

Mill Race Matters

This week community residents will join the Northville Mother's Club for their annual holiday celebration. This year's celebration takes place at Mill Race Village. Four buildings - Cady Inn, New School Church, Hunter House, and Yerkes House - will be open to those who have made advanced reservations.

On Friday, Dec. 15, members of the Northville Historical Society will hold their annual Christmas party in the Cady Inn. Other community groups will be holding holiday events at the Village as well.

As the year comes to an end the Archives Committee wishes to share portions of its annual report with the community. During the late 1980s while the Historical Society office was still located at Cottage House, a committee of interested volunteers formed to work on assembling community archives. That group consisted of Cathy Payne, Gloria Collins, Ray Collins, Al Smitley and Diane Rockall.

That first group surveyed potential materials as they existed. Materials consisted primarily of photographs, boxes of paper products, and books scattered throughout the Village buildings. A simple scrapbook system was set up to organize and classify photographs.

Books were assessed and relocated. Many were sold through John King Used Books to purchase supplies for the growing archive. Paper documents were inventoried and placed in boxes and scrapbooks.

Once the Cady Inn was completed most materials were relocated to that site. Some large volumes remain in the church basement while books continue to be displayed in the School, Hunter, and Yerkes.

Also during the late 1980s the Historical Society cooperated with the Northville Public Library on the Northville Oral History Project. Over 100 community residents participated in the interviews. Sally Henriksen has been working on their transcription and editing. Two scout projects assisted in the transcription procedure.

An index to the photographs has been completed and entered online. Mary Montgomery also completed a thorough inventory of the archival papers which has yet to be entered in the database. She has also worked on organizing the book collection for simplified access.

Books located in the Archives collection pertain to the Northville community and its surrounding environs. Also available are periodicals and books on museum and archive operation as well as items of value to genealogists. Books on the Victorian era and restoration have been stored at Hunter.

Since the Archives creation over seven years ago the organization has received donations and continues to do so. These materials are added as they arrive.

During 1992 Central Michigan University Clarke Library contracted to film original archival material. That first batch of filming has been completed. Thirteen reels of film holding material available in the Community Archives now exist. Duplicates of this film can be obtained through Clarke Library. This makes all of our original material more accessible to a wider audience.

The archives purchased a microfilm reader/printer and obtained a used computer for archival use. Both machines enhance the capacity to reconfigure and process information about this community.

Currently the Archives staff handles about two research queries each week in addition to those who come from the Quarterly writers and active members.

Plans for future work include: completion of a clothing inventory and storage program, data input into the computer database, scanning of some records and photographs into the database, an inventory of the Historical Society records in existence, completion of the Oral History transcription and editing, inventory of Society holdings, and possible publication of materials not previously published.

Participants in the Archive activity over the past year include: Mary Montgomery, Cathy Payne, Julie Fountain, Sally Henriksen, Lois Winters, Pat Allen, Bob Russell, and Diane Rockall.

- Diane M. Rockall

CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 2
Mother's Club Party Yerkes, Hunter, Cady, Church
Tuesday, Dec. 5
Stone Gang Village, 9 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, Dec. 6
Archives Committee Cady, 9-11 a.m.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Meads Mill Middle School student Angie Banks won a regional writing contest for her essay.

Meads author wins honor in 'Wellness' writing contest

A Meads Mill Middle School student was selected as one of 10 winners of the "Take a Player to school" essay contest.

Angie Banks, an eighth grade student and Northville resident, received the honor Nov. 20. For her selection Meads Mill will receive \$500 from the contest's sponsor The Wellness Plan.

The selection also means that Angie, along with the other nine winners, will be attending the Detroit Lions home football game

against Jacksonville, and could be selected as one of two grand prize winners during the halftime celebration.

If that happens, Meads Mill will receive an additional \$1,000 and will host a special assembly consisting of a presentation by Detroit Lions football players Tracey Scroggins and Robert Porcher, along with TV2 eyewitness news anchor Huel Perkins.



Angie's essay was entitled "Reaching Out Touches the Soul," and talks about how others view her as a special education student, and her desire to be compassionate to others who are less fortunate than herself.

The theme of the essay contest was "What I Can Do Now to Make My World a Better Place," and was open to all middle school students in southeast Michigan.



Scouts plan blood drive

Northville area Girl Scouts will hold a blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main.

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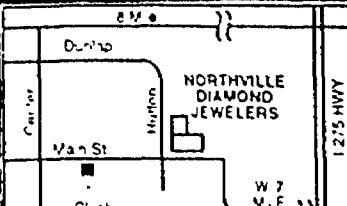
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