



**January
2018**



Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the village employees, and myself, sincere wishes to you and your family for the Happiest of New Years!!

Congratulations to Bob Bausch (County Legislator and Chairperson), Ernie Haywood (Town Supervisor), Anne Sapienza (Town Councilwoman), and James Starowitz (Town Councilman) on your successful campaigns, and appreciation to Don Cunningham and Brian Stone for their years of dedicated service to our community.

We are busy putting together budgets for the next fiscal year, and a calendar of projects for the next season. An up and coming community project will be that of an American Legion sponsored and planned monument installation in Hickory Park. This will be a wonderful addition to our community, and something to be treasured for generations to come.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

Most happy fellows, Mert and "Tink" Fisk by Ray MacConnell



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In my childhood, I remember Mert, Merton Fisk, walking out of my father's store whistling his way down the street. He spoke to everyone he met along the way, and tipped his hat to the ladies. He was not a tall man, but he had a gentle spirit. He was always happy and always whistling his way through life. Many times I would visit his repair shop just off LeRoy Street to find him busy working on something mechanical, most likely a bike. At times he would ride a bike to the store for a "test drive". He could take pieces from any bike and re-purpose them for others. He was a mechanical genius. He with his wife Elsie White married in 1920 and moved to Bergen. He made a living as an auto mechanic. Mert and Elsie loved to drive to the LeRoy airport to picnic, and to watch the planes come and go. They also played rummy with their neighbors during the evenings. Elsie had 2 brothers that moved to Bergen, and they also lived on LeRoy Street.

Mert and Elsie had a son Farrell, also known as "Tink". He, like his dad, was known for his tinkering with mechanical systems, thus his nick-name. He and his wife Betty lived on Munger Street. Tink worked as an auto mechanic with "Skip" Sackett at the Esso station in the village, and later took the station over from Skip. I had asked Skip how his name, Dewey, became "Skip". He replied that as a child he never walked, he skipped. Tink later worked as a mechanic and bus driver for the school system. He also had a happy attitude in life, like his dad. He entered many contests to win a million dollars, but never did. Today it would seem strange to live and work almost on the same street for most of your life, but for the Fisk's it was reality and life was good in the Village of Bergen.

Mert was born in 1888 and died in 1967. Elsie was born in 1902 and died in 1964. Farrell was born in 1924 and died in 1999. Elsie was born in 1926 and died in 2010. All are buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery in Bergen.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Thermal Infrared Imaging

Thermal infrared imaging has become a valuable tool in performing energy audits in residential and commercial applications. We are again offering a free **infrared assessment on your home**. The assessment, complete with color photos and helpful information show areas of heat loss, if you are interested please contact the Village Office.

#BergenProud

A huge thank you to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department for always being there and being helpful

Julia and Jillian Menzie on their tremendous efforts in fundraising over \$3,000 at the 2017 Bowl-A-Thon held at Rose Garden Bowl for ARC of Genesee Orleans!

Department of Public Works

Please remember that there is no parking on Village streets between 2:00 am and 7:00 am. Your assistance will help our crews in their efforts to keep our roads clean and safe during the winter months.

We will do our best to keep streets and sidewalks safe during snow and ice conditions. If you believe you have an unsafe situation, please contact the office at 494-1513 and we will do our best to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.



The Village Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in honor of President's Day,



Save the Date



Residential Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day pickup will be Thursday, May 31st

Independence Day pickup will be Thursday, July 5th

Labor Day pickup will be Thursday, September 6th

Christmas pickup will be Thursday, December 27th

New Years pickup will be Thursday, January 3rd

Village Board of Trustees Election

March 20th Noon to 9pm

Village Hall Boardroom

Up for election this year are

- mayor
- two trustees

Positions all serve a four year term.

