



The Bulletin

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Who is Alfred R. Snyder and Why Does That Name Sound So Familiar?

Alfred R Snyder was born in Jackson County on Oct 27 1838, the son of Lewis & Polly P (Peterson) Snyder, the former a native of New York and of German ancestry, the latter a native of Massachusetts of English ancestry. He was married to Asenath Mitchell Aug 19 1863, daughter of Richard & Elsey (Smades) Mitchell. He was reared on a farm but in 1860 he purchased the grist mill at Baldwin' (later known as Horton) Station and moved to the village. In 1864 he added a saw-mill to be run in connection with the grist mill. In 1865 he was appointed as the local Postmaster and served for five years. Mr. Snyder died in 1923 and is buried in the Horton Cemetery.

In 1948, the park property was given to the county by Irene B. Treleaven, Alfred and Asenath's only child. Irene passed away in Lansing, Michigan at the age of 55 years in 1949. She was married to a doctor and was very active in Lansing civic affairs, being on the board of directors of the Children's Hospital, the Sparrow Hospital and the Lansing Symphony Orchestra. She requested that the park be named after Snyder. In 1981, 2 acres of property were added to the park and now the entire pond shoreline is owned by the county.

This park is what is known by local and neighboring residents as the "Mill Pond" where on many a warm summer day a group of local children, teens and some parents could be found swinging off the rope with a big knot tied in the end over the mill pond and squealing with delight as they let go for a dive into the mill pond.

Auction Time!!

The Annual Dinner and Auction will be held on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020. The HHAHS is looking for auction items-- do you have any treasures that you would like to donate?

2020 Winter Events

January 2020	February 2020
17th- Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner	15th- Bluegrass Bonanza 7pm-11pm
18th- Bluegrass Bonanza 7pm-11pm	21st-Community Potluck 6:00pm gather 6:30pm dinner

The HHAHS lost a wonderful volunteer and friend.

Richard Tallis served as HHAHS Treasure for 15 years. The current favorable fiscal position is due in large part to Richard's diligence in handling our finances.

Richard held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from University of Michigan and a Master of Science in Engineering from Oakland University.

He was employed as a Product Development Engineer at Aeroquip Corporation. He then retired from Consumers Energy-Information Services to his family home on Farwell Lake.

Richard will be greatly missed by the HHAHS family and friends. Thank you Richard your diligent work for the Society.

Spring Craft Show

Please join us on Saturday, April 11, 2020 for our First Annual Spring Craft Show. This will be held at the Event Center at Heritage Park. The time is 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will have drawings though out the day and also a 50/50 drawing at the end of the day (need not be present to win). Our kitchen will be open for this event.

We will have approximately 25 tables for crafters/vendors. The price for each table will be \$20 and one donated item from what you are selling for our drawings. Electricity will be an additional \$5.00. Each space will include a table and two chairs. These spaces are indoors.

Let us know if you want a form to reserve a spot to sell your goods and we will send it to you. If you have questions please call our office at 517-563-8927. You can also contact Lori Stettler (Coordinator of this event) at 517-795-6766 (leave a message) or by email at: Stettlerlori@yahoo.com or on Face Book.

****Exclusion:** We ask that you do not sell maple syrup. The Historical Society makes and sells their own maple syrup. This is one of our main sources of income. Follow us on Face Book @ Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society for upcoming information.

Bluegrass Bonanza

The Society sponsors several jam sessions for bluegrass bands and musicians from the southern Michigan area. Admission is by donation. Concessions are available. The event starts at 7:00 pm and lasts a few hours (no later than 11:00 pm).

Bluegrass music is at the Heritage Park Event Center and is held the third Saturday of the month

Dates for 2020 are as follows: **January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, October 17, November 21 and December 19th.**

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Hanover Horton History- Families We Know

The history of Casler Hardware, 125 N. Jackson Street, Jackson MI owned by Stephen Casler who, along with his brother Gary, was a Hanover-Horton graduate. Mary Casler was a math teacher who was much loved by many students.

The store is composed of three structures. The rear part was originally called the Blackman Building and housed the Jackson Post office. It is a two story Greek revival structure that was built in 1839 on what was the village square. It is considered the oldest building in Jackson.

The main and original Hardware Store was first the Baker Hardware established in 1910. IT THEN BECAME Walker Hardware until 1939 when Harold E. Casler purchased the building.

In 1982 a fire gutted an adjoin building destroying the Big Boy restaurant (which was previously the Mayfair Café).. Casler's purchased the building in January 1983, doubling the original size of the store. Harold E. Casler retired in 1990 with his son Stephen L. Casler taking ownership of the only downtown hardware store in Jackson. When you're downtown be sure to visit Steve.

Rust 'n Dust Info

This year's Rust n Dust event will be held August 29th and 30th. Planning sessions for this event are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Park event center. Schedule of meetings is as follows:

February 5th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 8th* and August 12th* (note the July and August meetings are being held on the second Wednesday of the month).

We are looking for more volunteers for this event, from helping with the tractor pulls, setting up tables for crafters, working the Trash to Treasures sale, calling for the bake sale/baking, to working in the kitchen, working with the kids and so much more. A person does not have to be a member to be a volunteer so if you have some children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews that would like to volunteer, we would love to have them.

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The Xchange Teen Center has open hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week when school is in session. We would love for the members of the Hanover-Horton Historical Society to join us as mentors to the sixth through tenth grade students that attend.

Your experience and expertise in many areas would be a benefit to the next generation and we would appreciate your help. If you are able to volunteer during open hours, or if you have a skill/talent that you would like to share at the Xchange, please contact Wendy Valentine at 517-937-0234.

