

Old News

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

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Our 38th year of Preserving Local History

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Watrous General Store

A Note from Cathy...

We had our 39th Founders' Day Dinner on September 14, 2010. We had a total of 75 members and guests in attendance.

Esther Gorashko came through again for us. She was able to get Robert Eastham and Paul Vanston back again this year for our dinner music. Hope Esther books them again for next year. Everyone really enjoys their music.

I can't leave out the gentlemen from the K of C Hall (Norm Daniels and Crew) for another wonderful meal.

Our guest speaker was Eric Jylha. Eric is the WNEM-TV5 reporter and weather forecaster. He talked about WWII Home Front Accomplishments in Mid-Michigan, which included The Gun Plant in Saginaw, Defoe Shipbuilding in Bay City and Dow Chemical in Midland. I found it very interesting and informative.

Let me bring you up to date on the windows for the Leonard House. The contractor finally was able to get our windows built. Cal Jewett dropped them off at my house. Dave and I painted the ten sashes. We stained the inside of the windows and painted the outside with a white oil base paint. Cal and Bob took them to Caro to have the glass installed in the windows. All we paid for was labor. Between our members and outside donations we had enough antique glass to do all the new windows. We have a contractor who will work through the winter to install the five windows. These windows will take care of the front of the house on the first floor.

Cal is going to order five more windows for the front of the house on the second floor. The next five windows should be ready by spring. I am having rotator cuff surgery on my right shoulder in December. I hope to be healed by spring so I can do my job of painting windows.

On August 25, 2010, the curator of the Saginaw Castle Museum along with Tom Mudd and several museum members stopped by the Watrousville Museum for a tour. Several of our members were on hand to give them the tour and serve refreshments.

On October 12, 2010, eight of our members visited the Great Lakes Logging and Indian Culture Museum in Shields.

Cathy Celani



Esther Gorashko was interviewed by The Bay City Times regarding the Hair Wreath we had on display at the Caro Library in June.

This one was made in 1889 by Mrs. Rosetta Williams for Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ingersoll of Fairgrove.

Founders Day Dinner 2010



September 14th, 2010 Founders Day Dinner.
Right to Left - Henry & Vi Sugden speaker Eric Jylha,
Al Gorashko, Cal Jewett



Eric Jylha speaking at the Founders Day Dinner.



Display of old calendars from the
Watrousville/Caro Area Museum



Henry Sugden gave the Commemoration
of the Departed Members at the
39th Founders Day Dinner.

We Mark the Passing of Our Fellow Member

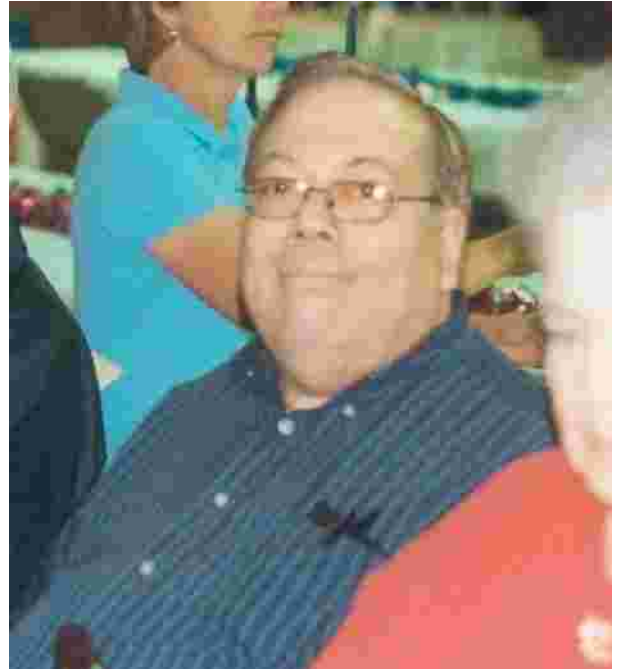
WILLIAM REID JOHN BRACK, Caro Passed away on Friday, July 16, 2010 at Masonic Pathways in Alma, at the age of 95. He was born on Feb. 18, 1915 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Predeceased by his loving wife of 52 years, Marion (Lockwood) Brack. He was a Lifetime member and past president of the Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society. Mr. Brack graduated from Brimley High School in 1933. He moved to the Pigeon area in the early 1940s where he worked on the Richmond farm. He also worked for Gulf Oil and the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator. Mid-career found him employed by the Smith Oil Company in Caro. In addition, he worked as a custodian at Caro United Methodist Church where he continued as "keeper of the keys" into his retirement.



Paul Vanston and Robert Eastham playing dinner music at the Founders day Dinner.



Kathy Brandt



Mark Keller



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mudd with Eric Jylha

In November, along with the newsletter, our secretary sends out the annual dues notice to the membership. When you have your checkbook open and your pen ready, please remember the price of everything is going up EXCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP DUES. We do not intend to raise the dues in the near future but if you can afford a little extra, we would appreciate it.

In October, eight members from the Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society went to visit the Great Lakes Logging and Indian Culture Museum in Shields. Mike Slasinski, curator, showed us his logging and Indian artifacts.



In August, a group from the Saginaw Castle Museum came to visit the Watrousville Museum

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

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society Officers

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- Alexander Gorashko
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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



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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