

Otsego County Historical Society Newsletter



MUSEUM IS CLOSED FOR
THE SEASON. WILL RE-OPEN
IN MAY.
989-732-4568

DECEMBER 2005

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good news! The winner of the Quilt Raffle was Linda Marler of Farmington Hills (daughter of Richard Barber of Gaylord) and the winner of the Bird Feeder was Doris Bishop of Allegan.



The Open House and Quilt Drawing was well attended by about 30 people who all enjoyed the variety of home baked pies donated by the Museum Board. Thank you Board Members!

Many changes are taking place here at the Museum, including a much needed arrangement of working areas for the staff.

If you wish to purchase any of our calendars or any of our books, they are available at the Otsego County Library. Calendars are available at many business locations including Saturn Books, Arlene's, Gaylord Feed and Grain, Fifth Third Bank, Sparr Mall, Bea's Restaurant, the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau Ins. among others. If you cannot find a

calendar or want a Pictorial History Book please call the Museum and leave a message on our answering machine. We will return your call and make arrangements so you can get the items.



DONATIONS

Have you thought about donations to the Museum in honor of your spouse, children, parents, friends? This makes a wonderful Christmas, Birthday or "just because" gift to your loved ones. When you make a donation to the Museum in their honor, we will send a card to the honoree so they will know of your thoughtfulness! These donations can be in any amount and if the donation is \$100. or more, their name/names will be added to our Honorarium Board.

Due to recent legislation, **cash gifts** made to non profit charities will be credited at 100% on this year's federal taxes rather than the 50% rate that has been customary. This legislation which started in late summer, is in effect until Dec. 31, 2005.

DONORS of ARTIFACTS

Our thanks to the following people for donating some of their family heirlooms and personal collection with us.

Larry Bowers
Marlene Everett
Maureen Ballenger
Tim Hudson
Mary Noa
Harry Andrews
Lois Murphy



PRIVATE TOURS

In October, the staff arranged a private tour of the Museum for the staff of the Gaylord Herald Times. A guided tour was given by Ann Wright and Ginny Brozowski after which cookies and coffee were served. Everyone enjoyed the tour and this was the first time some of them had visited our Museum. If your group would like a private tour, please call Ginny Brozowski at 732-9406 to arrange it.





Our Sympathy to the families of Bobbi Jo Magsig, Patti Holborn and Marge McMullen who recently passed away.

QUIZ ...TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers on following page

1. How many permanent courthouses has Otsego County had?
2. What were the names of the original four townships that made up the county?
3. Where was the Gaylord State Savings Bank located?
4. What was the name of the lumbering company that established the town of Johannesburg?
5. What was the original name of Elmira?
6. What type of business was developed to offset the loss of jobs when the lumbering industry began to decline in the early 1910's?
7. Where was the Dayton Last Block Works located?
8. Who was the famous ball player from Georgia that played with the Gaylord team at the state tournament in 1913?
9. Where was the baseball field built by Henry Stephens located?
10. For what agricultural product was Otsego County known in the early to mid 1900's?
11. Prior to building the existing J-L school where did students attend school?
12. What was the Elmira High School basketball team called?

POLISH-GERMAN COOKING CLASS

Sandi and Rudi Edel will teach a cooking class on Polish and German traditional dishes.

Classes will be on Tuesdays, Feb. 14 and 21 at the Culinary Arts classroom at GHS.

More information will be available soon. Watch the newspaper for details or call the MSU Extension Office at 731-0272 to be put on the reservation list. Class size is limited. There will be a fee to cover expenses.

The class is co-sponsored by OCHS and MSU Extension.

PROJECTS

Here are some of the projects we are doing between January and next summer. Each project has a chairperson. Volunteers are needed to help them. If you are interested in helping please call Ann at 732-4568 or 231-546-3590.

Sort Negatives /call families

Organize School Files

Organize Picture Files

Gift Shop, Volunteer to work in

Lakes, research current and past names

Displays, help put together

Historic Homes, research

Cemeteries, Survey

Scan pictures

*MAY THIS NEW YEAR
BRING JOY AND PEACE!*





RED SCHOOL

This school is now located on the Fairgrounds and was dedicated to Ray McMullen, MSU Extension Director in Otsego County in the 70's. It is open during fair week and shows what a typical one room schoolhouse looked like in the 20's and 30's.

Originally the school serving the district in this area was located at Poquette and US 27 North and was a white clapboard school. Later the school was located at the corner of Parmater and US 27 North on land owned by Mr. O'Rourke and it was painted red, and so was known as the Red School.

Note: An interesting cd at the Museum is Mrs. Zella Moorhead's account of working at various one room schools throughout the county in the early 1900's.



Girls: left to right
 Helen Jurek Mary Kosiara
 Margaret Slivinski Angeline Jurek
 Hattie Jurek Helen Jurek 1930



Boys:left to right
 Milo Campbell Blasé Gapinski
 Lawrence Kwapis Richard Gault

1. 4
2. Livingston, Elmira, Otsego Lake, Charlton
3. Main Street Shoes building
4. Johannesburg Manufacturing Co.
5. Windsor
6. Gaylord Car
7. Between Wilbur's and Bagley Cemetery on S. Otsego Ave.
8. Ty Cobb
9. Gaylord Intermediate School
10. Potatoes
11. Brick Block Bldg.
12. The "Spuds"

Answers to quiz



MUSEUM STAFF

President-Ginny Brozowski
Vice-President-Doris Schulz
Secretary-Jan Pearson
Treasurer-Maureen Ballenger
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Congratulations to Mt. Carmel Centre! This fall the Centre received a Michigan Historic designation!

This is a wonderful and very appropriate honor and recognition of our heritage for our community !

When you are in the area, please stop to look at the plaque in the front yard of the Centre.

Again, congratulations and thank you to all those who worked to accomplish this honor.

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