



LETTER FROM MIKE WEST, PRESIDENT



The President's letter, for this issue of the *Gazette*, is an easy one for me to write as there is pleasurable news to convey to our membership.

On September 17, 2011, **The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented OCPHS with its prestigious *Historic Preservation Recognition Award*.**

This award is based upon outstanding volunteer work toward historic preservation and community education. So, this takes into consideration the preservation of the Wisner House, School House, Library, Archives, Artifacts, Pioneer Museum, Pine Grove Campus, and our Tours, Dig, Small Talks, and Summer and Winter Socials. Mostly though, it is recognition of volunteer work done by OCPHS members past and YOU, members present. All of our volunteers earned this award.

Kim Smith, past regent of The Lydia Barnes Potter Chapter (Waterford) of the DAR orchestrated our nomination. She solicited local support, then petitioned the DAR's national office. She said that OCPHS fit every qualification of their requirements. Of 3,000 DAR Chapters, only 12 Awards were given to museums or historic groups.

Claire Pryor, also of DAR Waterford, contributed to our getting this Award. During the ceremony she



gave a poignant presentation of her experiences as a young girl at Pine Grove and she gave recognition to individuals and OCPHS members including **Annalee Kennedy, Bette Twyman, Faye Donelson, Judy Harroun and Betty Guziak.**

Claire Pryor with Mike West and the antique, hand-sewn pillow case she donated to OCPHS.



Kim Smith (left) and Claire Pryor (right) with members of the Lydia Barnes Potter Chapter of the DAR after presenting OCPHS with a national Heritage Preservation Recognition Award September 17.

On a completely different note, members **Ray Henry** and **Bill Powers** just completed one of the most challenging tasks in recent OCPHS history—the **Wisner House Roof Replacement Project**. This project, as it evolved, encountered many more complications than simply replacing roof shingles. Ray and Bill met the challenges and finished the task! Hats off to them. For their next adventure, I wonder if the U.S. Government could use them to solve the Middle East issue.

The Wisner House with newly replaced roof



As the project progressed, new and unexpected costs also came into the picture. With many thanks to our donors, grants, "secret donor" and

insurance we will be able to cover the original budgeted costs and the new, unanticipated costs. More good news!

I hope to see you at the Victorian Christmas Open House December 10th.

Best Regards,

Mike West, President

“RALLY ROUND THE FLAG” THANK YOU!

By Mary Connell

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for making this year’s Summer Social a huge success. Attendance was up and our goal of \$5,000 profit was achieved!

New this year, Fred and Anne Liimatta conducted an Antique Auction the evening prior to the event. It was a lot of fun and bidding was lively, just like you see on TV. There were bargains galore. Fred and his crew managed the White Elephant sale on Saturday, which together with the Auction netted more than \$2,500. Fred and Anne donated many of the sale items themselves, supplementing surplus items deaccessioned from our collections and many other items donated by our members

We want to especially thank chairman Rodger Zeller and his committee (Mary Connell, Kathy Davis, Maybelle Fraser, Joan Hayes, Judy Hudalla, Nik Karaguleff, Anne Liimatta, Melissa Luginski, Dee Nance, and Mike Willis) who worked so hard obtaining re-enactors, music, crafters and the folks who provided so much educational entertainment.



Gov. Wisner (Mike Willis) and Gen. Richardson (Joe Luginski)

Entertainment this year included:

Civil War addresses from the Wisner House:

Governor Moses Wisner: Michael Willis
Abraham and Mary Lincoln: Fred & Bonnie Priebe
Frederick Douglass: Melvin Hardiman
Harriet Beecher Stowe: Elaine Kliener
Major General Israel Richardson: Joe Luginski
Widow in Mourning: Diane Clark

Slave narratives and Underground Railroad stories in the School House:



Harriet Tubman (Bettie Pitchford)

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Music in the Grove:

Original songs by The
Would Man (Allen
Grund) and Big Chief
Singers and Quartets

Crafters, Re-enactors, and Others:

Wood working and cooking demonstrations:
Nelson and Kathy Haynes and other craftsmen
Spinning wheel demonstrations: Rose Istratoff
Candle making: Geri Grover
Civil War Soldiers: Gary Pike and Larry Hathcock

Old and not so old cars lined up along Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, the result of Guy Duffield’s and Michael West’s efforts. They sure looked spiffy!

Our hotdogs, chips and pop sales kept managers Jim Bowie and Chris Northcross busy all day long. Cooks Ice Cream and home baked cakes were a hit. Thanks to all the work by Bill Powers and Dee Nance and all the volunteers who baked cakes and dished out the desserts.

We need to give special recognition to Jim McDonald for directing the parking lot all afternoon in the sweltering sun. He deserves a medal for outstanding volunteerism as he did not have a break all afternoon--an unforgiveable oversight. Sorry, Jim!

Jim Slezinski and his crew from Goldner Walsh Garden & Home spruced up the grounds, spread mulch, and hauled away a storm-damaged tree. The Pontiac Garden Club, Woman’s National Farm and Garden Association, and volunteers Guy Duffield, Bob Nelson, Bill Powers, and Barb & Judy Hudalla made the grounds and gift shop look great.

Other helpers to thank include Mike West and family for staffing the children’s game area, Rachel West and Lynette Lenn for minding the entrance gate, Dee Nance who lined up all the authors, Amy and Katie Annett for staffing the authors tent and book sale, and Kathy Davis and the docents who managed tours throughout the afternoon.

Mary Connell got the quilters together and made the Civil War-style army cot quilt for the raffle. Congratulations to winner Mark Thomas, who will use the quilt in one of the bedrooms at the Myrick Palmer house in Pontiac. A second flag quilt, donated by the Liimattas, was won by new member Anne Scott.

Anne Scott with 2nd prize quilt



To those who set up and took down all the tents, tables and chairs and assisted with clean up, volunteers from BuildOn.org, Dan and Dede Connell, and many others, a big thank you.

It was a lot of good old hard work and everyone had a good time. Thanks again to all who helped in any way. We really appreciate all of our helpers as this is such a big event and requires many volunteers.

Mark your calendars now for 2012:

**Antique Auction
Thursday, July 26**

**Summer Social
Saturday, July 28!**



Tyson Brown and Bicycle

HAWAIIAN WEDDING CAKE RECIPE

Several guests at the Summer Social requested the following recipe, shared by member Gail Reid.

- Cake:** 2 c. flour
 2 c. sugar
 2 eggs
 2 tsp. soda
 1 c. chopped nuts (if desired)
 1 c. coconut (if desired)
 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice

Mix all and pour into greased 9 x 13 pan
 Bake at 350 degrees 40 – 45 minutes. Cool.

- Frosting:** 8 oz. package cream cheese
 1½ c. powdered sugar
 1 stick butter
 2 tsp. vanilla

Blend well; top cooled cake. Garnish with more chopped nuts and coconut if desired. Enjoy!

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE NEWS

By Anne Liimatta

Every member is important to OCPHS - thank you for beginning or renewing your place on the membership rolls this year!

Please mark your calendar for the annual **Victorian Christmas Open House** on Saturday, December 10th from 1 to 5 p.m. This holiday trip to the Wisner House can introduce or acquaint you with the simplicity and beauty of the historic property you support, plus give you an opportunity to see long-time friends and make new ones. The early date hopefully will provide us with mild weather.

Two new and special additions to the event are being made this year: Our participation in the **Holiday Extravaganza Parade** in Pontiac, December 3 at 11 a.m. (sponsored by Genisys Credit Union) and a **Winter White Elephant Sale** in the School House, also on Saturday, December 3rd from noon to 5 p.m. Would you consider being a part of either activity? Do you have items you would like to donate for the sale? At the Summer Ice Cream Social this year OCPHS took in over \$2,500 between the auction and white elephant affair. Thank you, thank you for your support here! Donations can be dropped off at the Society on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; they will be stored until time of sale.

Flyers for the Victorian Christmas Open House, entitled "A Partridge in a Pear Tree" will be coming in the mail shortly to advertise details and also to request your help in some fairly simple ways: Will you monitor one room of the museum for a short session, bake cookies for refreshments, or purchase tickets or a sponsorship by mail as a show of support? The Christmas VOH is a big fundraiser and members who cannot attend are often a great help to Pine Grove with the extra contribution. Please know that any and all ways you choose to participate will be greatly appreciated.

Our heartiest wishes for health and happiness at this wonderful time of year!

EVENT CELEBRATES ROOF COMPLETION

On October 23, many of the donors, volunteers, and vendors who helped replace the roof on the historic Wisner House gathered at Pine Grove to see the results of their efforts first hand. A beautiful blue sky and Pine Grove's ambience, along with details deftly orchestrated by event chairwoman Melissa Luginski and committee, set the stage for the gathering, held outside under tents decorated in a fall theme.



Volunteers Adrian and Cameron serve mulled cider

Guests mingled, toured the Wisner House and grounds, and enjoyed refreshments during the afternoon celebration.

grant for providing our bus (and driver Bonnie), hostess Fran Wilson for providing treats to guests at Pine Grove, Cowley's in Farmington for serving a great lunch, St. Mary's for allowing us onto their property for a well-prepared walk through the grounds, and Amy, Mike and Dee at OCPHS for collecting monies and providing the perfect starting place in Pontiac.

The day went a little longer than expected, but no one objected because of how well the information flowed. A huge thank you to Jim Craft for providing all of the information between stops and the packet of information that proved to be invaluable for the day's sharing of information. Everyone commented how well Jim had the information down so that he didn't have to refer to any notes. Buzz put up informational signs that added a perfect touch to his presentation.

Mike West presented an overview of the preservation work, from its inception last year after ferocious vandalism to fundraising efforts, masonry repairs, replacement of gutters, downspouts, and roof, and the steps still to come, including interior plaster repairs and security upgrades.

Patricia Leal and niece Karen enjoy the day



Mike saluted House Management Team chairman Ray Henry and his committee (Bill Powers, Donna Mallonen, Melissa Luginski, and new member Sam Moraco) for their outstanding work. Our principal donor, who matched \$25,000 of funds raised, received special recognition.

Joe was dressed as Gen. Richardson and didn't let the rain affect his ability to stay in character. The walk through the Quaker Cemetery was the perfect touch to explain the role of the Quakers and the anti-slavery movement. The church was precious and having the ability to be inside was icing on the cake. Ann & Bill were a terrific duo leading us through the graveyard and then pointing out homes of the Civil War Vets.

I still can't get over how wonderful the day was in spite of the rain and high winds. Can't wait to get with other societies to help them along. This was a perfect example to demonstrate what we've been saying all along [about working together.]

A project of this magnitude is only possible through the support of so many who gave financially or with your time and talents. Whether or not you attended the celebration, your support helped to preserve the Wisner House for generations to come. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members who have joined OCPHS since the last issue of the *Gazette*:

CIVIL WAR HERITAGE BUS TOUR

By Brian Golden

On Saturday, October 15, about 25 people met at Pine Grove for a bus trip to several Oakland County sites related to the Civil War. Co-sponsored by The Oakland County Historical Commission, OCPHS, and the Waterford School District, the outing conformed to our mission of conveying Oakland County's role in the evolution of American history, and it was a successful collaboration between the partners. Proceeds from the tour benefited OCPHS. – Ed.

I just wanted to express my thanks for helping make our Civil War Heritage Bus Tour a HUGE SUCCESS. Thank you to Jim MacDonald for watching the cars at Pine Grove, to our presenters Mike West from OCPHS, Joe Luginski as Israel Richardson, Buzz Brown at MMA [Michigan Military Academy], Rochelle Danquah, The Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ann & Bill Lamott, the Waterford Schools

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| Auburn Hills Hist. Society | Kersten, Chris |
| Bolin, James | LaLone, Alice |
| Bond, Lizzie | Lucas, Joy |
| Bower, Carol | McCoy, Stephanie |
| Brown, Tyson | McCurdy, Kathy & Larry |
| Clark, Bart & Diane | Moraco, Sam & Kelly |
| Clarkston Historical Society | Parle, Catherine |
| Creager, Chad | Pitchford, Geo. & Bettie |
| Denby, Robert | Quist, Donna |
| Erwin, Elaine | Ryan, John |
| Flores, Gisela | Schaeffer, Mary Ann |
| Harroun, Judy | Schoenfeld, Barney |
| Haynes, Rita | Scott, Anne |
| Hoffman, Carol | Shaul, Patrick |
| Hosking, Gerald | Smith, Kim |
| Huddleston, Margaret | Stonehouse, Keith |
| Johnson, Brian | Ward, Kerstin |
| Kaltwasser, Patricia | |

ELIZA V. SAWYER: DAUGHTER, MOTHER, WIFE

By Ray Henry

Portage Lake Mining Gazette, Aug 12, 1875

Like the fall of autumnal leaves, one by one, the old Lake Superior settlers drop off; and we shall see their faces no more forever on earth. After a lingering and painful illness, died, at the Central mine, on the morning of the 6th inst., aged fifty-five years, Mr. George H. SATTERLEE, who for sixteen years was chief clerk at the Central mine.

Eliza Sawyer's hair jewelry, OCPHS collection

One of the stranger items in the collections of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society is a set of mourning jewelry. It is comprised of a pair of earrings and a brooch, both made of human hair.¹ Mourning jewelry was fashioned and



worn to remember a loved one who had passed, and to remind the living of the inevitability of death. It also served as a status symbol, especially during the Victorian era. The first examples of mourning jewelry can be found in Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries. These early examples took the form of black and white enameled skulls, most often set into rings and brooches. During the 17th and 18th centuries mourning rings were presented by the family of the deceased to friends and family as memorials to the dead. It was common for wealthy individuals to leave provisions in their wills to provide mourning rings for distribution. For example, Samuel Pepys, the English diarist who died in 1703, willed that 129 mourning rings be distributed at his funeral.

Interest in mourning jewelry reached its zenith in England following the death of Prince Albert in December of 1861. Queen Victoria went into deep mourning for the remainder of her rule, and set the fashions for the court and for much of the nation for the next forty years. In America, the Civil War brought an increased interest in mourning jewelry as nearly every family in the country experienced death as a

¹ Donated to the Society in 1970 by Kate Sawyer of Pontiac.

result of the War Between the States. Since about 1900, Civil War historians have assumed that 618,222 men died on both sides. However, new estimates, based on Census data, indicate that the death toll was approximately 750,000, and may even have been as high as 850,000.

The notion that we've drastically undercounted the Civil War dead is not a new idea: in fact, Francis Amasa Walker, superintendent of the 1870 Census, estimated that the number of male deaths was "not less than 850,000."²

The new estimate suggests that more men died as a result of the Civil War than from all other American wars combined. Approximately 1 in 10 white men of military age in 1860 died from the conflict, a substantial increase from the 1 in 13 implied by the traditional estimate. It's no wonder that American women went into mourning and displayed their grief outwardly in widow's weeds and mourning jewelry.

There were strict rules about mourning during the 19th century, including restrictions on jewelry. Following the death of her consort, Queen Victoria decreed that only jet jewelry was acceptable at court during the first year of mourning.³ Ladies on both sides of the Atlantic followed Victoria's lead, and jet jewelry and its imitations, including French jet (i.e., black glass), "English Crape Stone" (made from onyx), Vulcanite (made from sulfurized rubber), and gutta percha (a brownish rubber substance produced from the sap of a Malayan tree), became wildly popular. "Rules" during the second year of mourning allowed the bereaved to wear jewelry made of hair.

Of course, hair jewelry was popular prior to Victoria's mourning. For example, the Crystal Palace Exposition of 1853 included a display of a full line of hair jewelry. The village of Vamhus, Sweden, with a population of only 1800, developed a hair industry with up to 300 workers. Hair became expensive and to meet the demand, hair merchants visited spring fairs and markets across Europe to purchase hair from the local female population. In America, hair jewelry also became popular. During and after the Civil War, it was common to make a piece of mourning jewelry with a lock of hair from the deceased. Sometimes the hair was placed in a locket. The lockets were gold or black and frequently engraved with the names of the departed or the

² J. David Hacker, "Recounting the Dead." *The New York Times*, September 20, 2011.

³ The very best jet was mined in Whitby, Yorkshire, England. In 1873 there were 200 jet workshops in Whitby. Jet is lightweight and easy to carve, making it the perfect material for large lockets, brooches, bracelets, and necklaces.

phrase "In Memory Of." So common was the practice that *Godey's Ladies Book* praised the virtues of hair work:

Hair is at once the most delicate and last of our materials and survives us like love. It is so light, so gentle, so escaping from the idea of death, that, with a lock of hair belonging to a child or friend we may almost look up to heaven and compare notes with angelic nature, may almost say, "I have a piece of thee here, not unworthy of thy being now."⁴

Godey's even offered, upon receipt of the hair and the required price, to accommodate any lady wishing hair made up into jewelry. Hair jewelry was both fashionable and popular because it appealed to the Victorian ideals of death and honor.

We may never know if the brooch in our collection was obtained through *Godey's Ladies Book* or from a local merchant. There are no marks on the pieces; however, the back of the brooch has a very interesting inscription, "Father and Edward." But who owned this jewelry and who were the loved ones honored and memorialized in these delicate pieces?

Eliza Victoria Satterlee was born in Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, in July of 1856. Her parents were George H. Satterlee and Jane Flower. George Satterlee, born in New York in 1820, was elected Supervisor of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, in 1852. At the annual meeting of the Oakland County Agricultural Society held in Pontiac on June 12, 1858, George Satterlee was elected to the Executive Committee of the Society for a term of one year. Also elected to the Executive Committee of the Oakland County Agricultural Society in 1858 were Nelson W. Clark of Independence, Wm. Whitfield of Waterford, Joseph D. Yerkes of Novi, and Moses Wisner of Pontiac.⁵

In 1859 George Satterlee moved his family from Oakland County to Keweenaw County to take a job in the then booming copper mining industry in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. His daughter, Eliza, was three years old and her sister Myra was four. Within a year a third sister was added to the family, Jenny. For the next sixteen years, Eliza (or "Lizzie" as she came to be called) and her family moved from one mining town to the next. According to the 1860 U.S. Census they were living in Eagle Harbor. In 1870 they had moved to Sherman, Keweenaw County, where her father was the chief clerk at the Copper

Falls Mine. Five years later at the time of her father's death, Lizzie and her family were living in Central Mine.⁶ Today, Central Mine is little more than a ghost town located off U.S. 41 in the Keweenaw Peninsula, but in 1875 it was home to over 130 people, primarily immigrants from Cornwall, England.

The death of George Satterlee sent his widow, Jane, and her three daughters back to Oakland County and to Pontiac. Two years later on October 17, 1877, Lizzie married a young attorney who had been working in the law office and living in the home of Judge Michael E. Crofoot. His name was Joseph Edward Sawyer (1847-1916). Joseph Sawyer was born in New Hampshire and had supported himself from the time of his father's death when he was 11 years old. He moved to Michigan City, Indiana, when he was 16 years old, and two years later entered the literary department of the University of Michigan (class of 1869), but lacking funds was unable to continue his studies in Ann Arbor after his freshman year. In 1866, he began the study of law with George C. Hazelton at Boscobel, Wisconsin. Then, in 1868 he removed to Pontiac, Michigan, and entered the law office of Judge M. E. Crofoot, from which he was admitted to the bar, Sept. 29, 1869.

Portrait of Joseph Edward Sawyer



Sawyer was elected Oakland County Circuit Court Commissioner in 1872, and in 1875 appointed United States Commissioner for the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1885, Governor Alger appointed Sawyer a member of the board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan Asylum, a

position he held for fourteen consecutive years. He was also involved in extensive land investment ventures, including the Pontiac Land & Improvement Company. Platting more than 20 sub-divisions in Pontiac, Sawyer also platted a sub-division on the

⁴ *Godey's Ladies Book*, May 1855.

⁵ *Transactions of the State Agricultural Society of Michigan: With Reports of County Agricultural Societies for the Year 1858*. Vol. 10. Lansing: Homer & Kerr, 1860, p. 593.

⁶ The Central Mine was designated a Michigan State Historic Site in 1958. The surrounding district was designated a Michigan State Historic Site in 1973, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

south side of Orchard Lake that he named Keego Harbor (June 1912).⁷

Joseph Sawyer and Lizzie Victoria were blessed with a number of children: Lizzie Belle (1878) who married Judge Ross Stockwell of Pontiac, Mary Lucille (1880) who married George A. Drake of Detroit, Kate Eleanor (1884) who never married, Joseph Satterlee Sawyer (1890) who became a lawyer like his father, and Thomas Dole Sawyer (1891). They also had a son, Edward, who was born March 10, 1881 and died later the same day—the “Edward” on the back of the hair brooch. The other inscription on the brooch, of course, was Lizzie Victoria’s father, George H. Satterlee, who died when she was nineteen. Lizzie herself passed in 1901 and is buried in Pontiac’s Oak Hill Cemetery with her husband and her baby Edward. Her mourning jewelry was inherited by her unmarried daughter, Kate.

It was Kate Eleanor Sawyer who donated this extraordinary example of hair jewelry to our collection. Miss Sawyer was a graduate of Chicago's National Kindergarten College, the Carnegie Library School, and the University of Michigan (Class of 1924). For many years she was the Children’s Librarian at the Pontiac Public Library. At the time of her death, she was 93 years old; she is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery with her parents and two of her brothers.

Judge Ross Stockwell, mentioned in this article, was the father of long-time OCPHS member Isabel Stockwell. A bequest from Ms. Stockwell helped fund the 2011 Wisner House Roof/Restoration project. -- Ed.

LIBRARY PATRON, VOLUNTEERS STRIKE GOLD

By Joan Hayes

July 27 was quite a day at the library. Besides the hustle and bustle of the Summer Ice Cream Social preparations, we had a lovely lady from Colorado come to do research. She had been in Michigan for 9 days visiting other libraries, cemeteries and the Oakland County Court House. She was leaving the next day without much success.

Someone she met told her about having good luck at our organization, so she came and lucky for her we were open. (We are open on Wednesdays or by appointment for research.) She spent the day going through the many collections, books and maps that are unique to our library. She found some information on the family she was researching that no other facility had. But not that one thing that makes the search worth the time and effort. As she was preparing to leave she asked Fran Wilson, our head librarian, if there was anything else she could look at.

Fran handed her the notebooks on the township in which her family had lived. (We keep notebooks on all the cities, towns, villages and townships in Oakland County. They contain newspaper clippings and other articles pertaining to the said sites.) The fifth page of the second book she looked at had a picture of a couple on their 50th wedding anniversary with all their 16 children. It was the couple she had been researching and the find was far more than she ever expected! The excitement and joy at that moment made it all worth while, for us and the researcher. She went home very satisfied and we went home knowing we had made her day. That’s what it’s all about.

A few days after Joan wrote the above article, an email from researcher and new member Mary Ann Schaeffer of Boulder, CO arrived, thanking OCPHS for assisting her with research about the Greer and Gillespie families of early Oakland County. We’re glad that both Joan and Mary Ann took the time to let us know about this special day spent mining family history. – Ed.

ON-LINE RESOURCES

The internet holds a wealth of information about local history, including websites of individual historical societies and other resources such as these:

Oakland County Government’s Office of Planning and Economic Development maintains a Historic Preservation website listing area historic sites, Civil War stories, maps and other resources at:

http://www.oakgov.com/peds/program_service/hp/index.html

The Rochester Avon Historical Society has just launched a regional interactive map of historic sites:

<http://oaklandregionalhistoricsites.org>

You may also stay connected and share information with fellow OCPHS members through photos, news, links, and updates in these ways:

Visit our website: www.ocphs.org

Friend us on [Facebook.com/OCPHS Wisner](https://www.facebook.com/OCPHSWisner)

Join the Facebook Groups Pine Grove, Oakland Historical Network, and Oakland County Historical Resources (OCHR)

The internet, email, and social networking sites are a great way to spread the word to others about OCPHS and local history. Visit the on-line sites above, browse the photographs, plan an outing, share some news, and enjoy using modern technology to explore and convey Oakland County’s heritage!

⁷ Charles Moore, *History of Michigan*. Vol. 3. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1915. Pg. 1522

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Nov 6: Small Talk, 2 p.m., Carriage House
Lighthouses Along the Rivers of Steel: Michigan's Train Depots, with Ron Campbell & Jackie Hoist

Nov 14: 6 - 7 p.m., Pontiac Public Library
Ray Henry presents *The Civil War, a Hometown Story*. Call 248-758-3943 to register.

Now through Nov. 19: Lorenzo Cultural Center:
Michigan's Harvest: Food, Farming and Community. Exhibit includes OCPHS artifacts. Call 586-286-2198.

Dec. 3: 11 a.m., Holiday Extravaganza Parade
Call Anne at 248-332-1247 to march with OCPHS!

Dec. 3: 12 – 5 p.m., Winter White Elephant Sale at Pine Grove. See page 3 for more information.

Dec. 10: 1 – 5 p.m.: Victorian Christmas Open House at Pine Grove. Our winter community event features tours, entertainment, and fun for all ages.

The *Oakland Gazette* is a publication of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society. Information, story ideas, or comments are welcome.

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