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on May 28, 2001, and as customary, the parade will begin from its usual starting point on Livernois, down West Maplehurst to Woodward, past the reviewing stand, west on 9 Mile Road to Livernois, down Livernois to the Memorial in the parkway.

The Ferndale Historical Museum will be open prior to the parade, closed during, and reopened after the parade disperses about 11:00 a.m. Do come and visit us...

Membership Application and Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send To:** Ferndale Historical Museum  
1651 Livernois  
Ferndale, Michigan 48220

If you would like a Membership card mailed to you, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your dues.

Membership Dues

\$4.00 individual\*

\$7.50 Family\*

\$30.00 Organization\*

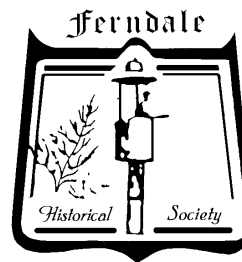
\$50.00 Lifetime

\*1 year membership

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# The Crow's Nest

*"Preserving the heritage of Ferndale for future generations"*

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## A Dream Comes True

A dream is finally being realized. Tim McGee's vision and hard work over the past five years to build a tribute to 111 Ferndale men will be finalized. His final drive to raise money for the construction of a Memorial to Ferndale men who lost their lives in the service of their country will be completed. With help from his wife Debbie, and his committee (John and Eleanor Mielke, Alice Johnson, Gordie Rowe, Ray White, and June Kotlarek,) newspaper articles and personal contacts are

being made for monies from all interested persons. Outright donations to the memorial are accepted, or, as a fundraiser, a brick with the name of the donor's choice (service person or civilian) engraved on it can be purchased for \$30.00. These bricks will be used to build a

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## We Shall Not Forget

Memorial Day 2001...Ferndale is still following tradition by keeping the State of Michigan's oldest parade on a solemn note as it honors all the Ferndale men who served and still serve their country in any branch of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines). Few changes have been made in the past 83 years in the presentation of the city's salute to its war veterans, and, with the parade, the city has kept its promise. Its motto is "Less We Forget".

This year Memorial Day falls

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## PastPerfect For The Future

The winter of 2000-2001 was wonderful for the Ferndale Historical Society's treasury which, due to gifts, grew in size and allowed us to purchase some much needed office equipment. The class of 1938 donated the balance in its treasury to us; the Society's good friends, the Walter Mark Burkarts (Mary Jane Hilt) and various other members remembered us with donations. The Year 2000 Reunion Committee included us in the distribution of monies left over from the reunion.

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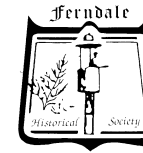
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## About The Museum Elves

- ☺ In February, President Raymond White, worried the Museum staff for a few days. After being discharged after surgery he developed an infection and thanks to wife Mary's concern, Ray was quickly admitted back into the hospital where he recuperated.
- ☺ The museum has a new friend to help with repairs and odd jobs around the building. We tip our hat to Victor Paul who has joined our Monday morning crew consisting of Sylvia, Ellen, Phyllis, Betty, Marion, June and Ruth. Besides replacing weather stripping around the doors and framing some pictures, his most recent project has been lettering signs for the file cabinet drawers, which has improved the appearance and made for easier filing.
- ☺ Sylvia Thomas has volunteered to take on a tremendous project – contacting all business and organizations in the city to interest them in supporting the museum. This is one of the many projects the society has had listed for a number of years, waiting for someone to offer to setup up such an endeavor.
- ☺ Thanks are deserving again for “LaBelle’s Sash and screen” owner Larry Vachon and Gary who work there and are always willing to help us out when glass is needed for a picture.
- ☺ Frank Flores, Mary and Ray White represented the Museum at “Rise and Shine” in March. Many people were informed that Ferndale has a museum. These three have also been busy installing and painting the new signs in front of the museum and at Nine Mile and Livernois. Their time spent publicizing the museum is appreciated.
- ☺ Thanks to F.A.N.S. of Ferndale for the spring flowers they planted around the museum.
- ☺ Frank Flores has installed two old fashioned streetlights. If all goes as planned they should be furnishing light during the early evenings this summer. The Society thanks Frank for all the time he has given to this project.
- ☺ The Museum appreciates David Lungu for his knowledge of computers and taking time to research and choose a computer that will meet the museum’s needs, and also for his work in typesetting “The Crow’s Nest” newsletter.
- ☺ The museum’s collection of Lincoln High school class pictures was repaired and reframed where needed by some of the members of the reunion committee. Charlie Harris, class of January 1933, has since built several new frames, which should complete the upgrading of



## Reunion Gifts

Last fall’s reunion of approximately 700 Lincoln High School Alumni on October 14, 2000 was wonderful publicity for the City of Ferndale. First, welcoming so many former graduates back to the city, from as far as California, to mingle with the many graduates who never left the area, was fun and heartwarming. Secondly, being able to show off the upbeat appearance of the city’s business district and displaying the renaissance with the nightclubs, restaurants and variety stores made a nice mental photograph of the old home town for our visitors to take home.

The school district graciously donated the use of Ferndale High School, which allowed the reunion committee, after all the bills were paid, to distribute the remaining balance to three worthy organizations within the city. The Ferndale Educational Committee received \$1000.00; The Ferndale Historical Society received \$1200.00; and Tim McGee received \$2700.00 for his Veterans Memorial project.

With sincere appreciation these three groups thank the graduates and the reunion committee.

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wall surrounding the monument upon which the deceased service men’s names will be engraved. If you would like to contribute, send a check made out to: Ferndale Veteran Memorial C/O Ferndale City Manager Office 300 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220. If you have any questions, call Tim McGee at (248) 542-5783

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Marion (Beens) Kangas has inquired of the Crow’s Nest whether anyone has ever seen, mentioned or has a picture (preferably) of the large monument of a tiger advertising Annis Furs in the early 1930’s on Albany near Woodward. Anyone else remember this? Please call President Ray White at (248) 541-2476 if you do.

### *Remember A Special Person...*

What better time is there than Memorial Day to bring attention to our Memorial Board. This beautiful memorial contains 72 names each engraved on a brass plate. If you would like to add a name, visit the museum on Memorial Day and fill out a simple form. The cost is only \$30.00.

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Dues received from membership in the society have grown to 44 families, 81 individuals, and 37 lifetime memberships. The Kulick family established the Kulick Memorial in memory of their mother Gerry, and then, only 6 months later, also in memory of their father, Leonard. The donations have allowed us to invest in a computer and software to catalogue the contents of the museum. Leslie Edwards of Pleasant Ridge, Curator of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society of Pontiac, recommended the museum software “PastPerfect” which we will be using at our museum.