

THE RED BRICK FARMHOUSE
5280 STANTON BLVD, MONTAGUE

Kim Burck was living in Danville, IL raising a family of 2 boys and was working as an insurance agent. She had discovered the White Lake area and western Michigan and liked it's unique environmental and landscape amenities. In 2006 she saw and liked the old red brick farmhouse. She made an offer on this property in January 2007 and purchased the property in May 2008. The previous owners and occupants were Jason Zamojcin and Rebecca Vohs and their four children. We'll hear from them at our meeting and learn more of their improvements at the property.

The red brick farmhouse had been known as "THE CRANES NEST" and owned by Frank Crane, a manager at Montgomery Wards in Chicago. Another Montgomery Ward manager was HC Leichsenring who purchased an adjacent farm now owned by the Whitney_O'Connell family. Montgomery Ward employees were encouraged to come to White Lake for summer vacations. The "CRANE'S NEST" was a place to visit and stay. Much information about these times can be read about in Dan Yake's "Cross River Rivals" book, volumes I and II. Interesting reading. Frank Crane, after leaving the "CRANE'S NEST" purchased another unique house "VALLEY VIEW" at 8411 Old Channel Trail. We'll meet at this property at our next summer meeting on Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m.

Roger Scharmer 2022