

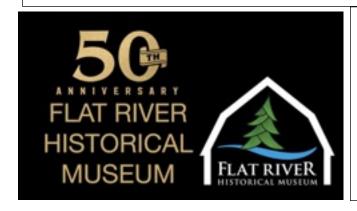
FLAT RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter- June, 2022

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50 years and Counting!



1972-2022

Help us celebrate our 50th anniversary all year long by visiting some exciting displays and events.

It's almost time for the June 25th 50th Anniversary Golf Outing at Glenkerry

Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 2:00-4:30 pm October 10- Museum RE-Dedication with dignitaries

GOLFERS!!!! Come and join in the fun at the

50th Anniversary Golf Outing at Glenkerry Golf Course Saturday, June 25th Register ASAP; walk-ins welcome day of event – form and information is on website: *flatrivermuseum.org*



GOLFERS NEEDED! Saturday, June 25

Registration includes 18 holes of golf with cart
Par-B-Q Lunch, On-course Games, Hole-In-One Contest
Rescue Packs, Awards, Prizes and MORE!
Register in person or call Glenkerry
616-225-4653

Registration at 8 a.m. with golf beginning at 9 a.m. Registration form available at <u>flatrivermuseum.org</u> Or Glenkerry Golf Course



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO PLAY – 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

Register by June 16 in person or call Glenkerry 616-225-4653 Sign-in begins at 8 am, Play begins at 9 am Fun, prizes, food, games. Come enjoy this one-time event!

Thanks to all the donors, sponsors and supporters who have given donations to make our even successful! Look for sponsor signs on the course and thank them in their businesses or see them around town.

TO SIGN UP OR NEED MORE INFO? Contact Jean Hudson 616-894-1782 or email mightudson92@gmail.com

Special thanks to our Golf Outing's MAJOR EVENT SPONSOR:



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We appreciate your support!



We are honored...and we appreciate being recognized!

The Flat River Historical Society and Museum was honored to receive the **2022 Elmer Russell School Bell Award** presented by the Greenville Public Schools recently. The award is in recognition of our work "to preserve our community's past and share local history with others, including the students and staff of Greenville Public Schools." The award is proudly displayed at the museum.

In accepting the award on behalf of FRHS Board of Directors, President Keith Hudson noted that when the museum was dedicated 50 years ago, students from Lincoln Heights School cut the ribbon and were first to enter the museum in October. 1972.

EXCITING NEW ACCESSIONS AT THE MUSEUM – Our thanks to the generous donors!



A COLORFUL CAROUSEL HORSE, hand-carved by the late Jack Bailey, has been donated by his children, Kathy Fraley and Dave Bailey. (Jack was also the creator of the stained glass window in the front of the museum.)

 Perhaps It will bring memories of carousel rides long ago at the Crystal Carousel or when the circus visited.

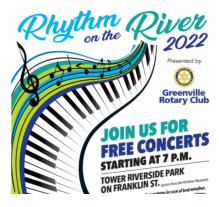
A GREENVILLE WASHER, made by Greenville -> Implement Co. many years ago was donated by Mr. David Stampler of Stewartstown, PA. He said he's had the artifact for about 30 years but after seeing the video tour of the Flat River Museum online, he felt we should have it for our collection and donated it to us! Nice!





In our Upstairs Print Shop, framed & mounted copies of early newspapers

- 1, **Montcalm Reflector** October 10, 1854: Volume 1,#4; Greenville's first newspaper, 4th edition, only 10 years after John Green first arrived.
- 2. **Dansk Folkeblad** March 20, 1897; Only Michigan newspaper printed in Danish, printed news from Denmark, Michigan, Greenville and area.
- 3. **Greenville Democrat** April 25, 1901, first appeared June 16, 1871; became "The Weekly Call" January, 1905
- 4. **Daily Call** June 17, 1911 (originally Greenville Daily News June 21, 1879, later changed name to the "Daily Call"
- 5. **Greenville Independent** April 5, 1916; formerly "Montcalm Reflector" but became "Greenville Independent" in 1857 and for 66 years; Paper was very Republican.
- 6. **Greenville Daily News** August 28, 1934; Name changed from "Greenville Independent" to "Greenville Daily News" in 1927
- 7. **The Daily News and Belding Banner** August 18, 1975 (Daily News merged with Belding Banner in June, 1974)



MUSEUM and MUSIC

Starting June 23rd, the museum will be open Thursdays from 6 to 7 pm before the Rotary concerts. Put your chair in the park to save your place and come over to the museum.

Also note the historical marker in the park to learn about John Green and this historical neighborhood and area he founded.



"David Ralph takes 'Young Historian' title" (As reported in the Daily News during Michigan Week, 1973)

Winner in the contest conducted by the Historical Society for school children this spring [1973] for historical research and writing, drawing or diorama-making was 12 year old David Ralph, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Ralph. He is a pupil at Baldwin Heights School, Greenville, and his entry was the story of a ball game that turned into a riot – "The Massacre at Fort Michilimackinac in 1763". He received the formal citation, naming him a "Young Historian" and a copy of Bob Augustine's story of the Flat River, "Kau-bau-gwas-shee." David and his mother were honor guests at the Heritage Day Dinner during Michigan Week.

Update: This article was recently sent to David Ralph and he responded: "Thank You. I remember this well. I still have my signed copy of "Kau-bau-gwas-shee" and a copy of my story. Bob Augustine was an interesting guy. We sat with him at that dinner and he was very gracious and indulging of my curiosity. I hope to visit the museum soon and see the great work that's been done." (Editor's note- Historical Society of Michigan still has such competitions!)

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MUSEUM IS OPEN Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm Come and visit!

Flat River Historical Society P. O. Box 188 • Greenville, MI 48838 • 616-754-5296 APPLICATION FOR NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP Dues payable at the beginning of the calendar year – pay online at flatrivermuseum.org – click "donate" Name(s) Address City/State/Zip ______ Phone Email address ______ Logmarks will be emailed unless checked: _______ New ____ Renewal Date ______ ____ Single - \$15.00 _____ Family - \$25.00 _____ Annual Business - \$50.00 Additional Donation _____ Would you like to be a volunteer? _____ The Flat River Historical Society needs you! Fill in this membership form and return it with your check to the above address or pay online at flatriver museum.org. Dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. If you have already paid your membership dues for the year 2022, we thank you and want you to know that your membership is the lifeblood of the society.