

October 2016 Historian Report
For November Town & Village Board Members, Supervisor Martha, & Mayor Mike
From Marybelle Beigh, Westfield Historian

Historian Activities During October 2016:

- BeeLines articles researched, written, and published with related photos in Westfield Republican during October 2016:
 1. Lake Erie Shoreline “Harbors” Fascinating Histories – about Edgewater Tourist Camp that preceded Edgewater Condominium Community, and was the site of some Prohibition-era Rum-Running prior to being a campsite/beach; illustrated by a postcard of Edgewater Tourist Camp circa 1960-1980
 2. Peacock Field in Westfield – reviewing a special event at the conclusion of WWI which included plane rides and stunts over Westfield throughout the event including Dr. Charles Welch; illustrated by an 1880-era map that identifies the likely location of Peacock Field on North Portage about where the Thruway now runs through.
 3. Surprise discovery of previously unknown beach and creek names along the Lake Shore in Westfield; illustrated by some postcards showing Wilson’s Beach and Forest Park Beach being one and the same beach (and photo) although a decade apart in publication of postcard. Facebook Historian Page also included a postcard of Noble’s Beach, yet another decade earlier, but same location as Wilson’s/Forest Park Beach. Interestingly, two other beaches were also named Wilson’s and Noble’s beach – further west. A copy of this article will be provided to the Town office for information about the earlier names for several creeks including Vorce and Freeling’s Creeks.
 4. Maple Grove aka Peacock Grove & Big Tree at Barcelona, illustrated by circa 1910 postcards for each of these, and documented by old WR articles from late 1800s and early 1900s.
- Contacted by a woman who is the biological sister of David Anderson, my step brother, who was killed in the Vietnam War and whose portrait hung in Eason Hall for about 10 years after being drawn by a war buddy and presented to David’s father, the late Burdette Anderson at a special memorial service for David Anderson at Westfield Cemetery in September 2005. Living family members of David Anderson are unanimous in choosing to present the drawing to his sister, who is overwhelmed with gratitude. (I have been blessed, once again, in my historian position by being able to connect long-lost relatives with each other!)