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The Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) Newsletter

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Oakland County, Michigan

Ft. Wayne or Bust!

OTHS and RAHS have teamed up to offer a joint bus tour to a place on both Society lists for some time... **historic Ft. Wayne Detroit!** Both Societies have hosted recent membership programs about this historic Michigan location right here in metro Detroit. Under restoration over the years, this fort figures into our War of 1812 history and right up to U.S Army inductions during the 1960s— the War in Vietnam.

We have reserved the Oakland County bus for the day trip which includes not only tours of the Fort itself but a vintage Base Ball game between our own Rochester Grangers and the Detroit Early Risers. Sunday June 30 the bus leaves at 10am until 5pm. Payment of \$35 will get you a reserved seat, tour and a BBQ with the teams after the game!

Call OTHS at 248-693-8660 for more information.

Limited seating, going fast!

Donations...YES,

Save your *Oakland Township* family heirlooms, documents, photographs, artifacts, ephemera and donate them to OTHS!

We are interested!!!

Whatever defines the Township.

Call Diana Borrusch at 248-693-8660, or email dianaonths74@comcast.net.



OTHS interviews Evan Williams (lower center) who lived at CLF in his early life in Michigan. CLF Main House before restoration.

OTHS photo 2003

Coming up next... CLF Potluck!

Our next membership meeting, Wednesday June 5, 6:30pm

CLF Remembered Annual Meeting, Elections, Potluck.

Join our Society at our annual potluck in June at Cranberry Lake Farm - the barn. Herald-ing summer, we start the sea-son outside, around and in the 1879 Barn at 384 W. Predmore Road.

After dinner, our program *CLF Remembered* will feature former tenants and neighbors telling us about the historic Cranberry Lake Farmstead at 384 W. Predmore. Michigan.

David and Bonnie Mackley and former residents will speak about the farm.

Bring a dish to pass and place settings.

Questions, 248-693-8660.

Friday June 14, 6:30pm. Flag Day at CLF!

The Society will host building tours and sell ice cream before the Parks and Recreation Commission's first summer concert this season. Free and bring a chair. Flag ceremony starts the event to honor Flag Day. Watch for summer activities at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Historic Districts Commission too. *Visit our website too!*

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Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District..... news

The Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is located at 384 W. Predmore Road just west of Rochester Road and is 16 acres of the township's Cranberry Lake Park.

OTHS continues to organize, assess and label all their collections in the **Archives Room** of the CLF Main House.

OTHS has a goal to contribute CLF support for programs and events at Cranberry Lake Farm. We partner with the Historic District Commission (HDC) on events, providing hosting services, refreshments, tours and information about the farmstead. This summer OTHS will participate in the HDC / PRC **Flag Day Concert** on Friday June 14. The new silo roof will be celebrated too.

The Society will also host a tour for the **Cub Scout Day Camp** at CLF planned for June.

Watch for HDC hosted square dances and for **Down on the Farm** on Saturday August 4.

The Society offers trained docents for **tours** of the farm buildings by appointment. We have had many visitors in the last several years who enjoy the varied history of the farm. Call us at 248-693-8660 to arrange a tour. We love to show it off in summer! *Learn to be a docent!*

Enjoy this premier heritage site with all its attractions, both natural and historic.

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* for its importance to our local history and has a Michigan Historical Marker onsite as well.

Cranberry Lake Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, but events open the buildings for the *full experience*.

*It's our History.....
Enjoy it this summer at CLF!*



Updated and new OTHS Note Cards for Sale

Our devoted local artist Lyn Sieffert has created some additions to our note card line that offer more of the township's historic resources! 16 of them!

Send a note and promote Oakland Township historic resources at the same time!

\$1.25 each with matching envelope. Shipping by mail extra. Order by emailing your detailed request to othsmember@comcast.net or call Sue Fox at 248-693-9646. *Thank you!*

Historic Goodison News

OTHS has documented two additions suggested to the Planning Commission to be added to the Goodison Sub Area Plan at the Public Hearing on May 7. First, add the restoration of the mill-race, waterwheel, fore bay and pond at the Paint Creek Mill to the Plan.

Second add a larger community outdoor gathering place in Goodison to the Plan.

The Planning Commission took all comments and will review them for consideration in the final Goodison Sub Area Plan.

Watch for more information as the Plan moves through the process for adoption. We expect to have a role in the Plan's implementation.

OTHS continues to work on having a presence in historic Goodison at some location.

Barn on the Move goes to statewide Conference

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network holds the annual statewide preservation conference each year in May. This year the conference was held in Marquette, and included a *Preservation Film Festival* for the first time. *Barn on the Move* proved to be a hit with audiences at the conference. "Best movie submitted this year", said Scott Slagor (MSHDA) the Festival coordinator. "We loved the ending!" Films included lighthouse stories, building restorations with students and more. *Barn on the Move* was noticed by Steve Stier as well who was attending the conference and heard his voice amplified in the next room. He was very pleased. It was the only 'barn' movie. — Janine Saputo, MHPN member.

Society News and Information.....



Our Society elections

Open board positions at the annual meeting in June include:
Vice President, 2 years
Treasurer, 2 years

Our *Nominations Committee* is looking ahead to annual elections in June to fill two important board positions.

Ready to serve on this active board and contribute to Oakland Township's historic preservation efforts? This is the place! We work on some interesting and fun projects with great results!

Can you serve on our CLF Support Committee? Help plan events and programs? Or be a CLF docent and give site tours? Help sell ice cream at events? Easy summer job! It all helps OTHS continue preservation.

Call Dave Phillips(248-651-2940) or email him at davidaphillips59@yahoo.com
We Need You!

OTHS joins SPOOM!

SPOOM is the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills.

The Society has joined SPOOM to contribute to the Rochester area hosting of the annual SPOOM conference in late October 2014. SPOOM includes members from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. The membership gathers for sessions on the history of milling, tours of historic mills (we have some to show them!) and networking in mill towns. SE Michigan has many 'mill towns' and local organizations are participating in planning and setting up the conference schedule of events.

SPOOM's 2013 conference is being held in Jasper, Indiana soon and representatives will attend to learn more.

Visit www.spoom.org for more information about preserving old mills. The next conference planning meeting is Mon. June 24, 7pm at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

For more information contact Debbie Remer at dremer5337@comcast.net.

OTHS Dues for 2013—2014!

Now is the time to renew your membership or join OTHS!

The Society annual dues remain the same amount for this coming year.

Please check your membership and renew by June 30!

Consider adding a donation to continue our preservation efforts, education and projects!

Leadership, but do we need You!!!

Board of Directors: 2012-2013

Co-Presidents: Colleen Barkham,
Janine Saputo

Vice-President: JoAnn Kelly Bourez

Treasurer: Bill Kroger

Recording Secretary: Sue Fox

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Phillips

Board Members:

Tom Asmus, Diane Bennett

Dave Phillips, Mary Tischler and
Christina Wolf

Past President: Diana Borrusch

News Editor: Janine Saputo

OTHS established in 1974.

OTHS Membership....Join Us!

Monthly Membership Meetings are the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Board Meetings are the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Please complete this form and mail with payment for dues made to: OTHS, Oakland Township Historical Society, 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363
Information at 248-693-8660, www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Annual Dues: Individual-\$18.00, Family-.\$25.00, Patron-\$50.00, Business- \$100.

Note: Dues cover the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____ email: _____

Looking for Oakland Township History?

The Civil War era

The Society held a very successful Civil War bus tour of the township in September 2012. The resulting tour booklet has become a noteworthy driving tour we all can enjoy. OTHS is selling this booklet, at \$4.00 a copy. Get your Civil War 150 year copy!

Our rural history...

Visit CLF to see the silo restored with a new reproduction silo roof. Yes it is rusting already by design.

Barn on the Move DVD. The story of our 1879 Flumerfelt barn, restored. \$10. Buy it at our events!

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

The best local selection yet!

Greater Rochester Heritage Days
Memorial Day weekend Sat./Sun.

Rochester Municipal Park

Downtown Rochester, MI.

Plants, garden books, more!

Come see us before you plant this spring!

Email us if you wish to receive this newsletter by email!

Save time and expense!

Programs and Events, *make a note of them.*

June 6/5/2013	<i>CLF Remembered,</i> Annual meeting, elections, Potluck dinner.	CLF 1879 Barn, 384 W. Predmore 6:30 p.m.
June 6/14/2013	<i>HDC U.S. Flag Day, tours</i> <i>CLF Silo Celebration</i> <i>Parks Summer Concert</i>	CLF Historic District 384 W. Predmore 5:00 p.m.
July	We take a month off!	Enjoy summer in Oakland Township!
August 8/4/2013	<i>Down on the Farm 2013</i> HDC event	CLF Historic District 384 W. Predmore 11 am—2pm

Join us!

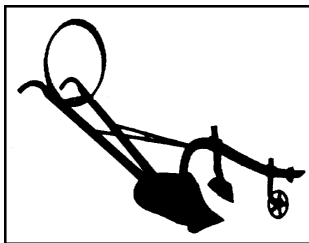
Donations accepted.

CLF MAIN HOUSE, is *Cranberry Lake Farm Main House and 1879 barn* at 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland. On Predmore Road, just one quarter mile west of Rochester Road in northern Oakland Township, northern Oakland County, Michigan. Michigan Historical Marker site.

Rochester School closings for weather force rescheduling.
Membership meeting are free and open to the public.

Mission Statement: OTHS is dedicated to gathering, interpreting and preserving the history of Oakland Township.

It's your memory, it's our history, it's worth preserving!



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