

# Electronic News Update from the Michigan Council for History Education June 1, 2010, Vol. VII, No. 10

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Dear Colleagues,

NOTE: MCHE Executive Board Ballot is attached for those of you who are dues-paying members. Please print and mail to Elections Chair Tim Evans. (or copy form, mark ballot and email back to Tim.)

For some great Memorial Weekend activities, See items #3 & #11. I personally encourage you to join us on Sat., June 19th, for the War of 1812 Historic Sites Tour. (See #4). A listing of many June events is the final item in this issue. This newsletter contains summaries of 28 programs and activities in 7 pages. Please check appropriate websites for more details.

My thanks to those of you who provided information to me, especially Roy Sovis, who made suggestions for improving the quality/content of MCHE E-Notes. Have a great summer and congratulations to the many new retirees, including MCHE Executive Director Jim Cameron.

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E Notes (jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

NOTE: The pdf attachment contains the same content as the message below. It is sent for those of you whose machines mess up the text of the E Notes. I hope this is helpful.

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**1. MCHE seeks Presenters for 17th Annual Conference, Thurs., Nov. 4th, at Ramada Inn, Lansing**

To obtain a proposal form, contact Dorothy Ebersole, The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn MI 48124-4088? or email her at DorothyE@TheHenryFord.org, call 313-982-8036 or FAX 313-982-6232" The conference Theme is: "Bringing History Home: Local stories, Global Context" This year's MCHE conference theme explores the teaching and learning of history in different sites including classrooms (elementary, middle, high school), museums, and other public history sites. The theme also explores how connections are made in these sites between local, state, national, and global histories, as well as the connections between literacy and teaching history. MCHE welcomes proposals that address this broad theme as well as submissions addressing other aspects of history education.

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**2. Spaces still available in July Library of Congress Workshop, \$500 Honorarium available**

The Library of Congress Training sponsored by MCHE & Wayne RESA has a few spaces still available. A \$500 honorarium will be paid to participants at the July 12-13-26-27 training. Application form and details available at [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org)

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**3. 2010 Memorial Day Services, Tributes, Parades, & Celebrations**

For a very comprehensive listing of Great Events on Memorial Day Weekend, check out this list compiled by Ronda Stiffler of Hometown History tours at <http://hometownhistorytours.com/2010/05/12/2010-memorial-day-celebrations/>

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**4. Chance to visit War of 1812 Historic Sites on Sat., June 19th**

On Sat., June 19th, the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is offering a low-cost high quality field trip to key War of 1812 historic sites. Working with Bianco Tours & Transportation ([www.biancotours.com](http://www.biancotours.com)), you are invited to join several experts as we travel from Fort Detroit (the Doubletree Downtown Hotel) past Fort Wayne, with stops at the Battles of Monguagon and Brownstown, to the River Raisin Battlefield ( now becoming a National Park site) and conclude at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio. Cost of this tour is \$35/person plus lunch on your own in Monroe and a very nominal \$4 admission to a special historic reenactment event at Fort Meigs. (Register by Monday, June 7th. Registration form attached as [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org).)

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**5. State Board of Education proposes plan for funding Schools, Universities**

Key proposals include: Sales tax on services; Tax on private pensions; Graduated income tax; Universal preschool for 4-year olds and mandatory kindergarten; Two years of college or technical training for all — paid for by the state; Restoration of K-12 funding to 2008-09 levels of \$7,800 per pupil, up from the current \$7,316; Restoration of higher education funding to 2002 levels or a 50/50 split between tuition and state funding; Reduced cost of health insurance for school employees; Elimination of double dipping, in which school employees retire and collect their pensions while continuing to work as a contract employee at their former jobs; & a 15% limit on district savings. To find out more, go to [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), click on "State Board of Education," then "Agendas." Find the agenda for May 11; the plan is under "Approval of State Board of Education's Recommendations Regarding School Reform/Finance."

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**6. Wed., June 23, Michigan Joint Education Conference: Connecting Across the Curricula**

The third annual Michigan Joint Education Conference on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at Thurston High School in Redford, Michigan, will feature sessions directed at teachers and administrators on integrated education, curriculum and instruction. Registration fees are \$49 for members of any of the sponsoring and partner organizations and \$79 for non members. Register by June 4, 2010 and save! The Michigan Joint Education

Conference is hosted by Michigan Council for Social Studies (MCSS), Michigan Council for the Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM), Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA), Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and Michigan Association of Middle School Educators (MAMSE); in conjunction with 11 other Partnering Organizations. For more info: Michigan Joint Education Conference, 3300 Washtenaw Ave, Suite 220, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (734) 677-2270 or visit [www.mijec.org](http://www.mijec.org) to register for the event.

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### 7. Michigan Election Issues Update

Along with Proposal One on the calling of a constitutional convention, Michigan voters will be electing a new governor, attorney general and secretary of state. Voters will also pick at least 29 new state senators (of 38) and 50 state House members (of 110) as term limits lead to a loss of experience and leadership in the Michigan legislature

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### 8. Look! News from the archives of Michigan

(A) **Toledo War:** Today, it seems silly to picture a war between Michigan and Ohio. Yet, this - or something like it - actually happened in 1835. Read more about it here:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/05/04/toledo-michigan>

(B) **U.P. RR Fails:** State Archivist Mark Harvey tells the tale of a short-lived railroad line in the Upper Peninsula. For more details, click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/05/18/boom-and-bust-in-the-u-p>

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, DNRE, [garrettr1@michigan.gov](mailto:garrettr1@michigan.gov))

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**9. Arab American National Museum Opens New Exhibit** Rare jewelry and century-old photographs from Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia are the stars of "Noble Jewels: North African Jewelry and Photography from the Xavier Guerrand-Hermes Collection." The exhibit, from New York's Museum of African Art, now on exhibit in Dearborn. Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan, Dearborn. 313-582-2266. \$6, \$3 students, seniors and ages 6-12.

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### 10. Fri., July 30-Sun., Aug. 1, North American War of 1812 Grand Tactical

The Sackets Harbor Battlefield Alliance, Inc. and the Village of Sackets Harbor, New York are proud to host the **War of 1812 North American Grand Tactical**, July 30-August 1, 2010. The Grand Tactical is the annual gathering of all 1812 American and Crown Forces recreated units, showcasing a wide range of living history traditions including 1812 camp life, clothing, cooking, dance, etiquette, music, period games, military dress and tactics, and weaponry. One of the largest living history weekends for re-enactors, this is the dress rehearsal for the 2013 Bicentennial living history event scheduled for Sackets Harbor. Full schedule and map of the grounds posted on their website. For updated info, visit

<http://www.sacketsharborbattlefield.org/>

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### 11. Sat.-Sun., May 29-30, Feast of the Ste. Claire, Port Huron

This fascinating historic reenactment of French & Indian times takes place in Pine Grove Park near the mouth of the St. Clair River. For details, visit [www.sunbursttours.com/feast/](http://www.sunbursttours.com/feast/)

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### 12. Monroe offers fascinating programs in June

(A), Friday, June 4, Rededication of 100th Anniversary of Custer Statue, Meeting of Little Big Horn Associates (LBHA) and Bus tour. For details, visit [www.prlog.org/10700560-revisit-gen-custers-life-in-historic-monroe-mi-with-little-big-horn-associates-on-june-4-2010.html](http://www.prlog.org/10700560-revisit-gen-custers-life-in-historic-monroe-mi-with-little-big-horn-associates-on-june-4-2010.html)

(B). Fri.-Sat., June 11-12, Fourth Annual River Raisin International Fife and Drum Muster

Featuring the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps "Escort to the President". Friday night concert with the U.S. Army Old Guard and 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps at 7pm in Loranger Square. Saturday 11am Parade through downtown followed immediately by a muster with 10 corps in attendance from Indiana, Michigan, and Virginia. For more info, contact 734.240.7780. Sponsored by the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee, Monroe County Historical Society, and the Main Street Monroe/DDA.

(C)Friday, June 25 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 3 p.m. Corner of East Elm and Detroit Avenues Free and Open to the Public. Jeff Corwin, wildlife biologist and host of Animal Planet's "The Jeff Corwin Experience," will be a featured guest. Other events include: Living History Encampment 3-5 p.m. In front of the River Raisin Battlefield Museum. Free and Open to the Public; & DTE Energy, Fifth Third Bank, La-Z-Boy Incorporated, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, Monroe Bank and Trust and Monroe County Intermediate School District Present: Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin, 7 p.m. La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater; Tickets are available at [www.monroecc.edu/theater](http://www.monroecc.edu/theater) or (734) 384-4272. Additional vents take place on Sat., June 26. More info at [www.rrtrail.com](http://www.rrtrail.com)

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**13. Mon.-Fri., August 16-20, The Holocaust: From the Rise of Nazism to the Deniers of Today, 8:30-5:00, Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills**

Join scholars and survivors for a week-long seminar that will examine the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the Holocaust deniers of today. In addition to formal presentations, teachers will have access to numerous primary resources from the museum library and archive to aid in the development of a classroom lesson that will be shared with all participants at the conclusion of the seminar. Cost: \$100. Questions or for an Application: Contact: Guy Stern Director, International Institute of the Righteous at 248 553 2400 Ext: 22

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**14. Interesting Item from the Motor Cities Auto Heritage**

<http://us.mg203.mail.yahoo.com/dc/launch?.partner=sbc&gx=1&.rand=1f1n0cd93c3hi>

Story of the Week Posted: The Reign of the Model T- October 1, 1908 – May 26, 1927

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**15. Tickets available for Detroit Historical Society Behind the Scenes Saturday Tours**

(A) **Historic Fort Wayne Walking Tour, Sat., June 5, 11 a.m.** – Historian and author **Jim Conway** will give guests a guided tour of this historic site. The fort was a primary induction center for Michigan troops entering battles from the Civil War to Vietnam. Guests will see the original 1848 limestone barracks building, the 1845 Star Fort which was renovated in 1861, the restored Commanding Officer's house and the Spanish-American War guard house. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Society members and \$30 for guests.

(B) **Woodmere Cemetery, Sat., June 12, 11 a.m.** – Guided by historian **Gail Hershenson**, guests will explore one of the city's oldest and most historic cemeteries including its ornate mausoleums, Civil War monument and headstones that date back to the 1860s. Michigan auto magnates David Buick and Henry Leland are buried here. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Society members and \$30 for guests.

(C) **The Heidelberg Project, Sat., June 26, 10 a.m.** – This project, started in 1986 by Tyree Guyton, has transformed vacant lots into "lots of art" and abandoned houses into "gigantic art sculptures." Guyton also integrated the street, sidewalks and trees into his installation project. Despite numerous awards and recognition as one of the most influential art environments in the world, the project faced partial demolition in 1991 and 1999. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Society members and \$30 for guests.

To reserve your spot for one of these *Behind the Scenes* tours call **(313) 833-1801**. For more information about these tours or other 2010 events, visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

(from Bob Sadler, Director of Public & External Relations, Detroit Historical Society)

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**16. Michigan Senior Olympics opens new exhibit at Detroit Historical Museum Saturday**

Michigan Senior Olympics, founded in 1979 as a member of the National Senior Games Association, announces

a special exhibit showcasing its history now open at the Detroit Historical Museum. The new exhibit, located in the Museum's Community Gallery, supported by Comerica Bank, runs through Sunday, September 5th. The exhibit explores the history of the Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) and highlights the individuals who take part in this treasured statewide tradition. The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit; Frontiers to Factories; The Motor City; and The Glancy Trains. For more information, visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) or call (313) 833-1805. (from Bob Sadler, Director of Public & External Relation, Detroit Historical society)

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**17. Sun.-Wed., Sept. 19-22, HSBC Institute on the Environment and the Economy**

Program presented by The Foundation for Teaching Economics with the Michigan Council on Economic Education and the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship - Northern Michigan University, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island The Foundation for Teaching Economics will cover all costs for lodging, registration, materials, field trip / field trip transportation and most meals. A \$100 expense honoraria will be paid if lodging is not needed. Participant Cost: Round trip transportation to and from meeting site. Apply by August 1st (But earlier applications accepted until session is full) Info at [www.mceeonline.org](http://www.mceeonline.org)

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**18. Preservation Wayne Walking Tours**

PW tours are offered from May through September. Saturday tours begin at 10am; Tuesday tours begin at 5:30 pm. Each tour runs 2-3 hours. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors, students, and PW members. For details, visit [www.preservationwayne.org](http://www.preservationwayne.org)

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**19. The Next Electronic Field Trip is *The Will of the People* October 14, 2010**

Freedom Bound Choice, hope, and escape from slavery are highlighted in stories spanning three centuries. Examine the options for slaves willing to risk their lives for freedom. To where could they run? Whom could they trust? Learn how these answers changed over time, from the American colonies' first slave laws to the Underground Railroad before the Civil War.

Details at <http://www.history.org/trips/index.cfm>

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**20. C-SPAN's The Supreme Court Now Available**

C-SPAN gives readers a rare window into the nation's highest court in the words of those who serve and work there with its latest book, *The Supreme Court*. Edited by Brian Lamb, Susan Swain, and Mark Farkas, this book evolved out of a unique opportunity to interview all nine sitting Supreme Court Justices plus retired Justice O'Connor for a documentary on the Supreme Court. *The Supreme Court* is now available in hardcover or as a downloadable e-book from your favorite bookseller. To purchase, visit [www.c-span.org/books](http://www.c-span.org/books) and click on the cover. Enter promo code SCOTUS at checkout and receive 25% off your purchase price. For more info about C-SPAN's Supreme Court documentary, visit [www.c-span.org/supremecourt](http://www.c-span.org/supremecourt).

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**21. Michigan History tells fascinating stories.**

My May-June issue of Michigan History just arrive. I look forward to reading about the steamboats along the Grand River, the Thin Man from Duck lake, the story of Detroit George Buchanan, and much more. If you are not a subscriber, you can become one by visiting [www.h-net.org/~hsm/mhm/subscribe.html](http://www.h-net.org/~hsm/mhm/subscribe.html)

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**22. Historical Society of Michigan offers Awards at Annual Conference**

State History Awards Nominations are due on August 1. for Presentation at the annual fall State Historical Conference in Frankenmuth, Fri.-Sun., Oct. 15-17. For full list of award categories and conference info,

visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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### 23. New Information for the History News Network (More at [www.hnn.net](http://www.hnn.net))

- (A) Book of the Month <http://hnn.us/blogs/62.html>
- (B) Website of the Month <http://hnn.us/roundup/57.html>
- (C) Who Owns the American Revolution? Jill Lepore <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/126019.html>
- (D) Historians on the Hot Seat <http://hnn.us/articles/1081.html>
- (E) What Are the Origins of Memorial Day? by Stephen A. Bowden <http://hnn.us/articles/754.html>
- (F) Texas's History Curriculum <http://www.hnn.us/articles/124219.html>
- (G) Review of Christian Wolmar's Blood, Iron and Gold: How Railroads Transformed the World Jim Cullen <http://www.hnn.us/roundup/entries/124508.html>
- (H) Dave Lieberman: Who Are the Most Widely-Cited Historians? <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127112>

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### 24. LeadAmerica/National History Club offer Special Grants

As a result of our recent partnership with LeadAmerica, I am excited to announce a very special opportunity available to the students, teachers, and partners of the National History Club. In addition to sponsoring our 2010 National History Club Essay Contest, LeadAmerica will also provide a \$250 grant towards any LeadAmerica conference for students of educators affiliated with the National History Club. LeadAmerica programs are often described as "life-changing" and offer incredible experiences that can set students apart as college applicants and young leaders. To learn more and to obtain your student grant code, please contact a LeadAmerica Admissions Counselor at 866.FYI.LEAD or visit their website at <http://www.lead-america.org/default.asp>. (from Bob Nasson, Executive Director, National History Club; [www.nationalhistoryclub.org](http://www.nationalhistoryclub.org))

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### 25. Museum Class offered at University of Michigan-Dearborn

Taught by Jennifer Williams, this class offers 3 credits. It meets Mon. July 26 – Sat. July 31, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Visit art, history and science museums, explore museum careers, and earn college credit Course Goals: Introduce educational functions of museums including interpretation, programming, evaluation, technology and social media For more information call 313 593 5100 or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:admissions@umd.umich.edu" admissions@umd.umich.edu](mailto:admissions@umd.umich.edu)

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### 26. Participate in a Wayne State University Survey of K-12 Teachers

Teachers of K-12 are sought for an on-line research study of factors that protect teachers from stress and negative moods. This study is being conducted at Wayne State University. You will have the opportunity to participate in a drawing to receive a \$25 gift card to Target or Staples. (If you win, you choose which gift card.). At least 14 teachers will be randomly selected to win a gift card, from those teachers who enter the drawing for a gift card. Your participation in the drawing, should you choose to do that, will not be linked in any way to your survey responses. Go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/teacherstress](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/teacherstress) to take the survey. Your participation can make a difference!

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### 27. Make HFA Dash TECH Team THE National Winner!

From: Jim Cameron <[cameronj@SALINE.K12.MI.US](mailto:cameronj@SALINE.K12.MI.US)> I suggest we support one of our own in this contest. Jim Prize Education / DASH+ Facebook status update from Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm (D) **Henry Ford Academy's DASH Tech Team can become the National winners! We Need Your Valuable Votes!**

**Please vote to make us the national winners! Time is running out!!!! VOTE NOW!** You can vote once a day, every day until May 31st. Visit [www.FuelOurFutureNow.com/contest](http://www.FuelOurFutureNow.com/contest) and cast your vote for the next-generation dashboard that helps drivers maximize fuel efficiency and reduce environmental impact. The **DASH+** Team

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## **28. A few items form Memorial Day Weekend Book TV Schedule**

For more info, visit [www.booktv.org](http://www.booktv.org) (Check schedule for repeat programming and other titles.)

Saturday, May 29th, 2pm (ET) Approx. 55 min. After the Hangover by R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. to 3pm

Sunday, May 30th. 1pm (ET) Approx. 34 min. Tour of Arlington National Cemetery with Robert Poole author of "On Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery" Robert Poole

1:30pm (ET) , 10am (ET) Approx. 41 min. The War Lovers: Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst, and the Rush to Empire, 1898 Evan Thomas 10:45am (ET)

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## **29. Selected Other Upcoming Events in June**

**June 14-17, Michigan Lighthouse Alliance State Conference, Traverse City** More info available at [michiganlighthousealliance.org](http://michiganlighthousealliance.org).

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**Fri.-Sun., June 18-20, Arab American International Festival, Dearborn**

Details at: [www.americanarab.com](http://www.americanarab.com)

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**Fri.-Mon., June 18-21, Detroit River Days, Detroit Riverfront**

Details at [www.detroitriverdays.com](http://www.detroitriverdays.com)

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**Mon., June 21, 52nd Annual Target Fireworks, Detroit Riverfront**

Details at [www.detroitriverdays.com](http://www.detroitriverdays.com)

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**Wed., June 23, Michigan Joint Educators Conference, Thurston High School, Redford**

For registration materials and other details, visit [www.mijec.org](http://www.mijec.org)

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**Tues.-Fri., June 22-25, We the People Summer Institute, U.M., Ann Arbor**

Questions? Contact Jim Troost, Michigan Center for Civic Education, [jim.troost@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:jim.troost@oakland.k12.mi.us)

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**Wed., June 23, Pioneer Life Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Walker Tavern, Brooklyn** Registration

deadline: June 9. For more info, please e-mail [valentynec@michigan.gov](mailto:valentynec@michigan.gov) or call (517) 467-4401. Details at [www.michigan.gov/walkertavern](http://www.michigan.gov/walkertavern).

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**Wed., June 23, Michigan Joint Education Conference(MiJEC), Thurston High School Redford;**

Details at [www.mijec.org](http://www.mijec.org)

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**Fri.-Sun., June 25-27, Upper Peninsula History Conference, Menominee**

Sponsored by Historical Society of Michigan. Details at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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**Sun., June 27, 24th Annual Michigan Log Cabin Day**

visit [www.qtm.net/logcabinrafts](http://www.qtm.net/logcabinrafts)

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**Sunday July 4, Star Spangled Fourth of July, Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island**

More info at [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com)

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**Sat., July 10, Past In Person, 7 p.m. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling**

Michael Deren transports you to the 1870s, when lumberjacks were "cutting the big sticks." Details at [www.michigan.gov/haratwipines](http://www.michigan.gov/haratwipines)

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**Sat.-Sun., July 10-11, Civil War Days at Fort Wayne, Detroit**

Details at [www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html](http://www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html)"

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**Wed.-Sun., July 14-18, Great Lakes Maritime Education Workshop, St. Helena Island, Straits of**

**Mackinac;** Info: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, P.O. Box 219, Mackinaw City MI 49701, (231) 436-5580 or visit [www.gllka.com](http://www.gllka.com)

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