

FEBRUARY 2020



# The Conductor

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*The Official Newsletter of Durand Union Station Inc.*



**NORMA WARD, 1924 - 2020**

Thank you, Norma.

For everything.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Durand Union Station's Annual Meeting takes place on Sunday, April 5th at 2 PM. The meeting will recap the events of 2019, discuss our vision for 2020 and beyond, and hold our board elections. The election for the board of directors is for a variety of unopposed candidates: Mike Rexin for President, Dave Harrell for Secretary, and Denny McLane and Madeline Dietrich for At Large positions.

The Annual Meeting is a pot luck and all DUSI members are invited to attend and also to bring a dish to pass.

The meeting also serves to celebrate our wonderful volunteers, who generously donate so much of their time, work, and expertise to the Depot and its programming. The board also awards the Volunteer of the Year Award at this meeting.

In 2019, DUSI saw over 6,770 hours in volunteer time donated, which is valued at \$170,381.00!

## 2020 RAILROAD PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are now available at: Durand Union Station, online at [www.durandstation.org](http://www.durandstation.org), Durand City Hall, and the Durand Memorial Branch of the Shiawassee District Library. Nominations are due no later than March 1, 2020, for consideration by a selection committee (composed of former Railroad Persons of the Year) which will choose this year's honoree. To be nominated a person must be working, or have worked, for a railroad company from the surrounding Durand area. Community and church service will also be a consideration.

The Railroad Person of the Year is sponsored by Durand Union Station, Inc., in conjunction with the Durand Railroad Days Festival, to be held May 14, 15, 16, and 17 of 2020.

Friday evening, May 15, there will be an Honoring Ceremony for this year's Railroad Person of the Year. The honoree will also ride in the Railroad Days Festival Parade on Saturday, May 16.

## RAILSTREAM WEBCAMS

Durand Union Station is part of an online webcam service called Railstream!

Located online at [railstream.net](http://railstream.net), subscribers can watch live feeds of Durand's famous railway diamond 24/7! The monthly fee is \$12.99 a month.

Railstream is administered by Mike Kisser, who grew up railfanning at the Depot. He now works for Wayne State University.



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

2PM – 4PM

# SPRING TEA AT DURAND UNION STATION

Guest Speaker

**Elizabeth Wehman**

Elizabeth Wehman is an inspirational writer of contemporary and historical fiction based on Michigan settings. For the past 23 years,

Elizabeth has researched, studied and attended several writing conferences to better learn her craft. To date, Elizabeth has written five novels and contributed to two anthologies. Elizabeth will speak on county history and her newest book, "The Year the Stars Fell", a fictional story based on the history of Shiawassee County.

*Make your reservation today*

*\$20.00 per person*

*"Basket" raffle tickets will be sold at door*

*Seating is limited to 100*

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## Thank you to our 2019 Sustaining Members!

Andrew Messina  
Dr. Rajiva Tirtha  
Cliff Semple  
Todd Acker  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter  
Hollinshead  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Martin Rowell  
Indian Trails Inc  
Shaw's Pharmacy  
JW Lyon

Lifetime Member:  
Mr. Stan Dungerow

**INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING A  
SUSTAINING  
MEMBER?**

**CONTACT THE  
OFFICE AT 989-  
288-3561 TO FIND  
OUT MORE!**

## CN RAILROADERS IN THE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR  
DONATING YOUR  
TIME AND GRANT  
FUNDING.

SCOTT SMITH  
JERRY MOWEN  
DON GRAY  
DAVE LEWIS  
JIM VANDENDRIES  
ROD BAKER



## SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS AT DURAND UNION STATION

Are you interested in being a volunteer at DUSI? We are looking for individuals who would like to help in the archives, office, library, gift shop, information desk, groundskeeping or would like to be a docent! Please call the office at (989) 288-3561 for more information.

Become a member of Durand Union Station Inc. !

Members have the benefits of a 10% giftshop discount, voting privileges for board members, extra chances to win money at our annual fall raffle, and advance notice of Depot events.



**free to  
the  
public**

DONATIONS WELCOME



**Tuesday Night  
Bluegrass Jam**

**Durand Union  
Station's**

# **BLUEGRASS JAM II**

**Musicians encouraged to join in  
200 Railroad Street, Durand  
Michigan**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH  
6PM TO 8PM  
SNACKS & 50/50**

FEATURING THE  
MICHIGAN  
BLUEGRASS  
MUSICIANS  
ASSOCIATION

## FEBRUARY FLASHBACK



February 20, 1852

The Michigan Southern becomes the first railroad in Michigan to run train service to Chicago, beating the Michigan Central by two months. The Grand Trunk, in comparison, did not reach Chicago until 1856. The GTW line that runs through Durand was not completed until 1880.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT DURAND UNION STATION

- Wed., Feb. 26th: Winter Market Wednesday, 2-6pm
- Thurs., Feb. 27th: Self-Publishing Workshop w/ Beth Wehman
- Wed., Mar. 11th: Winter Market Wednesday, 2-6pm
- Sat., Mar. 21st: Pottery Class w/ Danielle Hawkins, 1-3pm
- Tues., Mar. 24th: Bluegrass Jam II, 6-8pm
- Wed., Mar. 25th: Winter Market Wednesday, 2-6pm
- Thurs., Mar. 26th: Kids' Night at the Museum II, 6-8pm
- Thurs., Apr. 2nd: Euchre Night, 6-9:30pm
- Sun., Apr. 5th: DUSI Annual Meeting, 2pm
- Wed., Apr. 8th: Winter Market Wednesday, 2-6pm
- Sun., Apr. 26th: Spring Tea, 2pm
- May 15th-17th: Railroad Days 2020

For More Information Call 989-288-3561

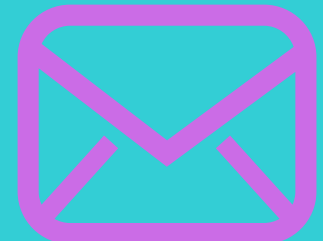
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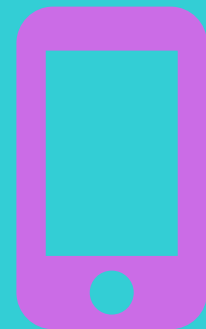
  
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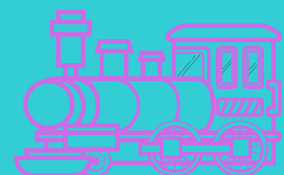
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Free to the Public

# KID'S NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM II

Thomas train table - LEGO construction table -  
Switch Mario Kart and Smash Bros (BYO  
Controller) - Arts and Crafts - Movie

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

6 pm to 8 pm

Durand Union Station

