

# City of Plainwell

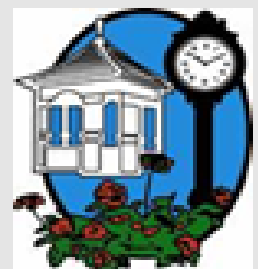
## Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony for the Plainwell Paper Company

Saturday, Oct. 17 2015

10:15 a.m.

City Hall

211 N. Main St.



## Michigan Paper Mill Company Mill

On January 26, 1886 twenty-five businessmen founded the Michigan Paper Company. Daniel Albertson, a mill designer from Kalamazoo, built the mill complex using slow-burn construction methods. Supports were made of concrete, steel or timber. If ignited, the heavy timber floors would also burn slowly. Production began in August 1887. During the next twenty years, the number of buildings here doubled. By 1912, the company had added two more 130-foot machines. Production grew from eight tons to fifty tons daily. Ownership changed through the years until 2000, when the mill closed. In 2006, the City of Plainwell acquired the 36-acre site. In 2011, the Michigan Paper Company Mill Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



## **Dedication Ceremony**

**Welcome** Mayor Rick Brooks

### **National Anthem**

Misti Bennett, Liz Burch, Casey Cowels, Lindsay DeVisser

Members of the Plainwell High School Choir

### **Speakers:**

Jim Higgs — Former Mayor (1976-1978 1980-1984)

Mayor Rick Brooks (2000 — Present)

### **Dedication of the Marker:**

**Tom Truscott**, Michigan Historical Commission, an advisory board that supports the Michigan Historical Center, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

### **Unveiling of the Marker**

Mayor Rick Brooks

Roger Keeney, Council Member

Refreshments will follow inside City Hall Council Chambers. Feel free to browse the History on the walls of the Council Chambers, and view the artists installations “Exposure Pathways” and “After Operations” that are on display back in the Mill.



Then and Now







From left to right: Mayor Richard Brooks, Councilmen Roger Keeney, Councilmen Brad Keeler, and Tom Truscott