

Howell Area Historical Society

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HAHS Caboose & Depot Museum Complex

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FALL, 2023

☑ This year at the Howell Area Historical Society we have greatly enjoyed meeting lots of new folks as first time visitors to the Depot Museum and caboose, along with having some old friends stop by. It seems like it was just last week that we were opening for the season in April! I am always greatly indebted to Secretary Mary Shaughnessy for keeping things running on a daily basis while I work my 9-5. We are blessed to have such loyal and giving board members that work so well together. We had our best car show ever in August during Melon fest, we had right around 70 cars! We usually get just over 50. The combination of great weather, folks tired of traffic at the Woodward dream cruise, and cruisers who return year after year made it an excellent experience. We thank lead Sponsor Andy Dobek of Auto lab in Howell, and other generous sponsors; Scully & Monroe, Spartan Tire, Auto Zone, Beauchamp Water Treatment, Folco Communications, Spirit of Livingston, and Bank of Ann Arbor, along with Katy Maiolatesi, Andy McGlashen, and Kerry Maiolatesi, who helped Treasurer Don Maiolatesi run the car show. I personally cannot thank Don enough for how he has transformed the car show into the well-oiled machine that it now is, over the past 6 years. We thank everyone who brought their cars as well! Without you, there is no show. Back at the depot, board members Ed Grima and V.P. Gerri Moen greeted visitors. It was a bit slow in the morning, but by the afternoon there was a steady stream of folks. Thank you to all who participated in our big melon festival Saturday!

☑ We are in need of some able-bodied craftsmen to help with upkeep on our 1888 Grand trunk western Caboose. The south side needs to get painted about 5 times for every time the north side requires it. The sun really takes its toll. So much hard work was put into it already, we really need some help with further upkeep, mainly some scraping and painting, but there is always something requiring attention. Please call and leave a message or send an email if you or someone you know may be interested.

We, also, would like to inform members of a recent donation of a late 1800's manual washing machine that was donated from a local farm off West coon lake Road. It is simply amazing the washer was kept for all these years in great condition! We hope you'll stop by and see this treasure at our Annual Meeting October 29th at 3pm. -Rudy

MELON FEST CAR SHOW 2023 WINNERS



FIRST PLACE: RANDY NEKOLA – 1958 CHEVY DELRAY



**SECOND PLACE: MIKE JONES
1981 CORVETTE**



**THIRD PLACE: PAM & MARK BARTIG
1969 MACH 1**

THANK YOU TO SPIRIT OF LIVINGSTON FOR ALWAYS HANDLING OUR PRINTING NEEDS SO GENEROUSLY. THEY ARE LOCATED AT 3280 W. GRAND RIVER IN HOWELL. STOP IN. THEY HAVE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SPIRIT WEAR FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS. IF YOU NEED A PRINTING JOB, THEY CAN DO IT. THANKS, SPIRIT.

MELON FEST, 2023

2023 CAR SHOW ON GRAND RIVER



OUR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS, GUS & JOSH



GRAND RIVER WAS HOPPING ON SATURDAY. THE CAR SHOW WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

WAITING FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY TO BEGIN...



ANOTHER VIEW OF GRAND RIVER



ANNUAL CAR SHOW 2023

DON MAIOLATESI, CHAIRPERSON

THIS YEAR'S CAR SHOW WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL DUE TO A NUMBER OF ITEMS. FIRST, WE RETURNED, ALONG WITH THE MELON FEST, TO GRAND RIVER. THAT VENUE MADE FOR A MUCH BETTER LOCATION TO DISPLAY ALL OF THE CLASSIC CARS. SECOND, THE WEATHER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER. THE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE LATE SEVENTIES, AND THE SKY PRODUCED NOTHING BUT BLUE. ABOVE ALL, THE CARS. THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT. NEARLY SEVENTY CLASSICS ARRIVED AND WERE MET WITH A DELUGE OF MELON FEST GUESTS WHO COULD NOT RESIST VISITING THE AUTOMOBILES.

WITH A 10:00 A.M. START TIME, VEHICLES AND THEIR OWNERS BEGAN ARRIVING BY 8:30. OUR PORTION OF GRAND RIVER FILLED QUICKLY, REQUIRING US TO PARK CARS IN AN ADJOINING PARKING LOT. IT WAS A NICE PROBLEM TO HAVE.

THE VARIETY OF CLASSICS WAS ALSO A NICE DRAW FOR THE FAMILIES WHO VIEWED THE CARS, AND MADE THEIR SELECTION FOR THE BEST CAR. WE HAD AUTOS FROM THE 1940'S, FIFTIES, SIXTIES, AND SEVENTIES. THERE WERE PICKUP TRUCKS, AS WELL AS SEDANS. NO SUV'S QUITE YET! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.





THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FINE SPONSORS, AND TO OUR CAR SHOW ENTRANTS. THANK YOU, ALSO, TO THE CITY OF HOWELL, PARKS AND REC, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND POLICE FOR THEIR SERVICES THAT DAY. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU, ALL.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ANDY OF AUTO LAB, WHO WAS OUR MAJOR SPONSOR. ANDY STAYED WITH US THROUGH THE END TO PRESENT THE AWARDS. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CAR SHOW IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

OUR OTHER WONDERFUL SPONSORS WERE: BEAUCHAMP WATER TREATMENT, FOLCO COMMUNICATIONS, SPIRIT OF LIVINGSTON, AUTO ZONE OF HOWELL, BANK OF ANN ARBOR, SPARTAN TIRE & SERVICE CENTER, AND SCULLY MONROE INSURANCE AGENCY. THESE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTED IN VARIOUS WAYS TO HELP MAKE OUR CAR SHOW A SUCCESS.

MILLER LOFTS/ 111-113 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE

THE BUILDING AT 111 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, NOW, ' FINDING ROOTS,' WAS BUILT IN 1897 BY GEORGE BARNES. IT WAS THE HOME OF 'THE LIVINGSTON REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER,' WHICH HAD BEEN PRINTED SINCE 1855. THE REPUBLICAN WAS ONE OF TWO PREDECESSORS OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DAILY PRESS AND ARGUS. THE OTHER WAS 'THE LIVINGSTON DEMOCRAT,' WHOSE HEADING WAS "CRISP COUNTY NEWS COLLECTED BY CAREFUL CORRESPONDENTS."

AT THAT TIME, NEWSPAPERS WERE FROM 4 TO 8 PAGES LONG, WITH ADS FOR CATARRH, SORE THROAT, CONSUMPTION CURES, BUFFALO ROBES, HORSE BLANKETS, HARNESSSES AND SLEIGH BELLS FOR HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

IN 1929, BOTH LIVINGSTON COUNTY NEWSPAPERS WERE COMBINED. THE NEW NAME WAS 'THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN – PRESS.' LATER, THE WORD "REPUBLICAN" WAS ELIMINATED FROM THE PAPER. IT, THEN, BECAME THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY PRESS.

IN 1898, MR. BARNES SECURED A LEASE FROM THE UNITED STATES' GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE TOWN OF HOWELL WITH ITS FIRST PERMANENT HOME FOR THE POST OFFICE. THE OFFICE REMAINED IN THIS LOCATION UNTIL 1926, WHEN HARRY WILLIAMS BUILT THE BUILDING AT THE CORNER OF SIBLEY AND SOUTH MICHIGAN. THIS BUILDING STILL STANDS, BUT IS NO LONGER THE POST OFFICE.

ACROSS THE HALL, IN 113 N. MICHIGAN, THERE WAS A TAILOR FROM 1899-1925. IN 1930, GEORGE HORNUNG AND SON, MERCHANT TAILORS, ADVERTISED SHOES FROM \$2.98 – \$4.98 A PAIR, WHILE L.C. ROWLEY UPHOLSTERING SOLD CUSTOM – MADE FURNITURE IN THE SAME SPACE.

AFTER THE POST OFFICE MOVED OUT, BOTH FLOORS WERE THEN USED FOR THE PRINTING OF THE NEWSPAPER. THE "REPUBLICAN, OR LIVINGSTON COUNTY PRESS" WAS PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THIS BUILDING, UNTIL THE PAPER WAS MOVED TO THE BUILDING ON EAST GRAND RIVER IN 1979. THIS BUILDING CURRENTLY, IS NO LONGER USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT NOW HOUSES A PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE.

AN INTERESTING FACT ABOUT THE BUILDING WAS THAT THERE WERE TWO BASEMENTS, UPPER AND LOWER, IN WHICH THE PRINTING PRESSES WERE FORMALLY LOCATED.

WHENEVER WE LOCALS HAVE A CHANCE TO ENTER AN OLD BUILDING, IT IS FASCINATING TO KNOW HOW MANY VARIED OWNERS AND BUSINESSES THERE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE YEARS.

THANK YOU TO KROGER SHOPPERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THE MUSEUM RECEIVES THE PROCEEDS FROM MEMBERS' KROGER REWARDS CARD. SIMPLY DESIGNATE THE DEPOT AS YOUR CHARITY, AND WE WILL RECEIVE A DONATION. THANK YOU.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
JOANIE AND TONY SINCIC
ROBERT DENYER FAMILY
BILL McEARCHERN

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUSAN RUDOLPH, NEW LIFETIME MEMBER.

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