

***HAHS Caboose & Depot******Depot Museum Complex***

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**President's Message:**

**Happy summer everyone!! I can't believe we are already into July. The year has flown by.**

**We had school tours from roughly 13 schools, mostly from the 2nd grade. Mary, Don, and our young friend, Gus did an excellent job giving the tours to our local students. I always enjoy having the students return with their parents and start passionately giving them the same tour word for word that they were just given a few days before. It's amazing what they retain.**

**We are happy to have new members Josh Muir, Lauren Follmer-Szymczak and Becky Follmer, they are all very eager to be involved and to contribute. We are looking forward to the depot being open while having our Annual Car Show on Saturday, August 19th, during Melon Fest. The show will return to its original location on Grand River near the courthouse this year, so tell a friend!**

**Please stop by and see the beautiful flowers Gerri has donated, planted and maintained.**

**We continue to seek those in the community who would like to help us preserve our beloved Depot and caboose for future generations, there is always hands-on work to be done. If this is you, drop us a line at 517-548-6876 or an email at [howellareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:howellareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com) We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you again soon!!**

**Rudy**

**Thank you, as always, to Spirit of Livingston, located at 3280 W. Grand River, Howell, for their generosity in providing our printing needs. Stop in to see their vast assortment of varsity jackets, t – shirts, hats, etc. for our local schools. They can handle almost any kind of printing order. Thank you, Carol and Danny**

**View from the north side of the Depot. Simple beauty.**



**We are always looking for volunteers. We always need help with outdoor projects. If you're a gardener, handy person, or someone who just loves history, this is the place for you. There is always something to do around the old place. We could use helpers to keep the inside clean and dusted, for sure. There is always painting to be done, interior and exterior, and the shed roof could use some help with the shingles. Anyone interested in working Sunday afternoons, occasionally, as a docent would be very welcome. It's not difficult, and you get to meet a lot of nice people. You would always be accompanied by a board member.**

**If you may be interested in docent work during Melon Fest, please call 517-548-6876**

**We host the Howell second graders in May of each year, and that's a fun time, for sure. The kids are so interested in some of our artifacts, which relate to their curriculum. A few of the items are the almost 200-year-old teapot, which was used as the first ballot box in 1836. The students also, get to see a small section of the plank roads, that used to run from Detroit to Howell, and to Lansing. Their teachers prepare them very well, and it's amazing how much they can tell us about Howell history.**

**Please register your Howell Area Historical Society as your charity of choice at Kroger. So many wonderful people have done so, already. As a result, the Depot receives a donation from Kroger, every quarter. We really appreciate that. Thank you all, who have added our name to your Kroger account.**

### Ladies' Waiting Room

The third room in the Depot is the room that was dedicated to women and children back when the Depot was built. The men, as you can imagine, smoked, and chewed tobacco. Although a spittoon was provided, a lot of the men's aim was off when they spat. This was not popular with the ladies, because some of the tobacco juice landed on their long dresses. As a result, the ladies' waiting room became a reality.

The room is decorated with a lot of items that were connected to women in the 1800's. The mannequins are wearing fashions from that time period. There is a display case with many objects that ladies used, such as, jewelry, comb sets, button collections, (yes, there were such things) gloves, hats, and much more.

There is a bridal section with some beautiful wedding dresses on display. We are very fortunate to have received various donations of antique McPherson family wedding dresses, Margaret Weiss' dress, along with a 1941 satin wedding dress.





**Howell High Women and Men's 1926 Championship Teams**



## Howell Baseball, 1904

Howell has had many, many championship sports teams through the years. In fact, there were a few breakout stars in baseball. Ray "Pat" Newcomb played for Howell High, and was drafted into the minor leagues to play for the Southern Michigan League. His brother, Roy, played for the Copper Country League. Bert Tooley was a shortstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1911-1912. He, along with the Newcomb brothers played on the 1904 Howell High team. The only other player from Howell to play in the major leagues in the last century was Hank Perry, who played outfield for the Detroit Tigers in 1912. Gaylord McCallum also played for the Detroit farm team in the 1930's. In later years, left fielder, Haller, played for the St. Louis Browns after being part of the 1937 Howell High School championship team.

### 1904 Team

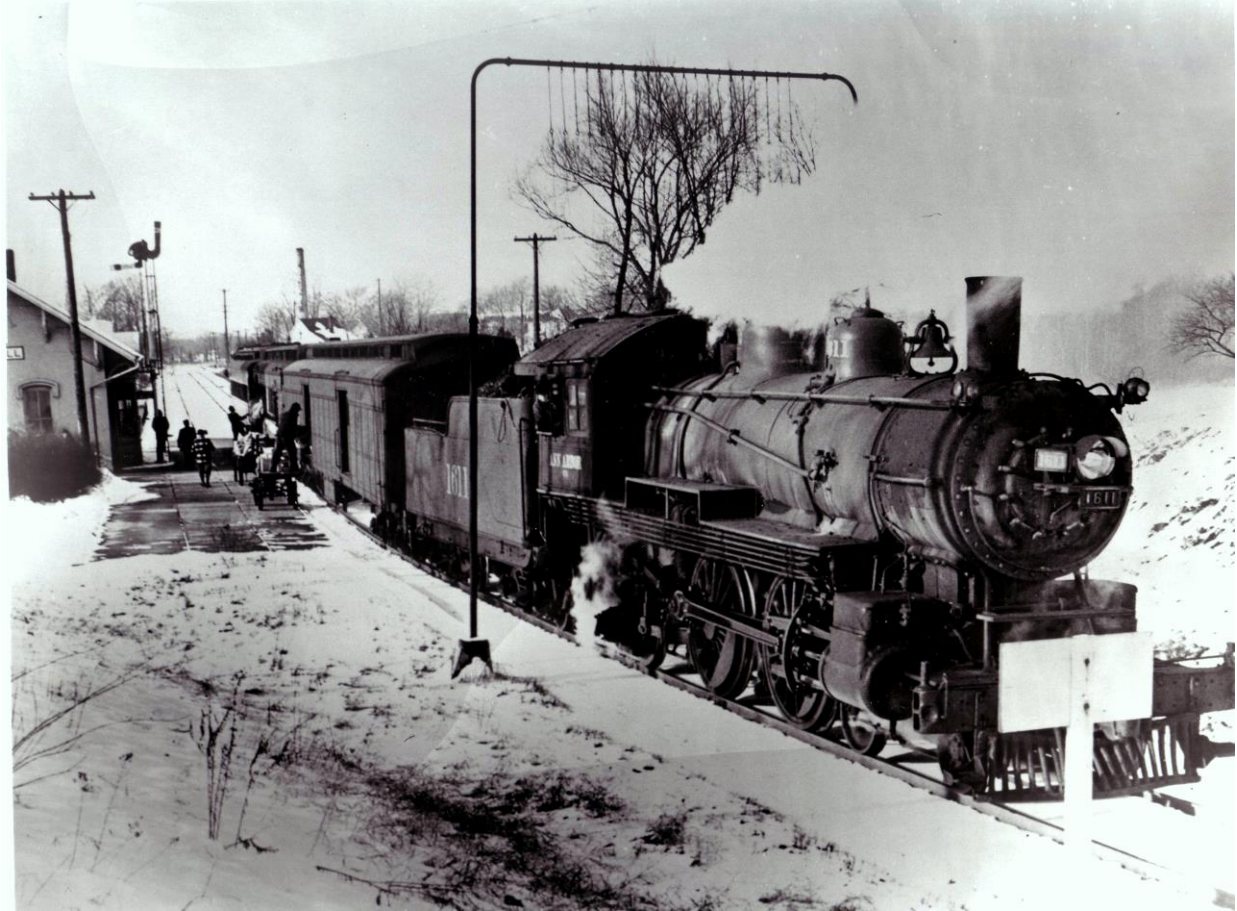


**Top Left:** Hugh Finley, rf; Olin Morgan, fb; Irving Young, ss.

**Middle Row:** Leland Young, sub; Bert Tooley, 3b and pitcher; Roy Newcomb, pitcher and captain; Charles Jewett, Lf.

**Front Row:** Ernest Brown, 3b; Ray Newcomb, c; Lynn Lewis,

## STEAM ENGINE FROM YESTERYEAR



**Above: Steam engine at the Ann Arbor Train Depot (Depot Museum) late 1800's.**

**Welcome to new members: Rebecca Follmer, Lauren Follmer Szymczak, Matthew Thompson, and Jesse Roberts.**

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**Special thanks to the Board members, plus Gus Berntsen, and David Rudolph for their hard work in cleaning up the Depot grounds before opening for the season.**

**Everyone worked very hard to get the place into tip-top shape, and then shared a pizza lunch afterward. As usual, there was a lot of trash scattered in the yard from the previous winter.**

**We welcome visitors to our Depot, but ask that they remove their refuse when they leave.**

**Please help keep the grounds clean for all to enjoy.**

**Thank you.**

### Working on the Caboose.

There's always something that needs fixing, and this day it was the doorknob in the caboose.

Below is a photo of our treasurer, Don, fixing the problem.



**Torpedoes on a Train?** Torpedoes were strapped on a rail, and when run over by the engine, would detonate and emit a loud noise that could be heard by the engineer, as a signal to stop the train.

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