

Howell Area Historical Society



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There is a chill in the air, the leaves have left the trees and our year is coming to an end.

2013 has been a very successful year due to the dedication and hard work of the members of our society. One of our goals was successfully reached by opening the depot museum on Sundays from May through September. Visitors enjoyed strolling by after a trip to the farmer's market and hearing stories about by gone days. Thank you - to all who volunteered their time to helped us achieve this goal. As always, we are open by appointment but we hope to include additional public hours in 2014.

A special thank you to Duane and Esther Brown for going the extra mile this year. The museum sparkles from the special attention Duane has given the wood cabinets and floors and to both for filling in on Sundays when others were ill or unable to help, also to Gus Massard for permanently mounting the Memorial Bench honoring Pat Malafouris and the local boy scout troops who will be hanging the holiday lighting on the museum and fencing again this year in early November. And a round of applause to everyone who dedicated themselves to Howell History Days and Melon Festival, our car show sponsors, Roy's Auto Works, J & D Historical Restoration and Aamco Transmissions and a job well done by Bruce Powelson and David Nagel.



Through the winter months we will be discussing ideas and plans for school tours, Howell History Days Celebration (May 17), Melon Festival (August 15,16,17), summer hours, fundraising for the society and a membership meeting open house.

Have a safe, blessing filled holiday season and we will see everyone in the spring!

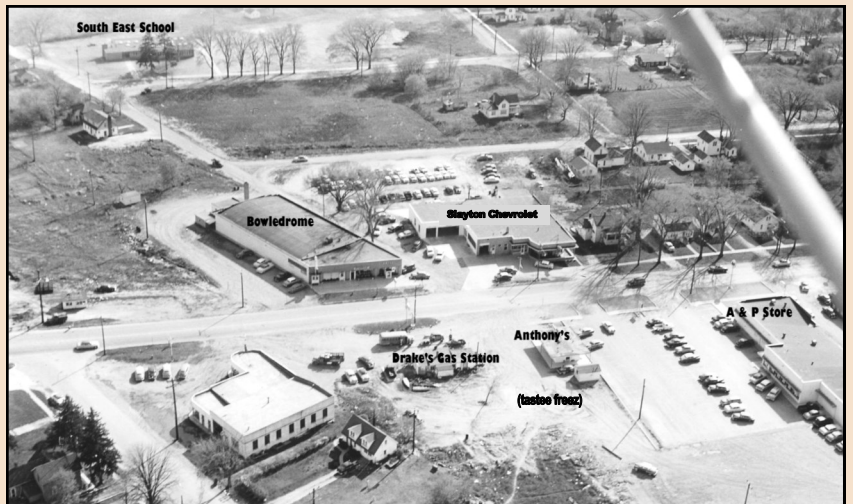
OUR HISTORY IN PICTURES



Howell celebrated the end of the War with the VJ Parade. The Livingston County Health Department float was sponsored by the Livingston County Farm Bureau (left) is shown here passing in front of State Street and the building now known as the Dairy Queen. The awning facing east covers the stairs to the barber shop in the basement of the building. Rieckhoff Optometry is in the first floor store front with Eldred's Bakery next door. The court house lawn is filled with spectators watching as the Zemper Studio float passes by. The honor roll can be seen where the newly dedicated War memorial stands today.



Above: State Street, taken 40 years after the top photo, notice the angle parking is a thing of the past. You can see the roof top of our museum at the top of the photo (on left) The dark building in the photo on the center right, houses the W.D. Adams. This building is now owned by the Cleary family. The east section of the Weimeister Building, next to it, is the entrance to Cleary's Pub. Right: The Howell Bowl-e-drome opened 53 years ago. In the early years when Grand River was a toll road, the toll booth sat directly in front of Drake's Gas Station. The A & P store building has housed many businesses through the years. Southeast Elementary school can be seen in the top left corner.



C A B O O S E N E W S



THE CABOOSE CREW

**Jon Boegler, Bruce Powelson,
Howard Ziegel, Gus Massard,
Stacy Karnes, Mike Mason,
Bob "Rosey" Rosenthal,
Mark Cowles, David Nagel,
Mark Kalis, and Dan Kalis**

The Caboose Crew has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to breathe new life into the 1888 Caboose.

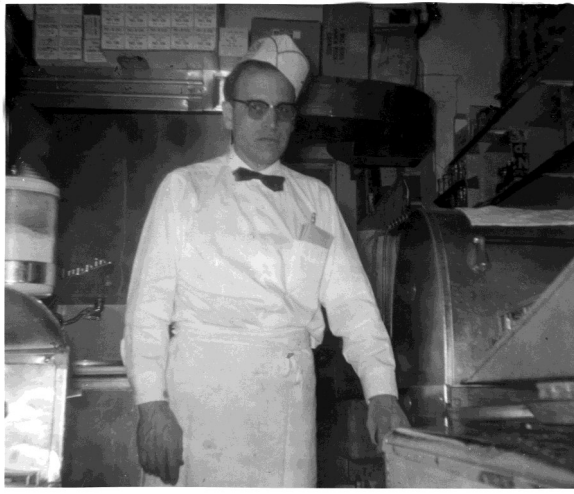
New windows, siding, moldings and paint have been the focus this year. Redford Lock generously donated and fitted security locks. Brent Nakkula and his parents contacted the Society requesting our assistance in providing him with a project to complete his Eagle Scout requirements.

He has designed and will implement safety steps and security gates for the Caboose. The project is to be completed by the end of November. Mark Kalis has volunteered to construct permanent iron closure for the north side of both entrances. The ladders and metal hardware are being cleaned and sandblasted. The crew is formulating a plan to complete the exterior and begin work on the interior. Work will continue as weather permits.

Many thanks to the Parker Foundation, Steve Manor, Mark Kalis and Sue Hamilton for their continued financial support.



DO YOU REMEMBER . . . THE MIDGET



HOWELL - The Midget Sandwich Shop opened its doors to its first customer on January 21, 1940. Since this time thousands of satisfied people have passed through these same doors helping the proprietor, Lawrence Dunham, to establish a reputation for good food, fine service and satisfied customers that can be equaled by few other businesses.

From 1940 through the early 1950's the Midget was opened twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. After the World War II business boom began to recede, hours were changed to 6:00am to 11:00pm Monday through Saturday, and from 6:00am to 9:00pm on Sunday. These hours were recently revised and shortened again in line with personal and business needs. No Matter what the operating hours have been, Dunham has built and kept a very fine image for his customers. This reputation has not been lightly earned. The customer and his best interests are always uppermost in the owner's business decisions.

Dunham once had a new water heater installed which carried a five year warranty. Exactly four and one half years from the date it was installed the unit failed and needed major repairs. The water heater guy grudgingly installed the necessary parts and blamed the failure on the fact that the unit had been operated at near maximum capacity for the period of its use. The company further suggested that the operating range be lowered in the future for longer life. Dunham immediately refused to do this as he felt he would be jeopardizing the health of his customers if the dishes and equipment were not in the hottest possible water and under the cleanest of conditions. This same attitude of concern for his customers has carried over into Dunham's other business decisions and his customers realize that their best interest will be served whenever they place an order.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have three children, Terry, Janet and Roger. Terry is currently employed by Chevrolet Motor Division in South Bend, Indiana. Janet is with the Special Services Section of the U.S. Government at Camp Hovey, in Korea. Both are college graduates. Roger is a sophomore at Howell High. He is active in Boy Scouting and athletics. Mrs. Dunham is active in community affairs and is a member of the Executive Council of the Girl Scouts of America.

Dunham is grateful to the community of Howell and its citizens for providing the spirit of cooperation and acceptance that they have over the years. To return his feelings he has attempted to provide the best food and services he knows how. None can say that he has not succeeded.

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OPERA HOUSE MEMORIES



When I was somewhere around 12 or 13, I used to watch for the Livingston County Press every week to see if there was an auction near where we lived and I would pedal my bicycle over to it and see what kind of stuff was for sale. Duane Myers was the auctioneer and he always did a good job. One Saturday, I was at an auction and an old replica of the first Edison Light Bulb was one of the things put up for sale. Replicas were made in 1929, the 50 anniversary of the original Edison light bulb. I bought it for something less than \$1.50 and carried it home with me. A year or two later I was with a friend at Sutton's Hardware and we asked permission to go upstairs to see the auditorium in the old Howell Opera House. There lying on one of the seats was an original box for the light I had purchased. I didn't have the courage to ask for it so it stayed there. Some fifteen years later, I was back in Howell and decided to see if I might just be lucky enough to have the box still in its place. To my amazement it was still there and the folks at Sutton's were nice enough to give it to me.

Memory shared by T. Dunham, Howell High School Class of 1958



OUR GROUNDS CONTINUE TO BE A POPULAR SPOT FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

above left: Stacy and Sarah, by Mary Chalker; above right: Aron and Verlie, by Bruce Powelson. Below: Mike and Christin, by Lea Moss Photography; Lucas, by Gabrielle Montesanti Photography; Ryan and Sarah, by Infiniti Photography.





Thank you to the Court House Square Questers. The group provided funds to restore the museum painting of Thompson Lake by artist, J R. "Dick" Burdick. Pictured: Jon Boegler, Sherri Doyle, Melba Van Cuyt, Judy Burns, Sandra Everett, Esther Brown, Sue Kelly, Ruby Glick, and David Nagel.



HOWELL CHICKS -The Squire Hatchery was located on Michigan Ave and was owned by the father of member, Sally Squire Campbell.



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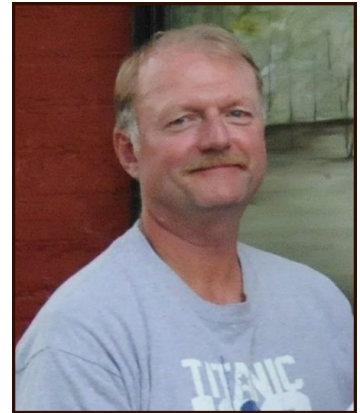
WALTER AND SALLY SQUIRE

FAREWELL

Jon Boegler, our society president for the past 10 years has stepped down to start a new journey with his wife Heather.

Jon and Heather will be relocating to Oregon in November.

Thank you, Jon, for your years of service and dedication, to the society, to our wonderful museum, for spearheading the addition of the caboose, and for being our maintenance guru and jack of all trades. You will be missed. Travel safe.



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MCPHERSON
& SONS
108 W
GRAND RIVER
LADIES
BEHIND THE
COUNTER ARE
GEORGIA
MCPHERSON &
ALVAH HALL**

**VG'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM HAS CHANGED**

September 1st, 2013, the program no longer requires collection of receipts.
Just link your "yes card" online (www.myyesrewards.com) to support Howell Area Historical Society.

You still receive all your benefits as before as well as having your purchases support this vital program for our society and circle the following dates on your calendar.

Purchases during the following weeks, determine the percentage rebate to the society.

November 17 - 23, January 12 - 18, February 2 - 8, February 23 - March 1.

Don't have a computer? Call us, we will be glad to help get you registered.

REGISTERING YOUR KROGER CARD WILL SUPPORT THE SOCIETY.

Howell Area Historical Society Membership Ballot

Board of Trustee

Term - 3 years

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2017

Candidates

Tom Rice



Joan Wilkinson



You may e-mail your voting choice to: howellareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
by placing the name of your selection in the subject line or mailing your ballot
to: Howell Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 154, Howell, MI 48844

www.howellareahistoricalsociety.org

The updated site gives us the opportunity to share more history, our current projects, and to preserve memories shared with the society. You can even renew your membership, purchase a "This Place Matters" brick, drop us a email, sign up as a volunteer or make a donation online.

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Not a member?

Join today!



Your support is vital to the
preservation of local history.

**Annual Membership is due
December 1, 2013**

Single - \$15.00

Family - \$25.00

Contributing - \$100.00

Lifetime - \$500.00