more mobile, the customers of the Fitchburg store fell away. The patrons chose to drive to Jackson, where prices were cheaper. In the mid 1960's, the Webbs made a last ditch effort to rejuvenate the business by changing the name to Webbs Thrift-way Supermarket. They upgraded the store's inventory. In the late 1960's, they sold the store to a brother and sister team, Leo and Jocille Smith, who ran the store for several years.

Fitchburg had a sawmill. He also had a threshing machine that he would use on the neighboring farms to harvest wheat.

Jake Huffine, Miller's son-in-law took over the mill. He supplied crates to the local onion farmers. The sawmill closed about 1959.

Wilderness Park was started in the 1960's by Jake Huffine. After Jake's death, it was sold many times. Currently it is operated as Heartland Woods RV Resort.

There were 4 schools that served the area. Each of them were one room schools. By 1960, they were all shut down and consolidated into the Stockbridge Community Schools.

The Fitchburg Dairy Bar was a dream of Bob Taylor when he moved into the area in 1976. He erected a cement building on the southwest corner of Fitchburg and Freiermuth Roads. The Taylors had generous hearts and ending up giving away more ice cream than they sold. Within a year they sold the business to a couple in Pleasant Lake. After the business closed, the building was converted into a garage.



This is a photograph taken in front to the Fitchburg General Store in 1964 showing kids getting ready to go out trick and treating.

Gregory News 1985 to 2010

By Lucille Stoffer

Howlett Elementary School is no longer being used as a school. The Unadilla Township Offices moved from Dexter Trail to the Old Howlett Elementary Building which also now houses the Police Department and Head Start classes.

Tom's Market was sold a few years after Millie Gibney passed away. Her daughter Kathy ran the store until it was sold about 5 years ago to the Samona Family who then changed the name of the store to the Gregory Market.

The Unadilla Township Fire Department out grew its building and built a larger facility right next to the old building. The old building is now being used by the Police Department.

The Old Mill was changed into a Strip Mall which currently houses the Post office, Barber Shop, Mugg & Bopps, Rock Realty, Auction House and various other shops. Some of the other businesses it has housed in the past are the Meat Market, Specialty Satellite which moved to Stockbridge, Dish Network, Restaurant, Antique Store, Gregory Realty.

The Howlett's Hardware owned by the Howlett family was sold to Mike and Rita Bramlett. During this transition Gordie Kunzelman opened Gordie's Power Equipment in the old Breniser Gas Station Building.

The Old Tom's Market Building's, next to the Restaurant and Mercantile Store, roof collapsed after many years of no upkeep and now is a vacant piece of land.

Gregory Realty operated from strip mall and then moved to Beth Ludtke's house on Main Street. Gregory Realty closed shortly after Pat Beduhn passed away.

The Restaurant has changed hands several times over the years.

Gregory and Patterson Lake residents went through a process of having sewers put in.

David Stoffer enjoyed hearing tidbits and gossip from people around town about the happening and characters of Gregory. David Stoffer had been in the process of compiling information on Gregory and had wanted to publish a book with this information. He would print off what he had put on the computer, make copies and pass them out for others to read and make corrections. However, he became very ill and went home to be with his Lord and Saviour September 2009. I hope to make his wish come true and finish his book, in his memory, sometime over the next couple of years. Before his passing he had an opportunity to attend the Stockbridge Area Geneology Group and give a speech on his writings. Everyone seemed to enjoy his memories of the area and wanted him to return and share some more. Dave's sister Sharon said, "Many of Dave's memories came from his days of delivering the newspapers when he was a young boy. Here are a few pieces of information he found to be interesting about Gregory:

- “Constables of the Gregory area were Tim Conk, Erston Clarke, Jack McGee, Calvin Somers, Charlie Wertz, and Orlin Jones. Each one brought a different bit of character to the constable position. This helped to bring a bit of excitement to the area. Each member of the constable staff brought his own level of professionalism to the job, and upheld that level with respect and dignity.
- Located just behind where the bank now stands was a saw mill. It was a small single story building that had not seen any paint for at least fifty years. It was owned and operated by Ralph Chipman. Don’t know who had it before him. Ralph sold it to Leo Perniskey, who lived on Hadley Road by North Lake. He enjoyed telling riddles and had at least one new one each day. Leo sold to some fellow from out of town who didn’t spend much time there as near as I can remember. He had some equipment setting in front of the building near the road for a long while. I think he may have been into bankruptcy or something. The whole deal seemed sinister to someone my age. Just like some gangster stuff.
- There were signs attached to all the equipment. I don’t remember what they were, but they seemed quite official looking.”

David has many more memories of interest that would create a book of its own.

Gregory had its first traffic light on M-106 (Main Street) between Roland and Peg Stoffer’s house and Betty Crockett’s while they put tile in to help drain the rain water to try and keep Betty’s house from flooding and to help keep the driveways along that stretch of M-106 from washing out when it rains. This was only for a week or two to help with traffic.

The Garden Club of the Stockbridge Area is now planting flowers in Gregory as six of the original seven charter members of the 25 year old organization were from Gregory . The Unadilla Township purchased the bicycle planters and are taking care of the water and maintenance of the plants.

Gregory continues to hold the Independence Day parade on July 4th. This year will be our 35th year of celebrating this event.

Gregory has been very fortunate during this current recession to have had very few home foreclosures compared to the rest of the communities. Growth has remained a pretty steady 3200 residents.

The one major change in Plainfield is that Max’s Mall was sold. The store continued for a couple of years with a new name of Plainfield Station which remains on the building. The new owners were saddened when, for, various reasons they had to close the doors to the store. Plainfield Farm Bureau is still operating: also we have the Plainfield Methodist Church and Plainfield Cemetery.

Area Post Offices

Stockbridge

A mail route from Dexter to Mason by way of Stockbridge was started in 1838, and a post office was opened in Stockbridge of that year. This was about the time the road was constructed between Dexter and the Clinton County seat. David Rogers was the first mail carrier. He made two round trips between Dexter and Mason each week on horseback. He later drove a stage over this route when it was improved.

For 51 years the post office was kept either in the residence or place of business of the postmaster. With appointment of Andrew D. Grimes, the office was in a separate building, a small frame place about 109 W. Main Street. When Frederick Snyder was postmaster, the office was in a small building at 104 S. Main. Clarence Mills took over in 1898, and during this tenure the office was moved to the Oddfellows building where it remained for 54 years. The present building was dedicated in 1965.

Stockbridge Postmasters

	<u>Date Appointed</u>
Silas Beebe Jr.	10/16/1838
Horatio N. Forbes	08/06/1849
Silas Beebe	06/21/1853
Jerome C. Branch	09/16/1858
Edy Baker	04/21/1862
David N. Rogers	11/14/1872
Herman E. Brown	03/30/1880
Charles A. Nims	08/28/1885
Andrew D. Grimes	07/13/1889
Mrs. Emily Grimes	01/03/1891
Frederick R. Snyder	11/24/1894
Clarence S. Mills	12/13/1898
James G. Hines	10/04/1905
John Brogan	03/11/1914
Rob C. Brown	02/06/1923

Spencer E. Pinckney	05/06/1935
Elmer E. Lehman	12/31/1947
Orrin B Powell	01/11/1957
Elmer E. Lehman	12/17/1965
George C. Thurow Jr.	09/07/1979
Daniel J. Newman	10/12/1979
Mrs. Mary E. Finley	02/09/1980
Annabelle Howard	01/04/1983
Bill Haley	1985
Richard Thompson	Officer in charge
Phillip Snook	Officer in charge
Darold Woodard	Officer in charge
Annabelle Howard	01/04/1986
Joseph P. Whelan	10/06/2004
Michele McAuliffe	12/10/2004
Michael F. Gavett	11/28/2005
Robert T. Oaks	06/24/2006
Denise Secord	
Timothy A. Curran	10/04/2008
Robert T. Oaks	09/04/2009

Plainfield

Plainfield was given a post office on April 14, 1837. The first postmaster was Emery Beal and he kept the office in his home. The post office was in operation until Oct. 30, 1913.

Emery Beal	04/14/1837
Rice A. Beal	12/04/1849
Morris Topping	06/17/1851
George A. Burnett	09/24/1851
Morris Topping	04/27/1853
Sylvester G. Topping	02/04/1901

Gregory

Halstead Gregory built a store near the depot. The post office was located there.

	<u>Date Appointed</u>
Halsted Gregory	03/14/1884
Horace A. Fick	06/22/1889
Elda A. Kuhn	06/29/1893
William W. Willard	06/10/1897
James S. Stackable	07/21/1914
Mrs. Edna Donohue	12/12/1922
Guy H. Kuhn	05/09/1939
Robert H. Reid	06/30/1944
Roland F. Stoffer	03/15/1951
Mrs. Muriel G. Stoffer	10/02/1970
Gioseppe J. Testasecca	09/04/1971
Thomas Regan	12/31/1972
Dwight B. Mitchell	10/27/1973
John R. Vincent	06/29/1979
Jacob E. Houck	01/26/1980
William J. Brenner	01/31/1986
Marcella G. Longman	10/25/1986
Joyce M. Del Montier	01/27/1989
Edwina N. McKee	07/26/1989
Margaret A. Klein	04/07/1990
Wanda L. Koengeter	09/28/1992
Roger D. Byrd	02/20/1993
Matthew J. Haines	01/09/2003
Kalman M. Katona	9/06/2003
Laura White	
Kathy Patterson	
Pam Hare	

Matthew J. Haines

01/21/2006

Unadilla

The Unadilla post office was first located in the hotel. It was later relocated to the store. The post office was discontinued on July 14, 1906 and later changed to Gregory.

	<u>Date Appointed</u>
Elnathan Noble	06/25/1834
Gad C. Dibble	06/11/1938
Junius L. Field	02/06/1842
William S. Mead	03/29/1842
George Taylor	04/29/1844
Charles Howell	03/12/1846
Stephen Cornell	07/21/1849
John Dunning	01/23/1851
Joseph L. Hartsuff	09/23/1853
William E. Gregory	01/21/1858
Aaron Bower	10/21/1058
Joseph L. Hartsuff	04/16/1859
James Craig	06/13/1861
Chambers D. Bird	04/14/1881
George Stowe	01/10/1884
Janette A. Watts	09/29/1884
Albert G. Weston	01/02/1885
George Stowe	03/14/1895
Albert C. Watson	11/12/1902

Felton

There was a post office in section 6 in the early days known as the Felton post office. It was in a log building across from where the Northwest Stockbridge Church is now located and was on the stage route between Dexter and Mason. This log building is still standing. Frank LaRue was the first to carry the mail from Dexter.

Munith

The post office of West Portage was moved here from Nelson Hoyt's home. Mr. Hoyt became the first postmaster of Munith on April 28, 1880.

	Date Appointed
Nelson Hoyt	04/28/1880
George W. Pixley	09/14/1885
Nelson Hoyt	08/31/1889
Charles Crane	08/07/1890
William H. Suylandt	08/07/1894
Charles Crane	07/05/1898
John E. Conlan	10/05/1901
William B. Dean	11/18/1903
Paul Cross	01/12/1905
M. Margaret Conlan	06/19/1907
Elizabeth (Rowe) Riggs	06/18/1921
William M. Hankard	08 01/1933
Mrs. Margaret J. Hoffman	03/31/1944
George Liebeck	06/01/1956
Mrs. Dorothy A Wetzel	04/22/1966
Mrs. Kathryn R. Miller	03/03/1983
Ronald G. Mayer	08/20/1983
Maryann Cimock	08/31/1987
Donna Larder	11/20/1987
Billy J. Allen	12/31/1987
Linda L. Plyler	06/10/1988
Wanda G. Van Atta	10/0/1988
Gary D. Goss	12/17/1988
Barbara McClinchey	04/23/1990
Thor J. Payne	05/30/1992

Christopher J. Smith	02/06/1997
Elsworth Mike Cornish	06/07/1997
Betty Ann Rickerd	05/26/2005
Denise L. Secord	11/12/2005
Betty Ann Rickerd	04/30/2007
Denise L. Secord	10/01/2008
Betty Ann Rickerd	03/28/2009
Denise L. Secord	10/01/2009

Millville /White Oak

The post office was located a half mile south of Millville at White Oak.

Fitchburg

Hubbard Fitch became the first postmaster of the settlement on March 8, 1856. The office operated until March 14, 1903.

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Thank you.

UNSOLICITED STORIES

From the South Side

By Marcy (Fletcher) Tracy

Two questions come to mind as I'm writing this article, number 1, "Have you ever traced your family roots?" and number 2, "What is the real meaning of the term Redneck?" The well known comedian Jeff Foxworthy has his line of jokes referring to rednecks, but just where did the term originate? According to The History Channel, a program on cable network television, the term redneck came from the 1920's when the coal miners of the Appalachian region were trying to form a union. They wore red bandanas around their necks to show their support. That special group of miners was called the Rednecks. The name has been handed down through the generations and has been associated with people and families coming from that area of the country.

Common surnames for this area of Michigan are Adams, Allen, Arnett, Bailey, Barker, Bradley, Brown, Carpenter, Craft, Cole, Conley, Dyer, Fletcher, Gullett, Hackworth, Howard, Marshall, Miller, Minix, Patrick, Prater, Risner, Hammond, Salyer, Shepherd, Watson, Whitaker, Williams, Wireman and many more. So, if you are related to these families, and you live in the Stockbridge area, chances are that your grandparents or great grandparents migrated north during the 1940's and 1950's in search of work and a better way of life from the small town of Salyersville, Kentucky or the surrounding parts within Magoffin County. Many families came north during the summer months with all of their belongings packed on a truck in search of employment. Some were employed at local farms such as The Baldwin Farm or Krummrey's. They either worked with harvesting and sorting onions or other crops, mechanical work on the farm vehicles, or field bosses. It was very hard, laborious work. People from that experience have said that the black muck dirt was very irritating to the skin. They would spend many hours each day working directly in the soil pulling and crating the onions. Once the work was finished for the season, they would return to either their home in Kentucky or possibly Ohio and Indiana to work there. If the head of the household was fortunate enough to get a job working in a nearby factory, then the families would stay here permanently. Soon other family and friends would follow behind.

If you are not familiar with Magoffin County, it is located in Eastern Kentucky, nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. It is a truly, beautiful and unique place. Each year, Magoffin County honors a surname. There is a week long celebration packed full of festivities during the Labor Day holiday. The Magoffin County Historical Society works very hard year round gathering photographs, stories and family tree information to publish in books for each family name. These books are then offered for sale for the current year and from years past in their store located in down town Salyersville.

If you would like more information on obtaining the family books, you may contact the historical society at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ ... kymhs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/...kymhs)

The Stockbridge Town Crier

By Ruth Camp

The Stockbridge Brief Sun was taken over by The Ingham County News July 1, 1965. Two years later the paper was renamed the Town Crier, owned and published by Charlotte Camp. Under her ownership the Town Crier and Charlotte Camp were the recipients of numerous awards and honors including eight Michigan Press Association Awards of Excellence, four School Bell Awards from the Michigan Education Association, and special recognition by civic organizations and school groups. Charlotte's husband, Robert, assisted his wife in producing the newspaper. First using a camera Robert purchased in Europe during World War II, Charlotte later traded it for her first 'real' newsy camera. With Stockbridge physician Dr. Sidney Beckwith as her guide and inspiration, she developed her own pictures in the basement, the neighbor's basement, and anywhere she could.

The Town Crier was known for hiring numerous high school students, introducing them to the field of journalism. The newspaper employees joined forces with the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct local National Make a Difference Day activities. The paper, printed by Inco Graphics in Mason, was delivered to retail outlets for many years by her son David Camp and later her daughter-in-law, Rachel Camp.

Ruth Camp Wellman joined her mother on the Town Crier staff in 1980. She and her sister Faye had both worked as student reporters while they were in high school. Ruth assumed the role of editor in 1985 and became the owner following the death of Charlotte Camp March 3, 1996. At that time the news office was located at 510 Water Street in a remodeled section of the former lumberyard.

Funds from several golf tournaments and planter raffles were the foundation for the high school journalism scholarship in memory of Charlotte and Robert Camp.

Near the end of 2000 the newspaper was relocated to downtown Stockbridge at 130 E. Main Street and in the fall of 2002 moved to its current home at 100 South Clinton Street near the four corners.

Afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis, Ruth Camp Wellman decided it was in her best interest to sell the Town Crier, a family-owned business for more than four decades, in the fall of 2008. The newspaper was purchased by Nesterwood, LLC.

The Story of Poverty Knob and Piety Hill

As recalled by Mrs. Helen Mitteer (1910-2001) and provided by her son, Jack Mitteer

Many years ago the area of Stockbridge, Michigan in the vicinity of the intersection of Wood and Hill streets came to be known and referred to (locally) as "Poverty Knob and/or Piety Hill". The following is the story of the origin of this neighborhood reference.

In the fall of 1930 I came to teach 5th and 6th grade in the Stockbridge school. I became acquainted with the Mitteer family during that time. This included James, Georgia, Marie, and Bob who lived in the old house on Wood Street. Grandmother Ortance (Reeves) Mitteer and her daughter, Aunt Ruth Mitteer, lived in the big house (now owned by Dan / Linda Dancer) until Ortance died in 1938.

The Smiths, Ester and Harold lived in the end house on Wood Street. There was no Cherry St. then and Mitteer farmland connected to the Smith's house on the South and West sides. The Mitteers and Smiths were very good friends and neighbors. Ester was the piano player for the Baptist Church in Stockbridge.

Marie and Harold Knight were going to be married on March 26, 1933 at the Mitteer house and Ester Smith was going to present the music for the ceremony. Bob Mitteer and I would stand up with them for their wedding. We were at the house making plans for the wedding and just visiting. Something was said about the name of the hill where the neighborhood was located. The depression had recently put an end to the Mitteer dairy business (about 30 customers had been delivered quart bottles daily by a horse drawn wagon). At that time the milk did not have to be pasteurized but a small milk house provided for washing, scalding, and bottling the fresh milk. Since most customers could no longer afford to purchase delivered milk the business was stopped. This was the reason that Mother Georgia Mitteer had decided the name for the neighborhood definitely must be "Poverty Knob". However Ester Smith believed that the neighborhood should have a more religious name and suggested "Piety Hill". After some discussion it was agreed by all in attendance that the neighborhood would be known both as "Poverty Knob and Piety Hill".

Over the years I have heard various stories of this neighborhood name, but to my personal recollection the foregoing is the story and origin of "Poverty Knob and Piety Hill" in Stockbridge Michigan.

A Letter from John D. Reeves

Pinckney, May 15, 1838

Father

I have thought best to commence a letter to you that will inform you that I am well and some few particulars of my journey. I left Newburgh at nine in the evening arrived in Albany about sunrise then on the Rail Road to Utica about two on Thursday. From that we took the Canal on a line boat. It so happened that there was two Domanie on it. They were methodist. We had some sound argument on almost every subject. They were very warm abolitionists. The time passed away very pleasant. We arrived Buffalow Tuesday morning sunrise and started on the Lake at nine. Has very pleasant passage to Detroit. Got in about five in the afternoon of the next day. The Lake was very calm. We had about 200 passengers on board. Stayed over knight in Detroit. Left on the rail road at nine. Got to Ipsilanti half past ten, 25 miles. Stayed there two hours and found a team to take us to Ann Arbor. There we found George and James attending court. There I found almost all my old acquaintances it being court week. We stayed in the village over knight and heard Lawyers plead. They did spout off not slow. In the morning George concluded to go with us to Pinckney there fore we arrived in Pinckney on Friday the 11 making it about 9 days. I have not been to James yet. James came here yesterday and also Stage and Timothy. Mr Depew, George, Eliza and I went to meeting to day. Heard a discourse on Sunday School by a Presbaterian Minister. Had about one mile to go to a log school house. George said he counted them. Said there was 47. Mr Depew made a prayer. He preached one sermon on the canal boat on Sunday. There was about 20 pasengers.

This is in the afternoon. James and N Stage has gone home. James complains of having a cold and of headache. George and family are as well as common. George keep but one yocke of oxen. Them are on the place where Stage lives near James.

George has not got many goods in the store. Some leather and brown cloth and earthen ware is about the amounts. I should judge it was a good place for selling goods. It is a very pleasant situation. He about 50 sheep yet and about sold 250 lb of wool yesterday worth about 4\$. They look very well but not so fat as yours woz. I cannot say much about my land yet for I have not been to see it yet. We expect to go to morrow morning. It is just knight and I do expect to go with Mr. Depew to hear an --- on temperance this evening. Quite likely I will not finish this till after I go and see the land. If not I will write some thing about it.

Monday morning. Very pleasant. Mr Depew, George and I went to temperance meeting last knight and heard an address that kept us a laughing. It would have been smart if he had not read it. All of the school house was full of people. There are a great many English settled in the neighborhood. Appear to be very friendly people. A large mill about 20 rods east of the store and dwelling house all under one roof. There is 12 dwelling houses in the village. All frame but two. The country is rather level and sandy. No stonie. Some plains and openings but no timber land. It has been very pleasant every day since I arrived in Michigan. Breakfast ready -----

Tuesday 5 o'clock. I am on my return from looking land. We went to some of your land. That which we thought would suit him. The timbered land was so far off that we concluded we could not go to it. He said that he was satisfied with the land that he seen. Then he looked at mine. He is a getting in some things of a hurry to get through to his journeys end. He says he likes the country much. Is in pretty good spirits to. Says there is rather to many methodists about the neighborhood had to visit him. We went to Mr Lows. He is a clear methodist They are not settling so fast as they were a year ago last fall although is some few families settled near your land. I think the country is improving as fast as can be expected. There is some talk of there being a tax. Some say the tax will be five dollars on the lot. Some say not so much but as for that I will try and find out of soon as possible and let you know in my next letter. I have not been in the neighborhood long enough to tell much about it. I expect to return to Georges tomorrow and from that I will go to James with Mr Depew. Stay perhaps two or three days then on to my land. I have not been to Lima yet. I have inquired the price of working cattle. They are very high. Cannot get any thing of a pare for less than \$100. I don't think that I shal want to plow any until the first of June. The grane looks fine throughout Michigan where I have been, but the western part of New York state it looks slim. The people are planting there corn. The weather is fine for it. We went on foot from Georges to look at the land. Makes it not so pleasant as it would be if he had have gone in a wagon about 20 miles. I want you to tell Charles to write to me concerning that horse back with Henry Hill. I expect George started this morning after his goods. He goes to Detroit on the rail road and sees that they get to Ipsilanti on that. Then he will have to send teams down after them. It is about 30 miles to Ipsilanti. He will have hire teams to go after the goods.

I expect to carry this to Lima with me so that you will not get 20 after writing. I will not seal it till I get to Lima. Quite likely you will be pleased to see it. Thursday 19 at Lima. Left Pinckney this morning. George started with us for Detroit. Goes to Ipsilanti on horse back then on the rail road. We just got to James in time miss the rain. It commenced raining about noon. Found James a plowing for corn. Has a man a building. He had a frame of a barn. Believe it a good man. Now have about 19 acres of wheat looks very well. 6 acres of oats. Plan to 9 acres of corn. Keeps his grey horses 6 sheep two children. Has no name for the girl who grows fine. Mr Depew started for the south this morning. I went a piece with Mr Depew and put him on the road. He said us good bye with pretty good spirits. Then I return to James. I expect to go to Pinckney tomorrow. It cleared last knight. Very pleasant. Crops look fine. All well. No more at present.

John D. Reeves

Otis Family

Excerpts from the Francis Jesse Diary

Francis Jesse, and my grandfather, came from New York state and settled on a 120 acre farm in the NW part of Stockbridge township in the year 1845. They cleared a small piece of land and sowed it to wheat and cut it with a sickle and thrashed it on the ground with poles. They had sheep and my grandmother sheared them, with her tailor shears. She was a tailor and she washed the wool and carded and spun and colored it, wove it into blankets and socks and mittens.

Grandfather was also a shoemaker. He made shoes, boots, and brooms. About ½ mile west of the farm is a large hill and a spring, where a tribe of Indians lived. They hunted bear and deer and fished the lakes around the area.

One time grandfather said the Indians were after a bear and come through the door yard. The Indians were after it. Grandfather said that was too close for him. There was always a pail of swill, which was for the pigs. It was mostly dishwater and the soap used for washing dishes was home made and was made with lye, leached out of wood ashes and fat scraps from the butchering hogs. Grandfather said there was enough lye in it to kill worms in the pigs. As the Indians and their dogs went through the yard, the dogs would drink from the swill pail, then the Indians would do the same.

One day grandfather sent his son, Harmon, which was my father, to a neighbor a mile west. When he was about half way there, he saw the Indians coming and he laid down beside a log and the Indians saw him. They came over and picked him up and said to him "Smoke Man boy" (which meant white man's boy). He was scared. The Indians went to the house and told grandfather they scared his son. The Indians were very friendly. When the Civil War came, my father, Harmon, was 16 years old and he wanted to go, but he was too young. So he started a mustache and when the next call came he went; they did not ask his age. They wanted men badly and he went and served through the war.

The old farm has been in the family for 105 years. Grandfather's name was Francis Jesse. He was the first owner. The second owner was Harmon Jesse. The third owner was Francis Jesse, Harmon's son. Luella Jesse Otis, L. C. Otis' wife was the fourth owner. Austin Jesse Otis the fifth owner, has owned the farms since 1980.

My farm is a mile west of the old Jesse farm on Dexter Trail and an is old land mark. There was a stage coach running from Dexter to Lansing to Grand Rapids. There was a log building where my house now stands. It was called Pealed Shanty. There was a stop and beds in it and the coach would stop over night going on the next morning.

And after they could get lumber sawed. It was made into another house. The boards were not edged. They were put upright and was called slabs and soon the new building was called Slab Town. Up to date for those times. The roads were very bad. There were long stretches of what was called cordoroy road. Logs were laid across the road touching each other and some times the logs was laid in water and to keep them from floating away they put them long poles across the ends of the logs and bored holes through poles and into the logs and drive wooden pegs into them.

**SISTER OF THE
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Hot Flash Dames

Vickie Osborne
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Beth Kunzelman
Penny Kunzelman
Eve Greenwood
Helen Croin
Carol Kellenberger
Beverly Penix
Violet Jones
Jodie Penix
Janet Nott
Becky Mural
Linda Risner
Sue Lindemer
Judy Glynn

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Terry Sommer
Deanna McAlister
Peggy Stowe
Jean Bliss
Becky Salyer
Tia Harden
Tammy Salyer
Nikki Stowe
Heather Farrar
Jennell Quinn
Hope Salyer
Ashley Long
Madison Patrick

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Susan Daily
Dona Erhart
Hester Fillmore
Peg Glenn
Molly Howlett
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Sue Lindemer
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Andrea Stickney
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Jennifer Grumelot

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Jane Marz
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Lucille Stoffer
Yvonne Whitaker
*Jessica Hopkins
Kathy Mayer
Kathleen Mullins
Bev Smith
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Jacqueline Fillmore
*Kristen Fillmore
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Debbie Clark
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Matt Severson
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Russ Stowe
Dave Harrison
Richard McDonald
Brent Stowe
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Matt Harden
Bryon Wiley
Shane Batdorff
Jeff Long
John Beck
Mark Armstrong
Ridge Owen

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Jerry Jackson
Tom Mayer
Rich Mullins
Kim Smith

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Misc. Shavers

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Ed Wetherell
Paul Rogers
Ron Wagner
Matt Stitt
William Clark
John Hopkins
*Devin Whitaker
*Connor Whitaker
John Fillmore
*Austin Fillmore

These are Brother of the Brush and Sisters of the Belles groups as they exist as we go to print. If you would like to start or join a group, contact Luci Stoffer at 517-851-4441 or e-mail at thrasher@dishmail.net.

Save the date!

July 10-17th Stockbridge's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Please come help us celebrate this milestone with lots of fun, family oriented events taking place all week long.

SATURDAY, July 10th

10am - 8pm **EXHIBITION POWWOW**
Grand Entry Noon & 6:00pm
5pm **MILK JUG RAFT RACE**

SUNDAY, July 11th: Fellowship Day

8am **5K-RUN**
12:30 **FAMILY PICNIC ON THE SQUARE**
Basket/Blanket lunch
1:30 **OPENING CEREMONIES ON THE TOWN SQUARE - OPEN TIME CAPSULE FROM THE 150th CELEBRATION**
2-5pm **FAMILY PHOTO DAY**
5pm **GEMETERY TOUR**
6:30-7:30 **1835-2010 FASHION SHOW**

MONDAY, July 12th: Pioneer Merchant Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**
TBA **CONTESTS & GAMES**
Afternoon **MISS TERQUASQUICENTENIAL PAGEANT**

TUESDAY, July 13th: Youth Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**
1pm **GRANDMOTHER'S TRUNK STORYTELLING**
1pm **SWEET P THE CLOWN**
TBA **ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST**
TBA **PIE EATING CONTEST**
6-9pm **YOUTH STREET DANCE**
Dusk **MOVIE IN THE PARK**

WEDNESDAY, July 14th: Cultural Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**
TBA **CONTESTS & GAMES**

All Day **GYPSY ENCAMPMENT & VICTORIAN STREET SHOW**

All Day **HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES**

All Day **NATIVE AMERICAN STORY TELLER**

7pm **TOWN HALL PLAYERS Present "Visiting the Past"**

Dusk **MOVIE IN THE PARK**

THURSDAY, July 15th: Agricultural Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**

TBA **CONTESTS & GAMES**

All Day **HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES**

6pm **BED RACE**

FRIDAY, July 16th: Recreation Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**

TBA **CONTEST & GAMES**

3pm **WEDDING ON THE SQUARE**

5pm **HOT ROD & CLASSIC CRUISE IN**

7pm **TERQUASQUICENTENNIAL BALL**

10pm **FIREWORKS**

SATURDAY, July 17th: "Where We Are Going" Day

All Day **ANTIQUA TRACTOR DISPLAY**

10am **TRACTOR SHOW & CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

12pm **175th CELEBRATION PARADE**

2pm **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

ON THE TOWN SQUARE - BURIAL OF TIME CAPSULE TO BE OPENED IN 2035

4pm **GRILL MASTERS & MUSIC ON THE SQUARE**

5-9pm **STREET DANCE with Street Wise**

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HOWLETTS - 1930-1970

ALLIS CHALMERS & NEW IDEA

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PLAINFIELD

PLAINFIELD TRACTOR SALES

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RW HUMRICH & SONS

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JOHN DEERE

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1961-1969

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STOCKBRIDGE

BRESINER'S GARAGE

GREGORY



Benjamin and Caroline Westfall



Charlotte and Charles Hannewald, Aaron, Reuben, Ezra and Ida.



The Fink family, back: Charles, William and Jacob, front: Minnie, Jacob, Anna, George.



Mr. and Mrs. Moeckel with Walter and Edgar on laps, Pauline, Beda and Aaron behind, Carl and Ottmar on floor



Heeney Farm, Heeney Road



Archenbronn Farm, M-106



Taylor Farm, Dutton Road. John A. Taylor, Ira McGlockne, Alma Simonds, Mrs. Ellen Taylor, Mrs. McGlockne, missing person.



Lantis House, M-52 and Dansville Road



Marshall House, on M-36



Harlands on Coon Hill Road



Emma Smith's Sunday School Class. Back, Floyd Shaw, Nettie Beryl, Emma Smith, Ruby Green, John Usher, Anna Neithammer, Arlo Ellsworth, Fay Townsend. Middle: Ruth Green, Frank Green, Clara Neithammer, Ray Cobb. Front: Jay bCobb, Cloy Smith



Plainfield School, 1932. Back: Esther Barnum, Herbert Miller, George Robb, Mavis Glenn, Frank Herbert, Phyllis King, Phillip Kunzelman, Bernice Herbert, Jane King. Middle, Phyllis Kinsey, Dwayne Glenn, Richard Grosshans, Francis Kunzelman, Joyce Kinsey. Front: Marie Glenn, Dwight Kunzelman, Elizabeth Grosshans, Lloyd Jacobs, Betty Ann Paten, Milford Kunzelman



Fullmer School Back: Metta Jackson, Ida Burhus, Lyle Glenn, Anna Young, teacher, Thelma Cook, Gertrude Asquith, Middle: Glenn Runciman, Grace Taylor, Daisie Judson, Frank Burgess. Three boys in front: Millard Gillmore, June & John Taylor. Boy running into picture is Glen Gilliver.



Stockbridge High School Faculty, 1924-1925, Hazel Mears, Principal, Miss McKenzie, Dorothy Parent Huttenlocker, William Sager, Ethel Davis Rockwell, Hiram Nutt, Nellie Applegate, Mrs. Roeckpe, Emma Smith, Floyd Haight, Superintendent.



Fitchburg School, 1947-1948. Donald Craft, Louie D. Craft, Richard Huttenlocker, Douglas Chappew, Donald Omans, Douglas Wilson



Millville School

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Oaklawn Cemetery

Corner of Williams St. and Elizabeth St.



Edward Carley at the switchboard in Munith



Glendine, Gaylord and Fern Rice



Gorton Store in Waterloo, 1895



Lantis Log House



Ladies at Munith Methodist Church



Plaque on Unadilla Store



Hot Dog Stand in Unadilla



Stockbridge Village Park



KOTMM Hall in Plainfield



Stockbridge Post Office Crew



Delivering the mail in Gregory



Asquith house, corner of Clinton and Elizabeth Streets, Jay and Daisy Asquith on porch. House was originally built by David Rogers.



Philander Gregory house, Gregory



Dr. Williams house, East Main and Williams Street. Freeman Boylan also lived here.



Huttenlocker House, John, Ina and Elizabeth Huttenlocker



The Dancer house on South Clinton



Jackson homestead, Dexter Trail, Andrew Burgess, Minnie Bjrgess, ?, Andrew and Mary Jackson



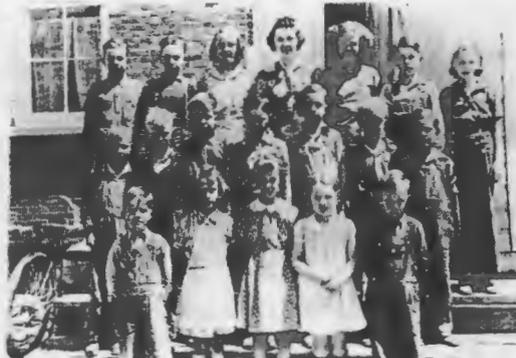
Baptist Church Sunday School. Back: Mrs. Rob Howelll, ?, ?, ?, Betsy Pickett, ?, ?, Celia Dean. Front: Grandpa Jimmie Bruerton, Grandma Bruerton, Mary Holmes, Mrs. Wesley Berry, Libby Grimes.



Gregory High School, 1929. Back: Ferris Caskey, Wilhelmina Roepke, Lafayette Dewey, Ada Corser, Ada Heselackwerdt, Lyle Bowdish, Helen Hadley, Eva Rice. Middle: Roy Bishop, Wanna Bowdish, Medeline Leach, Barney Roepke, Mae Wordern. Front: Merlin McCleer, Corinne Palmer, Leo Gibney



Bullock School circa 1917



McKenzie School Back: Donald Steffy, Robert Price, Vivian Cobb, teacher Margie McInTee. Middle: Allen Trapp, Gerald Bonnell, ?, ?, John Steffey, Ralph Reed, Glenn Steffey. Front: Paul Gauss, ?, Jeanette Trapp, ?, Dick Price.



Dewey School, 1921. Back: Clayton Frinkel, Forrest Mollenkopf, Carl Tisch, Norman Mollenkopf, Maribel Price, Howard R. Artz, teacher. Middle : Clare Tisch, Cleo Belle Ewing, Luella Tisch, Helen Prince, Kenneth Stanfield, A. C. Schray. Front: Maynard Stanfield, Gerald Ewing, Emma Tisch, Betty Prine, Erla Belle Ewing, Rayner Tisch



Gregory School

Stockbridge Hot Rod

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Classic Cruise In



Friday, July 16, 2010 at the 1950's STAGE STOP
Diner & Ice Cream Treatery.

555 W. Main St., Stockbridge, MI 49285
between Mills Ave. and Western Ave.

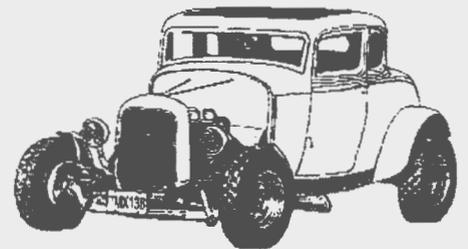
www.stockbridge175.com/Facebook Event
5:00 p.m. til Dusk.

***Cruise in and treat yourself to the Stockbridge, Michigan
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****Food, Ice Cream, Classics, 1800's Formal Ball & Fireworks
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Committee Contact: Jennell Quinn (517) 851-8514



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Hana R Allen
Toriann K Allen
Evan T Allison
Rita C Alonso
Alan J Baird
Charlotte R Balkus
Sarah Barney
Marissa Nicole Bellestri
Matthew Bellestri
David L Bishop
Rayne T Bliss
Melanie J Bouck
Logan O Boylan
Jake A Breslin
Joshua W Brown
Travis H Brown
Trevor M Brown
Stacia A Burns
Kyler A Burma
Trevor L Cadieux
Kolby A Canfield
Peter J Casto
Tabitha K Caudill
Jake E M Chapman
Breanna N Choate
Forrest L Clark
Calla M Coleman
Austin James Connelly
Cory J Cook
Liam T Corby
Cheyenne S Cordero
Larry R Cornish
Poppy Em Cox
Alexis A Devlin
Dara C Diffenbaugh
Austin M Forbes
Roy W Fultz
Crystal R Gallup
Mason M Gee-Montgomery
Parker A Goetz
Mackenzie A Goss
Allison N Gunn
Clayton M Hale
Kaylee E Hall
Jordan R Hammerberg
Hillary O Hantz
Wendell J Hastings
Lauren I Hay
Terri Marie Heldt
Chandler Lee Hendrickson
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Shelby R Herron

Justin Hibbard
Maria A Hoard
Lester Burlin Holland
Jacob D Hudson
Jesse Michael James
Alexei A Jessop
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Kody M Neal
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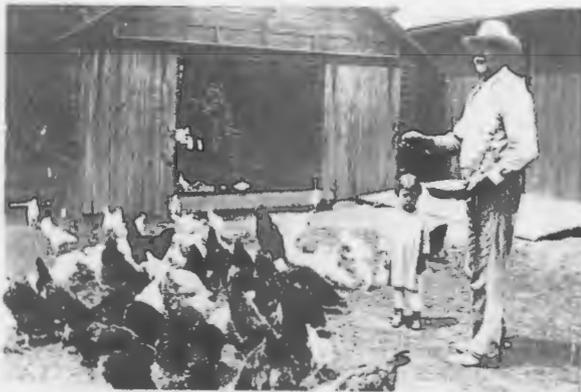
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Marion Collier playing piano at 2007 alumni banquet



Back: Robert, Dora, Herbert, Gurn Dancer. Front: Paul, William J. Jeness Dancer



Charles Schumacher and chickens



Gary Gee in 1946

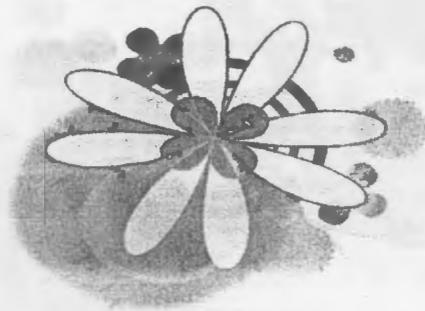


William Willmore, Eliza Helen Baker Willmore, Johanan C. Willmore, Minnie Willmore Green, Nell Willmore Fitch, Sylvia Willmore Brown



GARDEN TOUR STOCKBRIDGE—GREGORY

*Saturday, June 26
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Stockbridge Garden Club*



One day every year or two, select private gardens open their gates to the public. You are cordially invited to attend the 2010 Stockbridge-Gregory Garden Tour.

All proceeds go to the 175th Anniversary Stockbridge Area Celebration Committee.

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\$8 Presale (per person)
Tickets available at Stockbridge Pharmacy & Gregory Bramlett Hardware.

*For more information
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LESLIE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 09-10-12

LESLIE CITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-07

RESOLUTION HONORING THE STOCKBRIDGE AREA
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Leslie Township, Leslie City Council and the Citizens of our community wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Stockbridge Township, the Village of Stockbridge and its Citizens during their terquasquicentennial celebration;

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge Area was first settled by Elijah Smith in 1835, 175 years ago;

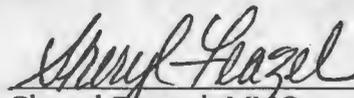
WHEREAS, the accomplishments and achievements of the Stockbridge Area deserve recognition and commendation;

WHEREAS, the Stockbridge Area has always been considered a friend and fierce sports rival of the Leslie Community;

WHEREAS, Leslie Township and the City of Leslie would like to encourage citizens of Leslie to join in the terquasquicentennial events happening in Stockbridge July 11-17, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Leslie deems it an honor and pleasure to extend to Stockbridge sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and productive years.

THE UNDERSIGNED CLERKS of Leslie Township and the City of Leslie hereby CERTIFY that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Leslie Township Board of Trustees on the 9th day of June, A.D., 2010 at their regular meeting and by the City of Leslie on the 1st day of June, A.D., 2010 at their regular meeting.



Sheryl Deazel, MMC
Leslie Township Clerk



Denae Davenport, CMC
Leslie City Clerk

Stockbridge Celebration Powwow



July 10th, 2010

Hosted by



Stockbridge Area Anniversary Celebration Committee South Eastern Michigan Indians, Inc.

**Native American Drum
Dancers & Food
Arts & Crafts by Native American Vendors**

SITE Stockbridge High School
416 N Clinton
Stockbridge, MI 49285

GRAND ENTRY: Saturday, July 10, 2010
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Host Drum: Painted Rock
Head Veteran: Corky Knox, Tlingit Pequot, U.S. Army - 1st Cavalry (Ret.)

Special Guest: Warren Petoskey

Native American Dance Exhibitions

**Public Welcome
Traders/Vendors by Invitation Only**

For more information contact Micah Bedwell at micah_bedwell@semii.org or

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1800-1900's Era-Let History take you
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