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Flushing Area Historical Society (The Depot)

431 W. Main St. at the R.R. track

7 PM, Monday, April 20, 2026

History of Drug Stores (Pharmacies) in the Flushing area

Raymond G. Dorhout, Flushing Pharmacist

Raymond G Dorhout currently works at Kroger Health Pharmacy in the Kroger Food Store here in Flushing and has been the pharmacy manager for about 7 years now. He has been a resident of Flushing since 1989 and his children are graduates of the Flushing School system.

He grew up in Flint Township on Dye Road and went through the local public school system, graduated and then on to college at Ferris State University where he obtained a BS degree in Pharmacy in 1980, after 5 years there. Many of you that are "advanced" in age may remember his father Raymond Miles Dorhout. He and Ron Kucharski were both Pharmacists who worked in Flushing for most of their careers.

Raymond's father "Miles" Dorhout owned Cherry Street Pharmacy and he worked on weekends for spending money. After college, he joined his father as a pharmacist in the family business. It was there that he became proficient at retail pharmacies and especially geriatric pharmacy as the business took care of the medications for nursing homes.

It was at this business that they entered compounding pharmacy, the durable medical equipment business, the oxygen business and started a sharps pickup business after hearing on the news that used syringes/needles were found bobbing around in Lake Erie! That needed to stop.

After 30 years for Ray and over 45 years for his father at Cherry Street Pharmacy, the business was sold to the Kroger Company in 2009. He was hired by Krogers for the Pierson Road store and went to work there as a retail Pharmacist. His father was also hired by Krogers and stayed with them for another 5 years in an advisory position. 15 years later Ray is still working at the same Kroger Pharmacy, where he truly loves his job helping people live healthier lives.

The program is free and open to the public. A door prize will be drawn and light refreshments will be available.

Notes from Dan's Desk:

It's April and spring is here, hard to fathom that the first quarter of the year is gone. At the Museum we have been busy getting ready to open in May. As the displays are getting finished it's increasingly exciting to see the completed project. I think we have done a good job telling the last 250 years of American History. The Hall of Fame Quilt is done and hanging up. All these Men and Women looking at you when you are entering the Museum, it just takes your breath away.

The Museum will be set up to tell the American story over the last 250 years. Starting with the Revolution, then the history of Michigan. It concludes with Flushing history & the story of Bueche's in Flushing. There are other display cases that tell the story of Flushing and the people who lived here.

With the opening of the Museum, Sunday, May 10, we are moving into a busy summer season. Summer Fest will be in June, with the Summer Fest Parade Celebrating America 250 here in Flushing. Sunday June 14, 2026, will be a special Flag Day Ceremony. July 19 will be our Annual "Model A Car Show" and on September 12 there will a Cemetery Walk in the Flushing Cemetery. In addition, on the Sunday's that we're open there will Family Fun Activities going on at the Museum. We will be handing out the Genesee County 250th Passport Books and the stamp for the book. This is our partnership with the Sloan Museum and several other small museums in Genesee County. As I said it will be busy Summer so come by the Museum to enjoy the history of America, Michigan and Flushing.

Monday March 16, 2026, Meeting:

Our speaker for Monday Night was Dave Trojan and the program was well attended. Dave told about a B-29 Bomber that crashed in 1951 and the reason it might have crashed. The crash happened on December 22 so the winter weather might have contributed to the accident. The plane was a training plane for the Air Force as the use of a "T" on its tail number. It left its base in New York State and flew to Minneapolis, Minnesota. The flight group was named after the Dwarfs in Snow White for identification purposes. When the plane landed in Minneapolis, there were engine problems that were determined to be a frozen fuel line. Because of these problems the flight back to New York was delayed a few days. The plane was checked and everything seemed to be working fine when it left Minneapolis on the 22nd. There was an 8-man crew on board along with 2,190 gallons of fuel. Its mission was to train the crew for future flights. It was also testing radar on the ground to see how far out Russian planes could be detected. After one hour it was at altitude of 13,000 ft. when it began to experience engine problems. With the engines cutting in and out, the flight engineer was trying to keep them running by switching between tanks and switching the engines on and off. However, despite his efforts the plane continued to lose altitude and have engine problems. The pilot at 7,000 ft told the crew to prepare to bail out. At 2,700 ft the order was given to bail out. When the crew jumped, they went out headfirst to clear the plane. The crew started landing north of Flushing and continued landing in almost a straight line to the crash site. The pilot stayed with the plane to clear houses before the crash, then bailed out at 500 ft. but he was too low and was instantly killed. The plane crashed into a field at 8323 Beecher Rd, bounced once, then skidded 270 ft. before breaking into 3 sections. There was no fire and the front section was intact, so the pilot might have lived if he had stayed with the plane. The propellers were bent, which indicated the engines were running when the plane crashed. The first report on the crash blamed the Flight Engineer for accidentally turning off the fuel to the engines. He sent a protest about this conclusion. A final report concludes that the cause was ice in the fuel line. Many questions were asked and some people had personal stories to tell about the crash.

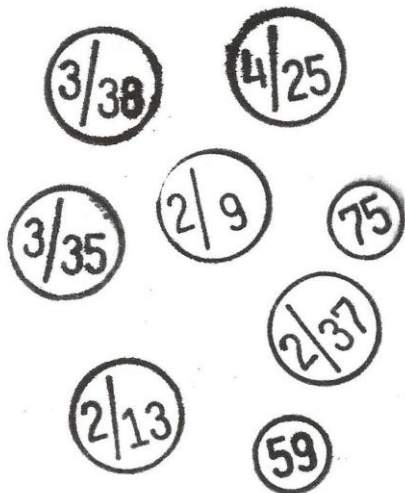
A special thank you to Carter Kitchen & Bath for sponsoring this event.

Bueche Super Market, established 1915



One of our newest exhibits takes up the entire “bump out” (west) area of the north room. It displays 2 large showcases and several hanging and free-standing items and memorabilia from the history of the Bueche Super Markets history.

The photos to the left are undated but would be well over 60 years old. Upon close examination of the prices in the window, we find the following: Grapefruit, 8 for 25¢, Butter, 24¢ a pound; Bologna, 2# for 25¢; Lard, 2# for 15¢; Franks, 1# for 15¢ and Oxydol, (laundry soap) 29¢ a box.



Did you work in a grocery store pre-1960? If so, perhaps you may remember these early price stamps. They came in almost every conceivable price combination from 1¢ to 99¢ including many fractional prices such as 3/38¢ or 4/25¢. Prices over \$1 were still written with a crayon or similar type marker. The stamp devices (above) are about 8 inches tall. The price numbers on the left are actual size.

To use, you alternated from stamp pad to item about every 3 or 4 price markings to ink and back again. What about price changes? The ink had to be wiped off with rubbing alcohol. These were later replaced with a single mechanical stamper with rows of number belts for prices from 1¢ to \$99.99 and allowing for unlimited fractional prices. Price changes remained the old fashion way; rub off the old price with alcohol.

Have you ever owned one of these? It was manufactured in Flushing in the 1950's and sold as a safety device for cars. It is 2 feet long, 5 inches in diameter and weighs about 100 pounds.



This object is called an *“Automatic Skid Control, a safety concept for the future, a living reality today.”* It was sold by the Flushing Research Corp., 720 E. Main St., Flushing, Mich. The tag also states: Pat. pending, serial # 3328, which would indicate that there were well over 3,000 of these sold. Did it actually work? Who bought them?

Several years ago, I saw one of these installed in the trunk of an early 1950's Ford police car at a vintage car show in Flint. The owner said that they were installed in several police cars at the time as an experiment to control skidding at high speeds. It contained thick oil and a heavy lead ball inside. It was bolted in the trunk, and, in theory, if the car suddenly went into a skid, the weight of the ball would help counter the effect of the skid. Apparently, the tests in real life were questionable. This same theory was tried on a smaller scale several years ago on a trailer hitch for large camper trailers. In real highway tests, it did help prevent swaying in windy conditions and sudden maneuvers, but it was bulky, expensive and very heavy.

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It takes funding to maintain the Historical Society/Museum You Can Help!

6 Ways You Can Help the Museum Raise Funds: 1) Membership, 2) Donations, 3) Memorials, 4) Kroger Rewards, 5) RaiseRight, 6) “Our Family” UPC codes



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1. Go to RaiseRight.com
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Our Website Has a Fresh New Look!

The Flushing Area Historical Society is delighted to share that our website has been fully updated to better serve our community and all who enjoy exploring Flushing’s rich history. The refreshed design offers easier navigation, expanded photo galleries, clearer information about our museum and programs, and improved access to our growing collection of historical resources.

We invite you to visit the updated site, enjoy the new features, and rediscover the stories that help preserve our community’s heritage. Explore the updated site at: **flushinghistorical.org**

At the present time, the home page has the following links: “Visit”, “Contact”, “About”, “History Tour”, “Archives”, and “Join & Support”. We are currently working on adding more pictures of the past. If you have any old photos of the area that you would like to share, contact us and we can arrange to scan them at your convenience. Also on the web site, at the bottom of the home page, we now have a calendar of events that lists current hours and upcoming meetings.

Let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions. As always, we are looking for people to write an article about their life in Flushing. It can be a short, one-page article or one that would run longer and be serialized in two or three newsletters. In the past, we had a few articles about one room schools and early employment in Flushing. Also, we are always looking for new speakers.

Thank you: We wish to express thanks to all our members who donate money to the Flushing Area Historical Society in memory of a loved one or friend. This money is placed in a trust fund and the interest received helps with the expenses and operation of the Depot. The Historical Society is a 501 (C) 3 tax-exempt, non-profit Michigan Corporation.

Melvin Witzman (12/21/1936 – 2/17/2026) from: Annette Lukasavitz

James Leszczynski (1/7/1933 - 2/14/2026) from: Janet E. Filkins, John & Laura Costa, Retired Men’s Fellowship of Greater Flint

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