



**Dowagiac Area History Museum  
'Keep History Alive' Fundraiser  
September 17, 2025**

Thank you for attending the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
'Keep History Alive' Fundraiser for the Dowagiac Area History Museum.

Funds raised from the event benefit the museum's general operations so it can remain a vibrant community institution.

Dinner this year is from Oak + Ash of Dowagiac  
Desserts from Baker's Rhapsody have been donated by an anonymous donor  
Thanks to Marion Magnolia Farms for providing a great site for the event.

**Silent auctions open at 6:00 p.m.**

Silent auctions end at 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00

*see color codes in final auction booklet*

Please notice bid increments on bid sheets.

**Live Auction will begin around 8:15 p.m.**

Please use your assigned paddles

The raffle drawing for a Grand Prize of \$2,000 sponsored by the Friends of the Dowagiac Area History Museum will take place around 8 p.m. The ticket for the Grand Prize will be selected first, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

All payments are made at the cashier's table by  
cash, checks, and all credit cards.

To avoid a line at the end of the evening, we encourage you to pay throughout the night. You may pay for all your items at the end of the night, but there will be a line. We have made some modifications to help speed up the line at the end of the night.

**Thank you and we hope you have a fun evening.**



**Special thanks to the  
Museum's Annual Major Sponsor  
Lyons Industries**

**Thanks to the Underwriters for this year's event**

**Diamond (\$5,000)**

**Don and Joan Lyons**

**Gold (\$1,000-2,499)**

Sid and Patty Drumheiser	Anonymous
Honor Credit Union	Mike and Phyllis Petersen
Mno-Bmadsen	John and Mary Ann Carmody

**Silver (\$500)**

Andy Anderson	Imperial Furniture
Marilouise Hagenberg	Mark and Margie Herman
Terry and Pam Proctor	

**Bronze (\$250)**

Dowagiac Area Federal Credit Union	Tom and Lynne Lawrence
Zena Burns and Richard Jackson	

## Thank You To Our Auction Donors

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Automotive	Terry and Ruth Ausra	Auto Zone
Candy Azevedo	Baker's Rhapsody	Beckwith Theater Company
John Bercini	Berrybrook Farms	Estate of Ann Biek
Jackie Bishop	Bombshell Boutique	Rob and Connee Canfield
Caruso's Candy Kitchen	China Garden	Cass Co. Council on Aging
Steve Comstock	Creative Vinyl Signs	Deck the Halls
Dowsett Chiropractic	Mary Ellen Drolet	Friends of the DAHM
Julie Farver	David Gordon	Hale's Hardware
Hartman Auto Service	Hair-itage	Barb Ickes
Imperial Furniture	Indian Lake Pub	Isabella Grace, LLC
Tom Jerdon	Jim D's Auto Body	Steve Koshar
John and Curt's Brake and Alignment		Bill and Sheila Krohne
Linda's Leisure	Don and Joan Lyons	Marshall Shoppe
Helen Meyer	Midwest Energy Co.	Terri Moore
Niles Scream Park	Oak + Ash BBQ	Olympia Bookstore
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Pizza Hut of Michigan	Mike and Phyllis Petersen
Potawatomi Zoo	Pam and Terry Proctor	Propaganda Pizza
Quilted Oak Leaf	Railway Café	Ridge Auto Parts
Rosy Tomorrows	Saylor's Pizza	Scott Rose Photography
Sandy & Rachel's Medical Massage	Schilling's Car Wash	Secret Place Day Spa
Sister Lakes Brewing Co.	John and Sue Spivey	Steinbauer Engineering
Chuck Timmons	Tractor Supply Company	Twisted Bee of Dowagiac
U.S. Lumber of Dowagiac	Vincent J. Jewlers	Elaine S. Wilson, artist
Wimberly Automotive	Wood Fire Trattoria	Doug and Ty Wyant
Wounded Minnow	Yarn on Front	Sly's Paracord and More
Indian Lake Hills Golf Course	The Strand	

\*Any items listed with a business associated have been donated by that business unless otherwise noted.

## Thank You to the Friends of the DAHM

This event does not happen without tireless effort from the board of the Friends of DAHM.

Ruth Ausra	Candy Azevedo	Julie Farver	Barbara Groner
Melissa Gunn	Ky'sha Johnson	Bill Krohne	Dave Moran
Pam Proctor			

## Thank you to the Board of the DAHM, LLC.

Kevin Anderson	Zena Burns	Randy Gross	Don Lyons
Dave Moran	Michael Rowland		

## Auction Listing

### Silent Auction End Time 7 p.m.

1. The Weber Grilling package: Weber Premium 22 in. kettle grill, chimney starter, Kingsford charcoal, grill mitt and grill tools. Plus two premium 'Director's camp chairs. Donated by U.S. Lumber of Dowagiac
2. Full-body exfoliation at Bombshell Boutique on Front Street in downtown Dowagiac
3. Lithograph of Round Oak factory, c. 1910s. Donated by Jackie Bishop from collection of Dr. Marshall Bishop
4. Round Oak ephemera #1: Group of Round Oak trade cards. Donated by Mike Petersen
5. \$30 gift certificate to China Garden
6. \$50 gift certificate to Rosy Tomorrow's, plus dip bowl and spoon and dill dip herbs
7. \$76 Gift Certificate to Sandy & Rachel's Medical Massage Therapy of Dowagiac, which is enough for a one-hour massage or other services
8. Dowagiac papers, including Dowagiac Coal Co. booklet, Caruso's Ice Cream box and Oppenheim Store receipt. Donated by Jackie Bishop from collection of Dr. Marshall Bishop
9. \$50 gift card to Propaganda Pizza in Sister Lakes
10. Two framed prints of watercolors by Cyndy Callogg. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
11. \$25 Gift Certificate to Vincent J. Jewelers of Dowagiac
12. Gift package from At Linda's Leisure of Dowagiac, includes: Bass coffee mug, Home Sweet Home sign and Michigan-shaped book décor
13. Watercolor from the Dowagiac Creek series by David Baker. Donated by Paul Pugh and Kathy Johnson
14. Quilted wall hanging featuring reprints of Round Oak advertisements, c. 1990s to 2000s. Donated by Helen Meyer
15. Car Care Package: Two Gift Certificates for Oil Changes (regular or synthetic, up to \$75 value apiece) from Hartman Service Center of Dowagiac and Car Wash supplies from Auto Zone
16. Beaded 'Club' bag, Lily's Flower necklace and \$50 Gift Certificate to Marshall Shoppe of Dowagiac
17. Knitting package from Yarn on Front of Dowagiac: hanging basket, \$15 gift certificate, yarn and other knitting notions
18. Wrench set from Ridge Auto Parts
19. Set of 20+ photographs of the interior of the Round Oak Stove Company foundry taken in the 1940s. Images show wartime production (Rosie the Riveter in Dowagiac), workers performing tasks and general factory shots. Donated by David Gordon
20. Assorted wrenches and tools donated by Tractor Supply Company
21. Round Oak furnace doors, registers and thermostats. Donated by Helen Meyer
22. \$50 Gift Card to Indian Lake Pub
23. Set of five Dowagiac High School yearbooks, The Wahoo

24. Two Round Oak Stove Company spoon ‘premiums.’ One from the 1893 Columbian Exposition and one from the early 1900s with Chief Doe-Wah-Jack. Donated by Helen Meyer.
25. \$25 Gift Certificate to the Railway Café in Dowagiac—the Best Bacon in Dowagiac!
26. Golfer’s basket, including: Two golf shirts, Titleist Golf hat, dozen Titleist golf balls, sleeve of Srixon golf balls, tees, golf towel, ball return and mirror for putting practice and other course needs. Donated by Steinbauer Engineering and Performance
27. Two coupon booklets good for 5 “Good” car washes at Schilling’s Car Wash of Dowagiac (cost is \$10 per wash at the car wash)
28. Box of apples from Berrybrook Farms
29. Handmade set of wooden coasters and tabletop Lazy Susan, made and donated by John Spivey
30. Two Gift Certificates for a Large Pizza and Family Breadsticks from Pizza Hut

### Silent Auction End Time 7:30 p.m.

31. 4 Triple Dog Dare certificates to Niles Scream Park—good for entry to all 3 interior haunted house attractions
32. Deck the Halls and Olympia Books basket, which includes: Gooseberry Patch Christmas Cookbook, Handcrafted Christmas book, Christmas Puzzle, Christmas Baking Set (cookie sheet, cooling rack & cookie cutters), Christmas Silicone Spatula, Gingerbread Tree Ceramic Platter, 4pc Cookie Stamp set, Reindeer Potholder & Dish towel set, Santa's Milk & Cookies Jar, 2pkgs of Sugar Cookie mix, 2pkgs of Cookie Frosting, 2 containers of Sprinkles, \$25 gift card to Olympia Books and \$25 gift card to Deck the Halls
33. Two framed maps of Dowagiac, taken from 1914 Cass County Atlas. Donated by Bill and Sheila Krohne
34. 2 season passes to all productions of the Beckwith Theater Company
35. Gift certificates from 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Automotive for a two-wheel alignment and a free oil change (up to \$100)
36. Prints of watercolor done by Elaine S. Wilson for her *Charting the Wolverine Series* exhibit. Watercolors are of scenes in Dowagiac. Donated by Elaine S. Wilson.
37. \$30 gift certificate to China Garden
38. Potawatomi Zoo Package featuring: Four Regular Admission passes and four Attraction tickets (Giraffe feeding or ride on the Zoo Train or ride on the Carousel), Red Panda plushie, Potawatomi Zoo tumbler and tote bag.
39. All Access Fitness Membership at the Cass County Council on Aging
40. Gift certificate for two Hot and Ready Pepperoni pizzas and an order of Crazy Bread from Dowagiac Little Caesar’s
41. Product basket from Twisted Bee Dispensary of Dowagiac, featuring a \$100 Gift Certificate, two tumblers, two t-shirts and can coozies
42. Gift certificate for a Four-Wheel Alignment from John and Curt’s Brakes and Alignment
43. Chiroflow Professional Waterbase pillow from Dowsett Chiropractic of Dowagiac

44. Car Care Package: Two Gift Certificates for Oil Changes (regular or synthetic, up to \$75 value apiece) from Hartman Service Center of Dowagiac and Car Wash supplies from O'Reilly's Auto Parts
45. \$200 Gift Certificate from Imperial Furniture
46. Canvas print of "Tranquil Morning at Seney National Wildlife Refuge" in the Upper Peninsula, by Steve Comstock. Includes a copy of Comstock's photographic book *A Visit to Peru: Pictorial Journey*.
47. Hand-made quilt, made by Julie Winchester Farver of Quilted Oak Leaf Shop of Dowagiac. The fabric is part of the "All Michigan Shop Hop" promotion.
48. Wine basket from the Friends of the Dowagiac Area History Museum, featuring an assortment of wines, primarily from Michigan
49. Two tickets to the Notre Dame men's basketball game of the high bidder's choice. Tickets are great seats in lower bowl, Section 16. Arrangements to be made with donor, Mary Ellen Drolet.
50. Round Oak papers, including: Two letterheads (1912 and 1913, 1901 receipt) and 8 Round Oak trade cards from the 1880s and 1890s. Donated by Helen Meyer
51. Three vintage Dowagiac 'tip' trays, two Round Oak and one Dowagiac Mfg. Co. Donated by Helen Meyer
52. Round Oak advertisements, original. Donated by Helen Meyer
53. \$60 Gift Certificate to The Secret Place Day Spa on M-51 South—good for many services, including a one-hour relaxation massage
54. Framed print of 1969 Alice Lewis watercolor of a broken down wagon, print #82/500 and signed by Alice Lewis. Donated by Curt and Debbie Rohdy
55. Gift certificate for an Event Photography Session from Scott Rose Photography, including USB of images and release.
56. Canvas print of 'Indian Lake Bald Eagle,' photograph by Steve Comstock of an eagle taking off after enjoying her fish breakfast at sunrise on Indian Lake. Includes a copy of Comstock's photographic book *Flight Dreams*.
57. Vintage Stroh's Beer Steins from the Heritage Series, plus 'beer snacks' and six-pack of Founder's MI-Pilsner beer! Donated by Terri Moore
58. 1914 Round Oak calendar with Chief Doe-Wah-Jack, trimmed and with damage.
59. Italian themed basket, featuring wine, pasta, Caruso's chocolate and more. Donated by Barb Ickes
60. Downtown Dowagiac's event and crafting venue Isabella Grace on Front Street is offering a Retreat for up to 6 in its 2-bedroom apartment above the former Round Oak restaurant. Guests can enjoy a 3-day, 2-night stay in their beautiful urban retreat center, including continental breakfast. Great for a crafting retreat, golfing weekend and friends or family gatherings. Package valued at \$1,200.
61. \$50 Gift Certificate to Indian Lake Pub
62. 12 Dowagiac postcards, most from the early 1900s, including some Round Oak, plus a 1948 Dowagiac Centennial Parade program. Donated by Helen Meyer

63. Framed print of watercolor by Cyndy Callogg, Birdhouse, #792/800, signed by artist. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
64. Portable Treadmill. Donated by Midwest Energy Co.
65. Box of apples from Berrybrook Farms

### **Silent Auction End Time 8:00 p.m.**

66. Museum membership package featuring local history books and Sustaining Level membership (\$100 value) that gets reserved seating at programs
67. Framed 1907 Knights of the Macabees First annual Ball at Round Oak Hall poster, Round Oak stove Christmas ornament and \$20 gift certificate to Cottage Gallery. Donated by Cottage Gallery and Vickie Phillipson
68. \$50 gift certificate to Wood Fire Restaurant of Dowagiac
69. Greens fees for four golfers (\$320 value) at Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club of Benton Harbor, one of the premier public courses in the area. Notes: must be used in 2025 and does not include cart fees (\$25/player)
70. Round Oak mug, c. 1900. Donated by Helen Meyer
71. \$100 gift certificate to Baker's Rhapsody
72. Weber 30" Slate Griddle with rust resistant griddle top and extra shelving, cabinets and trays. This is a premium griddle from Weber! Donated by Hale's Hardware
73. 6 Triple Dog Dare certificates to Niles Scream Park—good for entry to all 3 interior haunted house attractions
74. Books and salon gift certificate from the Hair-itage Hair Salon of Dowagiac
75. Pizza Party for 4 at the Wounded Minnow. Package includes two 12-inch pizzas, order of SCMODS and four trips to the salad bar
76. \$200 Gift Certificate to Imperial Furniture
77. Assorted Round Oak letterheads. Donated by Jackie Bishop from collection of Dr. Marshall Bishop
78. Print of watercolor done by Elaine S. Wilson for her *Charting the Wolverine* Series exhibit. Watercolors are of scenes in Dowagiac. Donated by Elaine S. Wilson.
79. Canvas print of a Suffragette Parade during Dowagiac's Homecoming Celebration, 1912. Donated by Creative Vinyl
80. Four brand new tires of your choice, up to \$750 total, from Wimberley Automotive Group
81. Bench planter, made by John Sly of Sly's Paracords and More, a regular at the Dowagiac Farm and Artisan Market.
82. Indian Lake postcards, including four of Indian Lakes Hills Golf Course. Donated by Helen Meyer
83. Celebrate Fall with this stenciled basket filled with specialty wines, gourmet popcorn and other snacks
84. Gift Certificate for a full interior auto detailing AND exterior polish/scratch removal at Jim D's Auto Body Repair Shop. Donated by Jim D's Body Shop (\$1,000 total value)



85. Program to the opening of the Beckwith Memorial Building and Theater, January 1893, donated by Jackie Bishop from collection of Dr. Marshall Bishop
86. Framed print of Rick Herter painting, *I Wish I Could Fly*, #20/150, signed by Herter. From the Estate of Ann Biek
87. Two tickets to Michigan State University football game, MSU vs. #2 ranked Penn State on November 15. Tickets are in Section 16, lower bowl, row 14. Donated by Rob and Connee Canfield.
88. \$20 gift card and assorted chocolates from Caruso's Candy Kitchen
89. Round Oak advertising papers: Two catalogs, two trade cards and P.D. Beckwith brochure (1890s). Donated by Helen Meyer
90. Assorted Heddon lures, most in original boxes. Donated by John Bercini
91. Round Oak watch fob, Round Oak Specialization Concentration Club, c. 1910s. This is a rare item given to top Round Oak dealers. Donated by Helen Meyer
92. Vintage Dowagiac souvenir pennants, c. 1950s. Donated by Tom Jerdon
93. Dowagiac High School yearbooks, mostly 'The Wahoo.'
94. Framed print of Alice Lewis watercolor, "Boiled Dinner," #183/500, signed by Lewis. Donated by Chuck Timmons
95. Framed print of watercolor by Cyndy Callogg, Hummingbirds, #42/250, signed by artist. Callogg is an award winning artist out of Pentwater who has done work for the Audubon Society. From Estate of Ann Biek
96. Sister Lakes Brewery package: T-shirt, hat, two pint glasses, magnet and sticker
97. \$50 gift card to Dowagiac's BBQ joint, Oak + Ash, donated by Oak + Ash
98. Box of apples donated by Berrybrook Farms
99. \$25 gift certificate, two shirt and other items from The Strand of Sister Lakes
100. Booze Basket from the Friends of the DAHM, including: Dragon's Milk Beer Barrel Bourbon from Holland Brewery, Rum from Niles Iron Shoe Distillery, Round Barn Black Walnut Crème, Gypsy Vodka from Petoskey, Brazilian liquor Cachaca, six-pack of Red Stripe and six-pack of Founder's MI-Pilsner
101. 18-hole greens fees and carts at Indian Lake Hills Golf Course and some ILHGC gear—celebrating 100 Years of golf this year.

### **Live Auction Around 7:45 p.m.**

102. Four nights for up to four people in a two-bedroom, two-bathroom home on Drummond Island in Northern Michigan (Lake Huron). The winning bidder will have access to kayaks, canoes and bikes during the entire stay. Donated by Terry and Ruth Ausra.
103. Original watercolor, Horseback Jump, by Alice Lewis. Donated by Chuck Timmons
104. Five tickets to the Indianapolis 500 'Indy car' race, Memorial Day weekend 2025. Donated by Don and Joan Lyons
105. Original print of Chief Doe-Wah-Jack, framed. This is the first print featuring Chief DWJ in Round Oak advertising—the original version, c. 1900! Donated by Helen Meyer

106. Fall Colors airplane ride out of Dowagiac airport for two on a Cessna 172 Skyhawk, which won numerous awards at the EAA Venture Air Show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Donated by Steve Koshar, your pilot for the day.
107. Vintage 1960s college pennants, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers and Milwaukee Brewers. Donated by Doug and Ty Wyant
108. Round Oak and Lee State Bank calendar, framed, 1924. Donated by Helen Meyer
109. Shadowbox of Round Oak collectibles—to be auctioned off as ‘Choice’ of high bidder. Donated by Helen Meyer
110. Two football tickets to Notre Dame vs. Syracuse on November 22. This is the home finale for 2025 with great seats at the goal line in section 6 of the lower bowl. Donated by Mary Ellen Drolet