



Leonard - McGlone House

Old News

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

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Our 36th year of Preserving Local History

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A letter from our President.

In the summer of 2007 we completed the new roof on the Leonard-McGlone house. The installation of the new roof, the removal of the old chimney, and the temporary repair of the siding eliminated the access to the house for all the raccoons that had taking up residents. Additionally, the house came thru the 2008 winter without further water damage. We are still planning to repair/replace the fascia boards as well as the soffit. We are also seeking bids to install new electrical wiring in the house which will allow us to work inside and out with electrical equipment. For those of you that are not familiar with the Leonard-McGlone house it is located at 4592 W. Caro Rd. in Watrousville. You may have a personalized tour of the house by calling any of the society's officers.

The election of officers for 2008 welcomed back all the 2007 officers with the exception of the vice-president Ann Ransford. Ann was unable to serve another year due to other commitments. JoAnn Gray's (our Treasurer) sister Susan Pryor agreed to serve as the 2008 vice-president.

Our 37th anniversary Founders Day dinner will be held on September 9th. More information about the dinner and the guest speaker will be forthcoming.

Our Society continues to need members interested in preserving the areas historical past. I invite all of you to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each

month at 7:30 PM at the Juniata Township Hall in Watrousville. We have a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker presenting historical or contemporary programs. We then enjoy refreshments provided by the ladies of the society.

Additionally, I would encourage you to look at our website at www.watrousville.com

Cal Jewett

Members in the news...



Our secretary, Esther Gorashko, had an entry in the Michigan Apple Pie Contest in January of 2008 in Frankenmuth.

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

Officers

President – Cal Jewett

Vice President – Sue Pryor

Secretary – Esther Gorashko

Treasurer – JoAnn Gray

Board of Directors

Alexander Gorashko

Henry Sugden

Robert W. Gray

David Celani

Neil Jackson
Juniata Township Supervisor



A Brief Summary of the Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 2/12/2008	\$ 5,502.60
Receipts:	0.00
Disbursements:	-\$27.37
Balance on Hand 3/12/2008	\$ 5,475.23
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Checking Account	\$472.93
Museum Fund	\$2,649.02
Memorial Fund	\$2,353.28
CD	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,475.23

A complete and detailed copy of the current Treasurer's Report is available to any member on request.

JoAnn Gray, Treasurer

Leonard- McGlone House Donations to Date

Monica Adams
Donald J. Kanicki
Don & Marian Strieter
John & Maurine Gornick
Virginia Douglas
Don & Pauline Leonard
Al & Esther Gorashko
Debra Videna Conley
Pauline Leonard Memorials
Ann Ransford
Cheryl Workman
Bob and Shirley Rundress
Tuscola County Comm. Foundation
Caro Lions
Caro V.F.W. Post 4164
United Way
Detroit Edison (Matching Gifts)

The **Watrousville Museum** at
4607 W. Caro Road
in Watrousville,
is open June thru September
on Thursday's from 1-4 pm
and by appointment

Watrousville Schools

The first school in the township was organized on December 17, 1852.

The first school meeting was held in May, 1853 at the house of Patrick McGlone. The first school classes were held in the summer of 1853 and taught by Miss Ellen E. Miller and later by Mrs. Charles R. Selden. School was very irregular until the year 1854. The building used was a low log shanty, built by D.G. Wilder who lived in it until he built his house. It stood opposite the site of the M. E. Church.

A single level frame building was built by a Mr. Pattie on the site of the present redbrick school building now used as the Township offices. Following are the names of the first pupils attending school: Sarah, Arvilla and Eliza **McGlone**; George, Charles and Abraham **Pettingill**; Nancy, John and Dall **Streeter**; Jennie and James **King**; George **Smith**; Mary, Sally, Albert and Emily **Schultz**; Martha **Huntley**; Lemuel **Gamble**; Jonathan, Clarissa and Salmon **Simmons**; Nelson and Dana **Miller**; and Anna **Morell**.

Find the BOLD Names in the puzzle below. Solution on back page.

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NOTICE!

As a member of the Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society, I am working on a project to get as much information about Watrousville as I can before there is no one left to ask.

We have bits and pieces of information from pictures and newspaper articles, but not enough. I am trying to gather everything together into one story. All of the old timers have died. If we don't get the information now it will be gone and there will be no one to ask.

I have put together some pages and I am missing information from the early 1900s. I need some help.

In Watrousville there are still buildings standing and no one bothered to write down any information about them, when they were built, and who lived there.

They are: The old Mike Toohey store. When was the building built? By whom? Where did Mike Toohey come from and when did he get into the general store business? Did he have children? When did he retire?

The house located behind the take-out store on M-81. I think it was the Stoddard store. When was it built and by whom? It is my understanding that Jack Cole's father at one time was a cashier in the Caro bank branch located in the basement of that building.

There is a house about ¼ mile south of Watrousville on the west side of the road that had a Wilder family living there. What relation were they to Daniel Wilder who had a house on M-81?

On M-81 next to the church is a stone house. When was it built? Was it a parsonage for the church at one time? Being stone it is unusual. Is there a reason for using stone?

We have almost nothing about Nick Grabowski's wife Bea's ancestor the Farnams who lived in Watrousville?

About Edger Winchell, did his family have a business by the railroad depot?

Marie Cole knew a lot, but she is no longer with us. There are probably people still alive who know something, but if it doesn't get written down it is lost.

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Some recent events...

At our December 2007 meeting, Don Duggar introduced Kate Neese, the Recycling Coordinator for Tuscola County.



Diane List – President of Cass River Habitat for Humanity gave a presentation at our January 2008 Meeting.



Kathleen and Dennis Spiekerman, from the Michigan Living History Educational Association, discussed the establishment of Fort Saginaw in 1822 at our February 2008 meeting.



At our April 2008 meeting, Julia DeGuise gave a presentation on RSVP Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs



Several of our members attended the May 5th, 2008 ceremony at the Fairgrove District Library celebrating the Tuscola County Deceased Veterans Memorial Project regarding the War of 1812 and other conflicts. The Dept of Military Veterans Affairs, Honor Guard team performed a Flag Folding Ceremony.

