

Howell Area Historical Society

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Happy Summer!

We all thought it would never arrive but here it is and we are busy as the bees.

Lots of excitement at the depot.

The caboose crew has been hard at work putting the finishing touches on the exterior. The new roof donated by Armstrong was such a blessing and allowed the crew to move forward with plans for the interior renovation.

The society will be hosting "Railroad Days" on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 during Melon Festival

The 1225 Pere Marquette will be celebrating its 75 birthday with train rides to the public with multiple trips per day over the weekend. Members of the Steam Railroading Institute will be on hand adjacent to the depot to handle ticket sales. Proceeds from the train rides will be used for preservation and restoration of the 1225 Pere Marquette and the Institute.

Antique and Collectables along with railroad artifacts will be on display and for sale. A model railroad show and sale is also scheduled at the depot. Off site in front of the Historic Livingston County Court House on Saturday, August 20th will be the Historical Society's Classic Car Show. Proceeds from all events will fund ongoing preservation efforts of the 1886 Train Station and the 1888 GT Caboose.



The exterior of the caboose is beginning to have a new look. Stacy Karnes, a talented local artist is adding the logo on the caboose as one of the exterior finishing touches. Stay tuned to see what happens to the black square!

We must extend a huge thank you to the Boy Scouts for adopting the grounds and gardens. They look wonderful.

Please consider becoming a member, make a donation, volunteer your time to preserve these landmarks.

James "Rudy" Rudolph, President

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WHERE
ARE
THEY
NOW?

1888 GRAND TRUNK CABOOSE

CABOOSE NEWS -

An amazing transformation!

Just a few short years ago, this caboose returned to Howell weather beaten and worn. Only those with a vision could see the possibilities.

Through the dedication of the Caboose Crew, the exterior transformation is almost complete.

This endeavor would not have been possible without the financial support of the Parker Foundation. Their belief in this project kept the crew moving

forward when at times the task seemed insurmountable. Special thanks to Armstrong Enterprises for the new roof.

Today this 1888 Caboose is a reminder of the importance of the railroad to our community.

Detailing and the logo should be completed just in time for Railroad Days during the Melon Festival.

Much work remains to be done and the Crew is always looking for volunteers to help out along with financial support.



The crew normally meets on Thursday nights and some Saturday's based on weather conditions. Come down and see our progress!

A special thank you to Mike, Ed, Howard, Bruce, Rudy, Mark, Stacy and all the caboose crew for their dedication to this project.

The work continues to transform this gem into a historical treasure standing tall beside the Railroad depot.

Give Mike a call at 517-304-4189.

RAILROAD DAYS SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

The Pere Marquette 1225 train rides will depart from the Depot Museum

Saturday 10am - noon - 2pm - 4pm - 6pm

Sunday 10am - noon - 2pm - 4pm

- ◆ Tours of the historic 1886 Ann Arbor Railroad Train Depot Museum!
- ◆ Tours of the 1888 Grand Trunk Caboose!
- ◆ Learn about the fascinating history of the station and the stationmasters importance to the community
- ◆ Antique and Collectible Show and Sale
- ◆ Railroad Artifacts for sale
- ◆ Food and Beverages on site
- ◆ Vendor, Crafter & non-profit organizations
- * Antiques and Collectible show & sale at the depot museum.
- * 10 x 10 Booth spaces are available - \$20.00 for both days Food and beverages on site



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Howell Area Historical Society MELON FESTIVAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Join us right in the middle of Grand River on
Saturday, August 20th. Show times: 10am -
4pm All classic vehicles are welcome!

Cash and plaques will be awarded to the first three places.

Dash plaques will be provided for the first 75 cars registered along with goody bags.

Pre-Registration Fee - \$10.00 Day of Event - \$15.00

Registration fees go to benefit the Howell Area Historical Society.

Downloadable registration form is available on our website on the events page.

Special thanks to our 2016 Car Show Sponsors

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MILESTONES



135 years - Howell Opera House est.

1881 - The Howell Opera House, built in 1881, is a three-story historic landmark in downtown Howell, Michigan, that serves the community and surrounding area with a variety of quality programs and

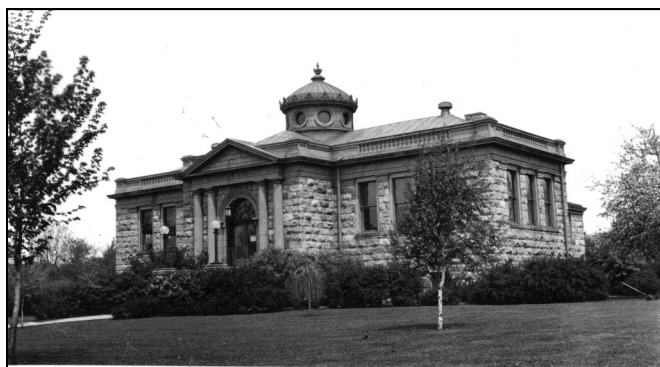
events hosted by the Livingston Arts Council: fundraisers, art exhibits, dance programs, concerts, live performances, lectures, and much more. All events are held on the building's first floor, which was renovated in 2006. The original opera house theater and balcony are located on the second and third floors, which have not been restored to date. All events are held on the building's first floor, which was renovated in 2006. The original opera house theater and balcony are located on the second and third floors, which have not been restored to date.



125 years - First National Bank of Howell

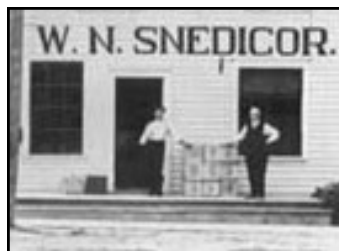
- First National Bank in Howell established its roots as First State and Savings Bank in 1891 and merged with First National Bank in Howell in 1946.

Celebrating 125 years in Livingston County, it's likely that your grandparents, parents, family members, friends and neighbors have banked with them.



110 years - Howell Carnegie Library -

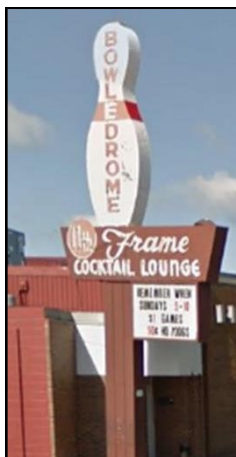
In 1902, architect E.E. Myers, who was the architect of the Michigan State Capitol Building, was hired to design the building and A. G. Kuehnle of Howell was contracted to construct the building. Through a series of disagreements over costs, the original contractor and architect were fired. In 1904 Carnegie agreed to donate another \$5,000 and more local funds were raised. In 1905 Malcomson and Higginbotham Architects of Detroit and C. A. Sauer & Co., a building contractor from Ann Arbor, were hired to complete the building. The opening ceremony took place on November 19, 1906.



100 years - Snedricor Cleaners -

Established in 1916. At Snedricor's we are constantly striving to provide you with the highest level of quality and customer service. Maybe that's why we've been in business for 100 years!

70 years - Howell Bowledrome -



Howell Bowl-E-Drome Bowling Center is a beautiful 20 lanes center that has been family owned and operated since 1946. With state of the art technology and a professional, attentive staff, Howell Bowl-E-Drome delivers the best bowling experience around.



70 years - Franklin Body Shop

since 1946, Franklin Body Shop has been providing auto body repair and collision repair to Howell, MI. We service all makes and models of cars, trucks, vans, and 4x4 vehicles. From body and frame reconstruction to bumper and grill work, we've got you covered. Visit our auto body repair shop and ask about our free loaner cars!

ADDED TO OUR COLLECTION



After a long work week, George Sheffield didn't really want to walk home. But it was the 1870s, and trains didn't run on the weekend when he needed to make the 10-mile commute from his job in Three Rivers, Michigan to home in Burr Oak.

So he walked, but as he did he pondered how to make the trip easier.

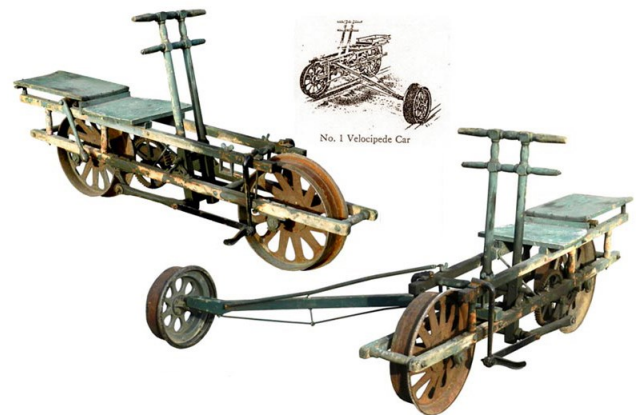
The answer came in his invention of a

"velocipede" or three-wheeled, hand-powered vehicle made for travel on train tracks. Without the railroad company's knowledge, Sheffield began driving his velocipede between work and home.

One night while driving, he discovered a broken rail and alerted railroad officials in time to save a train from derailing. His unique mode of transportation, now known to the officials, piqued their interest and they requested he build several more.

The velocipede proved useful for track inspection and maintenance and in 1879 it was patented by Sheffield. Three years later the Sheffield Velocipede Car Company incorporated and in the early 1900s, Sheffield Car Company ("Velocipede" was dropped in 1892) consolidated with Fairbanks Morse.

Thank you, Michael McKee for your generous donation. We are very proud to receive this wonderful piece of Railroad history to the HAHS! It will be on display for Melon Fest!



SPECIAL SUMMER EXHIBITS

Our vice president, Mike Mason is an avid collector of railroad memorabilia. He has shared for display some of his lanterns dating back to the late 1800's through the modern battery/electric powered units.

Other items include a thermos from a Pullman passenger car, security locks and an interesting collection of employee badges including war related from Willow Run bomber plant, Ford Rouge and Highland Park plants and one from the Fairbanks/Morse Company in Three Rivers, MI who built the Velocipede which was just added to our collection. Chauffeur license pins including early pins from 1917 and 1920s are also on display.



SPECIAL THANKS TO JUDY BURNS



Twenty-six years ago, Judy Burns began serving on the board of the Howell Area Historical Society. In November of 1992, museum director, John C. Pesek resigned which left the society without a museum director through the winter months.

At the February 1993 meeting, Judy Burns offered to take the open position and has served as museum director for the society until her retirement this year. It is often joked in the volunteer organizations that the person who gets the job is the one who didn't show up at the meeting, but Judy was there and actually did volunteer.

One would think with her love of this community and dedication to its history that Judy was born here. Not so. Missouri natives, she and her husband, Jim, moved initially to Farmington Hills when Jim was transferred to Michigan by GM. With their eyes always open for the perfect place, it wasn't long before they fell in love with a historic home in Howell. While spending time raising 7 children, she found time to volunteer in the Howell Archives, compile and edit the 1975-2000 supplement to the Howell Bicentennial History book prior to its re-printing, and serve on the production team of the book, "A Walk Through Time - Seven Walking Tours of Howell".

Judy has received many proclamations and awards for her dedication and community involvement.

The society will always be indebted to her for the hard work and diligence to get the Ann Arbor Railroad Depot listed on the State and National Historic Register.

After 23 years serving as director of the museum, Judy has decided to dedicate more time to getting accreditation for her home on the National Register of Historic Places, to her favorite books, her four-legged pals and spoiling her 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.



2000, Judy Burns, speaks about the importance of saving the Depot.

Volunteers and Museum Docents needed

*Please consider signing up for the 2016 schedule to open the museum
on a Summer Sunday from 10am - 2pm or on a weekday night from 5pm - 7pm*

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Our updated website 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,

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