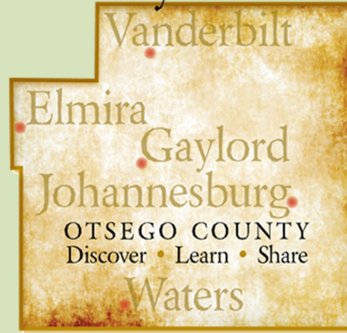


# History Matters



Update # 4

January 27, 2018



This Update will focus on one topic – the Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Sanatorium ... later known as the Gaylord State Home and then Alpine Center. . The first tuberculosis patient was admitted on November 24, 1937. The facility is located on 160 acres in section 27 of Livingston Township.

Betty Moore (photo to the left) recently donated her father's bow tie that he wore when he worked at the TB Sanatorium in the 1940s. Burton Hitchcock was an attendant nurse and Betty's mother, Eunice, worked in housekeeping. The plastic bow tie and photo provide tangible links to our past. Thank you Betty!

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1. The complex of buildings was constructed during the Great Depression by the Public Works Administration – later the WPA.
2. A series of six articles on the history of the TB Sanatorium was published in the institution's newsletter, the Northern Breeze. Dr. Joseph Egle, Medical Superintendent, describes the first 10 years.
3. Marge Ward, who served as communications director, wrote a brief update in 1992. You can read it on pages 70-71 of "A Step Back In Time" Volume 2 ... on sale at the Museum.



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1. "It's All in the Family": Cathy O'Connor's father, Richard Diebold, hired into the maintenance department at the Gaylord State Home as a general laborer in August, 1969. He worked in the department for 13 years and was the Maintenance Superintendent at the Alpine Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities when the building closed on October 31, 1982. Cathy is the MSU Extension office manager and her office is on the top floor of the Alpine Center.
2. Marilyn Crawford's mother, Dr. Mary B. Wizer, was a physician at the Gaylord State Home from 1963 – 1969. The family of 7 lived in the triplex shown below. ↓ Marilyn is helping us research the history of the Alpine Center – which will include her mother's role in introducing new techniques that improved the patients' quality of life.

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1. The state facility closed in 1981 and was sold the next year to Otsego County for \$1. Renamed the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center in 1992, it is now the location of various state & county offices, court system, health department, Gaylord High School, and University Center Gaylord & Kirtland MTEC.
2. Do you have photos of the TB San / Alpine Center to **Share**? The panoramic photo below was scanned at Dunn's Business Solutions for less than \$3. This makes it possible to get digital copies too big for our scanner at the Museum.

