

# Oakland Heritage News

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## Heritage and Civil War Bus Tour *take a ride with us*

Join us Saturday September 22 for a *guided bus tour of historic Oakland Township* as we take you back to the time of the Civil War in the 1860s. Learn about the families of the township and their contributions to the war. The tour features Goodison's Paint Creek United Methodist Church and historic cemetery, and the noteworthy Anderson Homestead. Along the tour route we will drive by and discuss the Braid Farm, Redfield House and other historic sites from the era. Your tour begins at 10am at Paint Creek Church in Goodison with coffee and refreshments. Box lunch at historic Cranberry Lake Farm included. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call 248-693-8660 or 248-651-7526 to purchase tickets. Reserve now to get your seat on the bus! A new event!

**Goodison, our history  
centers on the Mill  
OTHS Heritage Exhibit 2**

**on display at  
OPC  
Letica Drive, Rochester**

8/28/2012 to 9/17/2012

## War of 1812, A U.S. Marine reports...

*Starting our new season of annual programs on Wednesday evening **September 5** we commemorate the War of 1812 with uniformed re-enactor *Joe Toth of Oakland Township.**

Toth presents in full 1812 U.S. Marine uniform complete with firearm to tell us about how Michigan was involved in this conflict. He has the dates and details. Will he fire his weapon? Join our potluck dinner at our Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District that night as well. It all starts at 6:30 pm at the Farm at 384 W. Predmore Road. Beverages provided. No charge. Please bring a dish to pass! Plenty of parking!

**October 6** we visit our own historic *Paint Creek Cemetery on tour* to learn about Civil War connections to our township residents and see



their burial sites. Michigan Civil War speaker Jack Dempsey joins us. On **November 7** the Society hosts a presentation on the *famous historic churches of Detroit at Cranberry Lake Farm.* Join us on **December 5** for our holiday program at historic Paint Creek Church Fellowship Hall. See our program/event schedule for more details online. See you there!  
*Diana Borrusch, Program Committee Chairperson.*

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## Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District..... news

**T**he Historic District Commission Operating Fund Millage, the township millage that pays for Cranberry Lake Farm restoration, maintenance and other projects about our township heritage, passed again for 10 year renewal on the August 7 ballot !

This millage is a small amount that gives back BIG to the township. You see it right here in the township in the Michigan Historical Markers, the documentation of our history and the substantial restoration of the 16 acres historic Axford-Coffin Farm at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District in the township park at 384 W. Predmore Road. This site 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.

*Farmstead Silo roof replaced!* It has taken some time and effort but the farm silo finally is about to be put in place since it fell in years ago. The HDC working with Tammis Donaldson, preservation architect with *Ekocite*, and G.A. Frisch metal workers, created the metal replacement roof and will lift it into place this fall. Original slats were used as patterns for the new roof structure. The roof will be bolted into place to secure it from weather effects. A finishing touch on the historic farmstead to be sure!

Cranberry Lake Farm, with fully restored buildings has been an active outdoor

place this summer with a Parks and Receptions concert, nature programs and the Historic District Commission heritage events in June, July and August! You could walk, hike, dine, enjoy music, sing and even dance here this summer! The Society volunteers for these events and more and offers building tours as well.

The *Society* continues to use the Main House and the 1879 Barn venues for our membership programs this season and into the future.

Be sure to watch for coming programs and events at Cranberry Lake Farm and enjoy this premier heritage site with all its attractions, both natural and historic.

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

*It's our History.....*

## Special Events

this fall...

### Goodison Good Tymes 9/15

The Society will have booths demonstrating historic toys, hosting historic displays about our township and offering unique gifts from Township heritage. **Goodison Good Tymes** is on Saturday September 15 from 10am to 2pm. That's at Bear Creek Park on W. Gunn Road. Another former historic farm location in our township.

### Heritage and Civil War Bus

**Tour** of the township. **9/22** See the front page article. Purchase a ticket and join us on the ride! Reservations are required Limited bus seating.

### Oakland Township in Cider Season starts any day now...

Historic Goodison comes alive in cider season starting in September. Watch those leaves turn and celebrate autumn in historic Goodison. Walk to all the historic sites with our *Goodison Walking Tour Brochure*. Picnic with your cider and donuts at the Paint Creek Cider Mill or the Goodison Cider Mill. We love them both! Hike, bike, ride the Paint Creek Trail nearby.

Drive or bike to historic Rochester Cider Mill on Rochester Road too! Custom cider blends here under that huge maple tree.

Don't miss our favorite outdoor heritage season.

### OTHS Antique Appraisal Day Sunday 11/4.

Rochester Community House will be the scene of the Antique Appraisal Day again this fall, noon to 4p.m. Start collecting your items for appraisals by the experts! Watch our website for the details on our appraisers this year! A very popular fundraising event for our Society!

### Holiday Parades, 12/1 and 12/2

Want to help on a Parade entry? *Contact us!*

*Proceeds from our events and programs help fund the Society projects. Support your local heritage preservation.*

See you this fall in Oakland Township!

# Society News and Information.....



## Our Members...

**Tom Asmus & Bill Kroger**, both OTHS board members for many years, were awarded the Oakland Twp. Arts and Culture Award 2012 from the Paint Creek Center of the Arts Regional Arts and Cultural Awards program this June. Oakland Township Supervisor Joan Fogler presented Tom and Bill with their awards at the Township Board meeting in June. Bill and Tom contributed to many historic preservation hands-on projects in our township. *Congratulations!*

## National Trust / MHPN visit Oakland Township

It isn't every day the *National Trust for Historic Preservation* (NT) is in our neighborhood. Or the *Michigan Historic Preservation (MHPN) Network*. But they were here for their first township visit on Monday August 27! Hosted by our HDC, NT Midwest representative Genell Scheurell was in Michigan for several stops with MHPN field agent Ellen

Thackeray. HDC members, with OTHS representatives Janine Saputo and Jeanne Phillips, talked to Genell and Ellen as they toured the historic district led by Barb Barber, HDC administrative assistant.



Our meeting discussed financial support and sustainability directions for community historical centers such as our own CLF. Watch for more!

## Donations...YES,

Save your *Oakland Township* family heirlooms, documents, photographs and donate them to OTHS! We are interested!!!  
Call Diana Borrusch at 248-693-8660, or email [dianaoths74@comcast.net](mailto:dianaoths74@comcast.net).

## T. Patrick Kreper 1923—2012

**T. Patrick was a OTHS member for many years.  
We will miss him!**

## 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  
Christina Wolf

## 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 248-651-xxx, [www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number (s): \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Looking for Oakland Township History?

Want to know more about Oakland Township's history here in northern Oakland county? Our Archives are growing about many locations and families in our Township history.

Our book *Heritage in Oakland Township* is for sale for \$5.00 at our events. It covers the historic homes around the township and includes a driving tour map to help find them. There are some real treasures!

The Society also offers historic site **note cards** for \$7.00 a packet with building drawings by local artist Lyn Sieffert!

**A Footpath through Goodison History.** Updated and packed with detail, the booklet has a map locating 10 important sites in historic Goodison with beautiful illustrations by local artist Lyn Sieffert, and graphics layout by Libby Dwyer! \$1.00 to OTHS per copy.

**Barn on the Move** DVD. The story of our Flumerfelt 1879 barn move. \$10. at our events!

Support OTHS!

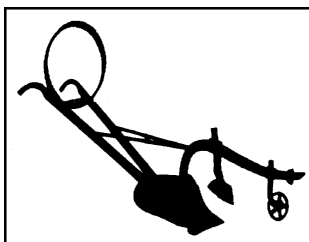
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## Programs and Events, *make a note of them.*

Wed. 9/5/12	War of 1812, <i>A U.S. Marine reports</i>	Membership meeting CLF Historic District Potluck, program 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. program.
Sat. 9/15/12	<b>Goodison Good Tyme</b>	<b>Bear Creek Park 10a.m.– 2p.m.</b>
Sat. 9/22/12	<b>Heritage and Civil War Bus Tour</b>	Bus tour, box lunch. Goodison 10a.m.—2p.m. \$30 per person, Reserve.
Sat. 10/6/12	Paint Creek Cemetery Walking Tour	Membership meeting Cemetery on Orion Rd. Civil War speaker, lunch 3:00 p.m. Donation.
<b>Sunday 11/4/12</b>	<b>OTHS Antique Appraisal Day</b>	<b>Rochester Community House, Rochester Noon to 4p.m.</b>
Wed. 11/7/12	Building on Faith, <i>Historic Churches of Detroit</i>	Membership meeting CLF Historic District Program. 7:00 p.m.

**Join us!**

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



### Oakland Township Historical Society

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