

The Milford Historian

Mission Statement: *We are organized exclusively for educational purposes. We bring together people who are interested in history, especially the history of the Village of Milford and Milford Township.*

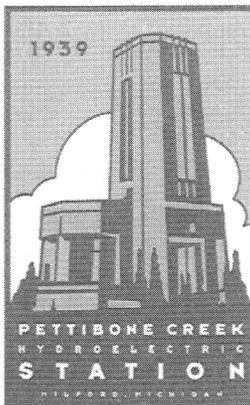
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“Pettibone Powerhouse”

With Judith Reiter and Dorothy Kane

Here’s an idea worth \$10,000; pair up the Milford Historical Society with Huron Valley teachers and students and see what happens. The History Channel loved it . . . students learning about a local historic resource – the Pettibone Creek Hydroelectric Station – and then teaching others with materials and projects they created themselves: a book, art work, videotaped productions, 3-D modeling, metal sculpture, even party planning to celebrate their achievements as Save Our History Grant recipients.

Hear from the students and teachers about their progress toward a finished product as they study Milford’s “Powerhouse,” a 1939 Art Deco building built by Henry Ford, designed by Albert Kahn and restored through the efforts of the Milford Historical Society on **Thursday, March 27, 2008.**



Our evening will begin with a scrumptious potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Milford Methodist Church. A brief business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed immediately by our program. Please invite a guest. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. You don’t have to be a member to enjoy this Thursday evening with people who like history. Bring your table service and a dish to pass based on the first letter of your last name as shown below.

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March General Meeting & Potluck Dinner



>>>> >>>> **Thursday, March 27, 2008** <<<<<<<<

6:30 p.m.

**Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic, Milford**

A-G

Dessert

H-R

Main Dish

S-Z

Salad

Everyone: Table service & beverage (coffee provided)

From Your President...

A challenge all organizations face is how to achieve the goals they’ve set for themselves. The Milford Historical Society is no exception. During a time when the current economic conditions are bleak, we must look for creative ways to reach our goals. Now, what if there was a way to support the Historical Society without opening your checkbook? Would you be willing to help out? During the coming months we will have opportunities that not only earn money for the society, but also provide volunteers with exposure to our major fund raisers and events.

The Independence Day parade will once again be sponsored by the Milford Historical Society. I'm happy to announce that Russ and Katherine Rheume will continue to coordinate the parade. On the actual day of the parade, we will need help. The parade committee arrives at the museum early, determines the parade lineup, and then directs the participants to their assigned locations.

Our second biggest fund raiser of the year is our Granny's Attic Sale. This year's sale will be the weekend of July 11th and 12th. Once again our resident antique guru, Duane Freitag, will offer his expertise and chair the event. Volunteers are needed to price items before the sale and arrange them on the front lawn. On sale days we'll also need helpers to assist customers and collect money. If you're unable to work these days, keep the Historical Society in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning and donate your treasures for the sale.

Milford Memories will be August 8th, 9th and 10th. The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce has offered one of their information booths to the society. Our responsibility would be to answer questions and give directions to events. Another opportunity is to sell water during the three-day event, with half of the proceeds going to the Historical Society. We'll also be able to display and sell Historical Society merchandise, as well as promote our upcoming events.

And it's not too early to think about Home Tour 2008 in September. The annual Home Tour is our biggest fund raiser. Proceeds are used to maintain the Museum. Our committee first meets in early summer to begin the planning for the third week in September event.

These are just some of the activities requiring volunteer hours. Please give the Historical Society the gift of your time. With your help, we will be able to achieve our goals of maintaining the Historical Society Museum and allowing our visitors a chance to experience Milford's History. If you can help in any way, please give me a call (248-685-8321). So remember, mark your calendars and let's make 2008 a great year for the Historical Society.
Sue Bullard, President

Museum Spring Cleaning

Your help is needed

A major spring cleaning is planned for our Museum to prepare for its reopening on Saturday, May 3rd. Three work dates have been scheduled: **Saturday, April 19;** **Wednesday, April 23;** and **Saturday, April 26.** We will begin at **10 a.m.** each day. Cleaning supplies will be provided.



Every member should consider working at least one day for a few hours. If you haven't actively supported the Museum in a while, this is a great opportunity to contribute. No experience is necessary! For information contact Marlene Gomez (248-685-7308).

2008 Dues are Due

Dues renewal notices for 2008 were mailed two months ago. To those that have responded, thank you. To those that haven't, please do so immediately.



This will be a very full year for the society that depends on your dues to maintain the Museum, publish this newsletter and execute several events, such as the Fourth of July Parade and the Home Tour, benefiting the Milford community. Your 2008 dues can be mailed to the Museum at 124 E. Commerce, Milford, MI 48381. Or, bring them to our January 20th membership meeting...and save 41 cents. Thank you.

Help Earn Money for the Society

Suppose the Milford Historical Society earned a penny every time you searched the internet? Or, how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered



search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Milford Historical Society as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

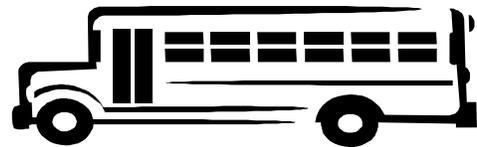
Field Trip Opportunity

Members welcome

Students participating in the History Channel Powerhouse Project will be taking three and possibly four field trips, as described below:

- The Ford Rouge Plant.
- A Village Industries bus tour along Hines Drive from Nankin Mills on Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Northville where other small Ford factories operated during the 20's and 30's.
- Milford's Powerhouse.
- Possibly the Henry Ford estate in Dearborn for a tour of the restored power plant built to supply electricity for Fairlane.

Historical Society members are offered the opportunity to participate in these tours of charge. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Judith Reiter by e-mail (jth401@aol.com) or phone (248-684-0684). Those interested will be contacted when the dates for the field trips have been finalized. We're hoping to mingle the generations and get as many as possible in on these very interesting and informative excursions.



Support our Home Tour Sponsors

In appreciation for their generous and ongoing contributions, all Society members should remember to support our Home Tour Sponsors:

- The Milford Times:** Platinum Sponsor (3rd year sponsor)
- Milford Downtown Development Authority (DDA):**Gold Sponsor (3rd year)

Welcome new members!



We are pleased to announce that the newest members of the Milford Historical Society are **Brenda Ervin, Murray Burley, and Gerald Mantela.** Welcome Brenda, Murray and Gerry!

HISTORY FEATURE

(Judith Reiter brought the following article to my attention. It describes the efforts of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and a developer to preserve a farm in nearby South Lyon. —ed.)

Preservation group helps save farmstead

An agreement has been reached to preserve the 173-year-old Peters SunKarest Farm in Lyon Township. “They are tearing down the farms right and left and soon children aren’t going to know what a farm looks like,” said Nancy Finegood, executive director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

The farm originally was owned by James Blackwood from 1896-1918. Ancestors of the John Peters family purchased the property, which included 100 acres of land and many buildings, in 1919.

The Peters family sold the property to Phoenix Development Co., then it was sold to Pulte Land Co., LLC. Pulte created SunKarest Farmstead LLC to retain the original farm buildings and property and place a historic preservation easement on it.

The barn is at 58620 10 Mile Road, approximately one mile east of downtown South Lyon.

The property has 19 structures, and other features include roads, walkways and plantings.

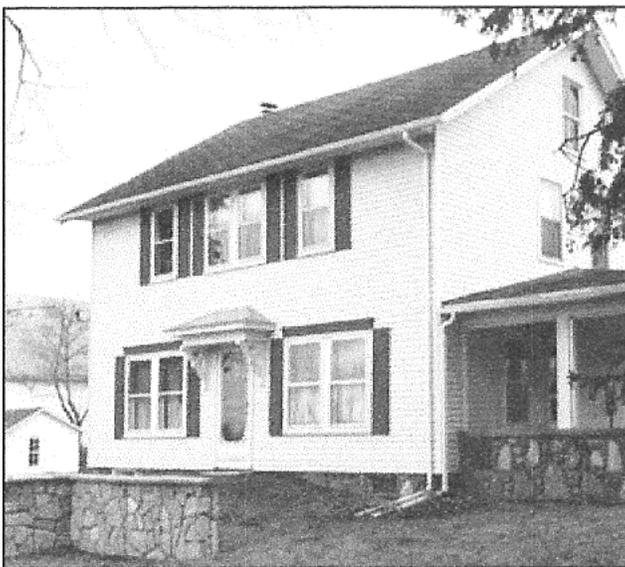
The 19 structures include a main house, old house, privy, two dog houses, a machine shop, corn crib, barn, two silos, a milk house, a collapsed building, two chicken coops, a livestock pavilion, brooder house, storage barn, a secondary house and garage and barn.

John and Emily Peters were the owners of the 100 acres from the mid-1970’s through 2005.



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Kamran Qadeer of Phoenix Land Development (from left), attorney Gary Rentrop, architect Edward Francis and Scott Drumm of Phoenix Land Development are working to save the SunKarest Farm in Lyon Township.



Some 17 acres and buildings will be preserved on 10 Mile Road.

“There’s no one living there, but ownership will transfer to the homeowners association in the nearby subdivision.

The portion of the farmland that is the preservation easement property, about 17 acres, is owned by SunKarest. The remaining land parcels are owned by Pulte and are being developed as part of a planned development agreement with the township.

“Ultimately, we’d like the property to be rented and reused as a home or a farm,” said Finegood. “Part of the farmland includes apple orchards.

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network, a nonprofit organization based in Lansing, “is to advocate on behalf of preserving Michigan’s historic places,” Finegood said. “Holding and monitoring historic easements gives us additional influence.”

The network, which monitors the easement on a property on the Leelanau Peninsula for the National Trust for Historic Preservation of Washington, D.C., has negotiated easement agreements involving several other Michigan properties, including the original Edsel Ford House in Detroit’s Indian Village as well as the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Jerry Wolffe of the Oakland Press

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General Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2008

United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic Street

DON'T MISS OUT!

Upcoming 2008 Events

- Mar. 27...**General Meeting and Program
"Pettibone Powerhouse"
- May 15....**General Meeting and Program:
At the Luthern Church
- July 11....**Granny's Attic Sale (Museum
& 12 Lawn)
- July 20....**MHS Annual Picnic:
Tea J's Tea Room, 314 S Main
- Sept 11....**General Meeting and Program
"Barn Preservation"

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