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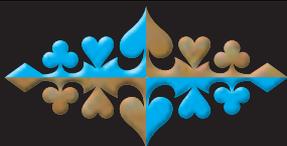
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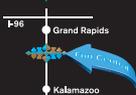
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We have designed our Dorr Business Association Directory with the community in mind. We hope you enjoy this edition and we are positive it will provide you with an excellent resource, packed full of information about the community in which we live, the goods and services available to us, the schools, organizations, and churches which embrace us.

Dorr is our home. It is a growing, thriving community situated just west of the US131 expressway on the northern edge of Allegan County. Our close proximity to Grand Rapids allows us to have all the benefits and luxuries a large city provides, yet continue to hold on to the small town style and flavor which has made us what we are today. We strive to provide, through proper planning, every opportunity for successful economic growth for our residents and business owners alike, without the hustle and bustle of our neighbor to the north.

We welcome you to Dorr and we ask that you join us in celebrating our growing community by becoming involved. We urge you to support our businesses, and embrace our hometown theme "Positively Dorr." Join us in making our town a better place to live, work, learn, play and do business.

Sincerely,



Steve Dutkiewicz
Dorr Business Association President



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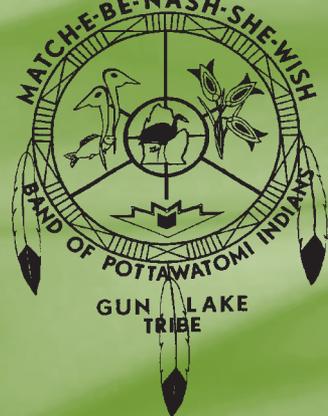
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Scholarship Winner

On June 15, 2013, Melodie Niemczyk from the DBA presented a \$500 Scholarship Award to Jill Kemper from Wayland High School and a \$500 Scholarship to Ben Laroche from Hopkins High School.



Pictured from left to right are:

Melodie Niemczyk,
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<i>Dorr Business Directory</i>	<i>Hall of Fame</i>
<i>Dorr Welcome Signs</i>	<i>Holiday Breakfast – Last Saturday in November</i>
<i>Eagle Scout Project</i>	<i>Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets</i>
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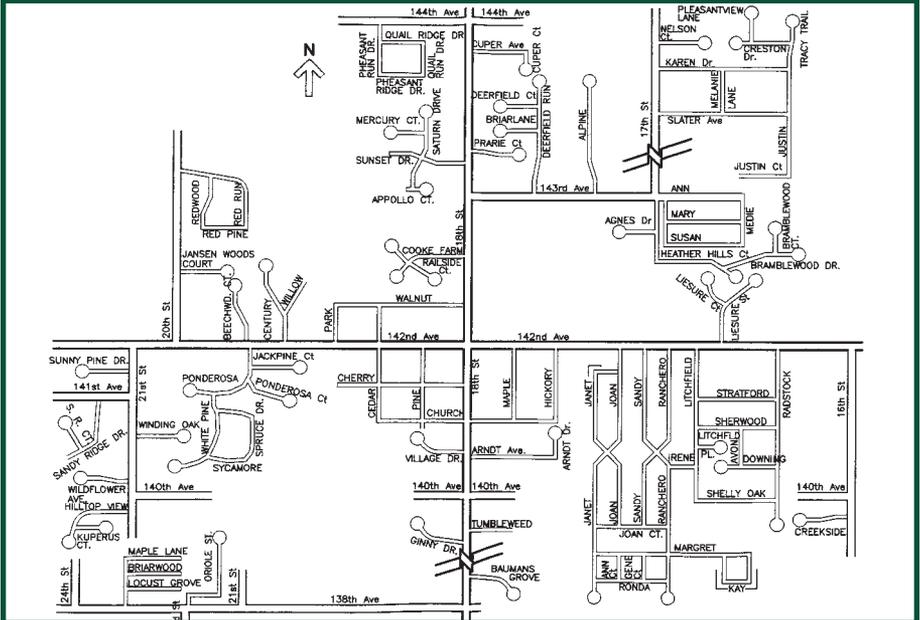
Josh Otto, Zach Bartz, Tim Oudbier, Jeremy Otto

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Hall of Fame Inductee, Pastor Stephen Otto, has lead a life both in serving the Lord and serving the town of Dorr. Pastor



Otto was born in Kenosha WI to Rev. Rudolf and Edna Otto. He is the youngest of 5 siblings. His two older brothers are pastors and another brother is a Christian School teacher. His sister, Edna, has passed away from cancer. He attended Northwestern Preparatory School and then Northwestern College, both in Watertown, WI, and went on to his seminary training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. He

married Peggy née Mercurio in June of 1979. In July of 1979 Pastor and Peg moved from Milwaukee, WI to Dorr to serve as the first resident pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. St. Peter's Lutheran has been in existence since the 1850's but they had always shared a pastor. He and Peggy have served St. Peter's for 34 years. They have two sons, Joshua and Jeremy. Josh and wife Amanda have 2 children, Colton and Camryn.

Pastor Otto also served on the Dorr Township Fire Department for 26 years. He retired earlier this year. Both sons continue the Otto legacy and serve on the fire department.

Having been selected by the Dorr Business Association to be in the Hall of Fame came as a big surprise to Otto. "I am honored and most humbled by this award", he said.

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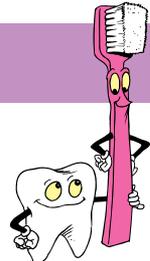
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To participate with the community in a program that will promote goodwill between the community and the Dorr Business Association.

SCOPE:

In cooperation with Dorr Elementary, Moline Christian, Pine Street Elementary, St. Stanislaus Elementary and Sycamore Elementary, the Dorr Business Association will present to each school a master plaque for public display. The Dorr Business Association will annually present a suitable award to one girl and one boy from the grade prior to the exit grade at each of the above schools. In addition to the individual award, the name of each student will be engraved on a brass plaque and added to the master plaque each year.

AWARD SELECTION:

The staff of each school will determine the students selected for the annual award.

Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the year awards were presented to 10 area students.



Pictured from left to right are: Ella Martin (Wayland Pine Street School), Faith Reurink (Dorr Elementary School), Casey Restau & Jacob Pals (St. Stanislaus School), Jonathan Kuip & Rachael Bosse (Moline Christian), Devin Roberts & Samantha Bieber (Sycamore Elementary), and not pictured are Braeden Kidwell (Dorr Elementary), and Zachary Latus Kennedy (Wayland Pine Street).



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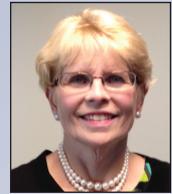
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The Dorr Business Association meets
the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m.
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Please join us, we'd be happy to see you.

ABOUT THE DBA

The DBA is composed of businesses and professional men and women who are interested in the successful economic growth of the Dorr area. It is a non-profit organization with membership dues used to enrich area businesses and the community.

Benefits of belonging to the DBA include free categorized listings in the business directory, with 5,000 copies printed and distributed throughout the community. Members have the opportunity to network with each other, learning and sharing information, services, and talents available.

The DBA website, **www.dorrbiz.com**, features member listings and direct links to their websites at no charge.

The DBA sponsors a Hall of Fame award and an annual scholarship given to a deserving local student.

Dorr Business Association Sponsored Events***EASTER EGG HUNT***

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Christine Schwartz – Trustee

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There are three parks in Dorr – North (Dorr Township) Park, located at 1901 142nd Ave.; South (Gries Memorial) Park, located at 1868 142nd Ave.; and Moline Park, located on the corner of Park St. and 144th (by the railroad tracks in Moline).



All parks have covered picnic pavilions and are open for rental. Call Dorr Township Offices for information and reservations, **616.681.9874** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dorr Township Library History

The library first opened in the basement of the old Township Hall on 142nd Avenue, on February 2, 1940. In 1967 the library expanded within the Town Hall, and in 1982, the building was remodeled. In 1996 the library occupied the entire building. Today's facility was made possible through a voter-approved millage and opened on January 28, 2002.



Karen Brower, Library Assistant, has worked for the Dorr Library for 17 years.

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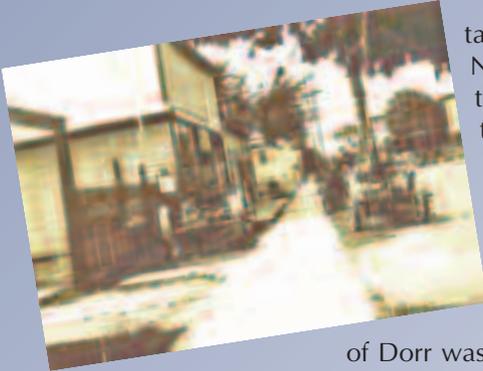
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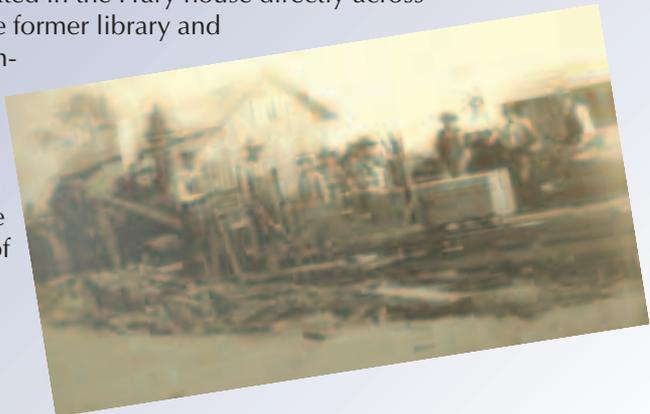
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of Dorr was selected at the suggestion of a settler from Rhode Island. He proposed the township be named after the principal in Dorr's (Rhode Island) Rebellion.

By the year 1880, Dorr had a population of 200. The village has never been incorporated and continues to be governed by an elected township board.

The prosperity of the town has fluctuated through the years. In its "boom-town" days, Dorr boasted of many businesses and industries. The villagers were very proud of their two hotels, "The National Hotel" and the "Birney House" which was across the street near the location of the present Dorr Industries.

The first grocery store was opened by Joseph Neuman and it's believed to have been located in the Frary house directly across the street from the former library and town hall. A general store owned by John DeJonge and George Clouse was once located at the present site of Stan's Tavern.





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