



Oakland Heritage News

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Oakland County, Michigan

Park agreement reached!

The OTHS Board representatives (HR Committee) participated in meetings with the township HDC and PRC commissioners to discuss preservation of the historic resources at 3340 E. Clarkston Road as well as the natural resources in this new park land purchase.

The meetings resulted in a proposal presented to the PRC on February 13 which was accepted. The proposal will incorporate some of the property historic resources part of the *Smalley Best/Elliot farmstead* in the park plans to accommodate more parking and trails into the main area of *Marsh View Park*. The main house foundation, stone wall, stone fireplace, view shed and landscaping will be part of a parking area with interpretive signage of the historic features. A successful cooperative effort!

Watch for more news soon!

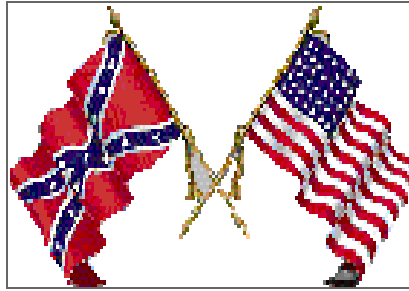
Donations...YES,

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 dianaoths74@comcast.net.



Coming up next... The war between states

Our next membership meeting, Wednesday April 3, 7:00p.m.

Michigan the Civil War

Join our Society to view this movie by Al and Dave Eicher on Wed., April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Both Michigan residents and historians the Eicher's created this film to show our state's role in this great conflict. Learn about the Underground Railroad, Sojourner Truth, Camp Anderson, Michigan women in this war, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Lee's Surrender, Lincoln's assassination and more.

Pop corn will be served. Open to the public. No charge for admission. Cranberry Lake Farm Main House, 384 W. Predmore Rd. Oakland, Michigan

Questions, 248-693-8660.

Chestnut Hollow

Macomb County

Our May Field Trip

Wednesday May 1, 2pm.

Join our Society for a field trip to tour this little 'village' in Bruce Township, Macomb County, north of Romeo.

See an outstanding antique bicycle collection and many antique tools, toys, trinkets and movie memorabilia collections. Unique *Chestnut Hollow* was featured on TV on *American Pickers*. Some items are for sale! Meet the owner /collectors too!

Dinner at the historic Lakeville Inn in Lakeville following our tours. Join us!

Open to Society members and their friends. No charge for admission.

Car pools available by meeting at Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF). *Chestnut Hollow* is at 6060 Bordman Road about 8 miles north of CLF.

Please RSVP for the tours and/or dinner by calling 248-693-8660 by Monday, April 29. See page 4 for our meeting schedule information.

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.

The **silos roof restoration** was completed with lift off and topping of the silo with a new metal new roof on March 14. The new roof is a reproduction of the original which has stood here over 60 some years.

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 BSA Day Camp at CLF planned for June.

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.....*



Society connects to the greater community

OTHS board members are working to continue our connections to the surrounding community. Barkham and Saputo will attend the **Inter-Service Club** dinner at Great Oaks on April 17 this year. They will represent the Society in this gathering of local organizations hosted by Rochester Avon Historical Society this year. The Society also participates in the **Roundtable** which will meet at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm on Saturday April 13. This meeting gathers local societies on a periodic schedule to compare projects, efforts and joint endeavors. We will hear about two interesting events coming up in 2013 and 2014!

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 is pleased to tell you that our Goodison historic **Paint Creek United Methodist Church** is featured in the Rochester Hills Museum Exhibit *Faith of our Fathers* open now until April 20. Our *Goodison Exhibit* panel - *Paint Creek Church* adds to the exhibit featuring many local places of worship. Be sure to see this exhibit... Another great offering of the Rochester Hills Museum! Our Goodison Exhibit continues to educate at Paint Creek Cider Mill and in Rochester Hills! Thank Patrick McKay for including this historic Church and Colleen Barkham for taking our panel to the exhibit.

OTHS has a goal to create a Society presence in Goodison as soon as we can. We continue to investigate ideas. A township **Goodison Plan** public hearing is set for May 7 with the township Planning Commission. Attend and see if more ideas surface!



Society News and Information.....

Our Society elections

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

Our *Nominations Committee* is looking ahead to annual elections in June to fill three 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? 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!

Greater Rochester Heritage Days

Log Rollers, craft show, chili cook-off, fire trucks, car show, Dinosaur Hill Homestead area, pony and camel rides, Rochester Community House pancake breakfasts, entertainment, food vendors, Heritage Area with chair caning, tating, etc., antique tool displays, **OTHS Perennial Plant Sale!** and more at the *Rochester Municipal Park* on Memorial Day weekend. *Something for everyone! We need your plants!*

We are looking for donations of perennial plants, help with our plant sales and our display area. **This is one of our best fund raisers for the Society. We count on you!**
 Join us on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 25 and Sunday, May 26.
 Contact Jeanne Phillips (248-651-2940) to donate or help with the plants or Diana Borrusch (248-693-8660) to help at the event. Bring your friends for a fun day!

George Family Farm / Stoneymead Farm on Mead Road

Will be listed in the Ordinance 37A, our local historic preservation ordinance in April 2013.

Thank you to the Trahey family for their support of our heritage!

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 updating this booklet to sell copies promoting our township Civil War heritage. Watch for it soon!

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.

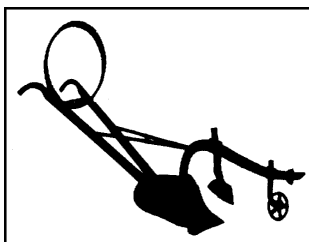
Plants, garden books, more!

Come see us before you plant this spring!

Support OTHS!

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

Save time and expense!



Oakland Township Historical Society

384 West Predmore Road

Oakland, Michigan 48363



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

April 4/3/2013	<i>Michigan in the Civil War</i> , movie by Al and Dave Eicher, with popcorn!	Membership Meeting CLF Main House, 384 W. Predmore 7:00 p.m.
May 5/1/2013	<i>Chestnut Hollow</i> , walking tour Vintage collections in unique country setting.	Field Trip Bruce Township, Macomb County. 2:00p.m. Dinner out after.
June 6/5/2013	<i>CLF Remembered</i> , Annual meeting, elections, Potluck dinner.	CLF 1879 Barn, 384 W. Predmore 6:00 p.m.
June 6/14/2013	<i>HDC U.S. Flag Day</i> , <i>CLF Silo Celebration</i> <i>CLF Summer concert</i>	CLF Historic District 384 W. Predmore 5:00 p.m.

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!