

Historic events not always memorable

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The Farmington area and the United States have been in a celebrating mood the last two years.

The year 1968 witnessed the 150th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in Farmington Hills and last year saw the dual celebration of Michigan's sesquicentennial and the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

This year can be a year of celebration, too. Nothing major happened

footprints in history

200, 150, 100, 50 or even 25 years ago. But many are noteworthy.

Some of the events listed here will be subjects of future columns. (I can tell that you are excited already).

With the assistance of Gary Bartknecht's Michigan's Day, I will document some of the famous and not-so-famous events that you could celebrate this year:

• 200 YEARS AGO

July 1788. The Canadian Council,

In creating several North American judicial districts, sent Judge William Dumore Powell to Detroit to conduct the first court proceedings held in the state. (Michigan was still in British hands in 1788 even though the territory was won in the American Revolution).

• 150 YEARS AGO

April 1838. Michigan's first prison was being built in Jackson. When finished, it would have a stockade of

logs. In 1839, it received its first inmate and in 1841, stone walls were erected. The present facility, the world's largest walled prison, was constructed in the 1930s.

July 1838. Amid much fanfare at Mount Clemens, Gov. Stevens T. Mason lifted the first shovel of earth to begin excavation of what was to be a canal that would connect the Clinton and Kalamazoo rivers and make it possible to cross southern Michigan by boat from Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan. The excavation reached a point near Rochester, then stopped in 1843 when the money ran out. During those five years of construction, the waterway was only 16 miles long. Remnants are still visible near Rochester.

• 100 YEARS AGO

February 1888. The first professional ski jumping competition in Michigan was held in Ishpeming. The winner jumped 35 feet. (The National Ski Hall of Fame is there today).

Nov. 2, 1888. The Farmington Enterprise, forerunner to the Observer, begins printing.

• 50 YEARS AGO

July 1938. Anthony Chebatoris was hanged at Milan for shooting and killing a bystander while robbing a bank in Midland. Though Michigan had abolished capital punishment nearly 100 years before, Chebatoris was sentenced and executed under federal law. Chebatoris was the first person in the United States to be sentenced to death under the National Bank Robbery Act and the last person executed in Michigan.

October 1938. The Blue Water Bridge, crossing the St. Clair River between Port Huron and Sarnia, was formally dedicated. Construction began in June, 1937.

• 25 YEARS AGO

November 1963. The nation's longest toll-free expressway opened. A 22-mile segment of I-75 was completed in the Upper Peninsula, which permitted drivers to go from the Ohio border to Sault Ste. Marie non-stop (except for bridge toll). Drivers then had to use a 380-mile route composed of I-75, U.S. 23, U.S. 10,

and U.S. 27. (I-75 would not be completed for another 10 years).

November 1963. During a 3-0 Red Wing victory over Montreal, Gordie Howe scored his 545th regular season goal, which made him the greatest goal scorer in the history of the National Hockey League. When Howe retired in 1980, he had scored 801 goals in the NHL and another 270 in the World Hockey League.

• 10 YEARS AGO

1978 witnessed many events that, due to space requirements, will be briefly listed:

• Dearborn Mayor Orville Hubbard completes his final term in office. (He was mayor for 35 years).

• Michigan's worst blizzard dropped two feet of snow with 70-mile-per-hour winds.

• The Detroit Express played its first soccer game. (The team won).

• Michigan returned its legal drinking age back to 21 after seven years at 18.

1988 may be a historic year. A year to look ahead and at the same time look back and appreciate our past.

Phone rate group higher

Michigan Bell recently asked the Michigan Public Service Commission to reclassify the Farmington exchange to the next higher rate group because of growth in telephones in Farmington's local calling area.

The Farmington exchange serves customers in Farmington as well as some customers in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Novi. Customers with telephone numbers beginning with 471, 472, 474, 475, 476, 478, 480 and 483 will be affected by the change.

Reclassification means that residence customers affected by the change will pay 31 cents more a month for a one-party flat rate service and 39 cents more for two-party flat rate service, said Mary Jo Fikarek, Michigan Bell's local corporate affairs manager.

There will be no change in the monthly rates for residential measured service customers because of the rate regrouping, Fikarek said.

Michigan Bell requested the reclassification of the Farmington exchange from rate group E to group F because the number of phones in the local calling area has remained above the 320,000 upper limit of E exchanges for the past 12 months, Fikarek said.

Rate group F consists of telephone exchanges with 320,001 or more access lines in their local calling area, Fikarek said.

UNDER MPSC regulations, rate group classifications are based on the number of main telephones in the local calling area, Fikarek said. When the number of telephones in an exchange's local calling area moves above or below its rate group limits for a period of 12 consecutive months, the exchange is reclassified

to the proper rate group.

This means that area residents can call more than 320,000 business and residence phones now in their local calling area by a seven-digit number, she said.

Michigan Bell will send written notification to residents affected by the reclassification request.

Help for diabetics

Help for diabetics can be obtained by calling the American Diabetes Association-Michigan Affiliate, 552-0480.

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