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Dear Colleagues,

After watching another disappointing Lions loss, I knew I had to do something creative. This issue of E-Notes is the result. Hopefully, you will find some items of interest in the wide range of historical topics and information presented.

As always, please feel free to share this E-newsletter with colleagues and others you think might be interested in this material. If you have items for the January issue, please email the information to me at jam1776@sbcglobal.net.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season,,
Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

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.

Check out the recent postings at www.michiganhistoryed.org

Be sure to follow developments in History Education at Michigan on MCHE's website:

<http://www.michiganhistoryed.org>!

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- 1. Can a Combined Social Studies Conference be established?**

Ongoing discussions among leaders of all five social studies content curriculum areas (Mich. Council for History Education(MCHE); Michigan Geographic Alliance (MGA); Michigan Council for Economic Education (MCEE); Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE) and Michigan Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) For more thoughts on this critical topic, an article discussing issues will be posted by early December at www.michiganhistoryed.org.

2. MCHE Partners with Michigan Historical Commission and Edward Surovell Realtors to Sponsor Civil War Sesquicentennial Essay Contest

MCHE is pleased to announce a Civil War Essay Contest open to 3rd-12th graders. The contest focuses on the role of any Michigan community in the Civil War. This is a great opportunity for your students. More info and a pdf entry form can be found under "Workshops and Special Events" link at www.michiganhistoryed.org.

3. Michigan 1812 Commission plans Great Lakes 1812 Historic Sites tour, Sat., July 16-Mon., July 25, 2011; SAVE THE DATES!

\$1,812

Join the Michigan 1812 Bicentennial Commission on a ten-day journey around the Great Lakes visiting key War of 1812 historic sites. Ride a luxurious Bianco Tours, inc., bus while visiting the River Raisin Battlefield National Park, Fort Meigs, Fort Stephenson, the Perry Memorial on Put-in-Bay, the Niagara replica in Erie, PA, and many key sites in the Niagara Falls area. See the Brock Monument, the Battle of Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie, the Battle of Stoney Creek and visit historic Fort York. then, north to Georgian Bay to see the Nancy and travel up to Fort St. Joseph, the British site where they launched their successful attack on Fort Mackinac. Spend a day on historic Mackinac Island, with an included carriage ride and tour of the Fort. Price of \$1,812 includes lodging, most meals, admissions and much more. For a detailed brochure, please email Dr. jim McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net.

4. History Day Participation: Please Consider

National History Day offers a fun opportunity for students to "dig a little deeper" in learning history. Students do research on an individually chosen topic based on a chosen theme (Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences.) and present their work through their choice of art, literature, music, drama, and visual communications, in addition to writing. History Day and its regional and state competitions are part of the National History Day (NHD) competition. State finalists go on to the national competition held in Maryland each summer. (As an estimate, our Wayne County projects need to be done somewhere by the end of January or the beginning of February.) History Day competition has three divisions, according to school grade: Youth Division - grades 4 and 5; Junior Division - grades 6, 7, and 8; Senior Division - grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. www.nationalhistoryday.org/images/uploads/2010rulebook.pdf For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org (From: David Hales <HalesD@resa.net> Social Studies consultant, Wayne RESA

5. The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars, Charleston, SC, March 31-April 2, 2011 Register for the 2011 NCHE Conference! "Early Bird" Rates end December 5th

The 2011 NCHE Conference will feature: Over 60 Breakout Sessions ; Poster Sessions ; Enrichment Excursions: The Citadel; Steeples & Stones Walking Tour; Culinary Tour of Charleston; Patriots Point; Fort Sumter; and MORE! Friday Night at Fort Sumter (Harbor Cruise and Fort Sumter) – must pre-register. Speakers: Mark Smith, University of South Carolina; Carol Berkin, CUNY Graduate Center and Baruch College; Bob Bain, University of Michigan; Cathy Gorn, National History Day; Julie Daniels, New York State Archives and the NCHE Exhibit Hall!

2011 NCHE Conference Registration There are two ways to register for the 2011 Conference.

To begin either method, please go to: http://www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/registration.html

1. A PDF version of the registration can be printed from this age.

2. An online registration form can be completed as well.

6. Bay View: An American Idea describes historic Michigan community

Written by Mary Jane Doerr, Bay View, An American Idea is a history of Bay View, a Chautauqua community in Northern Michigan. It includes stories about Ernest Hemingway's connection to the community, the visit of the Custer family after The Battle of Little Bighorn, and how Irma Rombauer came to write "The Joy of

Cooking”. Of great interest is the newspaper accounts by the Great Unitarian Paul B. Blanshard and Philosopher Brand Blanshard of their early life in Petoskey and Bay View. As well as the author's account of the women's movement in Petoskey. To order, or for more info, visit www.maryjandoerr.com

7. Geography Awareness Week and new website

MGA just went live with our new website, www.cst.cmich.edu/mga. Come visit us! National Geographic's Geography Awareness Week was November 14-22. For information about both NGS activities, and Michigan Geographic Alliance activities, including a new downloadable tile map of the Great Lakes Watershed with student activities, and a Walk for Water project for classrooms, please email Marty at the email below (from Marty Mater, Teacher Consultant in Residence, Michigan Geographic Alliance, mater1ml@cmich.edu or 1-800-279-1423)

8. Social Studies Consultant, Michigan Department of Education Vacancy

For more than a year, MDE has not filled the position held for about 15 years by Karen R. Todorov. We all are aware of the fiscal crisis facing the state of Michigan and appreciate the need to use caution in filling any vacant position. However, the Social Studies position is a critical voice within the State Education Department and should not be allowed to remain unfilled. I have in my hand a fascinating booklet, "The History of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, 1956-2006: A Fifty Year Reflection." On p. 5, the critical role of MCSS in helping the State Superintendent Ira Polley create the position is described. (Bob Trezise was the first MDE Social studies Consultant, serving from 1969 to 1973. Dr. Gene Cain served from 1973 to 1977, Dr. John Chapman from 1977 to 1995, and Karen R. Todorov, 1995-2009. We need collective action to encourage the State Board to fill this critical position as expeditiously as possible.

9. "Off the Record" with Tim Skubick

Be certain to watch the WKAR PBS program that provides weekly TV coverage of the governor's office, the state legislature, the political campaign trail, and state government. With senior capitol correspondent Tim Skubick and his capitol press corps colleagues. We can only teach what we know and there is no better information source for Michigan government and politics than this fascinating program.

10. Legislative Reapportionment

What have you told your students about this most critical issue ? It will be a key news story in 2011. I do hope to create a learning activity to post by early January, if not before; at www.michiganhistoryed.org, the Michigan Council for History Education website. Check out the Sunday, Nov. 14th, Detroit Free Press, www.freep.com, for several informative articles.

11. Look!: Michigan's Polar Bears

For Veterans Day, we present an article on the Polar Bears. These American troops (the majority of which hailed from Michigan) fought Russian Bolsheviks in 1918-1919. Check out the awesome panoramic photo of the entire regiment! Here's the link: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/11/09/polar-bears> (from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan)

12. A New Look for the Library of Congress Lesson Plans

The Library of Congress lesson plans, which have been a core part of the Library's teacher resources for more than a decade, are sporting a fresh look and a new address. These lessons, all of which were developed by teachers and tested in classrooms, now have a more consistent structure and a streamlined new look, and are available at loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons. The old URLs will only redirect for a few more weeks, so stop by to revisit your favorites and update your bookmarks

13. 2011 Social Studies Olympiad Handbook

Educators, the 25th Annual Social Studies Olympiad will be taking place on May 7, 2011 at Fraser High School. For \$100 your school can send an unlimited number of students to participate in over 25 on and off-site social studies events. Medals will be awarded to the best student performances. Please click on the link below and sign some teams up. Please email Anthony Salciccioli at anthony@salciccioli.com if you have any questions. www.managedbyamr.com/clients/mcss/MCSS2011_OlympiadHandbook.pdf

14. News from the History News Network, www.hnn.us

1- Robert Dallek: The Long View of the Tea Party

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/133293.html>

2- Amanda Foreman: Obama Can Take Comfort from History

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/133255.html>

3- H.W. Brands: For 2012, Obama Should Learn from FDR's Reelection

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/133261.html>

4- Review of Timothy R. Pauketat's Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi JIM CULLEN

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/129251.html>

5-Who Really Won the 1960 Election? DAVID STEBENNE www.hnn.us/articles/133484.html

6-Channelling George Washington: Benjamin Franklin THOMAS FLEMING

www.hnn.us/articles/133586.html

7-The Election of 1860 and Secession—to Preserve Slavery DOUGLAS EGERTON

www.hnn.us/articles/133335.html

8-*Yale Will Return Machu Picchu Artifacts <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#133864>

15. DIA opens new exhibit: “Fakes, Forgeries, and Mysteries,” Now to -April 10, 2011

Who done it? And when and why? Those are the questions raised by this exhibition, which looks at the art historical research, science, and technology behind the authenticity of works in the DIA collection. Examples have been pulled from all areas of the collection--painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative objects--from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. Everyone makes mistakes, and curators and other art experts are no exception. For details on hours, admission, special lectures, and more, visit www.dia.org

16. Free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum...

Now through August 2011, admission to the Detroit Historical Museum will be FREE on the third Sunday of each month. In addition, docent-led tours of the famous Streets of Detroit will be offered from noon until 3pm. Be sure to catch the “I Do” wedding exhibit.

17. What do you know about Westminster Abbey?

Yes, I know it will be the setting for the April 29, 2011 wedding of Kate Middleton and Prince William. But do you know much about its fascinating history? Annette checked it out at www.sacred-destinations.com/england/london-westminster-abbey

18. Celebrate Bill of Rights Day, Wed., Dec. 15th, with a Fascinating trivia Quiz.

Did you know the Bill of Rights was ratified on December 15, 1791? Help your students learn some unique facts about the first Ten Amendments to the United States Constitution when you use the Bill of Rights Quiz at www.michiganhistoryed.org Just click on the “Resources” tab at the top of the Home page. ENJOY!

19. “Celebrating Women!” Exhibit Now Open at Women’s Historical Museum

Please visit the Michigan Women’s Historical Center & Hall of Fame to view the new art exhibit, "Celebrating

Women!" by Ann Arbor Women Artists. This juried exhibit celebrates the roles, relationships and importance of women as leaders. The exhibit includes over 40 different works in a variety of mediums--oil paint, collage, 3D, photography, etc. For details, visit www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org (from Emily Fijol, Assistant Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame efijol@michiganwomen.org)

20. News from the Michigan Historical Center

A. THE BIG HISTORY LESSON—This month brings the school year's first Big History Lesson classes to the Michigan Historical Museum for their weeklong adventure. Learn more about the program at <http://www.michigan.gov/bighistory>.

B. EXHIBITS

1. Batteries Not Included: Toys from the Michigan Historical Museum. Our new special exhibit, features artifacts and activities for the kid in every one of us. Learn more at

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_54464_18628-242943--,00.html.

2. Elections: Tickets and Trinkets. A collection of political paraphernalia showcases campaign novelties from a variety of political figures, including Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. In the Atrium, on the second floor.

21. A Michigan history mystery

Visit the website to learn about an interesting grave issue:

<http://nighttraintodetroit.com/2010/11/18/where-is-lieutenant-john-brooks-jr-2/>

(from Jack Dempsey, Chair Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee)

22. Daniel Day-Lewis in Illinois to prepare for 'Lincoln'

Academy Award-winning actor Daniel Day-Lewis is preparing for his role as Abraham Lincoln by visiting the state where the former president began his political career. DreamsWorks Studios says Day-Lewis will star in the Steven Spielberg-directed film "Lincoln." The movie is based on the book "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin, who joined Day-Lewis on his tour in Illinois. The actor toured several historic sites Friday in Springfield, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home and the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln served as a legislator. Filming is expected to begin next fall, and the movie is to be released in late 2012. (from Mike Thorne, Historical Researcher)

23. \$10,000 National History Teacher of the Year Award Nominations due Feb.1, 2011

The National History Teacher of the Year Award presents \$10,000 to the best American history teacher. The national winner is chosen from outstanding American history teachers in each state, district, and U.S.

territory. State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources for their school. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, HISTORY™, and Preserve America.

In 2011, the Gilder Lehrman Institute will honor a teacher of grades K-6. Middle and high school teachers are honored every other year. To nominate a teacher and learn more, visit:

www.gilderlehrman.org/education/htoy_overview.php

24. National History Club offers student benefits

The National History Club (NHC) inspires students and teachers to start history club chapters at high schools, middle schools, and within other student and community programs. Members of local history club chapters participate in local and national programs, and create their own projects and activities. The NHC also provides chapters with resources and services that will help them increase the activity and impact of their history club. For more about the National History Club, visit www.nationalhistoryclub.org

25. John Cumming (1915-2010) A Tribute From the Clarke

John Cumming, director emeritus of the Clarke Library, Central Michigan University, died November 10, 2010. Finding adequate words to describe John's many contributions to the Library are difficult, but the thoughts shared at the time of his retirement in 1982 by Gerald Elliott, then chairman of the Clarke Board of Governors, serve well to summarize John's work within the Library: "That the collection has, in so short a

time, become one of the truly important historical libraries of Michigan – indeed, of the entire Midwest – can be attributed in large part to your [John’s] comprehensive knowledge of the field in which you were working, and to the tireless efforts you have exerted in pursuing the Library’s avowed goals. ... You most certainly were the right man in the right place at the right time.” A more detailed memorial written by the Library staff can be found by visiting http://clarke.cmich.edu/john_cumming_biography.html

26. Apply Now for 2011 Gilder-Lehrman Summer Seminars

K-12 history, social studies and English teachers are invited to apply to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for its 2011 Summer Seminars series. Taught by renowned historians on college campuses in the US and the UK, these one-week seminars give educators the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of topics in American history. There are thirty-nine seminars available to choose from addressing a broad array of topics. For a complete list of Gilder Lehrman’s 2011 seminars, information about full and partial fellowships, graduate credit, and to apply online, visit [/www.gilderlehrman.org](http://www.gilderlehrman.org). Seminar space is limited and applicants are urged to apply early. The application deadline is February 1, 2011.

27. NEH Summer 2011 Workshops for School Teachers

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the federal government. As part of the NEH’s *We the People* program, we offer Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for School Teachers. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops provide the opportunity for K-12 educators to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics in American history and culture. These one-week programs will give participants direct experiences in the interpretation of significant historical and cultural sites and the use of archival and other primary evidence. Landmarks Workshops present the best scholarship on a specific landmark or related cluster of landmarks, enabling participants to gain a sense of the importance of historical places, to make connections between what they learn in the Workshop and what they teach, and to develop enhanced teaching or research materials. Applicants must complete the NEH application and provide all of the information requested to be considered eligible. For complete information, visit www.neh.gov Note: The application deadline is March 1, 2011 (postmark).

28. NEH offers Summer 2011 Institutes & Seminars

Each year the NEH’s Division of Education Programs offers teachers opportunities to study a variety of humanities topics in NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes. Each program provides a substantial stipend along with a wonderful learning experience. To learn about specific topics, dates, and location, please visit www.heh.gov. Application Deadline: March 1, 2011 (postmark)

29. Holiday Highlights from Kathleen Marcaccio’s “Detroit Culture & History Calendar”

3rd Annual Christmas at the Fort at Historic Fort Wayne, Saturday, December 4, 2010, 2-8pm.

www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/christmas.html

38th Annual Noel Night in the Cultural Center, Saturday, December 4, 2010, 5pm-9:30pm.

www.detroitmidtown.com/05/noelnight.php

Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, December 4, 10-11, 17-23 and 26-27, 2010, 6:30-10pm.

www.thehenryford.org/events/holidayNights.aspx

Woodward Wonderland: A Detroit Holiday Celebration, Friday through Sunday, December 10-12, 2010 (Friday, 8pm; Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, 4pm).

<http://sa1.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/EventSearch?presenter=MOSAIC>

Las Posadas, Thursday December 16-Friday December 24, 2010. For more info, call the Southwest Detroit Business Association at 313-842-0986 or Ste. Anne’s de Detroit Catholic Church at 313-496-1701. The “Detroit” E-News includes info on events, tour, exhibits and much more. A wonderful resources. To subscribe to this FREE weekly service provided by Kathleen, email her at dkosh@msh.com
