



Special Interest

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2024—It's my birthday!

OL' GERTIE Sound the alarm!

It's Gertie Day
at the Museum
Saturday, June 22
11 am to 4 pm

Come for games, activities
and birthday cake!!

Ol' Gertie was purchased in 1924 and is shown here with Charles Ludwig in the driver's seat and Bill Wheeler and E. Lazier standing in front, left to right.

Pictured with Ol' Gertie outside the museum in 1930 are George Henze, Russell Hamaker, Art Wood, Sam Hamaker, and Scotty Rice in front of the truck. On the truck are Bill Wheeler, Charles Ludwig, Joe Unger, unknown, ? Binz (child), Wellington Taylor, Glen Taylor (child), Nick Binz, Rem Hey-decker.



Standing in back are Walter Vierke and Bill Schonning. William Casper and an unknown man are standing at the rear of the truck.

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and a time to celebrate...

50 Years of Love in Rochelle

Since 1974 the Prabhakar family has made their home in Rochelle. While both Ernie and Larry have moved on, Dr. and Esther still call Rochelle home and have been a vital part of the community since the day they arrived.

Celebrate their extraordinary life in Rochelle and beyond at an **Open House, Saturday, June 29th from 1 to 4 pm** at the museum.



Happy Birthday, 1944 and before!

Anyone born in 1944 or After our Memorial Day program the museum received the donation of a Viet Nam MIA bracelet and a long term loan of a second Viet Nam MIA bracelet. The museum is grateful for both of these artifacts since there is very little in our collection about Viet Nam or the more current conflicts.

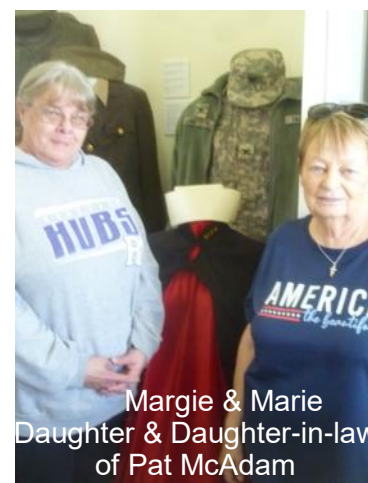
Long term loans are an option to consider if donating is not.

Look who visited!

You never know who you're going to meet at the museum!

Pat McAdam's daughter and daughter-in-law visited this spring to see Pat's nurse's cape and cap on display in the Military Room at the museum. Pat had an extensive nursing career after graduating from St. Frances Nursing School in Freeport in 1954.

Special thanks to...



Margie & Marie
Daughter & Daughter-in-law
of Pat McAdam

Girl Scout Troop 409 and Girl Scout Troops of Southern Ogle Service Unit & Hidden Timber Gardens for planting a state tree—the white oak—at the museum for Earth Day.

Rochelle Area Community Foundation for funding Chapters 2 & 3 of *Getting Down to Business in Rochelle*. The audio is being added to these chapters this summer and will be available for viewing in the fall. Rochelle's business history is amazing and so far we've only completed it up to 1880!

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation is a tremendous resource in the community and supports many great organizations.

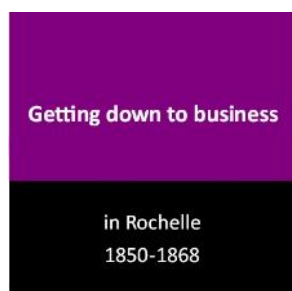
Flagg Township for funding the publication of STORIES. GLIMPSES INTO THE HISTORY OF THE ROCHELLE AREA AND ITS RESIDENTS.

This compilation of 52 stories will be available for purchase sometime this summer.

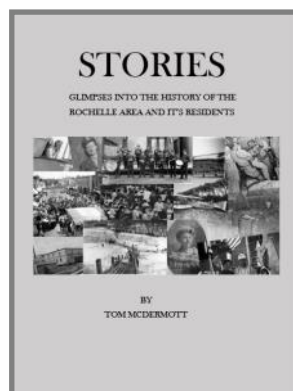
Watch for a Book Signing too!



The Rochelle Area Community Foundation

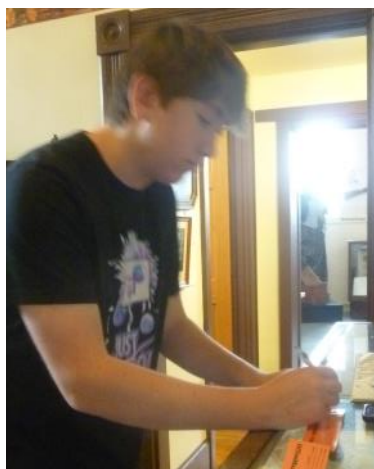


A dvd of *Getting Down to Business in Rochelle, 1850 to 1868* is available for purchase in the museum gift shop.



Thanks to Flagg Township for their support.

More special thanks to...



Thanks, Logan, for all your volunteer hours and for purchasing raffle tickets for your grandmother for her birthday! What a nice thought!



... acquisition is defined as the discovery, preliminary evaluation, taking physical and legal custody of, and acknowledging receipt of materials and objects.



Pocket Watch
Otto Wettstein
Gift from the Cox Family

...Visitors from the Lincoln Highway Association who came for the Dedication of our newest Lincoln Highway marker and visitors who came to turn on and drink from our historic Iron Fountain.

...Volunteer Logan for all his volunteer hours at the museum. He has faithfully added photos into the museum data base and downloaded records in spite of our technology challenges at the museum.

...Volunteer Taylor Erdman for hanging the church needlepoint on loan from St. Patrick Catholic Church.

...Ashley Capes and her library group for making Poetry Month very special—twice! Original poems were written and trying to guess if it was poetry or a popular song was tough!

...Board member Tom McDermott for presenting a very interesting War Stories program—The Price They Paid—for Memorial Day at the museum. In case you missed it, the museum has the power point of his presentation but without Tom's interesting tidbits he always comes up with.

...Board member Steve Frank for installing our new track lights in the Toy & Artist Room. They're a definite improvement! And kudos to you for climbing the tall ladder. Thanks to Ruthann too who adjusted the lights.



Recently added ...

Recent Acquisitions

The museum is grateful to the following donors for artifacts donated to the museum since early March 2024.

Bob Barger, John Bearrows, Wayne Cox, Rich Ewald, Mary Lou Felkner, Steve Frank, Bob Gingerich, Christie Hawkins, Tom McDermott, Joan Parker, Sally Sawicki, Sue Sawicki, Dave Schabacker, and Dawn Somers.

Long Term Loans

St. Patrick Catholic Church loaned artifacts to the museum in February for our Freedom of Faith exhibit and have since agreed to a long term loan agreement with the museum for several of their artifacts to be on display at the museum. Stop in to see the large needlepoint that was made by Mary Carney's aunt in 1889 and the 1894 First Communion Certificate for Freddy Binz and the 1902 Certificate for Anna Binz.

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Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets. The drawing will be held on December 15.

Museum Hours

Thursday – Sunday
11 am to 4 pm

Group tours available by
appointment

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About Our Organization...

The Mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

Request a Presentation...

Contact the museum to request a presentation to your club, organization, or school by museum personnel. Presentations support the museum's mission to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history.

Thanks also ...

to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation for funding Chapters 2 & 3 of our new exhibit on the second floor, *Getting Down to Business in Rochelle*. These chapters include the history of business in Rochelle from 1869 to 1880 and will be completed by early fall of this year. More chapters are being developed with the goal of eventually highlighting today's business community.

The video presentation of *Getting Down to Business in Rochelle, 1853 to 1868* can be purchased in the museum gift shop for \$10.00.

Museum Events 2024

In the works...

June 22: Gertie Day at the Museum, 11 am to 4 pm

June 29: Celebrating 50 Years of Love in Rochelle, Prabhakar Open House, 1 to 4 pm

July 14: Happy Birthday, 1944 or before... a party for everyone born in 1944 or before, 1 to 4 pm

August 16-18: Heritage Festival

October 31: Trick or Treat at the Museum

November 10: Veteran's Day Event, The History of the VFW

November 30: Decorate the Museum

December 6: Santa at the Museum, 4-7 pm

December 15: 50/50 Raffle Drawing,

Still in the planning stages:

STORIES book signing

From the Foundation: Tour of the Tunnels

Holiday Tea Party