Volunteers wield trowels at museum dig site

McKay got the idea for the project earlier this year, and organized the excavation of the original log cabin site built in 1823. It lies directly in front of the present farmhouse-turned-museum.

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Rozelle is excited about the project for the simple reasons that the site being ecavated has remained undisturbed, owned exclusively by one family and passed on through five generations. "What we have here is a virtual time capsule of early Rochester pioneers," Rozelle said.

THE TEETH, fork and nails, a hand from a porcelain baby doll, old buttons, hand-made window glass

and part of a hand-made brick are among those items found from last Saturday's dig.

"It's been thrilling so far," said Rozeile, "because you never know what you'll discover on one of those digs — I had no leda we would find so much."

Museum personnel and local bistory buffs are hoping these items and whatever else is uncovered will further reveal the 19th century litestyle of the Taylor family and their descendants.

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The original settler, Elisha Taylor, traveled with 60 of his family mem-bers by boat from New York, to buy a 160-acre parcel of land located off Van Hoosen Road in Rochester Hills,

Van Hoosen Road in Rochester Hills, which they purchased for \$1.25 per acre in 1823.

The village was named Stoney Creek by the Taylors, and by the mid-1830s was well inhabited. Many of the structures seen in the village

today were built by the Taylor family.

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The farm changed hands when a man named Joshua Van Hoosen, also of Stoney Creek, martied Elisha Taylor's daughter, Sarah, and bought most of the original Taylor property in 1853.

One Van Hoosen descendant was world renowned surgeon, and founder and first president of the American Medical Women's Association, Bertha Van Hoosen (1863-1952).

ANOTHER PROMINENT Taylor offspring is Sarah Van Hoosen Jones (1892-1972), who was known for her excellent cattle breeding techniques of Holstein-Fresian cows worldwide.

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Upon her death Sarah Jones willed
the farm house, built in 1923, and its
surrounding property to Michigan
State University, which in turn gave
the house and 3½ acre lot to Avon

Township with the stipulation that it become a museum.

The house was renowated into the museum in 1985, with the financial backing of the Rochester Hills city government with a till pays its operations with the stipulation of the stipulatio

"That there must have been a blacksmith shop in the area, because of the square nails found — that means they are hand-made," Rozelle said. He hopes to match up the nails with others found to determine exactly where they were made.

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"It's been absolutely phenome-nal," Rozell added. "Who knows what we'll come up with next."

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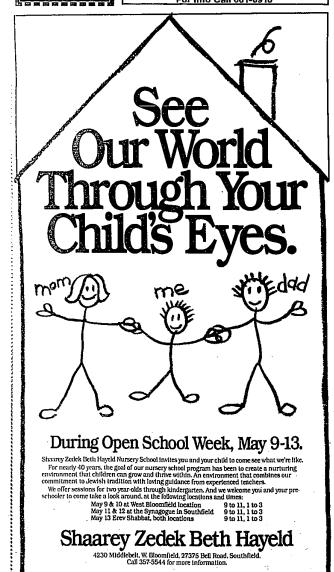
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