The former Pleasant View School, District No. 3, was in session from 1866 to 1963. Another of the areas fine stone buildings, it was built by William Plucker; stone was quarried on the Ela farm.

One special person, Ben Schade was a graduate of Pleasant View and later served on the school board for many years. He lived just west of the school and on August 13, 1954, Ben noticed a fire at the school. Records and registers dating back to 1862 were in danger of being destroyed. Ben put out the fire and salvaged as much as he could; those records and registers are now in the Parkside archives.

In 1963, it was converted into a residence, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Brausch.

Rochester Cemetery is a peaceful place any time of the year, but aflame with fall maples is a balm to eye and spirit.

Names found in the cemetery attest to the English ancestry of the early settlers: Belden, Hoyt, Atkinson, Russell, Caty, Healy, Hulburd, Adams, Palmer, Frost.

Rochester's long tradition of Memorial Day started in the cemetery in 1867, when J.D. Wright decorated the cemetery with flowers to honor his brother Joseph and other casualties of the Civil War. Fourteen soldiers of the Civil War from Rochester are honored every year, along with all veterans from all the other wars we have been involved in. Three from the War of 1812, one from the Battle of Waterloo and one who witnessed the Charge of the Light Brigade.

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