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One Day Only Event—Give Local Midland—May 1st, 2018



The SHS Board says, "Help us make history!" Mark your calendars for **May 1st 2018**—we're participating in Give Local Midland, a 24 hour online giving event for nonprofits, and we'd love your support! Find out more on our web site here: <http://sanfordhist.org/givelocal2018.htm>

2018 Save These Dates	
Opening Day	May 26 10 am - 5 pm
Veterans Tribute	May 26 1 pm
Log Cabin Day	June 24 1 pm - 4 pm
Train Day	Aug. 11 11 am - 4 pm
Founders Day	Sept. 8 & 9 "Early" to 6 pm
Santa Express	Dec. 11, 12 & 13 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

2018 Membership and Board Meeting Dates		
	Membership Meetings	Board Meetings
May	16th	8th
June	20th	12th
July	18th	10th
August	15th	July 31st
September	17th	5th
October	17th	9th
November	21st	13th
December	N/A	5th

Opening Day May 26th 2018



Please join us as we celebrate the opening of the museum for the 2018 season on Saturday, May 26th, at 10 a.m.

The American Legion has graciously agreed to lead the ceremonies for the annual Fallen Veterans and Gold Star Mothers Tribute on the same date at 1 p.m.

Afterwards, light refreshments are served. The grounds and facility are in great shape for the spring and the attractions can be reached via sidewalks. There is a lot to see and experience, so come join us for opening day!

Email Addresses Wanted

Once again in 2018 the SHS will be publishing electronic issues of the *Log Marks* newsletters to supplement the four printed issues (April, June, August, and November).

These extra issues (May, July, September, October, and December) will not be mailed out due to printing and postage costs. The Society encourages you to switch to

email delivery of your newsletter as it helps to reduce expenses, and you can share these full-color newsletters with friends and family members.

I Remember

By Rick E. Goodwin
February 2, 2018

Just think what a treasure trove of Sanford area history we would have if each of us wrote down our memories of the Sanford area. It doesn't have to be a long story (or from a long time ago); just short paragraphs of "I Remember" tidbits. Each of these tidbit pieces helps us put the Sanford area history puzzle together.

What follows are a few of those "I Remember" tidbits. Thanks to those who have taken the time to write memories down and thanks to you who will be inspired to write memories down after reading this story. Just think of the great memories you could leave for the generations to come by just writing some memories down. In fact, if you will write it down, I'll be glad to type it up. Please share your "I Remember" memories with us.

What follows are some of my "I Remember" memories along with those of Linda (Hess) Fisher and Jan (Fink) Biggs.

Rick Goodwin's Story

I remember Everett Carrigan as our school bus driver in the 1960s. He and his wife, the former Molly Perkins, lived in the house (since remodeled) that is today the Schaffert Studios at 3444 N. Meridian Road. Everett, as I remember him was a tall man, although every time I saw him he was sitting in the driver's seat of the school bus waiting for us to climb up the steps into the bus and take our seats. Molly's parents were the ones that gave a piece of land for the building of the original Perkins School.

I remember going with my Dad via our motor boat across Sanford Lake to the first fill to get boat gas. We would tie up to the bank of the first fill and carry the boat motor gas tank up the shore (a rather high bank) to Pineview Grocery on West River Road (owned by the Thomas family). We then would fill the gas tank with gas from the gas pump (after having put oil in the tank first to mix it with the gas). We would then carry the gas tank across West River Road back to the shoreline where the boat was tied up and hook up the gas tank again to go boating.

I remember in 1970 or so my folks bought a Suzuki snowmobile (model 360) and it was real pretty. It was red white and blue in color with a matching cover. They got it from 3D Sports in Midland. Soon it seemed everyone in the neighborhood had a snowmobile. Gary Moe down the

road had a Speedway (it was a real speedy one), the Moore family had an Evinrude, the Blevins family had a Ski Doo, the Susalla family had an Arctic Cat and the Young family had a Yamaha as did the Zink family. Steve Digsby, a teacher who lived in the neighborhood, also bought a Suzuki snowmobile. There were many local trips by not only the kids in the area but also the parents who would take trips out to the Sanford Game Reserve or over through the woods to Hope Road and then north into the woods.



Rick Goodwin driving and Alan Moore on the back of the Goodwin family Suzuki snowmobile on Sanford Lake in 1972. Photo courtesy of the author.

I remember Bill Argyle (who used to own the Sanford Hardware) had a chainsaw sharpening business. Dad would leave the chainsaw chain needing sharpening in our mailbox and Bill would pick it up while he was delivering papers. In a few days Bill would put the newly sharpened chain back in our mailbox.

I remember that Allen Cole was the guy you called when your car would not start. Seemed that he could trouble shoot any car problem and if he could not fix it, he either towed your car to his garage or somewhere else where they could fix it.

I remember that Ray Slates was the guy that carved a golf course out of the woods along M-30 in Edenville Township in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He had a club house built but never finished inside that I remember. When you paid to play golf, if he was not there to pay in person, then you just left your green fees in a Mayo jar on the table on the first tee. My Dad and Dick Moore won the Meridian Golf League Playoff tournament in 1972. We had a family membership one year that cost less than \$100 and you could play all the golf all season long that you wanted. Ray had 9 holes of golf that you could play and he had bulldozed the skeleton of another 9 holes to the West that he never

finished.

I remember seeing Mrs. Ferro cross the road (M-30) from her home to go feed her animals (goats I think). Today the Midland County Road Commission building is located on the property where she kept her animals.

I remember taking the garbage to the Jerome Township dump located off Nine Mile Road. Ervin Jankowiak was the gate keeper and he looked over your load to see if it was all ok to dump out. If he saw something of value (to him or someone else) he might remove it and keep it. Today there is a chain link fence around the dump area to keep all out and away.

I remember going to the Westtown Little League diamonds on Five Mile Road off M-20 to play little league baseball as Sanford did not have diamonds at this time. Bob Bellinger and my Dad were our managers in the minor league and Vern Thurlow was my manager in the major leagues. This would have been about 1961 to 1967. We had a fence backstop and a practice diamond on the northeast corner of Nielsen Road and Nine Mile Road. When I went to the Babe Ruth league in 1968 (Aaron Geiling was my manager) we played our games at the Meridian High School diamond.

I remember my folks ordering "Broasted Chicken" in a bucket from the Red Oak Lounge in Sanford for dinner. You would call and place your order and then drive in to town and pick it up.



Red Oak Lounge owners Bob and June Meyer inside the restaurant dressed in their Sanford Area Centennial garb June 1970. They sold the best "Broasted Chicken" in a bucket. Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

I remember Ray Bauer, the owner of Brown's Standard Service gas station, pumping my gas for me at his station on the corner of Center Street and Saginaw Road in 1980. I owned a 1979 GMC Jimmy at the time. I would put the purchase of the gas on my credit card. Ray would have to take the card in to the station, run the credit card through the handheld imprint machine and then carry that machine out to my car window and have me sign the receipt before giving me a copy of the transaction.

I remember my Dad taking his tractor and brush hog attachment up off M-30 to help the Clarks (Jerry and son Dan) clear the land on the site of their future business to be called the Meridian Outdoor Center. This would have been about 1975. They also sponsored a slow pitch softball team in the Meridian Softball League and Dad was the pitcher. They played their games behind the Meridian schools. Clark's One Stop gas station is on this site today and run by Dan Clark.

I remember that my Dad, on rare occasions, would take the Dow bus into Midland to his job at Brady News Agency on Main Street. We would take him down to the corner of US-10 and M-30 and wait for the bus to come by and pick up any riders waiting there.

I remember my Mom saying that the M-30 overpass over the expressway was really high up in the air and spooky to drive over when it was initially constructed because it did not have guardrails. She could also hear the construction of the bridge over the lake from our house on Lakeview Drive as they dumped fill in the lake to build the entry ramps to the bridge.

Linda (Hess) Fisher's Story

I remember when we lived at 474 Taylor Drive at Flanders's Beach around 1950, we did not have electricity in that area yet. We had an out toilet, and a water pump in our kitchen to get our water from. Around that time when we got electricity my parents made a lot of improvements. We got an indoor bathroom and a real kitchen sink with faucets. Also around that time we got our first TV, black and white of course. Then we could watch the Ed Sullivan Show and my Dad loved to watch boxing on TV. Before that time, we had a battery-operated radio.

I remember there were only six year-round residents in the Flanders's Beach subdivision in 1950. Walter and Eathel Winter, with children at home Judy and Bud. Dale and Jean Winter, Ward and Marion Hess, and myself, Max and Margaret Hartshorn, with Dave, Glen, and Ruthann, Curt and Ruth Bredt, with Ruthita and Susie. All the rest of the houses were summer cottages. The one across the street from us was owned by Paul and Helen Elliot of Holly, Michigan. They would send my Dad a letter (no phones yet) and let him know when they would

be up and Dad would open up their cabin for the summer. The Hartshorns had moved here from Onaway, Michigan up by Alpena. The Bredts had been living in a small cabin up by Edenville. Curt Bredt had been working at the fire tower up there and the cabin came with the job. It got to be too small after they had one child and when they were expecting the second they moved to Flanders's Beach.

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Linda (Hess) Fisher's granddad, Walter Winter, advertising his business at Flanders's Beach in the *Midland Daily News* August 6, 1953.

I remember my Grandparents Walter and Eathel Winter

owned and operated the Lakeview Inn (later known as Flanders's Beach Resort and Winter's Resort). They had a small grill area and sold hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop and coffee. They rented wooden rowboats (built by Walter Winter with my Dad's help) with small outboard motors. They also rented cabins with linens. My Grandmother washed all the linens and had an electric mangle on which she ironed the sheets and pillow cases. When I got a little older around nine or ten I was allowed to do this job. They started out with a couple of cabins and kept adding. They had two single cabins and two cabins that could be used as two singles each or a double; they had connecting doors between each unit. My Grandfather Walt was working on another cabin on Taylor Drive, when he started having some health problems was hospitalized and died a few days later of a heart attack in 1955. He also worked shift work at the Dow Chemical in Midland.

I remember waiting on customers—kids actually. Grandma would let me take care of the neighborhood kids at the candy counter. On the weekends a lot of people from Midland would come to Flanders's Beach to swim and picnic. Some parties were there late into the night. The next day the neighborhood kids would be out at the beach area picking up bottles to take back to the store for the refund money and buy candy with that money.



The Winter's Service grocery store and gas station at Flanders's Beach circa 1957. Linda (Hess) Fisher remembers this area well growing up. Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

I remember my great Aunt and Uncle, Jessie and Leonard Hulse lived around the corner on Leonard Street. Uncle Leonard moved quite a few houses from Midland up to his subdivision. At that time Dow Chemical was expanding and buying up neighborhoods and selling the houses to be moved. I think in 1950 they may have been the only permanent resident in that neighborhood, shortly after their son Leon, his wife Mona, and Sandy and Linda

lived there. Also, their daughter Marge and her husband Carl Clipper lived in a little log cabin on the point right when you went around the corner (it is gone now, a big new house in its place).

Jan (Fink) Biggs's Story

I remember that Dick Thomas built a little lean-to shed off the side of his grocery store [Pineview] for kids to store their boots while they were at school.

I remember [in the late 1950s] when West River Road was so muddy that the school bus could not get up the road to pick up the school kids that the kids would have to walk down to Pineview Grocery to catch the bus.

I remember when crossing the first fill [West River Road] was tricky and in muddy weather the kids would cross on a plank to avoid the mud.

I remember muddy roads meant wearing boots to school, but boots were not "cool" to wear to school so the lean-to Dick Thomas built was where the kids would leave their boots while they were at school. They would retrieve their boots after getting off the bus, and make the muddy walk back home. I lived on Sadler Drive.

I remember our regular bus stop was in front of the Francis home on West River Road. If I was wearing boots to that bus stop I would put my boots in the Francis mail box until I got back from school.



Out front of the Francis home on West River Road was the local kid's bus stop. Jan (Fink) Biggs would leave her boots in the Francis mailbox while she went to school because taking boots to school was not "cool." Photo from the Sanford Historical Society photo archives.

May Membership Meeting

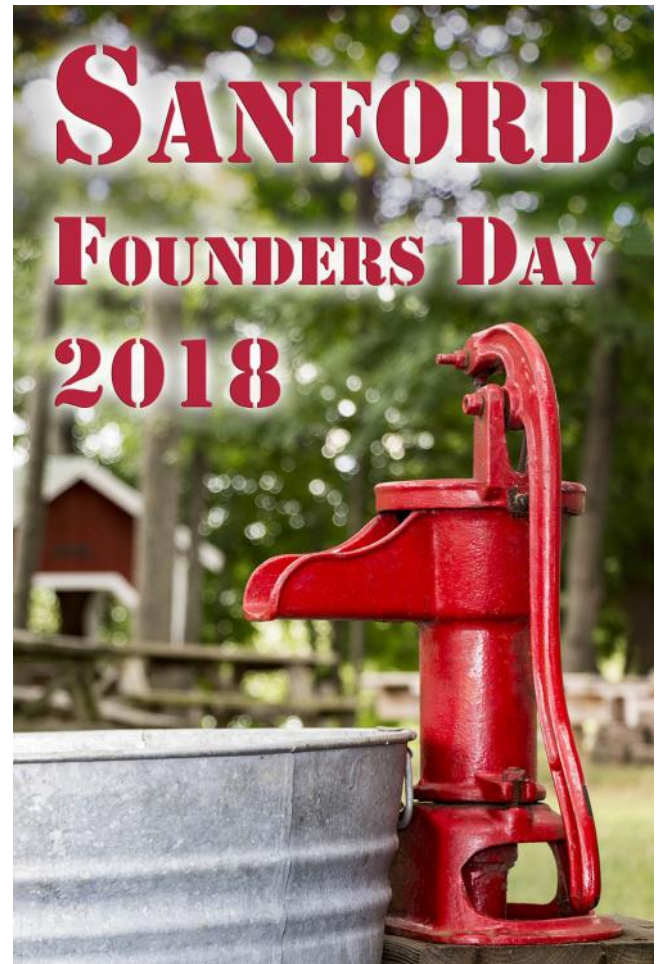
The May membership meeting of the Sanford Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 in the historic 1870s rail depot on the museum grounds. The Society is preparing many family-friendly events for this new season and this meeting promises to be most informative. You don't have to be a member to attend—everyone is welcome!

Founders Day 2018 T-shirt

The new 2018 Founders Day T-shirt is scheduled to arrive in time for Opening Day on May 26th. This year's issue features the water pump that is stationed on the north side of the Smith log cabin.

The Founders Day T-shirt is a fun and collectable item from the Sanford Historical Society and serves as one of our best fundraising items. We would like to thank our sponsors for making these shirts possible each year. These sponsors are listed below and we hope you will patronize their businesses and mention the T-shirt.

Stop by the museum on Opening Day or any day during the season to purchase your T-shirt. Don't delay—supplies are limited!



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The Sanford Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month from April through November at 7:00 PM in the Historic Depot on the grounds of the Museum.

Members and visitors are always welcome.

Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. Dues may be paid on our web site, by mail, or in person at the museum during the season, at any meeting, or at Founders Day.

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