

The End of the 20th Century

The 1980 census showed 6,141, an increase of 641. The trend was for larger and more expensive homes. Many of the homes were being built on 5 and 10-acre sites and in subdivisions with large lots. Land use studies became a priority. Growth was low for this decade. The 1990 census showed a 10-year growth of only 132, the smallest growth since 1920.

In the village area, drinking water became questionable when a leak was discovered at one of the local service stations. In 1994, a water district was established and the Township's water system was constructed with State funds at no cost to property owners. Township wells were located some two miles from the village on South Stoney Lake Road. Columbia Township established a sewer district at Clarklake and petitioned Napoleon Township to run a transmission line up South Stoney Lake and Napoleon Roads to the Leoni treatment center. Napoleon Township approved the request and was extended the opportunity to connect to the line. The Napoleon Schools, with almost all of their operation in the Village area, installed a connector line west on M-50 to Napoleon Road. Many others have since connected to the line. Wolf Lake area residents and residents of a portion of the village petitioned the Township Board to install Sewers and projects were established to complete them by 2002. The project in the Big

Wolf Lake area was joint with Grass Lake Township. At their completion in 2002, Big Wolf and Olcott and Little Wolf Lakes and most of the village will be served by sewers.