



Swartz Creek Area Historical Society

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May-June 2017

May 10 - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS and "SHOW & TELL"
June 14 - Dawn Bastian - EARLY MOTOR CAMPING IN MICHIGAN

Regular meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Swartz Creek City Hall, 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek, MI 48473.

Please join us.

"It is the mission of the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society to keep alive the chronicle of our community's yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows in the hearts and minds of those around us."

Points to Ponder

I, like you, have enjoyed reading the President's Pondering that Len Thomas has eloquently written over the past few years. But like everything else in life, there is a season in time that all good things come to an end.

As stated in the last news letter, Len is stepping down as our president. He will however to our great joy, continue to serve as a member of the board of trustees.

This may be the time that some of you that are reading this and have been thinking about becoming a more active member by perhaps serving on the board or would like to step up and share some of your time and ideas.

There are many areas in which to contribute. We always need speakers. Perhaps you have

something of interest that you could share with us or you may have heard a speaker at another venue. We work very hard to have a nice program every month and that can only happen through word of mouth.

Maybe you have a story or have come across an article that would be of interest to our readers. It is not always easy to fill a newsletter.

Please let us know if you enjoy a program so we can schedule more of the things that interest you.

And finally, encourage your friends to come with you to our meetings. Many times we talk to people that are not even aware that we have a Historical Society in Swartz Creek. We would love to have them join us!



Hometown Days

"Hometown Days" is June 1-4 this year. We will be set up in the Commercial Tent this year on Fri., Sat. & Sun. Come by and visit us. We will have some interesting things to display and all of our books, along with many other items will be there for sale!



March 8 Meeting

Lucas Hartwell
"The Churchill Club"



Lucas Hartwell was our speaker for the March meeting. He is a middle school student in Grand Blanc. This is the second time that Lucas has volunteered as our speaker and he had a very attentive audience. This is the story of the Churchill Club-



They were the boys who challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and "the Churchill Club". This is a true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion. This is a brief glimpse of that story:



The Churchill Club

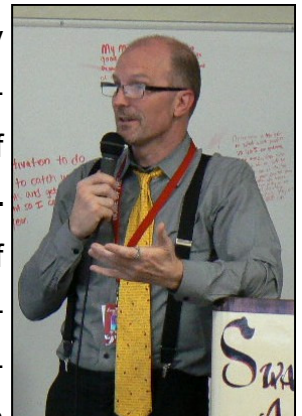
not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his

brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not. Naming their secret club after the, the young patriots in the "Churchill Club" committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. But their efforts were not in vain: the boys' exploits and eventual imprisonment helped spark a full-blown Danish resistance.

April 12 Meeting

Richard Thompson
Swartz Creek Academy

Our April meeting was moved to the old Mary Crapo High School building. It is now the home of **The Swartz Creek Academy!** Principal & Dean of Students Richard Thompson, could not be more excited about the great things his students are accomplishing in this building.



He was our speaker for the evening and our host as he talked about how this school is trying to do something about the student drop out rate in the area. Students enroll at the academy from many different school districts for many different

How many of you remember sitting in this balcony watching a basketball game?



reasons. They have 115 students enrolled in 2017 as of February 28.

This is more than an alternative high school, it's a high school where students from all walks of life are welcome to continue their education at a relaxed setting. Mr. Thompson went on to say some of the many reasons why students choose to attend Swartz Creek Academy. The List includes: Behind in Credits, Choice, Discipline, Medical, Truancy.

The Mary Crapo building is home to many more activities in the community. For instance it houses a day care and preschool.




We have plans underway for one of the classrooms to showcase some of our historical artifacts. It will be a win, win situation as the students will benefit from the history of Swartz Creek and we will have a safe place to display the things that are donated to us. The room is handicap accessible if you enter from the front of the building.

The motto of the Swartz Creek Academy-
*I AM THE MASTER
OF MY FATE
I AM THE MASTER
OF MY SOUL*



Upcoming Events

- May 10 - **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, "SHOW & TELL"** - For those of you who have not been to one of our "Show & Tell" meetings, it is just that. You may bring in a historical item, that you have or you may want to just relate a story of what you know or have been told about back in the day. We always get some surprises!
- **Saturday, May 6, 10am - Swartz Creek Cemetery Clean-up** - local girl scout troops take this project on, but can always use an extra hand. 
- **June 14 - Dawn Bastian - EARLY MOTOR CAMPING IN MICHIGAN** - Who doesn't love to be outdoors, come and hear about how it was years ago! 

Pease note that all of our speakers are tentative and sometimes do get changed. We will do our best to inform you of any last minute changes by email or newspaper and they are always posted at the door of the mini museum in City Hall!

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Saturday, July 15 - GAINES STATION HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION at Gaines Station Library

August - No Meeting

Local News/Events

Just a note to make all of you aware that there are many people in Swartz Creek working without recognition to keep all of us informed of events and happenings around our area.

Those of you that are on Facebook may not know that there are several Facebook pages specifically for the Swartz Creek area. To name a few:

- SC Hometown Days
- Remembering Swartz Creek Graduates
- You Know you're from Swartz Creek when...
- SC Fine Arts
- Swartz Creek

These are just a few of the groups on social media that keep us informed on what is going on in the community. There are too many to list. Check them out. I thank each and everyone of you that update these pages, great job!

Donations

- **Phyllis O'Brien** - Monetary donation
- **Dee Buchanan** - Monetary donation

SC Area Obituary Index

Len Thomas is continuing to update area obituaries for the file located at the Perkins Library in Swartz Creek. If you have a family obituaries not on the current list, please mail them to: **Len Thomas 4267 Springbrook Drive, Swartz Creek, MI 48473**

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New Member

Welcome Valerie Sharp of Swartz Creek!

Website

All of our publications are listed with prices on our website: swartzcreekhistory.com



*To All our Moms & Dads
Enjoy Your Special Day!*

Membership Information

Dues

Thanks to those who have paid your 2017 dues. Those of you who have not, will find a note included in your newsletter as a reminder. Your dues are very important and are used to cover our day to day costs. Payments can be sent to the address shown below and your new dues card will be sent with the next newsletter. We are a **501 C-3** non profit group and all of your contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Contributions and memorials are always welcome.

Membership dues levels:

Seniors: (60 and up) and **Students** (18 and under) \$5.00

Individuals: under 60 years of age \$10.00

Family: (all related persons in the same household) \$20.00

Patron: \$50

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