

Who are you and where are you from? I am Sandra Pietro and I am from Green Creek.

What was it like for you growing up as a child? Well I guess its somewhat the same as what most of the other kids did growing up. I didn't do the same things you do .We didn't have t.v.when I was real young, we played outside a lot.

What kind of games did you play? We played tag and hide and seek and a lot of winter games like ice skating and king on the castle. In the summer they played kick the can, and played jacks and marbles, and some board games.

Where did you go to school? I went to North lake for elementary school, then I went to national mine school and I graduated from there.

What are your best memories of school? Well I liked being in my junior class play and my senior class play. I really enjoyed being in chorus, and mixed chorus, and girls chorus. I have a lot of really good memories of school because it was such a small school and everyone who went there was really good friends at school but most of us hung around together after school and on weekends.

Did you have and brothers or sisters? I have one half brother.

Did he go to your school? Yes he did be hes a lot younger than I am.

How did you family cook and eat. What did you cook on? When I was a very young child we had a wood stove, and of course we didn't have a refrigerator we had and ice box. So we didn't have a lot of perishable foods. A lot of people also did home canning. We didn't have any of the things that are standard for your diet like frozen pizzas or t.v. dinners. Everything was cooked from scratch. Then when I was I little bit older we got an electric range, but of course it was nothing like microwaves.

What was transportation like back then? Well we had a car. Most families had a car but not many had more than one. Like nowadays most families have several cars. Even as a teenager I didn't have a car of my own. I didn't get to use the family car very often because it was the only vehicle we had. We also took the train to milwaukee at least once a year, and I took a train to California after I graduated from high school. Train travel was really fun. Especially travelling to California because it took three days and three nights. At the particular time the train I was on was a brand new train called a vista cruiser that had a domed clear top so you could see your surroundings. It was really quite an experience because you got to see everything that was on the way. What other states have you lived in? I was born in Wisconsin, but I don't remember that very well because I was very young when I moved to Michigan. Then I moved to California after

graduation. Then I moved to Montana after I got married. Then I moved back to Michigan and I have lived here ever since. What jobs have you had over the past? When I was single I worked as a part time sales clerk at the Newberry store during high school, then after high school when I moved to California were I worked in a dress shop then I became a file clerk. Then when I moved back Michigan I worked as a hostess in a dining room at the Mather Inn. Then I went to work at the style shop as a sales clerk. Then I got married and didn't work outside of the home after that, until now I am in food preparation, I do prep cooking. Do you have any children? Yes I have five children. What was it like raising them? It was hard. Probably the hardest job I have ever had, but rewarding. It was probably somewhat different than raising kids now. First of all when I was raising my kids we didn't live in town we lived in the country so most of their time was spent at home. They didn't have as much freedom as kids nowadays do. It was different, it wasn't as fast pace as it is now. I don't think there was as much pressure on them as there was for this generation. Have you seen technological changes over the years in the jobs that you have done and in transportation? Almost in everything. Well a lot of things I can think of are from when I was a young child. We didn't have a t.v. until I was about ten years old. Even then the picture was badly distored unlike now you can watch a movie perfectly without any interference at all. You can watch all the world events on t.v., you don't ever have to read the newspaper if you so choose. You can even watch wars being fought on t.v. You can watch a president being impeached on t.v. Computers are probably the biggest change I have seen. Now if you want anything all you have to do is surf the net and find it. That certainly was not something we could have done. Even when I was real young we didn't even have a phone. As for transportation trains are almost non-existent. If people want to get to another part of the country all they have to do is fly. Unlike in the past when it took a couple days to travel across country. When I was growing up at home we sometimes went for a car trip up to the copper country and even that took all day.