



Paw Paw's Sesquicentennial Celebration

You are Invited ...

Winners, Tentative Schedule and Thank You!

Overall Winner
Sandra Henson

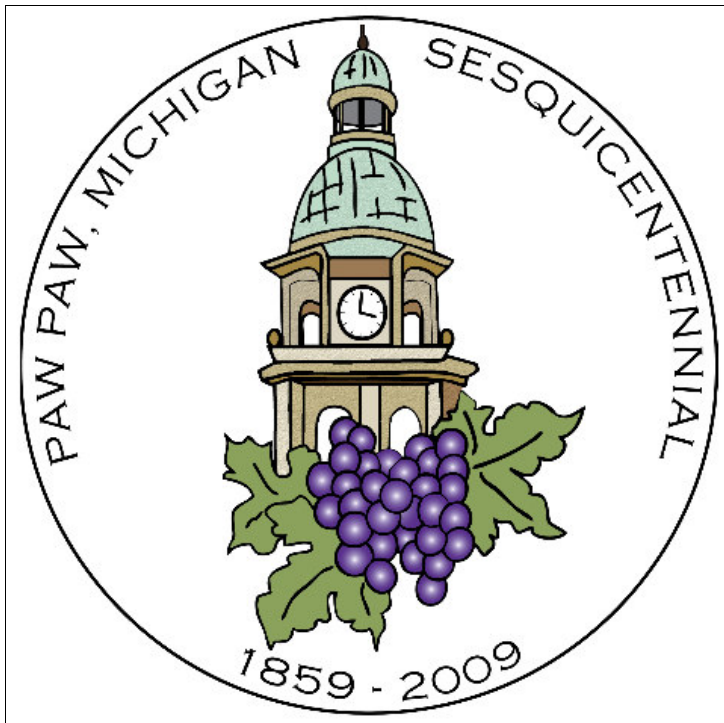
Elementary Category
1st Place Grace Richmond
2nd Place Rebecca Allen
3rd Place Hope Elizabeth Kline

High School Category
1st Place Ali Boskovich
2nd Place Brittany Cleo Allen
3rd Place Sara Shriver

Adult Category
1st Place Sandra Henson
2nd Place Steven Rigoni
3rd Place Rene Rodriguez

You and your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to help celebrate Paw Paw's 150th birthday.

Mark the dates of August 7, 8 and 9, 2009 as the Sesquicentennial Celebration weekend. While other groups, service clubs, associations and community organizations may plan activities throughout the month of August, the main weekend will feature fireworks, a community picnic, parade, games of all kinds, baking and eating contests, a Bestest Mom contest, and beard contest, dedications, an 1860's style base ball match with the House of David Echoes, and much more. See page 2...



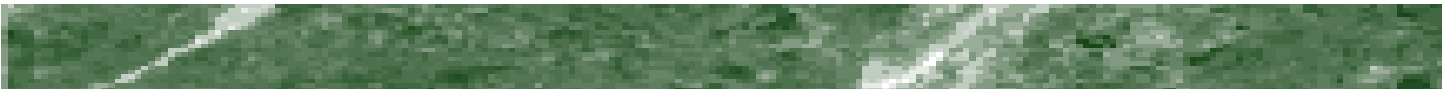
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LOGO CONTEST DECIDED

The Overall Winner and the winners and placers in each category will have their logos used in Sesquicentennial printed materials. The logos are also posted on the Village Website at www.pawpaw.net, scroll down the home page and click on the Sesquicentennial link.

The Overall Winner's logo will be used on the Sesquicentennial wooden nickel!

Thank you to everyone submitting entries!



Tentative Sesquicentennial Activity Schedule

As of March 31, 2009, activities for the Village of Paw Paw's Sesquicentennial include the following: (Subject to Change, Contact the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority & Greater Paw Paw Area Chamber of Commerce at (269) 657-5395 for the most up-to-date list of activities, locations and times.)

Friday August 7: Lake Front Amphitheatre

Beard Contest judging and awards, ice cream social, music and sing-a-long, quilt raffle drawing and the 'Bestest Mom Contest' followed by fireworks over beautiful Maple Lake. Approximately 6:00 p.m.

Saturday August 8, 2009: Downtown and Tyler Field

Sesquicentennial Parade at 10 a.m. downtown. Costumed kids and pets, decorated bicycles, floats and marching units welcome. (No motorized vehicles except those pulling floats. Parade leads to Tyler Field where there will be an old fashioned Community Picnic with all sorts of period kids games, period photo booth, baking and eating contests, cow drop, horseshoe contest, and more! Bring your picnic basket, a blanket and spend the afternoon with your family, friends, and neighbors for some good old fashioned fun!

Sunday August 9, 2009: Lakefront and Tyler Field

Ecumenical Church Service by Paw Paw area churches at the Amphitheatre on Maple Lake (TBA). There will be an 1860 style baseball match between local officials and residents who will take the field to play against the House of David Echoes. 1860 style rules were all about fun and exercise.

Other events planned but not yet decided upon for date and time include: Killefer Dedication.

Thank You! The Vineyard Press:

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The True Northerner -1854

Consolidated as The Courier Northerner - 1920

The Courier Northerner merged with the Lawrence Times on November 1, 1957 and with the Lawton Leader on November 22, 1968, to become The Courier-Leader

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