

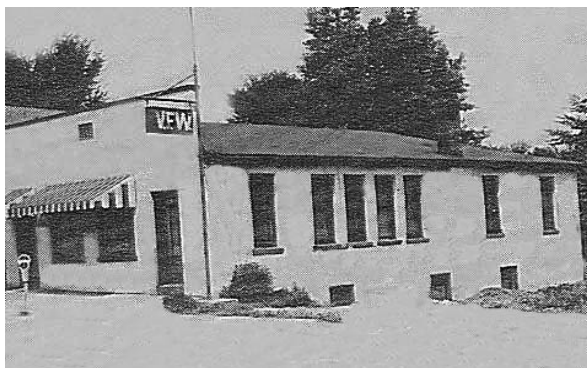
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Shown above:
Veterans of Foreign Wars
emblem.

Above: Middle building, VFW, South Main – 1990's

Below: VFW on South Main – 1950's



2009-2010 Officers

Commander Robert Riley

Sr. Vice	Glen Brovansky
Jr. Vice	Gerald Murphy
Surgeon	Joe Baima,
Judge Advocate	Bill Barth
Quartermaster	Ken Hausken
Trustees	Jim Mooneyham
	Joe Baudino
	Bill Ballard
Guard	Bob Williamson,
Chaplin	Marlyn Wiley



Pictured above:
Commander Robert Riley

Past Post Commanders of the VFW Post #5506 (each selected for a one year term) have been:

1946 William E. Pufpaf
1947 George Campbell
1948 Albert Messenie
1949 Elmer Lindenmuth
1950 George Hougas
1951 Sam D. Viviani
1952 Frank Noverio
1953 Ralph W. Price
1954 LaVerne Eldervog
1955 Robert McDonald
1956 Robert J. Yanarella
1957 Joe Rix
1958 Leslie J. Mitchell
1959 D. Kenneth Riddle
1960 William J. Barth
1961 Andrew Enrico

1962 Ennis Mooneyham
1963 Donald O. Schank
1964 Carney W. Adams
1965 Robert Babcock, Jr.
1966 Yuill Wright
1967 Larry Shehorn
1968 Paul A. Eiben
1969 Gordon D. Shelton
1970 William Cunico
1971 William Fredricks
1972 Richard W. Woodin
1973 Michael J. Szobar
1974 Clarence Buckinghamham
1975 James L. Callahan
1976 Norman Rowe
1977 Steve Green

1978 Leslie J. Mitchell
1979 John W. Daw
1980 Nathan 'Kelly' Adams
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1982 Roger Klepp
1983 Clarence Babcock, Jr.
1984 Clarence Babcock, Jr.
1985 Roland C. Full
1986 Clarence Babcock, Jr.
1987 Robert Powell
1988 Robert Powell
1989 Robert Powell
1990 Kenneth D. Hausken
1991 Cleo A. Sharp, Jr.
1992 William Ballard
1993 William Ballard

1994 George Votava
1995 John A. Leininger
1996 Robert Freis
1997 John A. Leninger
1998 Thomas Pryzbyla
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Researcher: Bob Riley

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MARSEILLES MORNING UNIT OF HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Marseilles Morning Unit of Home & Community Education meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Room of River City Apartments. Presently there are 19 members.

The group, in combination with the University of Illinois, presents lessons on homemaking skills and other interests. They are also active in community affairs. They support the 4-H Fair, and visit and play bingo with the residents of the La Salle County Nursing Home.

At Christmas time, items are donated to the Veterans' Home and for the Lions Club Christmas baskets.

Current officers are:

1 st	Chair – Betty Galloway	Secretary – Sharon Fenoglio
2 nd	Chair – Barb Kelly	Treasurer – Ann Carr
3 rd	Chair – Vicky Hellenga,	

SENIOR SERVICES



Rivershores Care Center has been serving Marseilles and the surrounding area since 1968. This 103-bed facility is set on the beautiful banks of the Illinois River.

Licensed nurses, certified nurse assistants, and therapists are all part of an interdisciplinary team that serves as an integral link between residents, their families and physicians.

Those needing respite, short term rehabilitation, or long term rehabilitation, are welcome at the center, which is committed to meeting the needs of residents and their families in a safe, comfortable, and very friendly environment.

The center has a beauty/barber shop, bird aviary, courtyard, and patio. Daily activities, exercise programs, gardening, and weekly church services are all part of the normal routine.

The mini bus, from both Ottawa Regional and the Morris Hospitals, is available to transport seniors to appointments for re-hab or outpatient surgeries.

The Marseilles Nursing Service makes house visits in conjunction with the Center.

Reverend Duane Kaufman is interim Head of Administration and the Administrator is Dee Dee Underwood.

KID'S KLUB

See story on First Congregational Church page.

Researcher: Sharon Fenoglio

175 GOOD WISHES TO MARSEILLES FROM ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR



After a year or more of negotiations and design planning, construction of the new Illinois Valley Cellular (IVC) corporate office began and is now situated at 200 Riverfront Drive in Marseilles. Built in 2001, the company took up official residence there on October 28, 2002.

IVC, a family owned and operated rural wireless provider, currently owns and operates 47 towers throughout 8 counties in Mid-Central Illinois. They offer nationwide competitive wireless services and an array of wireless devices from which customers can choose. IVC supports the communities they serve by sponsoring many community events in their 8 county area, including Marseilles.



In 2003, the property owners of IVC donated a strip of land to the City of Marseilles, along the banks of the Illinois River where the Middle East conflict Wall Memorial is located. (See photo at left.)

Illinois Valley Cellular is the 2nd largest employer in Marseilles and continues to employ approximately 100 employees. In 2010, as Marseilles celebrates 175 years, Illinois Valley Cellular will be going into their 21st year of business.

On behalf of Glenn, Tom, Melissa and all the employees of Illinois Valley Cellular, we congratulate Marseilles on 175 years. It has been a pleasure to serve and be part of your community.

*Congratulations
Marseilles on 175 years!*

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200 Riverfront Dr.
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TOUR THE OLDER HOMES OF MARSEILLES



Home built in 1865.

Previous listings have incorrectly stated 1867.

Though other books about Marseilles have Mr. Clark's first name spelled as Roderick, on the original plat in the hands of the Morello's now, it is written "Roderic" as used herein



Joseph & Nadine Morello Home – 692 West Bluff Street

Nadine & Joe – 2008 Meandering Tour

Black wrought iron horse above the front entrance indicated in the early days that stables were available on the premises.

Owner listing from the original Plat – currently in Joe Morello's possession:

1865 – Roderic & Mary Clark.
1867 – Roderic & Mary Clark and Issac & Jane Underhill
1871 – Hanna Roswell Annin
1872 – Ora & Isabella Walbridge
1883 – Rosewell P. & Carrie Annin
1896 – Mrs. Hattie Annin (Widow)
1904 – George & Ruth Finkle
1904 – Anna (Miller) Coy - died so house goes back to Finkle's
1909 – George & Ruth Finkle
1931 – S. R. Lewis (Trustee)
1935 – Cecil Delancey (renter until 1937, then vacant 2 years)
1939 – Joseph E. Hougas

1940 – Lavern & Octavia Brevick
Painting classes were held in the basement
One of the first kindergarten classes held in this home in 1950
The late 1950's & 1960's it was an antique shop known as The Treasure House
1973 – George Anderson, joint tenancy with Brevick
1973 – George & Vivian Stern (Also a craft shop)
1974 – Joe & Betty Morello
Betty had a beauty shop on the premises
1981 - 2009 Joe & Nadine Morello

Joe & Nadine's family, continues on with daughters, Glendean, & Carla, and son, Gary, aka "Mike"

Glendean (Mrs. Ralph Sisk)

Glendean has a son, Matthew Bouley, and a daughter, Lisa (Bouley) Biffany
Matthew & Nicky Bouley have 3 children, Alex, Noah & Madelynn
Lisa has 2 daughters, Jessa Biffany and Emma Wilson

Gary "Mike" McDonald.

Gary has 3 children, Melony, April, and Bobby McDonald
Melony is married to Dennis Nowatka. They have a son, Matthew
April & Robin Hack have a son, Austin
Robert & Stephanie McDonald have a daughter, Lillyhanna

Carla (Mrs. Jerry Brandow)

Carla has twin sons, Judd & Justin Dumke
Judd & Julie have a son Cameron

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TOUR THE OLDER HOMES OF MARSEILLES



Owner listing

Built 1936 by Dr. Paul R. Clark

1936-1979 Dr. Paul R. Clark

1979-2009 **Tim & Kathryn Caputo**

This beautiful old house was the home of P. R. Clark, a busy family doctor of many years. "P.R." had a home office on the east side of the home with a private entrance.

The Caputo's have kept the original parquet floors and trim and added an in-ground pool.

Timothy & Kathryn Caputo Home

343 West Bluff Street

The Caputo's have three children, Jacob, Joshua, & Kylie

**Owner listing
"The Boulders"**

1869 Roderic Clark

1902-1930's F. B. Davidson

1946-1961 H. C. Spencer

1961-1995 Don & Barbara Linton

1995-2009 **James & Carol Cheng**

The Cheng's have remodeled and updated the five-apartment home back into a 25-room single-family residence, with a theatre room on the uppermost level. They plan to retire in Marseilles.



James & Carol Cheng Home

800 Glen Avenue

Jim & Carol have three children, Rachael Carver, Aileen and David Lee.

Researcher: Carol Downey & Char Nelson

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TOUR THE OLDER HOMES OF MARSEILLES

Owner listing

Built 1890	Simon T. Osgood, (owner of the lumberyard in town). After the Osgood's moved, it sat empty for years.
1953-1960	Ed McMann (milkman) and wife, Janette Rose bought it and lived on the main floor with two apartments upstairs.
1960	Dr. Jed & Martha Johnson (changed the house back into a single residence).
2009	Martha Johnson, current owner.



Martha Johnson

664 Sample Street

Martha and the late Jed Johnson had five children: Brooks, Kent, Mark, Rebecca, and Jed, Jr., - all having good memories of the home. Martha also has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Only three owners for this grand old home.

Lester and Christine Cox

367 Clark Street



Built 1864 (2nd oldest home in town.) Original brick walls 14" thick, and there is no wood in the original building. Carpetbagger owners changed hands six times over the years after the war.

1930's-1961	Harold & Ina Linton
1961	Jack Larson
1962-1977	Richard & Carol Shaver
1978-1985	Lloyd Chapman
1986-1989	Kim Novak
1989-2009	Lester & Christine Cox

Christine has a family background in landscaping and, for 20 years, has imported plants and seeds from all over the United States. The grounds beautifully showcase the home during the various seasons.

The trees are 170 years old. Over the years, the State of Illinois has purchased acorns from these trees to plant throughout our state.

Two children of the previous owner, Don Linton & Professor Bruce Linton, met with Lester Cox, the present owner, and took a tour of the home. Lester returned a "Magic Book" that he had found while working on the walls of the addition. Bruce remembered being fascinated by that old book as a child and was thrilled to have it back in his possession. Bruce now lives in Lawrence, Kansas, while many of Don Linton's children still live and work in the Marseilles area.

Researcher: Carol Downey & Char Nelson

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TOUR THE OLDER HOMES OF MARSEILLES



Owner listing

Built 1936 Ernie Pool
 1936-1946 Cyrus Trowbridge
 1950-1954 John Hayes
 1955-1957 Union Carbide
 1958-2009 **Kelly & Seattle Sutton**

Original owners vacationed in Cuba and brought back the Spanish style idea for their home. They also brought back a variety of light fixtures to keep the Spanish theme flowing.

The big, solid, front door came from the neighbor's (Neff) house next door.

Dr. Kelly & Seattle Sutton have returned the home to its original Salmon color.

Kelly & Seattle Sutton Home

309 W. Bluff Street

Kelly & Seattle have five children: Christopher, Paula, Peter, Ruth, & Sarah. Seattle always kept the home child friendly in order that her children could enjoy the home as well.. She still keeps it that way today for her many grandchildren. (See both the Entrepreneur and Family Sections in this book for more on Kelly & Seattle.)

Owner listing

This was the first Girls Finishing School in Marseilles. It was built and opened in 1868, but did not last many years because residents of Marseilles could not afford to send their daughters to a private school.

1868-1875 Mrs. Mary Ann Picket (widow)
 1875-1907 Unoccupied - Sam Parr, owner
 1907-1942 James & Elizabeth Carney
 1942-1963 Mabel & Mary Carney
 (daughters of Jas. & Eliz.)
 1964-1976 Thomas & Opal Bingham
 1977 Cathy (Roe) Foster
 1978-1980 Thomas Rowe
 1980-2009 **Michael & Shirley Cox**



Michael & Shirley Cox Home

558 Prairie Street

Mike & Shirley have expanded the home on the north side for another bedroom and added a family room, deck, fencing, and a garage. They did not know the history of the house when they purchased it, but now that they do, they are keeping the tradition of filling it full of girls, as their daughter, Jenna and her husband, Daniel Hough, also live their with their four daughters, Ashleigh Cox, Samantha, Skye, and Kyleigh Hough.

Researcher: Carol Downey, Sheila Wisneski, and Char Nelson

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Owner listing

Built 1899 Osgood
1938-1988 Joe Maier
1992-2000 Jeffrey & Joyce Lamont
2000-present **Roy & Diane Walker**

The Walker's were looking for an older home to restore, when they found this one. They have refurbished most of the home, staying as close to the original as possible.

Roy & Diane own an antique shop in downtown Marseilles.

Roy & Diane Walker Home

667 Glen Avenue (formerly 665 Sample Street)

Roy and Diane (Gatz) Walker have a son and a daughter.

Robert "Rob" lives in Marseilles. Sandra lives in Lombard, Illinois, with her husband, James Turay

Eastover 1926



Owner Listing

Built in 1850 by
Dr. Daniel Ward

Ebin J. & Anna
(Vaughn) Ward

1862 – Two
wings and a top
story added

1921 Bruce J.
Harrington

1921 Lucian &
Milinda Grove
(Abbott's
grandparents)

1921 Rev Owen
Abbott & Belle
(Grove) Burton
& son, Abbott

Continued →

Pictured above, back row, left to right:
Tom Olson (renter) & Owen Burton (owner).
Belle Burton (in front of Owen) Abbott on his
tricycle at right.

The 1st brick home in La Salle County, it is the
oldest brick home in Marseilles, and was built
with bricks hand made in this area.

Abbott was born in this house and has called it
his home for 88 years. Six generations of
Burtons have lived here. Today, Abbott's
granddaughter, Melinda and Great Grandson,
Aiden, share the home with him.

Abbott Burton Home 896 East Bluff Street



Next, Abbott, and wife, Shirley (Henry) Burton
lived here with their son, Richard, and daughter,
Jeannine.

Jeannine lives in Tucson, Arizona, and has a son,
Matthew, in the Navy.

Richard, and wife, Susan, have a country home
north of Marseilles. They have a daughter,
Melinda (named after the great great-grandmother
on Abbott's side) and a son, Mitchell.

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TOUR THE OLDER HOMES OF MARSEILLES



Owner listing

Built 1875 Wendell D. White
1952-1971 Vernon & Jeanette Goetsch
1971-1993 Harold & Mary Peters
1995-2000 Darlene Redman
2000-2009 **Ron & Susan Wackerlin**

History tells us that Abe Lincoln was going to buy this property and build a summer home – but he was assassinated before that came about. Mrs. Susan Todd Wackerlin, the present owner, is a relative of Mary Todd Lincoln.

Ron & Susan Wackerlin Home

686 Glen Avenue

Ron and Susan have seven children: Michelle, Cindy, Matt, Lorie, Mark, Carrie, and Steve

Owner listing

1867-1914 John Q. & Helen Adams
1914-1920 E.C. & Cora Van Hoorebeke
1920-1924 Hiram & Rebecca Jackson
1924-1971 Henry & Edna Tisler
1971- 1977 William & Martha Denton
1977-1990 Keith & Carole Leigh
1990-2009 **James & Juanita Vangelisti**



James & Juanita Vangelisti Home

860 Best Street

This old home was remodeled by the Denton's and still retains the original light fixtures and beautiful stained glass windows. Nita & Jim purchased adjacent land in order to add an in-ground pool.

James & Juanita have three children: Rodney, Darcy and Jimmy.

Researcher: Carol Downey & Char Nelson

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NOW – TOUR ONE OF THE NEWER HOMES OF MARSEILLES



Patrick & Diane (Pazely) Lambert

2918 Cottonwood Lane

Owner listing

2003-2009 Patrick & Diane Lambert

Diane & Patrick “Packy” moved to the Marseilles area in 1976 after purchasing 7 ½ acres on the Morris Blacktop and building a home where they resided for 20 years raising their family.

In 1990 Packy developed Saddlewood Estates Subdivision, north of Marseilles, in one of the areas most beautiful subdivisions of custom built homes.

In 2008 Packy added two new subdivisions to rural Marseilles, one being Walbridge Creek Estates on County Highway 15, and the other, Woodridge Subdivision north of State Route #6.

Packy is the owner of Lambert Custom Building and Diane is the Broker/Owner of Lambert Realty.



Pictured above: The back side of the Lambert home.



Pictured above: Entry to the home. Sign “Amici Benvenuti”, painted above the arch means “Welcome friends”.

Packy & Diane started out at Joliet West High School as sweethearts. Now, 39 years of marriage later, they are parents of four children: Stacy (Mrs. Brian Rice), Alana Lambert, Jayme (Mrs. Eddie Miller), and Jeff Lambert, whose wife’s name is Blanca.

Diane & Packy are proud of the homes they build; but are especially pleased with the building of their family, as they now have nine grandchildren; Lexi, Cassidy, Brady & Piercen Rice, Nolen, Packston, Jacy & Addy Miller, and Basia Lambert.

Researcher: Carol Downey & Char Nelson

MARSEILLES YOU LOOK GREAT FROM THE RIVER CONGRATS ON YOUR 175TH FROM THE MARSEILLES BOAT CLUB

2451 North 2659th Road – Brookfield Township



The Charter for the Marseilles Boat Club was signed in 1955. The clubhouse was brought upriver from Peru, Illinois, via the Illinois River. Captain Roy Berry, of Marseilles, and four outboard engines on a towboat, were accompanied by several club members with their cruisers for this event.

The clubhouse sat on a barge and was a floating clubhouse for many years. When it was moved onto the Ernest Laatz farmland property, the bar, kitchen and dance floor were added.

In 1968 one of the members died of electrical shock while using a drill in his boat. Two boats have been struck by lightning and burned in 1976. Other than that the clubhouse has always been a great place to gather with friends and family. The river has tried "to be boss" and flooded the property many times -- but still the Marseilles Boat Club rules.

PAST AND CURRENT COMMANDORES ARE:

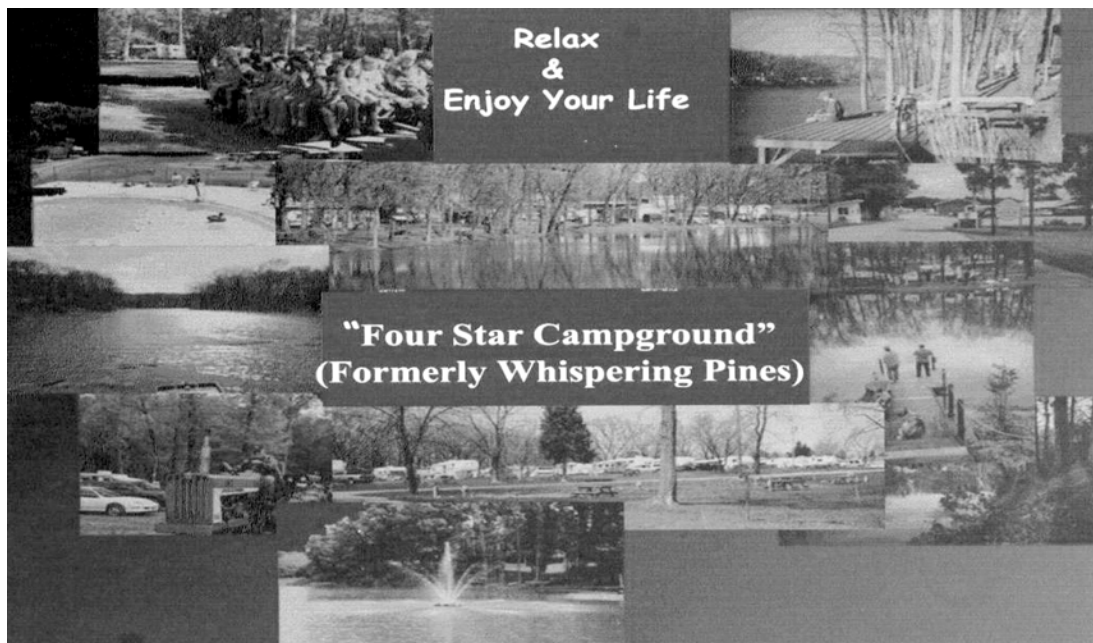
1955	Frank Peyla, Sarasota, FL	1979	Howard Martin, Holiday Is., AR
1956-57	Blackie Guillory, Marseilles, IL	1980-81	Jon Antram, Marseilles, IL
1958-59	John Hinch, Marseilles, IL	1982-84	Virgil Mark, Marseilles, IL
1960-61	Frank Peyla, Sarasota, FL	1985	Jerry Penkala, Marseilles, IL
1962-63	Ken Pautz, Bull Shoals, AR	1986	Jon Antram, Marseilles, IL
1964-65	Jack Schomer, Aurora, IL	1987-88	Bob Lankowski, Chicao, IL
1966	Gerald Abel, Plainfield, IL	1989	Joe Lewis, Marseilles, IL
1967-68	Virgil Mark, Marseilles, IL	1990-91	Joe Babcock, Marseilles, IL
1969-70	Robert Jones, Marseilles, IL	replaced	Barbara Mark, Marseilles, IL
1971-72	Del Funsfinn, Van Orrin, IL	1992-1995	Les Weder, Des Plaines, IL
1973-74	Albert Sholz, Aurora, IL	1996-2001	Tom Godwin, Marseilles, IL
1975-76	Frank Harris, Ottawa, IL	2002-07	Ernie McGeorge, Marseilles, IL
1977-78	Virgil Gay	2008	Tom Godwin, Marseilles, IL
		2009	Chuck Sliger, Bolingbrook, IL

Located at the East End of Illini Park
down the road from Mallards Bay.



Membership and Slips available.

THIS CAMPGROUND HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
FOUR STAR CAMPGROUND



2776 E. 2625th Rd., Marseilles

www.fourstarcampground.com

Started by Ori Fleetwood in 1975 as Whispering Pines. Purchased by Dan Partridge in 2007, it is still operational today. Mr. Partridge previously owned the 4 Star Marina (now the site of Heritage Harbor), hence the name 4 Star Campground.

The Partridge family welcomes you to the Four Star Campground - The fun campground in Marseilles, IL



2795 E.28th Rd., Seneca

www.woodsmokeranch.com

Woodsmoke Ranch Campground with great hiking along the Beaver Dam Hiking and Cross-Country Ski Trails, as well as the Fox Ridge Nature Trail.

Originally called S&J Ranch, it was owned by Stu and Judy Betz. In 1982 it was converted into a condominium campground and remains that way as of the printing of this book..

Researcher: Mike Thorpe

THIS CAMPGROUND HISTORY OF MARSEILLES PROUDLY SPONSORED BY TROLL HOLLOW CAMPGROUND



551 La Salle St. Glenwood Farm

1848-1900's Richard Hughes Farm & Coal Mine.

1924-1966 Glenwood Dairy Farm,
Ray G. Hinch, owner

1966-1986 Glenwood Farms Camping
Lorin Danelson, owner
(Danelson sold farm 1986)

1986-1987 Glenwood Farms

1990-1991 Glenwood Farms RV and
Camping Resort

1996 Glenwood RV Resort

1996 Thornridge Landscaping Plus

1999 J&L Enterprises

551 Wilson St. (formerly La Salle St.)

1999-2009 Glenwood Properties, Inc.

2002-2009 Resort Membership Mktg

2002-2009 Glenwood Prop Owners Assn

Though the property has been known by various names, all of the departments have been under David Goldman Management since 1990,

551 Wilson Street (formerly La Salle Street), Marseilles
www.glenwoodresort.us

1972-2009 Troll Hollow opens and is continually operated by the Jacobsen Family.

Many of the camper friends have been with this same campground for 10, 15 even 20+ years. The family takes great pride in the fact that they have been so successful in bringing family and friends together to enjoy the beautiful Illinois Valley area.

The Jacobsen family consists of:
Jim Sr., Carol, Jim Jr., Denise, Ray and Tyler.



www.trollhollow.com

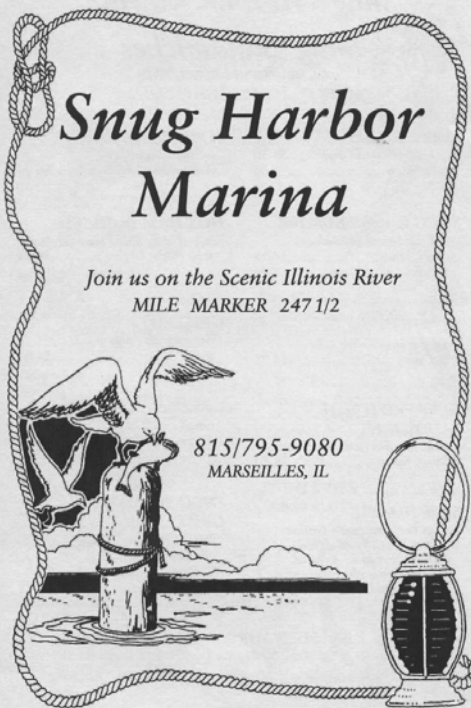
2265 N 2453 Road, Marseilles

ROW – ROW – ROW YOUR BOAT, AND TOOT YOUR HORN, MARSEILLES, FROM CRAIG & PATRICIA COLLIER

Snug Harbor Marina

103 Liberty Street

Mile Marker 247 ½



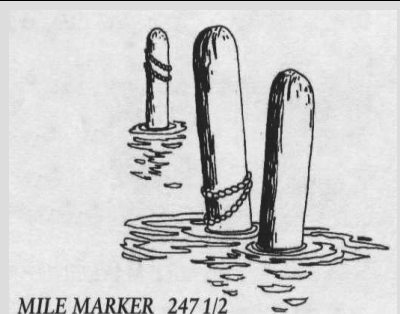
- Full Menu
- Full Service Bar
- Package Goods
- Gas for Boaters – in Summer
- Gas for Snowmobilers – in Winter
- Cabana Cookout Weekends (weather permitting)

Cabama Summer Hours 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

- Friday's – Ribeye, Pork Chop, Mahi Mahi
- Saturday's – B.B.Q. Ribs w/whiskey sauce
- Sunday's – Sandwiches & Salads

The Collier's, Craig & Patricia, invite you to "motor on in" and relax with friends & family.

Let Miss Angie serve you a "Snugburger", with a boat load of "Snug Fries", and a great "Snug Salad."



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Marseilles Youth Sports

Marseilles Little League, as it was formerly known, changed its name in 2008 to Marseilles Youth Sports to show the continuing commitment to incorporate and unite the league as a whole. Starting from the Tee-Ball level through Little League, Softball and Pony League, we concentrate on equality of all the divisions. In this effort, we have increased the number of games the girls play to equal those of the boys, divide playing time of the fields equally and are striving to build the girls All-Star tournaments.

Over the years we have enjoyed strong competitive play, with enough players to support eight boys Little League teams and seven girls softball teams. In recent years, however, our numbers have dwindled and we were forced to find new avenues to ensure a successful season for the players. We approached Grand Ridge about a co-op. They agreed as they were facing the same circumstances; and so in 2007, we reorganized the league. As most towns are now dividing the different age groups, we decided to split the boys league into two divisions, a Minor League (ages 9 and 10), and a Major League (ages 11 and 12), in much the same manner that the girls league was split several years ago.

Over the years we have continuously improved our complex, including adding lights to the diamonds, new dugouts, a batting cage, web site, remodeled concession stand, and new scoreboards. We continue to upgrade and improve the complex each year, and have been told by visiting towns attending our tournaments, that we have some of the nicest fields in the county, if not Northern Illinois. We agree -- and strive to, not only maintain what we have, but improve upon them every year as well.

2004 New scoreboard on west field
2004 Started using east field for little league and moved concession stand
2004 Girls started playing with Grand Ridge and Seneca
2004 Batting cage added
2005-06 New dugouts
2006 Boys started playing with Grand Ridge and Seneca
2007 Split the boys league
2007 New concession stand at peewee field
2007 Launched website for the league
2008 Resurfaced the fields, reducing the rainouts to 90%
2009 New scoreboard one east field donated by Invenergy
2009 Remodeled concession stand after flood

Memories of Little League

As I was asked to write this article for the 175th celebration of Marseilles, I remember as a child playing in the recreation program of little league in the late 1950's. A gentleman by the name of Mr. McQueen, who was the recreation director at the time, would take us to a field on Commercial Street to clean up and set up this area for our new little league diamond. Mr. McQueen told us that this field was donated to the city by a gentleman named Mr. Butterfield. Previously we would play all of our games at Illini Park. This is how the little league field on Commercial Street came about.

The Marseilles Little League was organized, as we know it today, by a group of gentleman from town, in 1965. The organizers were Bill Teele, Herb Johnson, Bill Sigler, Don Lockas, Ed Emmett, and Darrell Nicholson. They set up a new organization with officers, bylaws, and local rules to run the league. The first President of Marseilles Little League was Bill Teele. Ed Davidson is President in 2009.

The first two years games were played in the early evening, until the 1967 season, when lights were put up. Games then started at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. In 1972, newer lights were installed and used until 1991. At that time, lights were brought from the Marseilles High School football field to be installed, and they are still being used today.

Over the years, I am sure there have been many changes to the diamonds and the organization; however, it is still run the same as it was when these gentlemen started it, 45 years ago, for the kids in our community.

Ken Lane

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Marseilles Girls' Softball

In 1974 Marseilles Girls' Softball league was added to the Marseilles Little League program. At the time, the girls played slow-pitch softball. The two levels of girls' softball were:

1. Pee Wee League - for girls in 2nd through 5th grades, and
2. The other level for girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Since 1988 the girls' softball league have been playing fast pitch, in order that, when, and if, they chose to advance to high school softball, they would already have been playing according to high school rules and challenges.



Marseilles Recreation Board

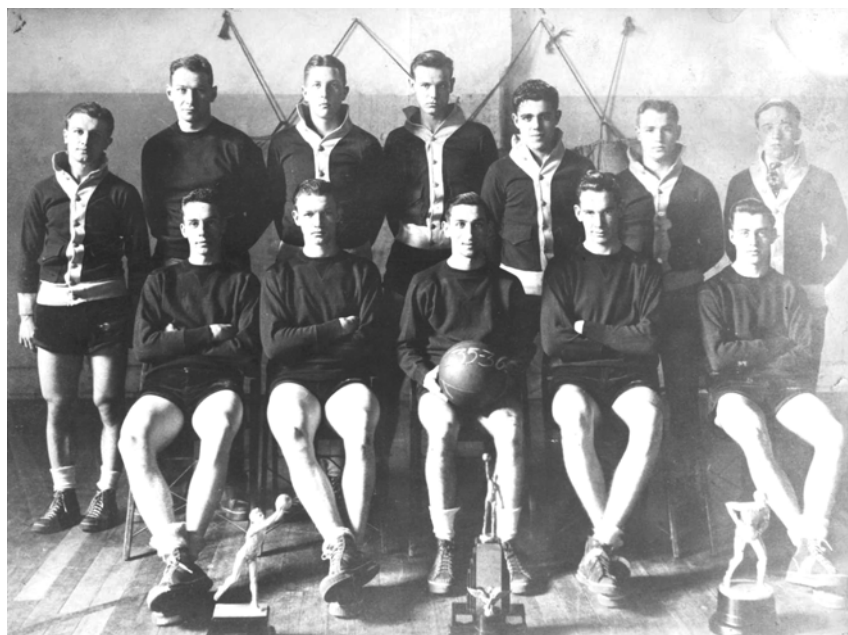
The Recreation Board is appointed by the Mayor to supervise and oversee recreation activities for all ages in Marseilles. The funds to support these programs are supplied by a special taxation created by city referendum in 1947. Current projects include:

- Overseeing the Marseilles Swimming Pool's finances, and any required updates
- Hiring summer employees
- Purchasing special equipment
- Financing workshops for summer and fall sports programs for youth, exercise programs for adults, dance classes, and Senior's Dances.

In 2009, Marseilles Recreation began working with the Ottawa YMCA to offer several activities and programs for all ages that are held at Marseilles Elementary School, Marseilles parks, and the swimming pool.

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SPORTS --- Then & Now



1935-1936 Season
Marseilles High School
basketball team

Won 34 games – Lost 4

1st row, left to right:

Ennis Mooneyham, Joseph Griglioni,
Alphonse Scanavino, Roy Hollenbeck,
and Gerald Hanny

2nd row, left to right:

Charles Calligaris, Coach Leland
Strombom, Robert Coffeen, Carl
Kohrt, Amiel Daffora, Reynolds
Trager, and Louis Munari, Manager.

Pictured below (left):

State Champion, Dani Aurit, 8th grader at Marseilles Elementary School (MES), running in track & field events in 2007. Dani has been a runner since 4th grade. In spring 2009 she qualified for the state meet in four track & field events; high jump, 1600 meters, 800 meters, and 4x400, as did her sister, Paige, pictured below (right).

Dani won 1st place in both the 1600 & 800 meters. Her 1600 time = 5:24:21. Her 800 time = 2:26:31.

She also runs (along with Paige) in the Junior Olympics. Both sisters will compete this fall in cross-country in hopes of attending Nationals in Reno, Nevada in December.

Parents of the super-fast girls are Dan & Tammy Aurit.



Pictured above:

Signs, entering Marseilles, on Route 6,
from the east and the west, honoring
Dani's feats. (no pun intended.)



Researcher: Marianne Dahl

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Sports - Miscellaneous

Basketball:

1925 Marseilles Cardinals (Marseilles High School)

1936-2009 Marseilles Panthers (Marseilles School Team)

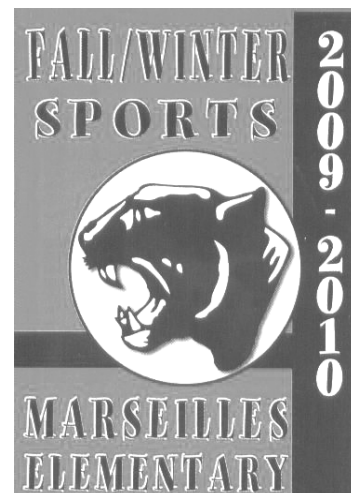
The team was called the Panthers from the time the new high School was built in 1936, until 1990. When the high school merged with Ottawa, the building became home to the elementary and junior high school. The junior high team took the Panther name in the 1990-1991 season. Formerly they were called "The Scot's", short for the Scottish Highlanders.

1955 Marseilles Bums (Semi-Pro)

Football:

1920's Marseilles Wolverines, Marseilles Tigers, Athletic Club, & Spencer-Lewis teams. (Semi-Pro)

1954-1990 Marseilles Panthers (Marseilles High School)



Softball:

1940's & early 1950's

City League teams included: NBC Old Timer's, NBC Mills, NBC Factory, North Prairie, South Prairie, Merchant's, Certain Teed, and the Johnson Family (a family from north Marseilles that had their own team). In 1940, the Marseilles Community Soft Ball League Champions were the players from the NBC Mills team.

1950 Midget League Teams (not Little League): Tiger's, Dead End Kids, BaseTrotters, Wildcats, East End Kids & the River Rats (Bob Hart, organizer). At the end of the year, the East End Kids were the Champions.

1970's Church league played 16" softball.

1970's VFW had a 16" league. Some teams from Marseilles represented the VFW and Whitey's Marine Tap.

Baseball:

1904-1915 Brown Stockings Baseball Team

1915 Grey's Baseball Team

1920's Marseilles Wolverines

Established in the 1920's and were part of the Merchants League for most of its existence. Lloyd "Toots" Morrall, managed the team from the 1930's until the early 1970's. The City of Marseilles held an appreciation day for him in 1961, to honor his 45 years of playing and managing baseball in Marseilles. "Toots" passed away in 1973.

1950 Junior Legion Team, sponsored by the American Legion.

Football:

1920's Marseilles Wolverines, Marseilles Tigers, Athletic Club, & Spencer-Lewis teams. (Semi-Pro)

1954-1990 Marseilles Panthers (Marseilles High School)

Bocci Ball:

Tournaments were held at VFW, downtown, next to the I&M Canal. Tournaments also held at Joe Bruno's in Glenwood Addition and at Illini Park. Louie Nanni & Frank Perino, Jr., won many tournaments. Louie Nanni & John Follis won the State Championship one year.

Incidentals

From 1925, until the new high school was built, DeFilippi Field was outside the city limits.

Researchers: Frank McCallum and Pete Morello

HIP-HIP-HOORAY MARSEILLES ON YOUR
QUARTOISEPTCENTENNIAL YEAR

Happy 175th Birthday City of Marseilles!

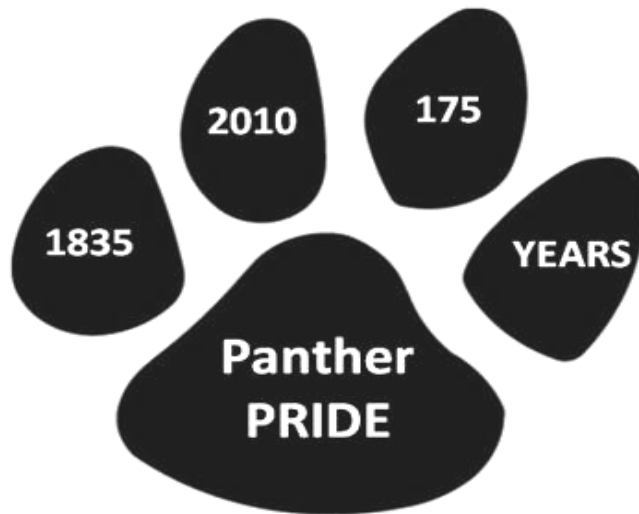


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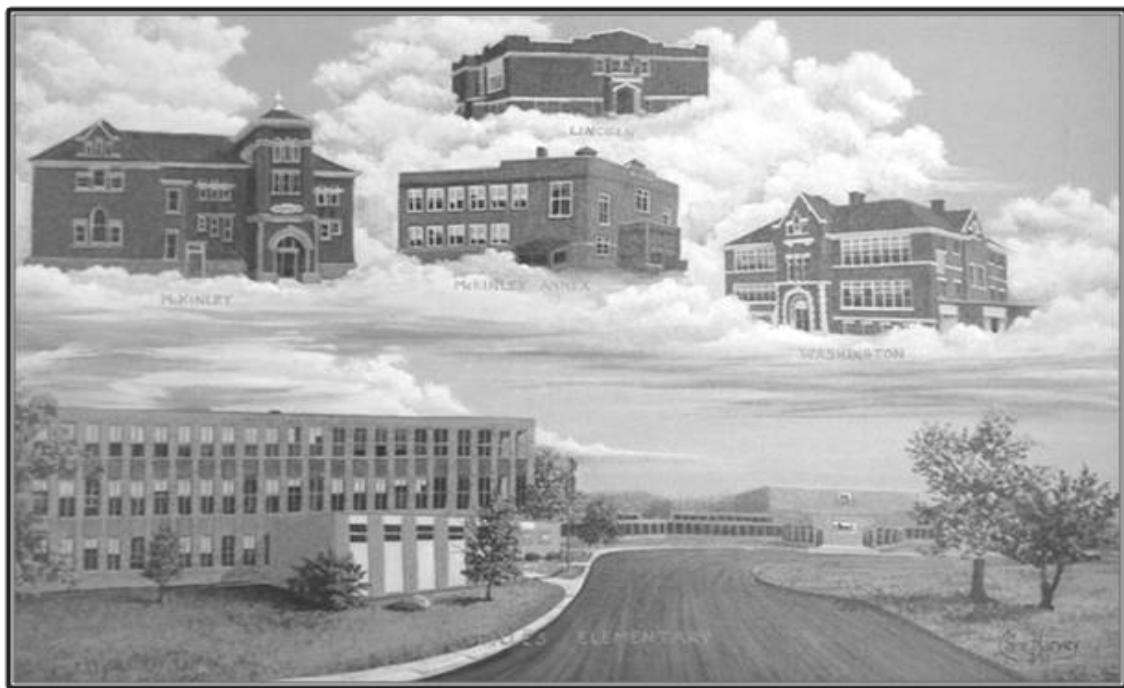


Marseilles Elementary School Booster Club

PROUD TO BE DOING OUR A-B-C's IN THE CITY OF MARSEILLES ON ITS 175TH



Congratulations to the MARSEILLES community in celebrating 175 years of PRIDE and PROGRESS. The future looks bright at Marseilles Elementary School.



Compliments of: Marseilles Elementary School District #150
Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students

WE HONOR YOU MARSEILLES AND ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
LUCILLE MOONEYHAM, MARY FRANDIN, ABBOTT BURTON & THE CLASS OF 1940



Marseilles Class of 1940 -- 1st class to go four full years in the new high school, built 1936. Fall 1936 - Spring 1940

Front Row, left to right: *in front of name - indicates deceased

*Marshall Fisher, *Gene Cavanaugh, Robert Cooper, Fred Gaudio, Jim White, Bill Spicer, *Giles Boren, Abbott Burton, *John Caselli, Jim Richardson, *Gerbert Denniger, Louis Miglio, *Raymond DeLancey, *Kenneth Cavell, *Robert Olson

2nd Row: *Bill Cunico, Maxine (Burkett) Picton, *Evelyn (Dunlap) Manougian, *Lois (Caputo) Pohar, Dorothea (Wilcoxon) Wagner, Billie (McMahon) Hepner, Lucille (Eye) Herman, Emily (Spicer) Brown, Mary Morello, *Loretta (Malosti) Bolatto, Margaret (Bass) Kiefer, Marie (Lettsome) Taber, Octavia (Munari) Pauline, Florence (Roe) Skaronea, *Betty (Bowers) Mitchell

3rd Row: Eleanor (Novario) Duffy, Jane (Thurber) Peddicord, Leonora (Orsi) Loring, Marie (Panti) Fuess, Lucille (Andreatta) Mooneyham, Anna (Gabehart) Schumaker, Eileen (Jackson) Pennebaker, Anna Mae (Thompson) Overton, *Coralie (Fifield) Fox, *Bea (Pierson) Shelton, Francis (Lyman) Sanderson, *Emma (Tonielli) Oaks, Marie (Pomatto) Chase, *Josephine Trumbo, Betty (Classon) Schmidli, *Polly (Ballou) Burke, *Dorothy (Shelton) Logsdan, *Bernice (Jones) Maggio, *Doris (Dyer) Mann, Derreld Mulvaney

Back Row: *Ed Gray, *John Schibrowsky, Jim Pellino, *Paul Clark, *Phil Samuels, *Gloria (Pesanti) Norris, *Al Barra, *Frank Raimondo, *Rex Wernstrum, *Mario Vangelisti, Don Hill, *John 'Jack' Schuette, *Bill Davis, Gene Churchill, *Tilson Lewis, *Phil Faletto

Missing when photo was taken: Harrison Absher, Robert Hepner

Did not graduate with us, but are classmates, nonetheless:

Maybelle Houston, Marguerite (Denny) Brooks, Millard Elliott, *Jim Cobler, *Albert Pellegrini, *Margaret (Bolatto) Eppstein, Leta (Fancher) Smith, Annabel (Decker) Morris, Eva (Perkins) Chapman, Mary (Angelico) Halliday, *Robert Shields, *Virginia Farmer, *Robert Shelton, *Elizabeth (Veronda) Ricca

**WE HONOR YOU MARSEILLES AND ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
LUCILLE MOONEYHAM, MARY FRANDIN, ABBOTT BURTON & THE CLASS OF 1940**

Marseilles High School Class of 1940's Class Reunion Held in 1965 at Prairie Lake Lodge – 25th Reunion

First row, left to right, seated: Polly Ballou, Loretta Malosti, Mary Angelico, Lois Caputo, Lucille Eye, Marie Lettsome, Mary Frandin, Marie Pomatto, Lucille Andreatta, and Frances Lyman

Second row, seated: Jane Thurber, Betty Bowers, Emma Tonielli, Eileen Jackson, Mary Morello, Coralie Fifield, Bernice Jones, Dorothy Shelton, and Margaret Bolatto

Third row, standing: Mario Vangelisti, Beatrice Pierson, Robert Olson, Donald Caputo, Bill Spicer, Frank Raimondo, Eugene Cavanaugh, Gerbert Denniger, John Caselli, James Pellino, and Reba Eye

Fourth row, standing: Bill Davis, Tilson Lewis, Gene Churchill, Derrald Mulvaney, Jack Schutte, Phillip Faletto, Albert Barr, Phillip Samuels, Robert Cooper, James Richardson, Rex Wernstrum, Fred Gaudio, and Bill Cunico

Five classmates that were born in Marseilles, still live in Marseilles today. They are Lucille (Andreatta) Mooneyham, Mary (Frandin) Sapp, Abbott Burton, Billie (McMahon) Hepner, and Millard Elliott.



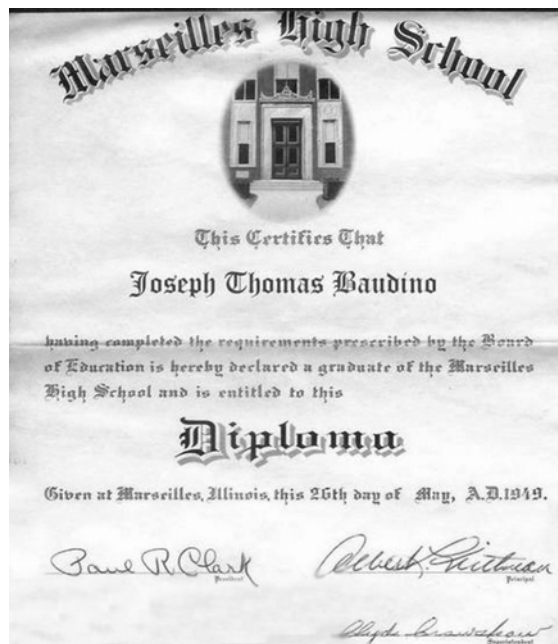
HIP HIP HOORAY MARSEILLES ON YOUR 175TH
FROM THE MHS CLASS OF 1946



1946 MHS CLASSMATES AT 25th REUNION HELD IN 1971
AT PRAIRIE LAKE LODGE, MARSEILLES, ILLINOIS

Left to Right:

First row kneeling: Don Pellegrini, Wilbur "Whitey" Jones, Dick Coates, Gene Gray, Clifford Elliott, Don Cappellini
Second row seated: Rozella (Thomas) Querciagrossa, Charlotte (Morello) Twait, Angie (Bergera) Rhines, Lucille (White) Bellott, Barb (Olson) Mark, Thelma (Higgins) Glenn, Velma (Higgins) Eiben, Veda (Pitts) Smith, Clara (Smith) Chapman, Darlene (Caputo) Cordial, Beverly (Caffee) Eing, Eleanor (Armstrong) Kuiper
Third row, standing: Supt. Clyde Crawshaw, Charles Kleinmaier, Marylea (Cavanaugh) Dumke, Don Bevington, Joyce (Barra) Pomatto, Jack McCallum, Mary Lou (Faletto) Combs, Joe Baudino, Norma Jean (Carlson) Luedtke, Harold Bault, Mary Lou (Codo) Berry, Dick Buffo, Joan (Larson) Klepp, George Mason and Principal Ray Hawley

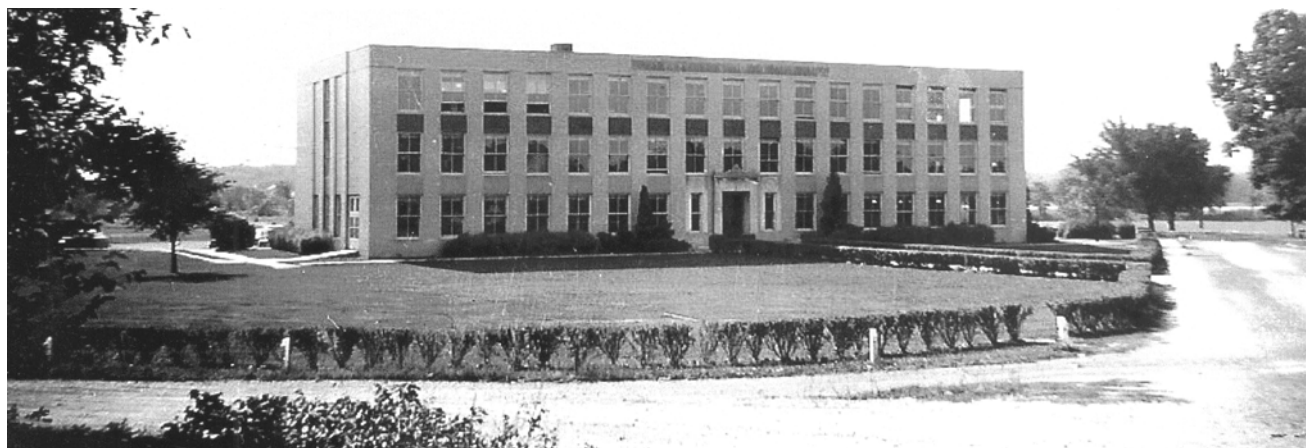


CONGRATULATIONS, MARSEILLES, ON YOUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM THE MARSEILLES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949



Class of 1949

Left to right, 1st row: William Ross, Helen Jean (Ross) Bowers, Bernice Kendall, Russell Hill, Richard Naretty, Betty Lou (Cunningham) Wawerski, Mary Jane (Battles) Greiff, Joan (Laatz) Hustis.
 2nd row: Jo-Ann (Dooley) Pedroni, Marlene (Samuels) Smith, Barbara (Rodriguez) Baiz, Geraldine (Tio) Brodbeck, Marjorie (Bowers) Ellena, Joan (Ingmanson) Page, Phyllis (Crum) McDonald, Phyllis Smith, Shirley (Chapman) Smith, Delores (Anderson) Gage, Beverly (Bioletti) Meyer, Robert Hanna, James Cappellini, William Ott.
 3rd row: Ralph D. Adler, Jr., Parr Yuill, Lyvonne Trad, Sheila (Adams) Wisneski, Ruth (Armstrong) Farrell, Betty Jean (Lardi) Pienta, Norma Jean (Bernardi) Hepner, Jean (Bolatto) Upton, David Baudino, Michael Carr, Clarence Bailey, Kenneth Swanson, Stephen Tarchione, Thomas Shelton, James Nienaber, Orville Taylor, William Lettsome.
 4th row: Lee Roy Mays, Ronald Pool, D. Ward Hart, Delores (Guthrie) Johnson.
 5th row: Gaylord Eirhart, Ruth (Miller) Widman, Christine (Taylor) Krupka, Norma Jean (Walker) Stebbins, Elsie (Combs) DeWitte, Phyllis (Bouley) Emanuelson, Doris (Wruck) Mueller, Ruth (Leger) Lewis, William Outman.



**YOU'RE TOP OF THE CLASS MARSEILLES
AND A+ WITH US FROM THE CLASS OF 1951**



MARSEILLES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1951 AT THEIR 55TH CLASS REUNION IN 2006.

Front row, seated, left to right: (Committee) Dorothy (Battles) Diederich, Laura (Marco) Edwards, Wanda (Applebee) Morsch, and Billie (Gleason) Schaefer).

Middle row: Gloria (Faletto) Eichelkraut, Betty (Miller) Carroll, Mildred (McDonald) Passini, Elizabeth (Dunlap) Foster, Ken Edwards, Nadine (Osborne) Morello, Lucille (Underwood) Brockman, Margaret (Lamb) Marshall, and Delores (Mattsen) Trumbo.

Back row: Bob Jones, Ken Brown, Don Underhill, Don Farmer, and Lowana Lettsome



MARSEILLES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955: Front row, left to right: Joyce LeRette, Carol Kiner, DeeAnn Smith, Janice VanNorman, Janice Bottarini, Marianne Baudino, Rita Youmans, Joan Sutton, Beverly Schultz, Florann Wiley, Nancy Youngling, Jean Lamb, Elsie Benkendorf, Agnes LeRette.

Middle row: Mary Guynn, Joyce Applebee, Pat Stalker, RoseAnn Kilgore, Carol Large, Sally LeRette, Marvin Applebee, Jimmy Jackson, Betty Jane Cox, Sarah McDonald, Kay Burke, Willa Mae Price, Wanda Herron, Beverly Johnson.

Back row: Bill Kerwin, Dick White, Roger Johnson, Frank Smith, Lester Close, Bob Lindenmuth, Rollin Seaborn, Jerry Callahan, Leo Ingmanson, Donald Hicks, Ed Cavanaugh, Martin Spicer, Ronald Yuill, Richard Rowe, Jerry Kusmaul.

THE CLASS OF 1954
WISHES MARSEILLES A VERY HAPPY 175TH ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above: Class of 1954 graduation picture taken in front of Marseilles High School.

Pictured below: Class of 1954 at their 50th class reunion held in 2004 at Prairie Lake Lodge.



CONGRATULATIONS MARSEILLES FROM MARSEILLES HIGH - 1959 ALUMS

What was the News across the Nation in 1959?

- Alaska is admitted as the 49th U.S state
- Hawaii is admitted as the 50th U.S. state
- Batista is overthrown by Fidel Castro's forces
- Luna 1 becomes the first spacecraft to reach the vicinity of the Moon
- Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and The Big Booper die in plane crash—the day the music died
- The Barbie doo debuts
- Lee Petty wins the first Daytona 500
- NASA announces “Mercury Seven Astronauts”
- The Saint Lawrence Seaway is opened
- The first Grammy Awards are announced
- The U.S. launches the EXPLORER 6 Program
- Bonanza premieres as the first regularly scheduled TV program in color
- The “far side of the moon” is first seen by Luna 3
- The Twilight Zone pilot premieres
- Ben-Hur film premieres at Loew's Theaters in new York City
- Ford Motor Company discontinues the unpopular Edsel
- Motown record label is founded in Detroit, Michigan
- Marseilles High School graduated 46 (21 girls and 25 boys)

What were the songs sung across the nation in 1959?

- Mack the Knife – Bobby Darin














CONGRATULATING MARSEILLES ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM THE CLASS OF 1960 – CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH REUNION



Panther Fight Song





















Hail to the Panthers
Raise the black and red
With the colors flying o'er us
On to victory will be led
Rah rah rah
Steadfast and loyal
Every heart beats true
Then we'll fight fight fight fight
With all our might
Marseilles High for you.

Jill Rosen Charles Rose Keith Smith David Stansbury John Stark Nina Swartz Edward Tupper Geraldine Richard Tross Wayne Dunning Lynette Gillingham

Marseilles High School

Class of 1962

Carol Allen Joyce Farmer Carol Fleming Vicki Piers
 Nancy Gifford Diana Goodwin Carol Fleming Patricia Kennedy
 Michael Hunter Margaret Johnson Nancy Gifford Gary Johnson
 Edward Johnson Sharon Johnson Nancy Gifford Richard May
 Dorothy Johnson John Johnson Nancy Gifford Donald Williams

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OFFICE SECRETARIES: MADELINE ANNIN, LEILA (WILEY-MILLER) HALL

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IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND DEBBIE COOPER (1948-2009)
FROM MARY ANN MARSHALL – CLASS OF 1966

School days,

School days,

Good old Golden
Rule days.

‘Reading and
‘riting and
‘rithmetic.

Taught to the tune
of the hickory
stick.

MHS

GO TEAM

RAH - RAH

MHS



MHS

GO TEAM

RAH - RAH

MHS

Cheer, Cheer for
old Marseilles
High.

THE
CLASS
OF
1966
RULES

WHAT FUN IT WAS IN 2004.....

Debbie, Karen, Cathy, Mary Ann, & Sandy

Below, left to right:

Karen (Cobler) Murley, Barb (Wise) Greeson, Mary Ann (Sutton) Marshall, Debbie (Delaney) Cooper, Paula Price, and Cathy (Mooneyham) Rix at their 24th MHS class Reunion in 1990.



THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SPIRITS

530 Main Street



Old Building

Two-story brick building, built before 1877. Known as the Brundage Building in 1900. We have little knowledge of occupants in early 1900's.

Pre 1877	Fred Reibling Bakery & Restaurant.
1877-1887	Goddard Furniture & Undertaking, Ira, Alonzo & Geo. Goddard, props.
1889	Millinery
1894-1896	C. W. Thiry Cigar Maker
1896-1899	Mrs. L. J. Larkin, Millinery
1899	Ringburg & Nelson, Millinery
1900	Scott Millinery, Mary, Adell & Eva Scott, props.
1913-1914	Joseph Zebrack, Shoe Repair
1914-1915	Wilkinson's Piano Store,
1923-1926	Woodward Café, Charles Woodward, prop.
1927-1928	J. L. Chevrolet Dealership, Harry R. Johanson & Chester Larson, props.
1928-1931	Maier Chevrolet Company, Joseph & Elmer Maier, props.
1931-1934	Innis Confectionery?
1934-1935	Woodward Confectionery, Charles Woodward, prop.
1935	Dooley & LeRette Garage, Roscoe Dooley & Elmer LeRette, props.
1938	Swedish Kafe, Byrdie Laffey & Mabel Eckhart, props.
1938-1944	Aimone's Café, George Aimone, prop.
1944-1945	Tommy's Restaurant, Isabelle Jennings, prop
1945-1946	Aimone's Restaurant, George Aimone, prop.

New Building

In 1946 George Aimone began construction of a new building, in the vacant lot next to his restaurant, with plans to move his restaurant there. The excavating caused the south wall of the building to collapse. The old building was razed and a new two-story brick building was built on the two lots. The A&P Grocery moved into the new building in 1947. A fire gutted the building in 1956/57?

After it was rebuilt, in 1962, City Drug Store moved in.

1947-1957	A&P Grocery, Dick Rhines, Mgr. In 1950's.
1957/59-1962	Under re-construction, after fire.
1963-1978	City Drug Store, Carl Hill & Frank Peyla, props.
1963	Northern Illinois Power Co. office in store
1978-1982	Marseilles Drug Store, Carl Hill, prop.
1983-1995	Marseilles Drugs & Liquor, also known as Marseilles Family Discount, Bob & Gene Funk, props.
1996-1999	Marseilles Mart & Liquor,
2000-2009	Spirits Liquor Store, Michael Jakupcak & Harry Harrington, props.

Michael & Tracy (Gordon) Jakupcak have a son, Joe,
and a daughter, Paige.

Harry & Bobbie (Griffith) Harrington have sons,
Derek & Adam.

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY JOHN FENOGLIO

500 Main – Simmons Building



First Building North of Clark Street

This one story wood frame building was probably built in the 1860's. Terry Simmons, opened the Red, White & Blue Store, which sold tin-ware. In 1876 *The Plaindealer*, a weekly newspaper originated here and was published here until its final issue in 1919. Mr. Simmons added a two-story brick addition to the rear in 1889, to accommodate the growing newspaper.

Mr. Simmon's rented space in his shop to various small businesses; such as millineries, and at times he rented space at Christmas time to E. Brodbeck & Son to display and sell toys. From 1906 to 1918, it was, also, the office for the Building & Loan Association, during Mr. Simmons time, as Secretary.

After Terry Simmons retired in 1919 he sold the building to Henry Marmor a tailor. Next the Knights of Pythias used it as their lodge.

Later Dooley & LeRette's Service Garage occupied it, which was the last business at this location before the building was razed in 1935 to make room for the Mars Theater Bldg.

1870s-1880s The Red, White & Blue Store,
Terry Simmons, prop.
1876-1919 *The Marseilles Plaindealer*,
Terry Timmons, publisher
1877 Mrs. E. A. Ryan, Millinery.
1897 Mrs. E. L. Carson, Millinery.
1899 Mrs. W. E. Baker, Millinery.
1906-1918 Marseilles Bldg. & Loan,
Sec. Terry Simmons
1923-1928 Henry Marmor, Taylor
1928 Knights of Pythias
1930-1935 Dooley & LeRette Garage,
also DeSoto & Plymouth Dealer,
Roscoe Dooley & Elmer LeRette, props.
1935 Building razed for Mars Theater

504 Main – Goodell Building

Second Building North of Clark Street

This was a two-story wood frame building, probably built in the 1860's. It was known as the Goodell Building and was used by Dr. John H. Goodell as office for his medical practice. Due to a medical problem, Dr. Goodell had to give up his practice. He started a business with his son, Ernest, producing workable mechanical models of such things as farm implements or any machine that a customer may provide plans for. The models were used by the inventive customer to help him obtain patents. Dr. Goodell and his son also repaired bicycles and sewing machines in their shop. Their business on the second floor of this building closed in 1920.



Pictured left:

Typical type of wagon and harrow working models, made by Goodell and his son, and owned by Abbott Burton.

In 1921, *The Marseilles Daily Press*, was established on the second floor. The first floor was rented by several other businesses. The building was razed in 1935 to make room for the Mars Theater Building.

Second Floor

1860's J. H. Goodell, Physician.
1876-1920 J. H. Goodell, Model Maker and
Bicycle & Sewing Machine repairs.
Dr. J. H. Goodell & Son, prop.
1921-1935 *The Marseilles Daily Press*,
C. I. & Freida Dunlap, publ.

First Floor

1890-1897 Old Reliable Meat Market,
John J. Becker, prop.
1897-1899 City Meat Market,
Minor Wiley & E. B. Ebersol, props.
1901-1904 Orr's Photo Studio,
Charles & Sarah Orr, props.
1916-1924 Marseilles Candy Shop, James Stathes, prop.
1919-1922 Johnson & Pattison Electric & Heating,
Oscar Johnson & Joseph Pattison, props.
1927-1928 J. L. Chevrolet Dealership,
Harry R. Johnson & Chester Larson, props.
1928-1931 Maier Chevrolet Company,
Joseph & Elmer Maier, props.
1935 Building razed for Mars Theater.

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE EYEGLASS SHOPPE

500, 502, 504 Main Street and 110 Clark Street



This brick movie house was completed in 1936 by A. R. Workman. It opened early that year in conjunction with the Colesium Movie House. It consisted of one large section devoted to showing movies, and there were also two small store fronts on each side of the main entrance.

Lorin Danelson purchased the building, in 1969, when he heard it was closing. After the movie house closed, Lorin opened a live Country Western Theater, with top names in country music performing. It was used as an auction house for a while. Then it was re-opened as a movie theater for a short time. It was used for meetings and a place to serve meals on wheels by a senior citizens group and purchased by Neighborly Older Americans (NOA) in 1981.

When the building was condemned by the city, the Seniors turned the building over to the city in 1989, and repairs were made. After sitting vacant for several years, it was again used by private business in 1998.

The theater portion of the building has been divided into two sections, with the front keeping the Main Street entrance and the back having an entrance off Clark Street. The building now houses three shops in the front at 500, 502, 504 Main, as well as one in the rear at 110 Clark.

502 Main Street

1936-1970 Mars Movie Theater.
1970-1972 Country Western Theater.
1972-1974 Auction House.
1975 Mars Movie Theater. (re-opened)
1975-1985 Golden Era Senior Citizens,
Inez Krause, pres.
1982-1985 Neighborly Senior Council,
Frances Quarterman, pres.
N.O.A. Neighborly Older Americans,
Bernice Hardin, prop.

Continued in next column...

1981-1989 Mars.-Seneca Community Hall.
1989-2006 vacant
2006-2009 The Glass Shoppe, Eye Glass & Frame Repair,
John Cotal, prop.

John has five children:

Three sons; Mark, David & John Jr., and
two daughters; Ruby & Denise.
He also has a grandson, Christopher, and
a granddaughter, Danielle.

Information for rest of building continued on next page...

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY JOINT FIELD SERVICES

500 Main Street

1936-1942 Mars Sweet Shop & Cigar Store,
Charles Woodward, prop.
1945-1967 Gaddis Insurance Agency,
Noah Gaddis, agent.
1967-1974 Gold Compact
Beauty Shop, Nina Sapp, prop.
1975-1977 Kut & Kurl, Beauty Shop,
Donna Watts, prop.
1984-1985 K & D Krafts Korner,
Kay Robison & Diane Boaz, props.
1985 Becky's Happy Dogs,
Becky & Dennis Rizzo. props.
1987-1988 Karen's Hair Care,
Karen Sineni, prop.
1992-2001 Marseilles Community Youth Program,
Sue Trost, leader
2005-2007 Nak's Kitchen, also
2006-2007 Nak's Computer Repair, Neal Roberts, prop.
2006 ABC Computer Repair, John Grooms, prop.
2007 *The Pilot*, NCG Printing.

504 Main Street

1936-1977 Peerless Cleaners. (See photo below)
1978-1982 vacant
1983-1988 Tim Cappellini, Atty
1998-2009 The Glass Shoppe,
Eye Glass & Frame Repair,
John Cotal. prop.



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110 Clark Street (back section)

200? Restaurant
2005 Amici's Patio, Restaurant.
2005-2006 *The Pilot*, NCG Printing.

Masthead of *The Pilot* shown at left.



Pictured at right:

The theatre as it looked in 1936 - featuring Bing Crosby in
"Anything Goes".

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY VICTORY LIFE OUTREACH CENTER

482 Main Street

Old Building

Site of the Beckwith House, built in the 1860s, by Edwin Beckwith and was destroyed by fire in 1897.

The name had been changed to the Thompson House when Resin N. Thompson became proprietor in 1895.

1860s-1894
Beckwith House

1895-1897
Thompson House,
Resin N. Thompson,
proprietor.



New Building

Mrs. Amelia A. Poole, owned the property and immediately began construction of a new building.

Penfield & Tucker were waiting for its completion, and on Nov.1, 1897, they opened a hardware & grocery store.

A new social club was using the second floor, Oriental Hall, to hold their meetings in 1899.

During the 42 years this building was owned by John Fenoglio, its windows were always uniquely decorated.

Children could be seen with their noses stuck to the glass as they looked in wide-eyed wonder at the variety of items often displayed there -- especially at Christmas time when the familiar 'silver tree' would continuously change colors due to the tri-color wheel spinning around at the base.



IT'S BEEN SAID:

The Marseilles City Council approved parking meters on a trial basis in 1950; and the first parking meter collector was Jack Sutton.

1897-1898 Penfield & Tucker Hdw. & Groc.
1898-1900 Tucker Hardware & Groceries,
Thomas Tucker, prop.
1901-1923 A.Vaughney's & Son's Clothing,
Alex, Parnell & John Vaughney, props.
1923-1925 Abramson Clothing Store, A. Abramson, prop.
1925 Johnson Electric & Heating, Oscar Johnson, prop.
1926-1937 Engel's Clothing Store, Mark Engel, prop.
1937-1947 A & P Grocery Store, John McMahon, prop.
1938-1940 Webb's Market, meats in A&P Store.
1947-1989 Fenoglio TV & Electric, John Fenoglio, prop.
1965-1967 Booth Appliance Repair, Bill Booth, prop.
1984-1988 Austin TV Repair, Stan Austin, prop.
1989 vacant
1990-1995 Jim's Karate Shop, Jim & Cheri Hovious, props.
1992-1993 Community Youth Program, Sue Trost, leader
1996-2000 K & D Kraft Korner,
Kay Robison & Diane Boaz, props.
2002-2003 D'Joy Alarm Systems
2003-2009 Victory Life Outreach Service, Rev. Ted McGee,
Susan Manisco, owner
2009 Victory Life Outreach Center, Rev. Ted McGee
Rev. Ted and wife Carolyn McGee, have a
son, Aaron and a daughter, Cristina.

Second Floor Oriental Hall

1898 Dewey Club.

1923-1926 Carpenters Union Hall

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
COUNTRY AT HEART ANTIQUES

470 Main Street



**Old Buildings
One-Story Building**

Prior to 1897, two wood frame buildings stood at this site, the south one-story, housed a millinery shop and the larger two-story, to the north, was home to C. F. Johnson's Drug Store. On May 24, 1897 a fire began at the rear of the two stores. It destroyed these two buildings plus the hotel to the north. This fire also caused considerable damage to Charles Watterick's Barber Shop, which may have been located over the drug store.

1889- Meat Market

1892-1897 Tummel Millinery Shop.

Two-Story Buildings

1889- Grocery Store

1890-1897 Charles F. Johnson's Drug Store

Second Floor

1897 Charles Watterick's, barber shop

New Building

The present two-story brick building, was completed in 1898 by A. J. Thurber for his variety and grocery store. The second floor has a large hall and has been used by several lodges over the years.

1898-1928 Thurber & Co. General Store,
Adoniram J. Thurber, prop.

1928-1982 Ben Franklin Variety Store,
J. K. Olds, 1st prop.
Arthur Brumwell, last prop.

1982-1990 Gallery Restaurant & Lounge,
Russell Myre, prop.

1990's Gleason & Co. Furniture showroom.

1994-1995 Clover Technology,
James Shifflebein, prop.

1996-2001 Home Mart Craft Mall,
John & Kathy Kennedy, props.

2001-2009 Country at Heart Antiques,
Roy & Diane Walker, props.

Roy & Diane (Gatz) Walker have a son Robert
and a daughter, Sandra, (Mrs. James Turay).

Second Floor

1898 M.W.A. Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America
1919-1940 I.O.O.F. Lodge and Delia Rebekah Lodge #597
1949-1957 Moose Lodge
1973-1991 Masonic Lodge # 417 and
Eastern Star Chapter #398

Researchera: Roy Walker, Leo Ingmanson, Brad Cresto, Sheila Wisneski, Nadine Morello, and Marianne Dahl

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY CURVES

466 Main Street



Pictured below:

Wiley Brothers Meats, early 1900's. Man, third from left, with moustache and white coat is Minor Wiley. His brothers, Al, Temp, and Jesse are also in white.



It's been said:

Elevated sidewalks were on Sample St to Bluff School, on Glen Avenue and on Washington Street.

Old Building

Unknown when built, it was Dr. James Montgomery's office for many years before he retired in 1896. It was destroyed by fire in 1898, at that time a jewelry store and an insurance office occupied the building.

1896 Dr. James Montgomery, office
1897-1898 H. J. Crawford Jeweler
1897-1898 Osborn Brothers,
Ins. & Real Estate Offices.

New Building

This two-story brick building was built in 1899, after a fire had destroyed the small wooden building that housed a jewelry store and an insurance office.

1899-1900 City Meat Market,
Minor Wiley & S. B. Ebersol, props.

1900-1906 Wiley Brothers Meats,
Minor & Albert Wiley, props.
(See photo at left center.)

1907-1917 Maud Hill's Bakery & Conf.

1917-1918 Sam Eppstein Bakery

1918-1924 Slor's Grocery Store, Wm. H. Slor, prop.

1924-1937 Piggly Wiggly Groceries,
Halbert Tummel, prop.

1938-1941 Boyd's Sweet Shop, also know as
Boyd's Ice Cream Bar,
Robert Boyd, prop.

1941-1963 Illinois Power Co., office

1965-1973 *The World-Press*, newspaper.

1966 W. F. Kasten Builders.

1966-1967 Mars Realty, Bill Scifers, prop.

1973 *The Marseilles Press*, office
David Davison & Ken Winston, pub.
Wm. Leahy, Mgr. Ed.

1976-1979 vacant.

1980-1983 No. 9, Pete Morello &
Mike Perona, props.

1983 Ball & Q, Douglas & Mary Clark, props.

1984 Brad's Place, Brad Caputo

1984-1985 Yardbird's, Tom & Sheila Redford, props.

1985-2005 Our Bar Tavern,
Brad Caputo & D. Neiman, props.
Neiman left business after 1985.

2006-2007 vacant

2008-2009 Curves, Gail Gander, prop.

2009 Curves, Jane Hardesty, prop.

Second Floor

1907 offices

1915-1917 Dr. H.W. Blankinship, osteopath

1936-1941 Dr. Ralph Ankeny, DDS

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THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY BEN'S ELECTRIC MACHINE WORKS

462 Main Street

This two-story brick building was built in 1892. Known as the Ruilson Building, it was the only brick building in the block when the August 8, 1893 fire struck. It stopped the fire from spreading further to the north. At the time of the fire the only first floor occupant was barber, Henry Wehrhane. He sold his business at this time and left town, but returned a couple of years later and opened a new shop.

- 1892-1893 Wehrhane Barber Shop,
Henry Wehrhane, prop.
- 1893-1904 Model Meat Market,
Albert L. Trager, prop.
- 1904-1919 Model Meat Market,
Richard T. White, prop.
- 1919-1920 Model Meat Mart,
Howard & Clarence Fewell, props.
- 1927-1929 F & M Grocery, Tom Story, mgr.
Pete Fassino & Joe Mareta , props.

One source has F & M starting here

- 1928-1934 Monarch Grocery & Meat Mart,
Richard T. White, prop.

Became a Gambles Store in June 1934 and believe it carried Gambles name and products until 1968. Verne Kiner sold Firestone Tires along with Gamble products, hence the name Firestone Store.

- 1934-1937 Gambles Store, Singer & Richerd, props
- 1937-1944 Gambles Store, Warren M. Singer, prop.
- 1944-1949 Kiner's Firestone Store,
Verne B. Kiner, prop.
- 1949-1952 Rose Firestone Store, Earl Rose, prop.
- 1952-1957 Brown's Firestone Store, D. Brown, prop.
- 1957 Allied Marine Sales & Service,
Ray Wernstrum, prop.
- 1958-1963 Ray's Gambles Store, Ray Harris, prop.
- 1964-1967 Gambles Store, Bob Smith, prop.
- 1966-1967 Alden Catalog Store (in Gambles Store)
- 1968-1979 Fox Valley Tire & App. Store,
LeRoy Forth, prop.
- 1979-2009 Ben's Electric Machine Works,
Ben Militello , prop.

Ben & Delata Militello have a son. Jim.

It's been said:

1st Commercial mining in Illinois was in Marseilles, in Richey's Ravine, now Gumm's Ravine, in 1849.



Second Floor

- 1893 Bell Club
- 1897 Geo. Peckham, Tailor Shop
- 1898 Volunteers of America
- 1898 Dr. William M. Patton, MD
- 1920's Doctor Offices



Pictured above:

View of the inside of the Fassino & Mareta (F&M) Grocery Store showing the line of refrigerated cases on the right.

THIS VIEW OF MAIN STREET PROUDLY SPONSORED BY BOBALUK'S BEEF & PIZZA

452 Main Street (Information on this page for left side of building)



Old Building

This one-story wood frame building was built prior to 1889 and housed the bakery of C. E. Heuerman, prior to the 1893 fire, which destroyed it. F. E. Daley may have had a candy store in this building, also.

1889-1893 C. E. Heuerman, Bakery & Restaurant.

New Building

A new two-story brick building, built by John Lord to accommodate his boot and shoe store, which he re-opened on November 15, 1893 in its new surroundings.

1893-1915 John Lord Boots & Shoes, John Lord, prop.

1915-1917 Lamkin's Shoe Shop, Jacob C. Lamkin, prop.

1917-1945 O. A. Kroehnke Jewelry Store,
Oscar A. Kroehnke, prop.
Began as Keeler & Kroehnke,
Keeler's name soon dropped from listing.

1924-1927 *Ottawa Free Trader*, office within store,
Vera Naretty, agent.

1934-1945 Dr. Taylor & Dr. Ruby, Optometrists
renting space within jewelry store

1945-1966 H. C. Moy, Jewelry Store,
Herbert C. Moy, prop.
From, at least, 1949-1966 it was Main
Street pick-up for Marseilles Cleaners.

1955-1959 Dr. Paul Cable, optometrist in store

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1967-1983 Daily Republican-Times Office
Vera Naretty, Geo. Stowell, agents.

1984 Penny Pincher, Second Hand Store

1985 B & J McLean Store, junk store

1985 Main Street Game Room,
Harold Carlson, prop.

1986-1987 Main Street Game, Brad Campbell, prop.

1988-2000 Calla's Antiques & Used Furniture,
also Oak Furniture,
Robert R. Callahan, prop.

2000-2001 Ice Cream Palace

2006-2009 Bobaluk's Dining Room,
Mike & Bob Kaminski, props.

Second Floor

1893-1907 I.O.O.F. Odd Fellows Lodge

1923 Christian Science Church

1923 Marmor Tailor,

1940-1944 T. F. Taylor, optometrist

1949 Used Furniture Store

It's been said:

John Lord opened his shoe shop here in 1893, after the Main Street fire destroyed his old shop at 442 Main Street. Dorothy Gemberling's mother used to tell her: "In those days, you went to the LORD to save your SOLE".