

Cass River Trailhead Park



Bridgeport Oil and Gas History



c. 1960. Pictured: Bruce Popp, Les Hamann, Walt Prueter



Bridgeport Oil & Gas Co. in the 1970's

Bridgeport Oil & Gas opened its doors in 1937 by Mr. Herman Haas and Mr. Walter Preuter. It was a full-service gas station in which provided general auto repair and supplied fuel for vehicles and homes. In 1947 a gentleman by the name of Leslie A. Hamann started his employment at the station as a truck driver delivering fuel oil and gasoline to the community. Through his travels Les, as he became known by in the Bridgeport – Spaulding community became very well liked, a trademark, and a person who could be depended on.

In July 1958, Les took a lease on the business for a five-year period. During this time, he took on the task of not only working the station but book keeping, accounting, and managing. In July 1963, the lease expired and he decided to purchase Bridgeport Oil & Gas from Mr. Herman Haas. He was the sole proprietor for the next 13 years until he closed the doors to the station on September 17, 1976.



Walt Prueter



Tom Karaba, Les Hamann, Elsie Hamann, Bill Van Wormer



Les Hamann at candy counter, 1970



Bridgeport Oil & Gas Co. in 1976

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