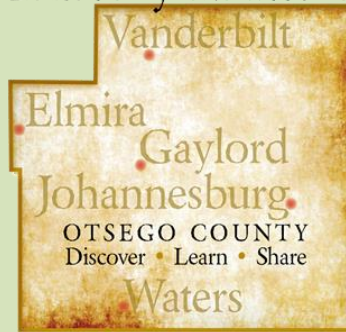


# History Matters

Update # 11



March 17, 2018



The purpose of History Matters is to engage and empower a **team of volunteers** who will conduct research, answer questions, and share information related to Otsego County's past.

9 people stepped up to the challenge and began their venture last Saturday. Left to right: Colleen Keysor, Phil Alexander, Jim Czarkowski, Sandy Turnbull, Suzanne Whyte, Marsha Lash, Jim Hilgendorf, and Edith Lennox. Sarah Skowronski will join us in May. The History Team of Detectives will be discovering the history of Otsego County, learning how to be top-notch historians, and sharing their knowledge through presentations, news articles, exhibits, and lots more.

## Discover ♦ Learn ♦ Share

1. Come to the Museum to **Discover, Learn, and Share**. We're open on Saturdays from 10 am – 2 pm in March and April.
2. Videos are being added to our web site and can also be viewed on YouTube. The first video is "Lumbering Near Gaylord" (shown to the right). It was filmed in the 1930s. Another [video](#) features Ivan Polus as he tells the story of finding and restoring the only known Gaylord Car. His presentation in 2011 was part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of the Gaylord Car. The audio is a bit soft, but it's great to hear the amazing saga told by the man who made it happen.



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1. John noticed last week's update "The Value of History" is also in the current issue of the Michigan History magazine. Right! It's a national campaign to promote the relevance of history. Sort of like the slogan "Think Globally, Act Locally". History connects us to national and world events. It's another example showing why History Matters.
2. Kandus Schalter (age 95) was named the 2018 Woman Making History by the AAUW. Kandus served in the US Navy, owned and operated Nor-Echo Motel with her husband, and was a founding member of the Gaylord Zonta Club.

**PRIVY-DIGGING 101**  
WITH JOHN OZOGA

MARCH 21, 2018 · 6:30-8:00 PM  
OTSEGO COUNTY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

AVID AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST JOHN OZOGA HAS EXCAVATED HUNDREDS OF OLD OUTHOUSE PITS (PRIVIES). LEARN ABOUT HIS TECHNIQUES AND DISCOVERIES.

3. Do you know why the Blue Devil is the GHS mascot? What year? Was this the first mascot or did it replace one? Please **share** what you know so we can solve this mystery.

4. The Library is hosting a presentation by John Ozoga called "Privy Digging" on Wednesday, March 21. Sounds a bit unusual but should be interesting. Join us and find out. Please **share** this invitation with your friends.