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**Memory Lane Gazette**

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**Montrose High School Graduating Class 1927**

Top - Gladys MacDonald, Frank Irland, Mr. W.T. Carter, Mr. H.D. Stuber, Don Persons, Viola Dubey  
 Middle - Violet Petre, Clinton Persons, Oscar Shoup, Marjorie Bedford, Wyman Jennings, Amiel Friedl  
 Bottom - Margaret Carey, Grant Irland, Kenneth Eastman, Florence Shook, Ellen Keefe

While searching the Museum’s photo collection we came across the first issue of the ‘Spotlight’ (Montrose School District Newspaper) dedicated to the class of 1927 and shortly thereafter came across the above graduation photo. We thought you might enjoy a look back on the school year of 1927.

The Baccalaureate & Class Night were on June 12th. Oscar Shoup was Salutatorian & Florence Shook was Valedictorian. The Class History was read by Clinton Persons. The Class Prophecy was given by Viola Dubey & Last Wills & Testaments of Seniors was given by Wyman Jennings. Girls Athletics tried their hand at Baseball & they went to a large Track meet in Flint competing against 6 other schools coming in 2nd to Fenton. The High School Library was started in January with over 600 books! 14 young men were awarded Athletic Letters in honor of their accomplishments in football & basketball. All 15 graduates have plans to continue their education with 2 going into nursing & 3 going for a Business degree. In 6th/ 7th grade news...Orlando Chase, 7th gr, has been neither absent nor tardy this year. Lyle Tillman & Kenneth Eastman have the highest averages for 6th grade. Now for 4th/5th grade. The attendance contest between boys & girls is not going to have a very high percentage. The boys seem to be losing as the score is 46 to 72. The Secondary Primary room was busy during the year selling Ready-Jell & Good Seeds & with the money earned they bought a phonograph which has been greatly enjoyed by all. Hope you enjoyed a little look at the 1926-27 school year. Stop by & check out the Spotlight for yourself.

## Recent Acquisitions



What is the meaning of serendipitous?

Serendipitous is an adjective that describes accidentally being in the right place at the right time, like bumping into a good friend in some unusual location, or finding a hundred dollar bill on the ground.

[vocabulary.com](http://vocabulary.com)

OR like finding a vintage photo album of a prominent Montrose family in a random mid-Michigan antique store. That is just what Anne Follett did when she and Joe were out antiquing one winter's day. As Joe was checking out Anne picked up an album just because and opened it to the back page and much to her surprise and delight .... Duncan Berry's (1853-1935) face was looking back at her.

A few of the pictures had names but many more did not. We researched our records and looked on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and were able to identify a few more pictures. If you happen to be good with recognizing faces and names of the extended Berry family we would love to put a few more names to the pictures in this treasure trove of an album.



## Chesaning's City Wide Garage Sale...

For many years now the Museum has been blessed to be able to participate in this HUGE rummage sale over the Memorial Day Weekend thanks in part to Bill & Liz Lea loaning us their garage. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. We will start to deliver items May 23rd - the sale is May 27th and 28th. We need help with transporting, setting up, pricing and manning the garage sale. If you would be able to help us out with any part please contact us at the Museum. We would be very grateful for any and all help. If you have items to donate for the sale please drop them off at the Museum Monday, Tuesday (9-3) or Sunday (1-4). OR call Joe Follett, 810-210-7158 or 639-2220 to arrange a pick up.



## Football Research Project...

The Museum is currently helping out Tom Skinner with a research/writing project. He is trying to determine the first year Montrose had a team and also compiling the names/positions played. If you have any info or photos from 1947 and back and would like to be apart of Tom's project please contact him directly. Each individual will be courtesy

credited in the finished project. Thank you for helping to preserve a bit of Montrose's History Tom! Tom Skinner (810)-577-9188 or email: [tessports70@aol.com](mailto:tessports70@aol.com).  
- Above photo from Museum Collection - 1006 Montrose H.S. Football Team -

## Church on the Hill Historical Marker...

Back in March with the help of Fran Heystek and Nancy Stewart the application for the marker was sent to the Michigan Historical Center for approval. If you would like to see a copy of the application it resides in a lovely blue binder and is definitely a work of love and something to behold. A big 'Thank You' to these two ladies as well as Joe & Anne Follett, Bonnie Sly and the Montrose Township office staff.



Methodist Protestant Church — Circa 1896

Did you know that Michigan has over 1700 historical markers? Or that our state has one of the largest privately funded historical marker programs in the nation? Pretty impressive, and we just might be next in line for a marker unveiling. We will be sure to pass on the news as soon as we know we have been approved.

### Recent Acquisitions...



Isn't this a beautiful red phone? It even has a cloth cord! A BIG thanks to some great members for finding such a cool phone.



No matter your political party preference you have to find this 1869 paper pretty darn cool, right? It was originally delivered to John McKenzie (early Montrose resident) and recently donated to the Museum by Earl Swain along with 1890's newspapers from Scotland.



Montrose Historical & Telephone Pioneer Museum 1996 Calendar



There are lots of changes going on at the Museum. We may be a small Museum but we are mighty in spirit! Join us on Monday, Tuesday or Sunday and lend a hand.

Joe Follett, Les Christensen, John Lewis, Jerry Walker, Gary Smith and Frank Leek have spent many hours in the Telephone Room (above) attaching plywood to the existing walls and then attaching telephones and other related equipment. The gentlemen hosted a cleaning day and were grateful to have help dusting EVERYTHING on the walls!! Stop on by the Museum and let us show you all we have accomplished since your last trip.



### Old High School Lintel Project...

Back when the old High School (photo left) was torn down a few stalwart Museum members and Matt Fejedelem rescued the front door lintel. It was always a dream of Bill & Elizabeth Lea (founding members of the Museum) to have the lintel installed on the Museum property. Fast forward many years and the Lea's dream is about to become a

reality. The leg work for this project is being handled by Les Christensen with help from Liz Lea, Murray Vandefifer and Joe Follett. The project is partially funded by donations made in Bill Lea's honor.



The pictures above are from a recent work day when the men pulled all the lintel pieces together. The third picture shows all the pieces of the lintel puzzle coming together for the first time in many years.



**Dreams really do come true. We miss you Bill!!**

### Wanted



#### 2004 Hill-McCloy Rambler

The Museum has one of the only (nearly) complete sets of Hill-McCloy Rambler yearbooks. Our Collection starts with 1947 and continues to 2015 and we find ourselves missing the book from 2004. If you happen to have a spare and would consider donating it to the Museum please give us a call or better yet, stop on by and say hello to the gang...we might have donuts that day :)

### Special Moments...



2015 Candle Walk



Christmas Dinner 2015

## - Invitation - *Come Celebrate the end of Summer with the Museum*

**When:** September 17, 2016

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

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

The Museum will supply Koegel hot dogs, buns, chili., Faygo Pop, Better Made Chips & a Michigan made ice cream.  
Keeping it local by shopping at Riverside Market!!

**Please bring a picnic dish to share.**

Be prepared to play lawn games!!

If you are unable to make our Annual Christmas Dinner, please be sure not to miss our First Annual Summer Picnic!! See you at the park!!

### *This and That from Joe's Corner...*

Our secretary, Amanda Ramsey, is graduating from High School (honor roll) this year. She has been a hard worker at the museum since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She is college bound and will be missed by all.

We have continued with upgrading telephone displays at the museum. Thanks to Les & Judy Christensen, Gary Smith, John Lewis, Chuck Persons, Frank Leek, Jerry Walker and Bonnie Sly. More and more is coming out of storage. At the same time many donations are coming in.

Marian Hoose is our new volunteer. She is doing paper work on donations. She now understands why we never get caught up. If you would like to volunteer there are lots of different things to do...(secretary needed, hint, hint). You are also welcome just to stop by and visit.

Our Rummage sale for Memorial Day weekend in Chesaning is fast approaching. We appreciate any and all donations and will even come pick them up. Give me a call 810 210 7158 or 639 2220 if you, your family or neighbors have items to donate.

In keeping with The Blueberry Festival 2016 military theme, "Honoring our Heroes", and the Veterans Bell Grand Opening, September 10, 2016, we are going to expand our current Military Display. We have found a gentleman who will be loaning us items from his military collection. If you are in town for Festival or the Bell opening please stop by the Museum...you will be amazed!

Did you know that Ma Bell transmitted the 1st television picture over telegraph wires in 1927! We received a donation of Bell Labs pictures showing this step into the future. Stop by for a look at these amazing photos!

## Have a safe and Happy Summer Don't forget the picnic - September 17, 2016