



Leonard - McGlone House

# Old News

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

PO Box 15 Caro MI, 48723

Our 38<sup>th</sup> year of Preserving Local History

**November 2009**

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## A Note from Cathy...

September 15, 2009 was the 38<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Dinner. The food was excellent, the music was enjoyable, the speaker was very interesting, and those in attendance really enjoyed it.

The gentlemen from the K of C Hall (Norm Daniels and crew) did a wonderful job preparing the food. I couldn't decide if I wanted Chicken or Roast Beef so I had some of both. The salad tomatoes were delicious. They must have come from someone's garden; they were too good to be "store bought". I won't mention any names, but I saw several people going back for seconds and thirds. I wish I could get them to come to my house and cook.

Robert Eastham and Paul Vanston played dinner music. The music was great and I knew many of the songs. I hope Esther Gorashko has them back for next year's dinner.

Colonel Calvin F. Jewett, USAF (Ret.), was an excellent speaker. Cal spoke of his experiences as a pilot and test pilot of the SR-71 Blackbird. It's good to know, in these troubling times, that people like Cal and cutting edge technology are available to help us. I know nothing about planes of any kind but he spoke in terms that made it easy for me to understand.

It was nice to see such a great turnout of people. They came from far and near, and I mean far, some came from down state. Guests from several local Lions Clubs were also there. With such a diverse crowd, it was easy to have many interesting conversations.

George Pryor gave the Invocation. Henry Sugden gave the Final Tribute to our Departed Member, Mr. John C. Cole. I am sure Esther will have George and Henry back for the Invocation and Final Tribute at next year's dinner. A lot goes on behind the scenes; many people were there in the morning to decorate the hall. Several people stayed after the dinner to clean up.

I have a total count from Esther. There were 121 members and guests in attendance. I wonder what Esther will do next year to outdo herself?

Cathy Celani

## Founders' Day Dinner



Paul Vanston and Robert Eastham played dinner music at the 38<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Dinner.

A Brief Summary of the  
**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance      **\$1,760.39**  
**Income:      1,886.88**  
**Expenses:   -1,146.27**  
 Balance on Hand 10/13/2009  
                                  **\$17,260.39**

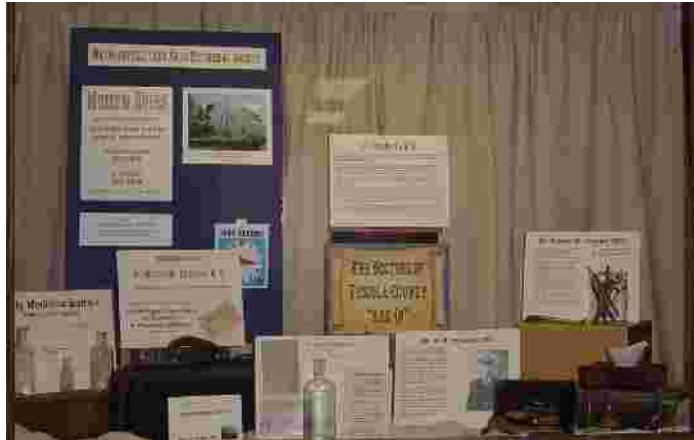
Checking Account    **\$10,137.34**  
 Museum Fund        **\$4,641.32**  
 Memorial Fund       **\$3,222.34**  
**TOTAL                    \$18,001.00**

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**

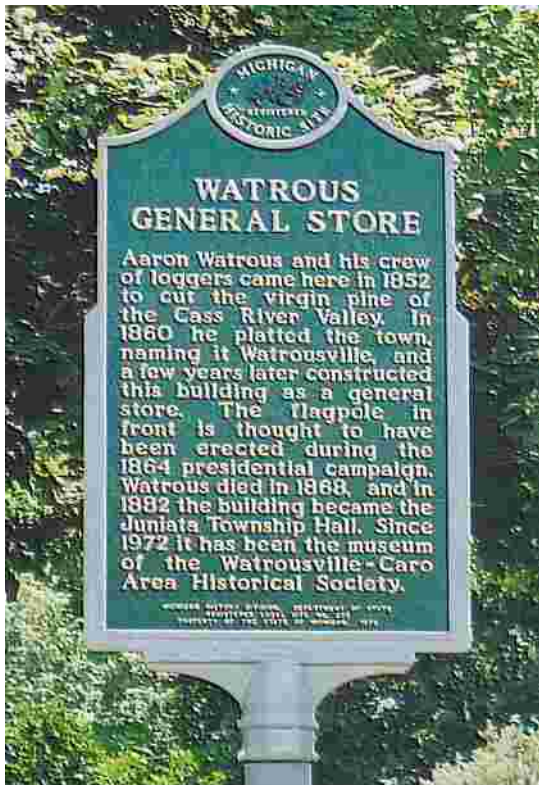
Donald J. Kanicki - Don & Marian Strieter  
 Virginia Douglas - John & Maurine Gornick  
 Don & Pauline Leonard - Pauline Leonard Memorials  
 Al & Esther Gorashko - Debra Videna Conley  
 Ann Ransford - Cheryl Workman  
 Bob and Shirley Ryndress - Tuscola County Comm. Foundation  
 David and Catherine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

**CARO LIBRARY DISPLAY**



Last June, we had a display at the Caro Area District Library of "Doctors of Tuscola County"

**If you have a suggestion for a speaker at our monthly meeting, please contact Esther Gorashko, 989-823-2360**



**Watrous General Store  
 Historic Marker**

The Historic Marker that stands in front of the museum has been refinished. Erected in 1973, the weather had left its mark on the sign. It is owned by the State of Michigan, but we had to do most of the work. Bob Gray and Cal Jewett removed it and crated it. It was shipped to OHIO and refinished. On its return, Bob and Cal reinstalled it. It should be good for another 30+ years.

## Founders' Day Dinner 2009



Henry Sugden lighting a candle for our deceased member, John Cole.



Marsha Jewett with twin grandson's, Ethan and Gordie



At our October meeting, Colonel Calvin F. Jewett, USAF (Ret.), administered the oath to Major Thomas Gray who was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. Thomas Gray is the son of our director, Robert Gray and our treasurer, JoAnn Gray.



At our October meeting, Kim Wasik, (Human Development Commission), presented a program on "Brain Camp". This was to test your memory.



This is Vice President Cal Jewett's restored 1923 Jewett automobile. More on this in our next issue!

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## Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

### Officers

President – Susan Pryor

Vice President – Cal Jewett

Secretary – Esther Gorashko

Treasurer – JoAnn Gray

### Board of Directors

Alexander Gorashko

Henry Sugden

Robert W. Gray

David Celani

Neil Jackson  
Juniata Township Supervisor

The Historical Society meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions) at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Road in Watrousville. The Township Hall is a red brick one-room schoolhouse dating back to the 1890s. The Historical Society has the Museum at 4607 W. Caro Road in Watrousville and is currently restoring the Leonard - McGlone House at 4592 W. Caro Road, also in Watrousville.

**Additional information is available from -**

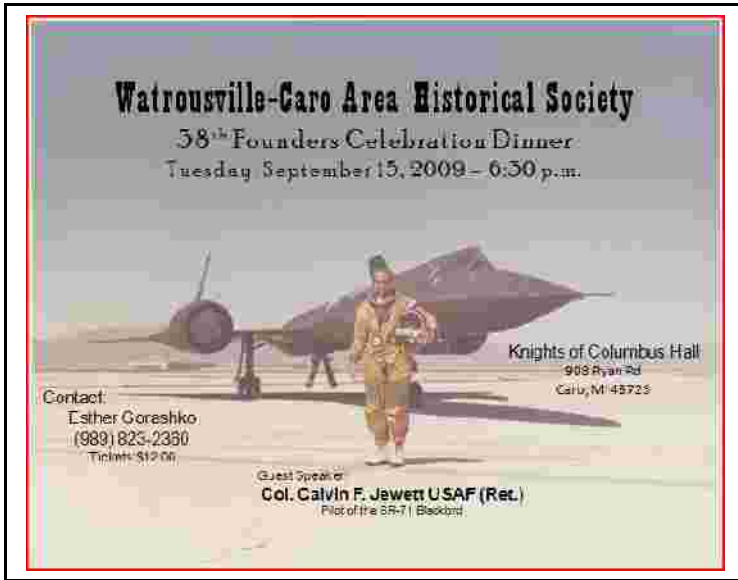
**JoAnn Gray, 989-823-3638 or  
Esther Gorashko, 989-823-2360**

**We are collecting  
cash register receipts  
(Community Share Points)  
from VG's Supermarket  
Be sure to turn them in to Esther.**



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

# Founders' Day Dinner - 2009



Promotion Poster for the dinner



Esther Gorashko, Secretary and Organizer



Bob and JoAnn Gray-Al Gorashko-Sue Pryor



George Pryor-Cal Jewett-Vi and Henry Sugden



Cathy and Dave Celani



Evelyn and Thomas Mudd



Members of the Lion's Clubs from Mayville, Caro and Fairgrove



Rebecca Brandt, Jennifer Brandt and Carol Leslie



Michael Weifs, Kathy Brandt and Sue Purrenhage



Dan and Carol Evans



Charlotte and John Valentine