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Historical Quilt

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The historical quilt shown here was created by Cobblestone Girl Scout Troop 2183, highlighting times and events from the Village of Albion's past 175 years.

The four girls who've been working on this project are Nicole Pahura, Lynn Metcalf, Jenn Restivo and Katie Keeler. Their troop leader is Deborah Pahura.

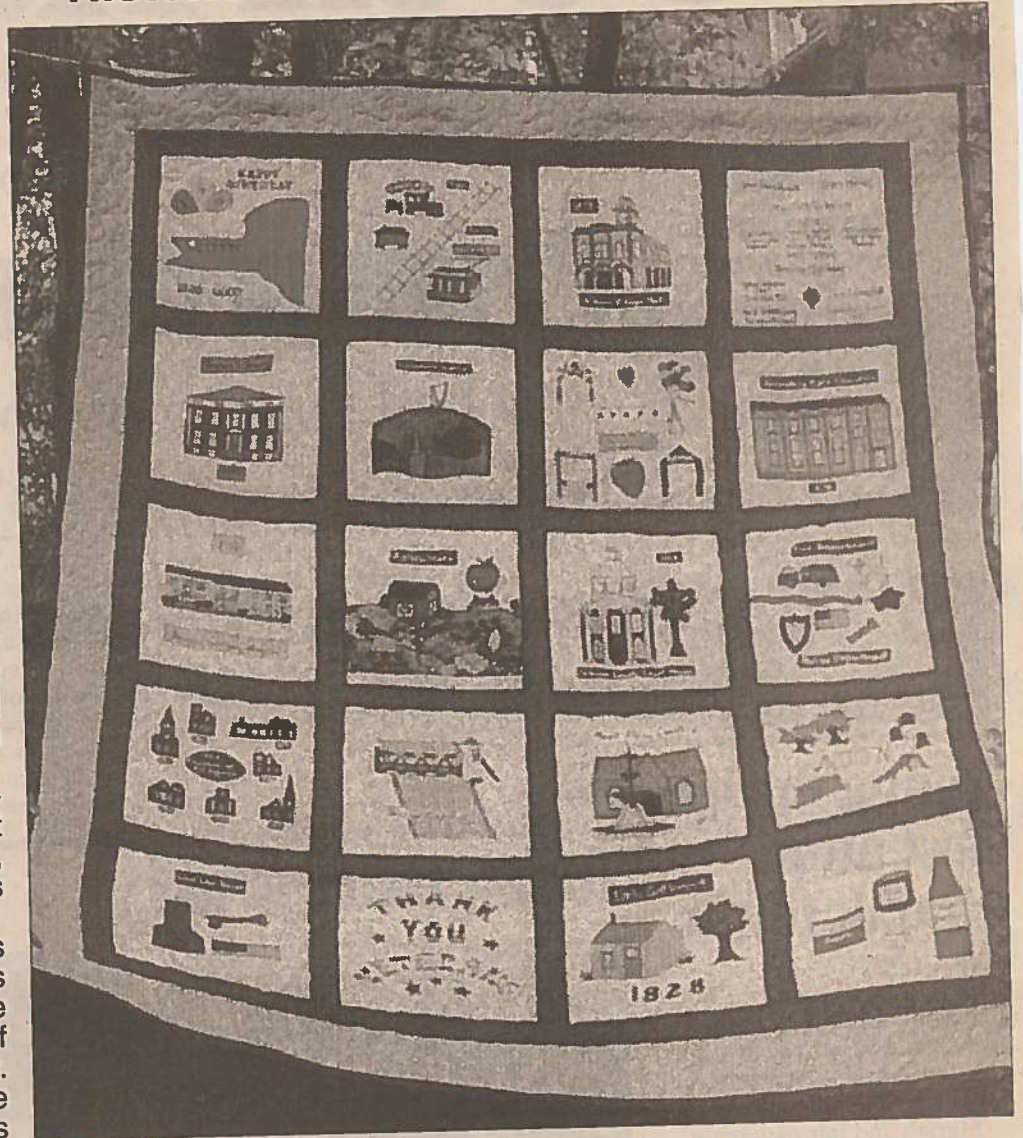
The quilt will be displayed June 13 at Pullman Memorial Universalist Church during the annual history program presented by Village Historian Neil Johnson and County Historian Bill Lattin.

The program, which traditionally has been part of the Strawberry Festival, will open at 7 p.m. with organ selections by Diana Dudley, followed at 7:30 p.m. with the four Girl Scouts talking about their project. Johnson and Lattin will elaborate on the various subjects depicted in the quilt.

The Village of Albion was incorporated in April 1828, making it now 175 years old. Later in July, an event will take place noting this milestone of history.

The quilt consists of 20 squares with pictures which tell Albion's highlights of history. However, one square is devoted to recognition of those who supported this project. Names here include Barre Stone Products, Dale's Market, Orleans County Quilter's Guild, Catholic Daughters Court St. Joseph's 953, Swan Library staff, ARC of Orleans County Rainbow Pre-School, Cobblestone Service Unit, Neil Johnson and C. W. Lattin.

Subjects in the other 19 squares are: secondary education, food processing, Arnold Gregory Hospital, Swan Library, tribute to Albion New York State map, Mount



Albion Cemetery, railroad/trolley, agriculture, Albion Village Hall, Orleans County Court House, the Barge Canal, Albion Strawberry Festival, sandstone quarries, Civil War Tower, fire/police department, early settlement, Bullard Park, veterans and churches.

The quilt is exquisite. The girls can be very proud of their project

and I know they appreciated help received from Judy Manley in the quilting process.

It is anticipated that in due time the quilt will find a permanent home in a public building somewhere in the village.

Well done, Girl Scout Troop 2183.