

## **2024 Historian Report**

### **January 4, 2024**

I turned in my historian's report to Town Clerk, County & State offices

### **January 5, 2024**

Gave the town hall the veteran's record box. They want to put up veteran signage in the township for those veterans who lived & served from here.

### **February 16, 2024**

Ashley CHandler (518-258-9054) inquiring about the old Floyd Rourke house they bought. I suggested she stop by and I'd give her our bicentennial booklet from 1998 and an older celebration booklet from 1975 when Floyd was town supervisor from 1972 - 1978.

### **February 26, 2024**

The temperature at 2:45 PM was 59 degrees. A nice sunny day but still some breeze. We've had a lot of wind this year. Lots of down branches from maple trees and plenty of pine cones fell from our pine trees.

### **February 29, 2024**

A huge flock of red wing black bird, grackle and cow birds came to feed in my yard and the neighbors. I tried to count them but they kept coming and scattering. There must have been over 70 birds. In all my years of bird watching I've never seen so many birds at one time. I was amazed!

### **March 8, 2024**

Received historical materials pertaining to Gansevoort and Town of Northumberland from Elizabeth (Lansing) Montgomery - 704 Reynolds St, Lewistown, Montana 59457. She also sent a copy to Joanne & Doug Johnson which I delivered to them pertaining to their house which is one of the oldest houses in our town. She also sent me a copy of "the Gansevoort of Albany, NY. by Alice B. Kenny.

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### **August 25, 2024**

I received a request from the Pastor of a local church that used to be known as the United Methodist Church - Gansevoort. It was dedicated during a blizzard with snow even to the top of the fence rails; Earliest records of the church are dated 1838. The pastor in 2024 wants info on church history. I'm going to make copies of 1938 newspaper articles on church history. An earlier account spoke of the church as The Methodist Episcopal Church of Gansevoort. Records dated January 15, 1838. It was duly incorporated. It was completed at a cost of \$1132.24 on December 19, 1839 it was dedicated.

Copies of Church History given to current Pastor for his files:

- 1: Church dedicated during blizzard
- 2: The Methodist episcopal church earliest records January 15, 1838.
- 3: Administrative Councils 1981 of Gansevoort United Methodist Church I served as church treasurer at that time.

### **December 31, 2024**

As well as 2024 coming to an end, so is my job as your Town of Northumberland Historian. I've enjoyed my job so much over the years. But I am 84 years old, my vision is bad and I can't drive anymore. I'm turning over the records to the town clerk. I accumulated quite a lot, and the next town historian will have to sort it out to suit his or her own space, wherever that may be. My dining room served the purpose for all the many years, it was handy. The internet has shortened our job of course but having the collection at home was so handy. I will miss it very much. Thanks to the Town of Northumberland for allowing me that opportunity. I love it! Good Bye and God Bless our Town of Northumberland.

Georgia Ball