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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER ISSUE

This issue of our newsletter has been mailed to everyone in Marcellus zip-code 13108, that's 2,600 copies. Normally our quarterly newsletter is only mailed to members. By mailing this issue to everyone in zip 13108, we hope to showcase the many programs which the Marcellus Historic Society offers and to encourage more residents to join our 619 members.

This newsletter keeps our members informed in advance of all historical society events and meetings. If you wish to continue receiving our newsletter please join today. A membership form can be found on the last page of this issue. ■

AN ANGLING HISTORY OF NINE MILE CREEK

. . . J. Michael Kelly

[Editor's note: The following is from the presentation which J. Michael Kelly gave at our April 1998 historical society meeting. This is part one of a two part series. Part two will appear in our next issue.]

In her book, *Nine Mile Country*, Kathryn Heffernan emphasized the importance of Nine Mile Creek to the economy of Marcellus and the surrounding area.

There is also a brief mention of environmental concerns, to wit:

"From the beginning of human habitation in the area, an important feature of the Marcellus environment has been the Nine Mile Creek. To the early settlers and the mill owners of the last century, it was an every-ready source of power. To modern residents it is an environmental resource to be protected and preserved for its aesthetic and recreational value."

She noted that during the 1960's a group of local sportsmen formed the Nine Mile Association, with a purpose of preserving the stream from pollution and thereby protecting its value as a trout stream. She credits this group, of which I was the founder, with accomplishing "a certain amount of cleanup."

Miss Heffernan went on to recount waste-

treatment improvements made in municipal sewage plants and industrial facilities along the creek during the 1970's, and also mentions a now-forgotten proposal by a team of SUNY Forestry students to create a recreational corridor along the creek.

At the time her book was published, Miss Heffernan wrote that the DEC was considering an upgrade in classification for Nine Mile (which later came to pass) and predicted that would require the village of Marcellus to upgrade its sewage treatment again, which it did. She concluded:

"Nine Mile Creek is today rich in food for trout, and keeping the water clean is all that is needed to preserve it as one of New York State's best trout streams. Each year the Onondaga County-operated hatchery on Carpenter's Brook in Elbridge provides between 10 and 20 thousand brown and brook trout fingerlings [actually they are yearlings] for stocking the stream. In turn, all the local anglers are rewarded for their skill and patience at fishing spots all along Nine Mile from near its source at Otisco Lake to Amboy."

Nine Mile is physically the opposite of most trout streams. A typical trout stream begins as a cold spring, or a series of swift, cold brooks, then gradually slows and widens and becomes too warm for trout at some point downstream. That pattern is called a "thermal gradient," by the way. An example of a trout stream in our area with a normal thermal gradient is Butternut Creek, which starts as a tiny rill in Apulia, is fed by several cold-water tributaries, and becomes too slow and warm for trout after it flows north of the city of Syracuse.

Nine Mile Creek's true headwaters might be considered to be Spafford Creek, at the south end of Otisco Lake, and that is a trout stream, but where Nine Mile is officially born, at the dam of Otisco Lake, it is a warm water stream. A few trout are present, but the big majority of fish encountered are bass, carp and other warm-water species. That's so all the way downstream through the village of Marcellus.

Then, just below the lower Crown Mill, Nine Mile is magically transformed into a high-quality trout stream by the infusion of several large cold springs. Where the largest of these enters the

creek, the stream temperature in late July is instantly lowered from about 74 degrees to about 50 or 60 degrees. That's tremendously significant because temperatures in the mid 70s for any length of time, are lethal to trout. But temperatures in the high 50s and low 60s are ideal.

The stream remains cold all the way down to the Amboy area where the influence of the springs is finally diminished.

"ONE OF THE BETTER STREAMS IN THE STATE"

Thanks mainly to those springs, Nine Mile Creek is one of the better streams in the state in terms of water quality and trout population. Interestingly, it is also the most heavily-fished stream, on a per-foot basis, ever surveyed by the state, with the exception of the Salmon River.

The DEC studied the creek extensively from 1978-80. The report resulting from that study described the productivity of the section from the aforementioned springs to Martisco to be "awesome," and noted about half the fish caught by anglers are wild, even though the stream was being stocked with about 20,000 trout annually at that time. Fish growth rates were described as "excellent."

The report declared the middle section of the creek, from Marcellus Falls to Martisco, was a veritable magnet for anglers from the Syracuse area.

The fishing intensity in that stretch was found to be approximately 2,500 angler-hours per acre, which the DEC called "remarkable."

To update those 20 year-old figures, I checked a statewide angler survey done by the DEC last year, and found that an estimated 5,150 people fished in Nine Mile Creek at least two days apiece in 1996. They fished, among them, a total of 53,770 days and spent more than \$1 million during their trips to Nine Mile, either on-site or enroute. So, you see, there is a considerable economic stake involved in the creek.

"NOT THE STREAM IT USED TO BE"

In my opinion, the fishing in Nine Mile Creek is as about as good now as it ever was, although it varies some from year-to-year. Yet the creek has changed dramatically over the 40 seasons that I have been fishing it and, I am told, even more so in the last century. ■

HISTORY OF THE GRANGE . . . J. Michael Plumpton

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The spring of 1865 brought the end of the Civil War (1861 - 1865), a war that divided our country, brother against brother, father against son and mother against father and son. Even with peace signed and broken families and country on the mend, things would never be the same again.

When the tragedy ended, all of the property and munitions of war belonging to the defeated, became the property of the victors. But, General Grant let these men keep their horses — they would need them to put in their crops.

It was that sentiment which prompted President Andrew Johnson, through the Commissioner of Agriculture, to send a representative of government into the South among its farmers to see what could be done to place the South once more on its feet - wrecked, almost ruined as it was, by the conflict.

Agriculture, of course, had first to be looked after and built up from the base to start all other industries, trades and commerce.

The man to look after it was Oliver Hudson Kelly, founder of the Grange, and known by farmers as Father Kelly.

It was through him that the National Grange was formed. It was the first organization to treat women as equals from its very beginning. Women could hold any office as men and could speak with an equal voice.

The Grange helped to bring the divided and broken country back together. National, State Subordinate, Pamona County, and then local granges all worked together to foster the study of agriculture. With farmers helping farmers, north and south, the Grange helped to heal old wounds. Through this cooperation, the Grange has achieved what it set out to do and much more.

As for Father Kelly, he was born in Boston Mass. on January 7, 1826. He died at his home in Washington, DC on January 20, 1913 at 87 years of age after serving his country and grange for many years.

In our next newsletter, I will write about the State and local granges and how they work, including our 115 year old Marcellus Grange. ■

CENTENNIAL HISTORY AVAILABLE

The Centennial History of the Town of Marcellus, 1878, was reprinted by our Historical Society last year. This is the third printing of the book which covers the first one-hundred years of Marcellus history. Detailing much about life in Marcellus during the 1800's, "Centennial History" includes many wonderful stories about local people including the doctors, lawyers and shopkeepers of the time as well as the names and locations of early settlers. We are very fortunate that this book was published in 1878. It is available through our gift shop in this newsletter, at the Marcellus Village Hall and at our Historic House Tour. ■

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a beautiful summer it's been so far! The great weather has allowed us to get so many things done, including the restoration of the historic markers in the village.

Let's hope that the weather lasts for our second annual Historic House Tour which is coming up on September 20th. Last year's tour was a great success. Some 300 people had a wonderful time touring the exterior and interiors of five beautiful, historic Marcellus homes.

The rain showers we had the day of the tour last year didn't stop anyone from enjoying the opportunity to see these great homes. So, mark your calendar and join us for this year's Historic House Tour! Details of the tour can be found on page 7.

I would like to thank Bob Chrysler and the Marcellus Village Highway Department and Angelo Spadotto Construction for their assistance in getting the historic markers in the village restored. As far as we know, this is the first time that the signs have ever been taken down and stripped of their many layers of paint since they were put up about 57 years ago.

It's your support of the Marcellus Historical Society makes our programs & projects possible. ■



ONLY IN THE OLD DAYS!

In the early 1800's there was but one church bell in Marcellus, that which was in the Presbyterian Church. Church-Bell Ringers had a tremendous responsibility as the bell was the regulator for the whole town. It was rung at eight o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at nine o'clock in the evening every day, except Sundays, when besides being rung for the hours of service it was also rung at nine o'clock in the evening.

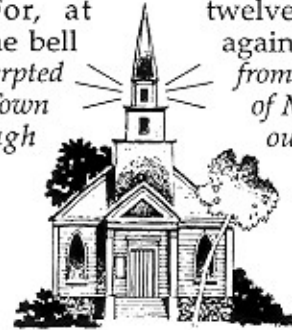
Mr. Armory Wilson, who came to this place in 1828, rung the bell for eleven years starting in 1835, stopped for a year, and then rang the bell for one more year.

Mr. Wilson took such special pains to provide himself with the correct time, that after he had rung the bell for a little while, no one of that wonderful class of people, of which no community is destitute, - called complainers, ever questioned the correctness of his time.

He says that he never failed, but once, to ring the bell at its proper time; this is when once on

looking at his clock, he saw that it was but five minutes of twelve, when really it was but five minutes of eleven. He went to the church and rang the bell. This was in the midst of winter, and the whole town was put to confusion.

Men were hastening to their dinner before the good wives had made the first preparation, and a gang of men who were engaged in chopping wood at the remote end of one of the east hill farms, left their work and walked nearly a mile to obtain their dinner, much to the embarrassment of the housekeeper, but soon after to the chagrin of the men. For, at twelve o'clock Mr. Wilson rang the bell again, and that put all right. (Excerpted from "Centennial History of the Town of Marcellus," available through our gift shop.) ■



MARKER PROJECT GOING WELL

Our Historic Markers Restoration and Placement Project is off to a good start. In late June, Bob Chrysler and the Village Highway Department took down the NY State markers in the village.

Then, generously donating their services, Angelo Spadotto Construction of Marcellus sandblasted off the many layers of old paint and primed the markers. Historical Society volunteers Tom and Bill Reagan then worked to paint the signs back to their original colors of blue and yellow, purchasing the paints with money donated by the former Marcellus Recycling Committee. The signs are now back in place on Main Street, highlighting some of the historic sights within the village.

We thank Angelo Spadotto Construction and the Village Highway Department for their assistance in getting this part of the project accomplished. Village officials are also working on replacing the historic marker which used to be in front of the Alvord House.

The other part of the project, the placement of date placards on historic buildings is also in the works. We have been investigating different types of placards and have decided that because of cost, we will most likely go with wood.

These date placards will be available to anyone in the Town or Village of Marcellus for placement on their house. The only requirement is that you be able to provide documentation which substantiates the year in which the house was built. For more information call Bill Reagan at 463-4160. ■

FROM THE GAVEL



July 8, 1998 - General Meeting

Peg Nolan and Hollis Abbott have been working on preserving the many scrapbooks we have in our museum. A request was made to purchase mylar sheets to aid in this preservation effort. A motion was passed to spend \$400 from the Museum Preservation Fund on this project. With the help of the Village Highway Department, the historic markers in the village have been sandblasted and primed compliments of Spadotto Construction and ready for society members to paint. Mary Tuthill gave a very informative presentation on the Civil War.

August 12, 1998 - General Meeting

A motion was passed to have our annual holiday party at the Links At Sunset Ridge. The party will be at 1:00 p.m. on December 6th, and is open to all members at a cost of \$11 per person. Volunteers are being sought for our second annual historic house tour. It was reported that the NYS historic markers on Main Street have been restored and reinstalled. It was decided to purchase copies of the new book on Otisco Lake through the Amber Fire Department and to accept their offer to allow them to stock the book for us and to split the proceeds with them on any books we sell. ■

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY AVAILABLE

"Marcellus Through The Years, A Chronological History," is still available. The very latest publication by the Marcellus Historical Society, the book contains the dates of many significant events which took place in Marcellus between 1794 and 1996, along with 25 historic photographs and other items of interest. Did you ever wonder when Marcellus first got electricity, or its first school? Well, this is your chance to read about all of the firsts in chronological order. They sell for \$5 each and are available through our newsletter gift shop and at the Marcellus Village Hall. ■

INDEX TO "NINE MILE COUNTRY" AVAILABLE

An index is available of people, businesses and photographs in Kathryn C. Heffernan's "Nine Mile Country," a history of Marcellus first published in 1978. The index was printed as a joint project by the Marcellus Historical Society and the Marcellus Free Library. Included in the index are the names of 1,300 people mentioned in "Nine Mile Country,"

and what pages they can be found on. It is available through our newsletter gift shop or at the Marcellus Library. ■

MARCELLUS AFGHAN FOR SALE

Our Historical Society still has some of the official Marcellus afghans available in green and cranberry. The afghan was produced by Jean Schneider and was first released during the 1994 bicentennial. Now being sold as a fundraiser for our new museum, the afghan has many historic Marcellus landmarks pictured on it. They sell for \$45 and make great holiday gifts. All proceeds go into our New Museum Fund. ■

HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHING!

The holiday season seems to come upon us so fast! Because of this, it's never too soon to start thinking about what gifts to purchase for whom. Take a look at what's available through our gift shop on the last page of this newsletter and we're sure that you'll find a gift that's just right. You can order items through the mail, or you can give any of us a call and arrange to pick items up directly. ■

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Olde Home Days drew some large crowds again this year. Our third annual Olde Home Days Museum Open House was also once again very successful. One hundred twenty-six people signed the guest book, but volunteers estimate that only represents about one-third of the total visitors to the museum for the open house.

Many compliments were received regarding the condition of the museum and the many wonderful displays. Peg Nolan, Hollis Abbott and Michael Plumpton are to be commended for the great job they did in preparing new displays for this event.

A special thank you to those members who helped out during our third annual Olde Home Days Museum Open House including: Dick Smith, Joyce Murphy, Kathy Reagan, Vince & Mary Murphy, Mary Losky, Bill Reagan and, of course, Peg, Hollis & Mike.

Several members marched in the Olde Homes Days parade on Saturday the 6th, carrying the Marcellus Historical Society sign and dressed as olden-day characters including Abraham Lincoln. Those marching were: Sidney & Mary Tuthill, Peg Nolan, Mike Plumpton, Vince & Mary Murphy, Ryann Overhiser and Sean Mills.

Our gift shop did about \$500 in sales and

several new people joined the Society as well. Plans are already underway for next year's Olde Home Days Open House. In the meantime, the museum is open by appointment anytime. Just call Mike Plumpton, Peg Nolan or Bill Reagan. ■

THIS 'N THAT'S

The smoke stack which was a part of the upper Crown Woolen Mill, and still stands at the corner of Maple and Orange Streets, was struck by lightning during the big storm which passed through in June. The stack, a landmark in Marcellus for about one-hundred years, was damaged severely, as is visible from Limerick Street.



Next time you're in the village take a moment to look at the beautiful, and brightly colored, building restoration project which has been done by Angel Heart Gifts at 16 East Main Street. What a great job! While you're at it, stop in and check out their nice shop too!



In Memory Of...

Society members Hugh Oliver and Clayton Lathrop passed away recently. Our condolences to their families.



Congratulations to our Vice President Sidney Tuthill and his wife Mary on their 50th wedding anniversary August 14, 1998. ■

NEW BOOK ON OTISCO LAKE NOW AVAILABLE

"Images of America, Otisco Lake Community," by Roger N. Trendowski, is a wonderful new book which chronicles the history of the Otisco Lake area. Containing over 200 photographs, the book is a historic visual tour of the Otisco Lake community. It is available from the Marcellus Historical Society either by mail (see order form on page 10); the Marcellus Village Hall, or from the Amber Fire Department - Cy Vile at 636-8680. ■



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Since our last issue, 14 more people joined our Society, bringing our total membership to 619. If you wish to join the Society, a membership form is on the last page of this newsletter. All NEW memberships for the rest of this year are good for all of 1999. Join or renew today and you will continue to receive our newsletter.

The following people are new members or have renewed or extended their membership: Newt & Ann Allen; Rose E. Cole; James Costello & Family; Daphne Goldacker; Christine & Raymond Heer; Kenneth & Rosemary Klug; Joseph & Ann Ligmil; Ellen MacClurg; Joan MacClurg & William T. Pryce; John & Suzanne MacClurg; Betty, Dave & Jane Marsden; Drew & Mary Moran & Family; John & Virginia Mulroy; Mathew Shoff; Patricia Sposato; Doug & Pat Tucker & Family; Richard Tuttle; Mary Stalker Woods. ■

WE TRY OUR BEST, BUT...

In our last newsletter, the article on Frank Griffing should have read that he learned the "harness" trade and that he lived across from "Soule" Cemetery in Sennett at one time. ■

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We wish to thank the following people for donating historic items to be added to our museum collection:

Bernard L. Reagan for sending us an abbreviated history of Marcellus which was found among some old papers at the Gates funeral Home in Baldwinsville and also for sending us a history of the Finger Lakes Telephone Company. Rose Cole for a photograph of the Marcellus Drum & Bugle Corp taken about 1939 and for a photograph of Father Hartnett. Florence Ellen Wood Hach for a Wood's Shell Service Station calendar and for Priest and Steven Chevrolet key holders. Dan Weeks for his family history. Katherine McLaughlin for an 8" x 10" photograph of Father Quigley which she took and for a 3" x 5" photograph of Father Hartnett. Christine Heer for the Macholl family military history. Jane Conley for a magazine from 1906. Alice MacDonald for two large wooden spools which were used in a local mill. More next issue. ■

PHOTOS AND FAMILIES

Our society and historians are contacted on a regular basis by people tracing their family histories. As such, we are always trying to obtain family histories of Marcellians. We would also be interested in obtaining photographs of Marcellians. If you are a Marcellian, consider sending in a photograph of your family to be preserved in our collection, along with any family history information you may have. Please label the back of the photograph as to who is in it, mail it in, and become apart of history! Who knows, some day your descendants may contact our society looking for records on you! ■

WIN A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE!

Read the quiz below and find the answers in our business directory which can be found in this newsletter. Mail your answers in to us and one lucky entrant, drawn at random from all correct entries, will win a \$25 gift certificate to the business of their choice from our business directory.

Name the business whose ad states:

- 1) "Fish dinners every Friday night"
- 2) "General legal services"
- 3) "Lecture slides"
- 4) "24 hour towing"
- 5) "Paul Mitchell products"
- 6) "We are buyers agents"



NEW MUSEUM FUND DONATIONS

Eleanor Coville Williams and her sister Mrs. Dorothy Coville Grigg donated \$100 to the New Museum Fund in memory of their parents, Rollin & Carrie Coville, their brother Rollin Coville, Jr. and their sister Florence Coville Brock. Dr. Richard P. Chynoweth and Evelyn G. Trodahl gave \$100 in memory of Timothy Woods. ■

PHOTO SEARCH

We are looking for photos of the following historic events or scenes in Marcellus to add to our collection. If you have any which you can donate, or loan to us to copy, please call or write.

- Photographs or films of local parades.
- Old photos of people enjoying Marcellus Park.
- Photographs of the old firemen's field days.
- Photos of games or events on school grounds.

Test Your Knowledge of Marcellus History

- a) Jesse Munger became the first Post Master in Marcellus in 1788, 1798 or 1808?
- b) Arthur W. Wilson was first elected Town Supervisor in 1923, 1933 or 1943?
- c) John H. Mulroy first became Town Supervisor in 1957, 1967 or 1977?
- d) Lester Norris first became Mayor of Marcellus in 1955, 1965 or 1975?
- e) Dr. Henry W. Post became the first Marcellus Fire Chief in 1884, 1894 or 1904?
- f) Don Paul became the first Marcellus Police Chief in 1946, 1956 or 1966?

ANSWERS: (a) 1798 (b) 1933 (c) 1967 (d) 1965 (e) 1894 (f) 1956

MARCELLUS HISTORY CONTEST

Joy Buffan solved our last riddle with the correct answer of "Upper Crown Woolen Mill" and received a gift certificate compliments of Brian's Creekside Inn for two spaghetti dinners. How to play: Read the riddle printed below. If you can solve it, mail your answer to the Marcellus Historical Society at PO Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108. Entries must be postmarked by September 30th, 1998. The winner, drawn at random from all correct entries, will receive a gift certificate from the Creekside Inn and will be announced in our next issue.

This issues riddle:

The town was seventy-three,
When workers constructed thee.
Up at the top o' the creek,
As yet, it has not leaked.

(Hint: Answers can be found in our publication "Marcellus Through The Years.")

Tickets \$7.50

Marcellus Historical Society

1998 Tour of Historic Homes

Sunday, September 20 — Noon - 5 p.m.

Tickets available the day of the tour at the Marcellus Fire Department, Lee Mulroy Road beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the Marcellus Historical Society New Museum Fund.

Note: Low-heel footwear only! No interior photography. Tour held rain or shine. Please exercise caution when driving and walking.

Since last year's Historic House Tour was so well received by the community, the tour committee wanted to undertake one for 1998. This year we decided to "mix it up" slightly and have incorporated a newer home as well as an outstanding garden/landscape. It is our belief that all houses create their own special place in history. We would like to have documentation of as many Marcellus houses (old & new) as possible on file in our museum for future generations to enjoy.

Tour participants will enjoy the exceptional home of Douglas and Beverly Blanchard, 59 South Street. This house, known as the Dan Bradley house, was built circa 1800 and is the only house in Marcellus to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. The Historical Society has chosen to present the Blanchards with an official plaque to be displayed on the front of their home.

Travelers today have many options for overnight accommodations. Our tour features two bed and Breakfasts - one in an old mill house, the other a contemporary style home. Frank and Jan Debevic are the proud owners of a restored mill house at 2527 West Seneca Turnpike known as the Debevic Homestead. The home is brimming with antiques and Jan's artwork. The Historical Society will have items from its gift shop available in Jan's shop at the rear of the home. Dave and Beverly Blakeslee are the owners of The Blakeslee House at 3708 South Street Road. This contemporary home was built in 1990 by the Fowler Corporation and is unique blend of antiques within modern architecture.

For a real step back in time, a stop at the home of Tim and Mary Clark, 2242 Old Seneca Turnpike is a must. The Clark's have been absolute purists in the restoration and preservation of their early 1800's house. While on the West Hill, tour participants will also enjoy two very special farms. The first is the Mulroy home at 4059 New Seneca Turnpike which is presently owned by Peter and Colleen Dean. (Colleen is the niece of Louis and Mildred Mulroy.) This classic 1880's farmhouse has been well maintained and was home to many a Marcellus lad who helped work the farm.

Lastly, Sycamore Hill Farm is the home of George and Karen Hanford at 2130 Old Seneca Turnpike. The focus here is on the landscape - and it is exceptional! Visitors will marvel at the masterful blending of flowers, shrubs, trees, statuary, fountains, ponds, rock gardens, bridges and other works of art. The house will not be open but refreshments can be enjoyed on the porch.

Please mark your calendar and treat yourself and your friends to an outstanding Sunday afternoon!



Clark home, 2242 Old Seneca Tpk.



Debevic Homestead, 2527 W. Seneca Tpk.



Hanford home, 2130 Old Seneca Tpk.



Blanchard home, 59 South Street



Dean home, 4059 New Seneca Tpk.



Blakeslee home, 3708 South Street Road

MEETING SCHEDULE

The tentative speaker and presentation schedule for our upcoming meetings is as follows:

Wednesday September 9 7 p.m.
Marcellus native and Syracuse Newspapers columnist Dick Case will take us on a "Personal walking tour of Marcellus in the 1940's and 50's."

Sunday September 20 Noon to 5 p.m.
Second Annual Tour of Historic Marcellus Homes! See article on page 7 for details.

Sunday October 4 2 p.m.
Jane Amidon will present "The Past Revisited!"

Sunday November 1 2 p.m.
Emil J. and Elaine C. Cost, owners of Hummingbird Aerial Photography will present "We take pictures... to earth and back!" They will speak on their experiences in the business and exhibit some 20" x 30" framed photographs of local aerial scenes.

Sunday December 6 1 p.m.
Annual Holiday Dinner. Members are invited to join us at the Links At Sunset Ridge for a wonderful holiday dinner. \$11/person including entertainment, send checks to MHS, by November 1st, 1998, or call Kathleen Reagan at 673-3365 for more information.

[Meetings are held at the Marcellus Fire House]

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FUNERAL SERVICES

NORRIS FUNERAL HOME INC., 33 North Street, Mar., Over 100 years of service to the families of Marcellus 673-2017

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ANGEL HEART GIFTS, 16 East Main Street, Marcellus. M-F 10-6, Saturday 10-4. We have Beanie Babies 673-9457

DEBEVIC HOMESTEAD, 2527 West Seneca Turnpike, Marcellus, Art and craft gallery. Open May - December, weekends 12-5 and lots of by-chance times. Frank & Jan Debevic 673-9447

PEDIGREED PLANTS, 8 Reed Avenue, Marcellus, Mary Lou Grant, Owner. Gift shop with large assortment at affordable prices, operating for 19 years 673-1889

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