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You are cordially invited . . .

*to attend
the annual Historical Society
Summer Picnic*

*Sunday July 24, 2:00 pm
Hosted by Jay & Brook Qualman
508 Olivia Drive, Milford*

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*please bring a dish to pass based on the
first letter of your last name:*

*A-F: dessert
G-Q: main dish
R-Z: salad*

*please bring your
table service, beverage and lawn chairs*

From Your President, Norm Werner

By the time you read this article we will have had another successful Independence Day Parade, thanks to the organizing efforts of Kathy and Russ Rheaume. My thanks also go out for the support of Milford Township and the Feldman Automotive Groups as Presenting Sponsors and the Village of Milford and the Downtown Development Authority as Key Sponsors along with the Milford Laundry as a Parade Sponsor. This was the first year that the Society had to pay for the overtime that is involved by the Department of Public Services (DPS) and the Police Department. Since our parade hits on a holiday that overtime is double time, so it gets expensive fairly quickly and we appreciate our sponsors stepping up to help us make sure that this Milford tradition continues. We also had a number of smaller contributions from local groups and individuals, proving once again what a great community we live in.



The Society was well represented at the recent Huron Valley Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration in remembrance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. We had two tents with information in one and games for children in the other. Thanks to Bill Schimmel and Russ Rheaume for their help with the set-up and tear-down of the tents and providing entertainment on their shifts in the booth. Thanks also to the many ladies and young docent from the society who dressed in period costumes, manned the booths and generally ran the show with Linda Dagenhardt. Sue Bullard had the duty of shepherding around Mary Todd Lincoln for the two days.



We will have likely had the Granny's Attic Sale by the time this newsletter is out and will be looking forward to our annual picnic meeting, which will take place this year on July 24th at the home of Jay and Brook Qualman. The address is 508 Olivia Dr. (which is in the sub behind the Huszti Dental Building north of the Village). The picnic will start at 2:00 PM. Jay has a very impressive model train layout in his basement which you may be able to view.

It's also time to start thinking about the 2011 Home Tour on September 17th and 18th. We'll be mailing out cards asking for help from the membership to be docents at the house and hope that we can count on your support again this year. The Home Tour is our major annual fund raising event which allows us to continue our mission and keep the museum open.

Speaking of the museum, our major project there for this year is getting the roof replaced. Last year we had the exterior painted and a lot of rotted exterior wood replaced (thanks to the generosity of Phil Rashid and Rashid Construction). We will be going out for bids on the re-roofing job shortly, which is also likely to include replacement of rotted wood on the roof and eaves.

It's a busy, busy summer for the MHS and that's a good thing. Please join in the fun.

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Visit us on the web: www.milfordhistory.org and "like" us on Facebook.

Mark your calendars —
More Upcoming Events:

Milford Historical Society
2011 home tour September 17 and 18
and don't forget the PowerHouse will
also be open to visitors

step back in history and visit
the vintage tractor show
Huron Valley State Bank parking lot
Sunday, September 18th from
10am — 5pm

2011 general membership meetings:

- Thursday September 8
Program: Holocaust Survivor,
Sam Offen tells his amazing story
- Thursday November 17
Program: the Vernor's Ginger Ale
Story by Kelth Wunderlich

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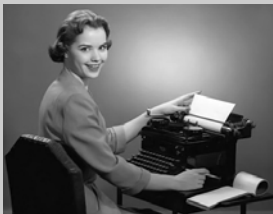
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A wonderfully successful spring tea



Our recent Victorian Tea at the Mary Jackson House took place on Saturday, April 30th and was once again a complete success. I have many thanks for those people who helped make our day enjoyable for all that attended.

Thank you to Acorn Farm and Main Street Art for selling tickets, and The Village Florist for providing beautiful centerpieces for each table. Thank you to Joyce Clark, Sue Gumper, Judy Waara, Klancy's of

Milford, Sharon Mancini and Cindy Kometh for providing yummy treats for everyone to enjoy. Sue Gumper, Duane Freitag, Lee Johnson, Kim Kish, Marge Sawruk and Judy Waara decorated our beautiful tables. The following people loaned wedding gowns for our event, thank you to Carol Watkins, Bonnie Lynch, Diane Needham and Marge Sawruk, Elaine Skarritt, Melanie Coesens and Barbara Norung. Modeling the wedding gowns were Hannah Lynch, Elise Hubel, Mary Dreslink, Julia King. Last, but not least, thank you to our helpers: Joyce Clark, Cindy Dagenhardt, Jessica Gasvoda, Sue Gumper, Mary Lou Gharritty, Fiona Hammock and Nancy Lang.



Elise Hubel models a wedding dress borrowed from MHS member, Marge Sawruk at the Spring Tea

Save the date — our next "tea at the Mary Jackson House" will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Dogs Playing Poker a big success at the Powerhouse

Dogs... and even a miniature horse... walked the streets of Milford on Saturday, June 4. The Third Annual Dogs Playing Poker event was sponsored by Veterinary Care Specialists (VCS Pets First) of Milford to support the Pet Pantry at Community Sharing. The day was a great success, with money raised to purchase dog and cat food for the pantry.

Community Sharing is the first outreach center in Michigan to also provide support for the pets of its clients. Participants and volunteers alike had a great time visiting the Poker Run stops in the beautiful downtown business district. The run began and ended at the historic Powerhouse above Depot Park, and winners won prizes donated by local businesses and VCS Pets First. Be sure to join us next year for a fun day in beautiful Milford with your four-legged friends at the Fourth Annual Dogs Playing Poker!



Dr. Julie Hass & Peter Barnes of VCS Pets First and Carol Dubin, coordinator of the Community Sharing Pet Pantry

The Milford Historical Society extends our deepest condolences to the family of Herbert Hoover. Our hearts go out to Margaret and the Hoover family during this very difficult time.

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Historical Society Contributions . . .

In Honor of Margaret Baker, by Judith Reiter

Museum News from Marlene Gomez



We have had a busy summer so far at the museum. Country Oaks Elementary second graders came in on June 1st and June 8th. Huron Valley summer camp experience came in on June 28th and a teen summer group came in from the YMCA on June 29th. Another group, Child-

time Day Care from White Lake, will be coming on July 6th. We have also been busy with regular visitors. A big thank you goes out to Duane Freitag and Lee Johnson who have been helping out with these tours, along with our student docents. I also want to thank Jenni Lubinski for her help as well.

We have two college students, Connor Sutton and Melissa Arrowsmith, volunteering to help out over the summer. Connor attends Aquinas College and plans to go to graduate school. He graduated from Lakeland High School and is very interested in history and wants to build his resume. Melissa attends MSU and will go to graduate school and go into teaching, specializing in historical preservation. Melissa graduated from Milford High School. Both students have been a big help and are training with Bonnie Walworth on Past Perfect to assist with scanning our photos into the computer.

We did some filming at the museum for Comcast Channel 12 (local access channel) on June 2nd with the help of Nancy Lang. Marlene, Mary Lou and two of our student docents, Elise Hubel and Hannah Lynch were interviewed. We will let you know as soon as it is aired.

Duane has been busy getting ready for the Granny's Attic Sale taking place July 8th and 9th. We still need volunteers, so please let Duane know if you would like to help out.

The Milford High School Class of 1961 is getting ready for their 50th Class Reunion in September. A few have come into the museum for information and have purchased a history book.

In the Good Old Summertime

*There's a time in each year that we always hold dear,
the good old summer time;
With the birds and the trees and sweet-scented breezes,
In the good old summer time.
When your day's work is over then you are in clover,
And life is one beautiful rhyme,
No trouble annoying each one is enjoying,
The good old summer time.*

-song by George Evans and
Ren Shields

The **Milford Historical Society picnic** will be Sunday, July 24, 2011. Our host this year will be Jay and Brook Qualman. The Qualman's home is located at 508 Olivia Drive. Our potluck lunch will begin at 2:00 pm and because it is a picnic, you will need to bring a lawn chair or two (tables will be available). So pack your picnic basket and bring your favorite summertime dish to pass based on the first letter of your last name, as shown on the front page. Remember you do not need to be a member of the Historical Society to enjoy a pleasant summer afternoon with people interested in history. **All are welcome.**

Mark your calendar for the 35th Annual Home Tour

Mark September 17th and 18th on your calendar and join us for another terrific Home Tour! The 2011 Home Tour will feature 5 beautiful area homes and visits to the Log Cabin, Powerhouse, and the MHS Museum. Be sure and check out the September Newsletter for specific information on the homes and watch for the "See Me In September" signs during Milford Memories. Need a sneak peek? Drive down North Main and check out the homes at 629 and 722.

The Log Cabin in South Side Park will be open and feature activities for the young and young at heart. Tour the PowerHouse to view the renovations and hear about possible future uses. The museum will be open and features a display of Milford-area Civil War Memorabilia. On Sunday, step back in history and visit the Tractor Show located in the Huron Valley State Bank parking lot at 130 S. Milford Rd. We also hope to include the popular "Privy Dig."

The tour runs from 11 am - 5pm both days. Tickets are adults: \$15 / seniors: \$13 and will be available before September 17th at Main Street Art (432 N. Main), Acorn Farm (367 N. Main), Your Nesting Place (322 N. Main) and the Milford Historical Museum (124 E. Commerce, open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1 to 4 pm). Be sure to mark your calendars and join us! Better yet, call Sue Gumpfer or the museum (685-7308) and volunteer to help.

I love a PARADE

I want to thank Holly and Tim Brandt, Clayton Davey, Norm Werner, Don Green, Gene Sypniewski, Roy Brandon, John Vic and all the other volunteers that helped to make the July 4th parade the success it was. We received many compliments by voice and e-mail. Thanks for the great job.

Russ and Kathy Rheume
Parade Co-Chairpersons



Brook Qualman & Judith Reiter carry the MHS banner



Bill Crawford drives the "since 1833" Crawford tractor

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Individual	\$15
Family	\$25
Lifetime	\$250
Small Business	\$50
Corporation	\$250+

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