



Montrose Museum

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 1pm-4pm and Mondays/
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Memory Lane Gazette

The Summer issue #147 is available for \$1.00. Among other items this issue has a photo of the first hotel in Montrose Township, The William Reed Hotel. You may pick up this or any issue at the Museum. You may also receive the issues by subscription for \$6.00 a year.

Come Celebrate the End of Summer with the Museum... 'Michigan Style'



September 17, 2016

Where: Montrose Township Barber Park - Pavilion A
11410 Seymour Rd., Montrose

Time: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Rain or Shine

R.S.V.P. - 639-6644

OR

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The Museum will supply Koegel hot dogs, buns, chili, Faygo pop, Better Made chips & Michigan made ice cream.

We are keeping it local by shopping at Riverside Market!

Please bring a picnic dish to share and a friend if you wish :)

Be prepared to play lawn games!!

If you are unable to make our Annual Christmas Dinner, please be sure not to miss our 1st Annual Summer Picnic!!

See you at the park!!

In the News...



Our Museum was recently featured in the MLive section of many newspapers around the state. Did you happen to see it? The day it came out our phone quite literally started to ring almost as soon as we walked in the door. First call was inquiring about donating items and the second was from a 77 year old Bay City man wanting to know about bringing his friends down for a road trip. We have had visitors from 19 different cities who state the article was the reason they were at the Museum. Pretty Awesome!

Signature Quilt



Quilt made and donated to the Museum in honor of Albertha Short by Dale and Alice Keith.

Museum Garage Sales and Farmer's Markets...



This summer has found the Museum crew boxing, hauling and setting up donated items ranging from toasters to Delft chandeliers, from car mats to roller tennis shoes, from books on Michigan gardening to ghost tours of Savannah and EVERYTHING in between! We started out in May with the city wide sale in the neighboring town of Chesaning and the days in Liz Lea's garage were very good to us. Next we started setting up at the Montrose Farmer's Market trying to sell a few dozen books. Ehhh, little harder to see a decent profit when garden flowers and Christmas ornaments are nearby. But every little bit counts. Lastly, we participated in the 2nd annual Community Sale at the Methodist Church, July 16th. There were about 20 other people/groups there with a wonderful crowd ready to shop. We thank each and everyone of you that have donated items and time to make each of these sales possible. It truly is not possible to do all of the above with out your help. Please remember us when you clean out your garage, closets, cupboards and attics so we will be ready for the 2017 community sales!

Church on the Hill Historical Marker...



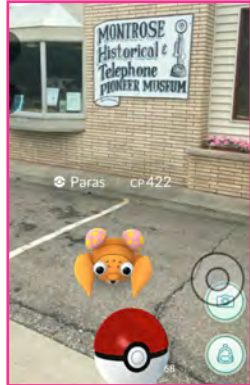
A few weeks ago the Museum received word that our application would be accepted pending 4 items that needed clarification. One of the items needed was proof of weddings at the Church. Lo & behold member Susan Marston has a friend, Ranae, who was married in the church in 1989. She brought an invitation AND pictures to the Museum to be included in the resubmission. Nancy Stewart and Fran Heystek are researching

the other items as time permits. Thanks Ladies!!

The State of Michigan started the Historical Marker program in 1955. Michigan is one of the premier states within the marker program and our state has markers in others states AND Europe!! This month's marker spotlight (Michigan History Center) is for the Michigan Cavalry Brigade at Monterey Pass Battlefield Waynsboro, Pennsylvania. Imagine, our marker will be on the list with one dedicated to the men that intercepted the retreating Army of Northern Virginia on the night of July 4, 1863. Wonder if any Montrose men were in the Brigade. Isn't history grand?

What was old is new again....

Pokemon-Go at the Museum?



The little pocket monsters from the '90's are back with an app/game that has taken Montrose by storm. Both the Museum & the Slade School are an active part of the hunt around town. Joe has interacted with many players & has learned that the Museum itself is a hotspot, pokestop & gym where you can take on other players. Soon we will have to start accessioning pokeballs, eggs (all kinds), potions, incubators and the such. Please help us get the word out that during Blueberry the Museum will be a phone charging station with AC & a free tour to boot. (grins)

Blueberry Festival Hours
Friday 8/19...9:30am - 8pm
Saturday 8/20...9am - 6pm
Sunday 8/21...10am - 4pm
- Festival shirt below -



2016 Hill-McCloy Graduate

Amanda Ramsey...

Congratulations to our intrepid Secretary for all her accomplishments made during her high school years. Mandy graduated with a 3.8 GPA, the Robert & Monna Short Scholarship, Digital Media Producer of The Year, English Language Arts Award & the Academic Excellence Award. She is headed to Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI this fall to start her studies toward a degree in Nursing. We are going to miss her 'can do spirit', wonderful smile & sassy attitude. But most of all we are going to miss hearing stories of staying up ALL night to finish projects due the next day while consuming mass quantities of coffee & taking minutes at our meetings.

We **love** you Mandy & wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life.



Old High School Lintel Project...

It is with great pleasure that we share the Montrose Public School Lintel with you. The G.R. Bishop Masonry crew, of Chesaning, worked on the project during the hottest days of May and did an excellent job of recreating how it was placed in the old school. When you're next in town please drive by the Slade school house and give the Lintel a 'look see' and thank Mr. Bill Lea for the having the foresight to save a bit of Montrose History.

Applewood - Home of C.S. Mott

A few of us from the Museum were blessed to spend a morning touring the home & grounds of Applewood. If you have not booked a tour we highly recommend it! L to Right - Diane Centek, Janet Carr, Bonnie Sly, Susan Marston, Liz Lea, Mandy Ramsey, Eva Vandefifer, Chrissy Beedy, Murray Vandefifer, Karen Galindo & Angela Barron.



Items of Interest

New Riverside Display Shelf



Joe & Les making adjustments



The finale

M-57 signs



Current Signs



Proposed Signs



This and That from Joe's Corner...

Riverside Spartan donated a display shelf to the Museum to help us with our remodel project. For four years now we have worked on the Telephone room during the winter months. Many items have been in storage unseen and are now on display. We still have at least another winter's worth of work for that room.

After 26 years the State of Michigan has decided that our billboards, on each end of town, are not in compliance. We have retained Voorheis Signs of Montrose to do some of the work and we will do the rest.

Many excellent donations continue to arrive at the Museum helped out by an article about our Museum that was in many newspapers throughout the state. Our visitor count is also up considerably. Many good comments have been made to us about our collection and written in our visitors log.

Volunteers continue to work on the various projects that enhance the Museum. Our files have thousands of pictures, articles and over 108,400 names in the data base. What your relatives did here in the past has a good chance of being recorded somewhere in the Museum's collection. Some (good or bad) are even in the Justice of the Peace books. There are many types of volunteer jobs and there is one to suit you! Come on in and give us a try.

We are still in the used book business. They just keep coming. We will be selling books at some of the Thursday Farmers Markets in Barber Park next to the American Legion (Veterans Bell) Christmas ornament sale (50 cents each).

There will be many interesting displays for Blueberry Festival 2016. The theme for this year will be Honoring our Heroes and as such our largest display will be military based. Steve Berde of Midland will be supplying many, many items from just before Blueberry until just after the Veterans Bell dedication (September 10th @ 2pm). We will have displays of WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see examples of our military history.

Did you know that if you buy from Amazon and your account is set up with an "AmazonSmile" account Amazon will make a donation to the institution you choose? We would be grateful if you put the Montrose Museum as your choice. You must select the Museum the first time you do AmazonSmile. Your prime account will still work as normal with AmazonSmile. Thank you for supporting the Museum.

Dates to Remember

- August 19, 20, 21 - Blueberry Festival (see page 3 for Museum hours)
- September 10th - Veterans Bell Dedication, 2pm sharp, bring own chair
- September 12th - Steve Berde, Military Artifacts **(TBA? no confirmation)**
- September 17th - Museum Picnic, 12pm-4pm
- October 10th - Speaker Michael Thorp on Michigan "Thumb Drive", 7pm
- November 14th - Speaker Larry Prueter on Life & Times of Wellington Burt
- December 5th - Christmas Dinner at the Museum, 6pm. Meeting on 6th
- January 9, 2017 - Annual Show and Tell, 7pm
- March 13th - Jim Daenzer, History of Advertising, 7pm

Don't forget the picnic - September 17, 2016