

**Electronic News Update from the
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Dear Colleagues:

Can spring be coming soon? Hopefully, the roads will clear in time for us to attend some of the fascinating events cited below. Even if the roads do not clear, I hope this MCHE E-Notes issue contains much for thought and research. Do share with others you think might be interested.

Think Spring! Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

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3. July 16-25 Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic Sites Tour
4. "After Tippecanoe" Symposium press release
5. Annette & Jim McConnell History Educator Award Nomination Form
6. MCHE Membership Form

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 in Michigan on MCHE's website: <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org>!

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1. Cruise Lake Michigan with MCHE on the "Friends Good Will" on Sat., August 6th

Join the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) and the Michigan Maritime Museum in cooperation with the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 on Saturday, August 6, 2011, for "A Lake Michigan Cruise into the War of 1812" on the historic replica sloop "Friends Good Will." The day's activities begin at 10 a.m. at the Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, Michigan 49090, with presentations on "The War of 1812 on the Great Lakes" and "The History of 'Friends Good Will': Past & Present", followed by a Tour of the Michigan Maritime Museum. A box lunch is included as well as a 1:00 p.m. Lake Michigan cruise on the historic replica "Friends Good Will." Registration for the full day is \$45 for MCHE Members & their Immediate Family with Non-MCHE Members registration set at \$55/person. A registration form will be posted at www.michiganhistoryed.org by March 15th. SPACE IS LIMITED. For info on the Michigan Maritime Museum and "Friends Good Will," visit www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org For more info, email Dr. Jim McConnell, jam1776@sbcglobal.net

2. How will you celebrate James Madison's Birthday?

Yes, the "Father of the Constitution," "the father of the Bill of rights," and our 4th President, presiding over the Nation during the War of 1812, was born on March 16, 1751, in Port Conway, Virginia. What a great time to have your class/school/civic group plan a special event to honor him. In 2011, March 16 falls on a Wednesday, the perfect day for a class birthday party!

A few sites to visit for Madison info are

- a. Montpelier, VA, the Home of James Madison; <http://www.montpelier.org/>
- b. The Hauenstein Center for Presidential studies, Grand Rapids, at www.allpresidents.org Type "James Madison" in the Upper left Box to search their site.
- c. James Madison University at <http://www.jmu.edu/birthday/> In 2008, they held a Madison Week" celebration.

3. Reapportionment Resource from the Center for Michigan

In addition to helping your students learn about the state budget and the legislative process, why not help them learn about the key instrument in distributing political power: the apportionment process. A thoughtful article, "Redistricting in Michigan: We Can Do Better" by Phil Power, may be found at www.thecenterformichigan.net/redistricting-in-michigan-we-can-do-better/ Other information is available at www.thecenterformichigan.net/ and you can sign up for their free weekly newsletter to learn more about government and politics in Michigan.

4. Entry Deadline approaches for MCHE, Michigan Historical Commission and Edward Surovell Realtors 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. Cash prizes awarded for top entries in three grade level clusters. 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.

5. National Council for History Education (NCHE) Issues An Urgent Call to Action!

With political changes in Congress over the last several months, it is a critical time for everyone who shares a belief in the importance of history education to contact their federal legislators. In particular, the Teaching American History Grants face challenges from both education policy makers and as part of budget

discussions. We believe that this program can, should, and will be saved through the efforts of our members! The key is to educate Congress about the importance of history education. Find out how to act to save the only federally supported program for professional development in history, please visit <http://www.nche.net/> A pdf is **attached** describing this initiative.

6. Application Period for FY '11 Teaching American History Grants Open

On February 2, the Department of Education announced that it was inviting applications for new awards under the Teaching American History (TAH) Grant Program for fiscal year (FY) 2011. However, the notice in the Federal Register makes clear that the Administration's FY 2011 budget request did not include funding for the TAH program. It states, "We are inviting applications for the TAH program to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the current fiscal year, if Congress appropriates funds for this program." The Federal Register notice, which includes all the necessary information on the application process, is available on their website. For further info, Contact: Mia Howerton, Margarita Melendez, or Adam Bookman, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4C123, Washington, DC 20202-5960. Telephone: (202) 205-0147 or by e-mail: teachingamericanhistory@ed.gov. If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

7. Macomb ISD MCHE offer Library of Congress Training, with \$500 Honorarium

TWENTY classroom teachers and media specialists are sought to develop Lesson Plans using materials from the Library of Congress website, www.loc.gov The workshop will include an orientation to the materials and will require each participant to develop lessons for use by students. This project is subject to approval of funding, which is expected by early March. Sponsored by the Macomb Intermediate School District and the Michigan Council for History Education, the workshop will be held 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, July 12/13, & Tuesday-Wednesday, July 26/27, 2011. All sessions will be at Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township MI 48038, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., **Application must be RECEIVED no later than Friday, May 20th.** Application **MUST be accompanied by fully refundable DEPOSIT of \$25** to reserve your place. Deposits returned upon completion of workshop or, if not accepted, with letter of regret in mid-June. Applications will be available AFTER FEB.1st at www.michiganhistoryed.org. Applicants will be notified of their selection by Friday, June 10th Please contact Kathy Swanger, 586.228.3405 or kswanger@misd.net or Dr. Jim McConnell, 734-525-2962 or jam1776@sbcglobal.net, Project Co-Directors, for more information. Participants will be expected to develop curriculum materials using the Library of Congress web resources and to help disseminate the materials by making presentations at educational conferences. A \$500 honorarium will be paid upon completion of appropriate materials. For sample lessons, visit <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/index.html>

8. Have you purchased your copy of *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice* by Jack Dempsey?

With lively narration, telling anecdotes and vivid battlefield accounts, *Michigan and the Civil War* presents, as never before, the story of Michigan's heroic role in saving the Union. Beginning with Michigan's antebellum period and antislavery heritage, the book describes the state's rapid response to President Lincoln's call to arms, its involvement in the greatest battles and its most interesting personalities. Based on thorough and new research, this volume is surprising in breadth and a continual revelation of contributions of the Great Lake State. Jack Dempsey, former assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan, is firmly embedded in the Michigan Civil War community. He runs a popular Michigan in the Civil War blog (www.micwc.typepad.com) and is vice-president of the Michigan Historical Commission, as well as a board member of the Historical Society of Michigan. All author proceeds are donated to Michigan's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. Available from the author at jdempsey@dickinsonwright.com or on the Borders, Barnes & Noble, or Amazon websites ISBN: 978-1-59629-173-4 Paperback, 92 pages; \$21.99; Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2011 (635 Rutledge Ave., Suite 107 Charleston, SC 29403)

9. Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference marks 53rd year, March 25-26, 2011

The 53rd annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference will be held March 25-26, 2011, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy . The conference is presented by the Historical Society of Michigan and organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee. The conference will feature several keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on local history in Michigan . Hank Meijer , co-chairman of Meijer, Inc., will present the opening keynote, "Meijer at 77: Growing Up in Michigan". Other keynotes include "The Story of Adam and Sarah Crosswhite" by Bryan and Shannon Prince; "Preserving Ford's Highland Park Plant" by Debbie Schutt, president of Schutt & Co.; and "Reinventing Detroit" by *Detroit Free Press* writer John Gallagher. Breakout sessions will cover topics such as local history, genealogy, women's history, cultural diversity and industrial history. Open to anyone interested in state or regional history, registration for the two-day event is \$35 (\$45 after March 16). To register or for more info, www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

10. Gov. Snyder's Michigan Dashboard available online

As referenced in the governor's State of the State address, the progress of his plan to reshape our state will be recorded and measured online. With a mission to motivate progress, Gov. Snyder will set clear, measurable goals and actively track their progress for the duration of his term. Called the Michigan Dashboard, the governor's site shows the status of efforts which impact economic growth, education, public health and safety, value for taxpayer dollars in government, and overall quality of life.

The Dashboard can be found at www.michigan.gov/midas

(from Rep. John Walsh's newsletter)

11. Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Great Lakes Historic Sites Tour offers Great Learning Experience, July 16-25, Now accepting Reservations

A ten-day journey around the Great Lakes will visit key War of 1812 historic sites including the River Raisin Battlefield National Park, Fort Meigs, Fort Stephenson, the Perry Memorial on Put-in-Bay, the Niagara replica in Erie, PA, Brock Monument, the Battle of Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie, the Battle of Stoney Creek, historic Fort York, the Georgian Bay site of the Nancy, Fort St. Joseph and Fort Mackinac. The price of \$1,812 includes lodging, most meals, admissions and much more. For detailed brochure, please email Dr. Jim McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net or visit www.michigan.gov/war1812

12. Thurs. March 10, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Arab American National Museum Teacher Open House

Learn about Arab American & Middle Eastern history, culture and issues to enhance your lesson plans & classroom experience Museum tours * Refreshments * Free Raffle Drawing With Great Prizes! * Free educational materials * Discounts on membership This event is FREE! 13624 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI 48126, Info at www.arabamericanmuseum.org RSVP to Sonya Kassis at skassis@accesscommunity.org OR 313.624.0202 by Thursday, March 3, 2011

13. Foundation for Teaching Economics FTE programs in Michigan - 2011

To date, two Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE) programs will be held in Michigan during 2011 July 17-22, Economics for Leaders, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale For more info and registration materials, visit www.fte.org

Sept. 10-13, Environment and the Economy Institute, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island For registration info, contact David Dieterle, Ph.D., President and Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Council on Economic Education at david@mceonline.org or visit FTE website listed above For more info, contact David Dieterle david@mceonline.org (from David Hales)

14. Champions of Justice: African Americans in the Law" Program Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services

The 2011 Ford Freedom Award program for grades 4 and up profiles noteworthy African Americans jurists past and present. The supplement recognizes the accomplishments of Judge Constance Baker Motley, the 2011 Ford Freedom Award Honoree, and the 2011 Ford Freedom Award scholar, Judge Damon J. Keith, but also includes profiles of pioneering civil rights jurists; leaders in politics and the law; and legal leaders today.

This FREE program includes: » Delivery of the 16-page student supplement on Friday, March 25, 2011. » 12-page online password protected teacher guide » Full-color classroom poster mailed » Access to 10 or more e-Editions of The Detroit News from March 21 - June 10; **Order** by Thursday, March 17, at. www.dnieorder.com/teacherportal/nes/programs/nes_programlist.asp?typeid=5

15. Humanities Council Names New Executive Director

Mary Kathleen Wolf has been named the new executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. Katie Wolf replaces Janice Fedewa, who retired Jan. 31 after serving 13 years with the Council, eight as executive director. The Michigan Humanities Council is a private, nonprofit organization, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It provides grants for humanities projects throughout Michigan and operates the Great Michigan Read, Poetry Out Loud and Prime Time Family Reading Time programs. Wolf has served in a variety of executive-level positions throughout her career, including national director for the Presidential Medal of Technology in Washington, D.C.; head of external relations for the Consortium of International Earth Science Information Network; communications director for the Michigan Governor's Cabinet Council on Human Investment; and education and public outreach director for the Kentucky Division of Water. Most recently she served as a constituent services director for the Michigan State Senate and prior to that, executive director of a statewide community and adult education association. "I am very fortunate to be joining a strong team of professionals and advocates that comprise the Michigan Humanities Council," Wolf said. "I hope to build on this extraordinary foundation by strengthening and expanding partnerships with others who are willing to take bold moves to ensure Michigan's legacy as a powerhouse of innovation, education and creativity is embraced and reinvigorated." She holds a master of arts degree from Michigan State University and bachelor of arts degree from Bellarmine University. She resides in Owosso, Mich., with her husband and two children where she has been active in supporting community theater and the arts, early childhood education and respite care. For more info, contact Hugh Gallagher, Public Relations Officer, hgallagher@mihumanities.org, 517-372-7770

16. New Mackinac Island Art Museum holds Art & Photography Contest, offers \$4,750 in Cash Prizes

It's not too early to start planning spring and summer vacations in Michigan. One of the most popular vacation venues in our great state continues to be Mackinac Island. If you do go there, you may wish to visit the new art museum. The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum will be holding two juried exhibition contests, offering a total of \$4,750 in cash prizes, plus the opportunity to have your work displayed in special contemporary art and photography exhibitions within this state-of-the-art, Mackinac Island museum. All material must be Mackinac-related, complementing the historic Mackinac fine and decorative art already on display. Guidelines, entry forms, and more information for both contests can be downloaded at www.MackinacParks.com/mackinac-art-museum by clicking on the "Art & Photo Contests" photo feature at the bottom right of the website, or by visiting the site and clicking on "Plan Your Visit" and then "Highlights/Art Contest Call for Entries."

17. Celebrate the Civil War Sesquicentennial with HNN

Visit http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110210_civilwarmap.html

U.S. Coast Survey Civil War Map Among First to Visualize Slavery, Influence Lincoln's Strategy

Also of interest, Hot Topics: Civil War Sesquicentennial

<http://www.hnn.us/articles/135950.html>

18. March 31-April 2, NCHE Conference: Causes & Consequences of Civil Wars, Charleston, SC

H343 is the change to visit Fort Sumter days before the 150th anniversary of its surrender; Hear scholars discuss the war and learn unique strategies for teaching history to share with other interested educators. For details, visit www.nche.net/conference

19. Wed., March 21, 7:30 p.m., "Reimagining Detroit" by John Gallagher, Presented by Dearborn Historical Museum

Experts estimate that perhaps forty square miles of Detroit are vacant, from a quarter to a third of the city, a level of emptiness that creates a landscape unlike any other big city. Author John Gallagher, who has covered urban redevelopment for the Detroit Free Press for two decades, spent a year researching what is going on in Detroit precisely because of its open space and the dire economic times we face. Instead of presenting another account of the city's decline, this talk will showcase the innovative community-building work happening in the city and focuses on what else can be done to make Detroit leaner, greener, and more economically self-sufficient. The program will be held at the McFadden-Ross House, 915 Brady Street Dearborn, Michigan 48124. Donations appreciated. For info, call (5f O 565-5000.

20. OEAA SS Needs Elementary Level Volunteers

Our new MDE SS consultant in OEAA, Dr Christi Dennis, has asked me to contact the SS community for help in finding more elementary level teachers for their SS Content Advisory and Bias & Sensitivity Committees lists. They are in desperate need of a larger pool of applicants. If you are someone that loves social studies (or knows someone that does), please consider being on their list. Reply directly to her at DennisC1@michigan.gov if you willing to serve on one of these committees sometime in the future. Being on the list doesn't commit you to anything. Provide her with your name, email, and school district.

21. Michigan Students Participate in National Program to Boost School Performance and Job Skills

Students who participate in the National History Day (NHD) educational program, coordinated as Michigan History Day by the Historical Society of Michigan, perform better on high-stakes tests, are better writers, more confident and capable researchers, and have a more mature perspective on current events and civic engagement than their peers, according to the first national evaluation of the widely used curricular program. Participants also show a greater ability to collaborate with peers, manage their time, and persevere - all skills employers say are lacking in today's workforce. "Over the past two decades, our staff has witnessed the profound impact that History Day has on students across Michigan," commented Executive Director Larry J. Wagenaar. "This program is one of the best tools educators have to encourage additional growth in critical thinking, research, literacy, communication, and other skills with their students.

"Michigan History Day is a year-long academic program for elementary and secondary school students focused on historical research, interpretation, and creative expression. Students who participate in this academic competition become writers, filmmakers, web designers, playwrights, and artists as they create unique contemporary expressions of history. The full report, National History Day Works, is available at www.nhd.org/NHDWorks. The study, conducted at four sites around the country, found that on nearly every measure, NHD students' scores or ratings were higher than their peers who did not participate in the program. For more info Michigan History Day, visit www.hsmichigan.org/ or call (800) 692-1828. For details about National History Day, visit <http://www.nhd.org/> www.nhd.org. For more info, contact Emily Asbenson (517) 324- 1828 hsm@hsmichigan.org

22. National Park Service: Teaching with Historic Places

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/>

Historian David McCullough has written that experiencing places “helps in making contact with those who were there before,” and is “as necessary as the digging you do in libraries.” This website allows visitors to learn history and civics lessons from sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places—such as Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C., and Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park in Arkansas—without leaving their homes or classrooms. To do so, the website presents more than 75 “classroom ready” lesson plans that include maps, primary source readings, photographs and other images, discussion questions, activities, and projects. The lessons—geared toward middle school students, but easily adaptable to high school or college survey courses—cover most of American history, but are particularly strong from the Civil War through the Civil Rights movement. Lesson plans can be browsed by location, theme, time period, skill (such as design/building oral history or historical preservation), and national standards for history.

To actually VISIT some great historic sites, why not join us on the Great Lakes war of 1812 Historic sites tour, Sat., July 16-Mon., July 25, priced at 41,812, including travel, admissions, lodging, most meals, and more. Details at www.michigan.gov/war1812 or email Dr. Jim McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net

23. HSM Calendar is a wonderful resource for Educators, Public

To try to get info on possible upcoming events, I often check the Web calendar of the Historical Society of Michigan. Arranged by geographic region, it contains a comprehensive listing of historical events and exhibits. I urge you to visit www.hsmichigan.org to see what is happening in your area or to make travel plans to other parts of the state. CHECK IT OUT! the following events are more fully described at www.hsmichigan.org:

March 19-20, Sat. 9-5 & Sun 9-4, 36th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show-“War Drums, Intrigue, Prophecy, and Trembling Earth: Enemies Born Again for the War of 1812”, Expo Center, Kalamazoo County Fair Ground

For map and more info, visit www.kalamazooshow.com/

March 28, 7:00 p.m. “Washington - A Life” by Ron Chernow, Gerald Ford Presidential Museum. Grand Rapids. Reservations at www.allpresidents.org

March 26: Grand Rapids: The Michigan Women's Studies Association, Grand Valley State University Women and Gender Studies Program and Women's Center are cosponsoring a 2011 Conference called "Leading the Way: Feminism, Education, and Social Change".

H.W. Brands Coming to Grand Rapids,Eberhard Center GVSU,

April 7, 7:00 PM “American Ulysses: The Journey of General Grant,”

April 8th, 7:30 AM “American Colossus: “The Triumph of Capitalism 1865-1900”

For more info or to RSVP, please visit www.allpresidents.org

April 21: Cassopolis Visit www.michiganhumanities.org

Michigan Humanities Council presents Historic Women of Cass County's Underground Railroad. For more information visit their website!

June 26-24: MAA Annual Conference on Beaver Island. Contact Nancy Richard richanar@gvsu.edu or call 616-331-8726 for more info.

24. Everyday Life in Early Michigan" Workshop, March 5 & 19, Lansing

I want you to be aware of a workshop opportunity coming up soon. On March 5 & 19, the Michigan Historical Center is presenting “Everyday Life in Early Michigan”. We will spend almost the entire first day in the galleries, immersed in 3 time periods: Pre-contact, French fur trade and Settlement. The second day is designed to help teachers put what they have learned into context using maps and timelines. SB-CEUs will be offered pending final approval from MDE. This will be helpful with the 3rd grade GLCEs. The content is also relevant to 5th grade and the techniques can be adapted to other content. I am happy to answer questions.

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25. Nominations sought by April 1st for John B. Swainson Award

The Michigan Historical Commission has established the GOVERNOR JOHN B. SWAINSON AWARD to recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation of Michigan history by public servants. The success of historic preservation often depends on the extra efforts of government employees whose primary function does not involve history, but who nonetheless recognize their agency's potential to preserve significant portions of the physical record of Michigan's past. The purpose of the John B. Swainson Award is to recognize significant contributions to the preservation of Michigan's past (archaeology, archives, artifacts, stories, historic architecture and landscapes) by such governmental employees or their agencies, at the state, county, municipal or township level. The nomination is due by April 1st. Information on the award is available at www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/mhc_commission_swainson-2010nomination_313830_7.pdf

26. "Historic Detroit Bus Tour set for Sat., April 30th, by Detroit Historical Society
The Detroit Historical Society will be hosting the "Historic Detroit Tour!" Leave the driving to DHS and join us for an interesting educational tour of the historic city of Detroit. Tour price will be set by February 1, which will include the fee for the Bianco charter bus, transportation, lunch at the historic Traffic Jam near Wayne State University, all admissions, and a full tour narration. Explore Michigan's largest city with Dr. Jim McConnell and Annette W. McConnell, Detroit Historical Society volunteers, on a fascinating, trivia-filled tour of many of Detroit's most historic sites. Highlights include Fort Pontchartrain, Campus Martius, Grand Circus Park, Midtown developments, the Cultural Center, the New Center, and much more. Tickets: \$60 - Society members; \$70 - Guests For more info or to reserve your spot, visit www.detroithistorical.org and click on "upcoming Events and Programs" and then "Behind the Scenes."

27. Abraham Lincoln: Great American Historians on our 16th President Special Offer
Just in time for Presidents' Day, C-SPAN brings you Abraham Lincoln: Great American Historians on our Sixteenth President - available in hardcover at a special \$5 price (plus shipping and handling). This book is an effort to chronicle the life and legacy of America's 16th president through the eyes of 56 of the country's leading Lincoln historians, journalists, and writers. Fascinating, little-known anecdotes about the president are brought to light in richly detailed essays drawn from C-SPAN interviews. Visit www.c-span.org/books, click on the Lincoln book, and enter promo code **LINCOLN** at checkout to get the special \$5 price.

28. Report Gives a Majority of States Poor Grades on History Standards
To read the article, visit www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/02/16/21history.h30.html?tkn=PPTFic%2FOu56sT%2BVOzZZI8LUmlLxeHZ%2BeCyJ8&cmp=clp-edweek

29. DNRE Sees Growing Participation from Motorists Saying YES to Recreation Passport
Sales figures from the first three months of the new Recreation Passport show increasing participation by motorists who are renewing their vehicle license plates through the Secretary of State, according to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Participation rates steadily increased from October 2010, when the Recreation Passport was first offered, through December 2010. Resident passenger vehicle owners were offered the opportunity to purchase a \$10 Recreation Passport (\$5 for resident motorcycles) when they registered their plates with the Secretary of State. The Recreation Passport enables a resident vehicle/motorcycle to enter all Michigan state parks, recreation areas, and boating access fee sites for 12 months. The Passport also will provide funding for state forest recreation programs, such as state forest campgrounds and non-motorized trails and pathways. Info about the Recreation Passport can also be obtained at www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport, or by calling the information line at 517-241-7275.

30. Detroit Historical Museum hosts Underground Railroad Symposium Sat., Feb. 26
The Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee presents an Underground Railroad Symposium on Feb. 26 at the Detroit Historical Museum, 1 - 4 p.m. The symposium will feature many

prominent historians including descendants of William Webb, Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Caroline Quarlls Watkins, and others. The panelists will discuss a wide array of topics pertaining to the Underground Railroad and the people that helped make it work. Our region's great civil rights legacy began with the Underground Railroad story. Tickets for this event are \$10 for Detroit Historical Society/Black Historic Sites Committee members and \$15 for Guests. Tickets can be purchased online at www.detroithistorical.org or by calling Janice Gates at (313) 833-1262.

From: Bob Sadler <bobsadler@detroithistorical.org>

31. 30th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival Sat., March 5th at Washtenaw Community College

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, in conjunction with the Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, presents the 30th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival on Saturday, March 5th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive , in Ann Arbor .

This year's program features several significant new Great Lakes shipwreck discoveries, including the *Lady Elgin* -- a once-palatial sidewheel steamer whose sinking in Lake Michigan in 1860 resulted in the deaths of over 300 people - and the *Marion Egan*, a Civil War era two-masted schooner that sank in 1875 and was recently found intact in Lake Huron. In addition to shipwrecks, there will be programs from exotic locations around the world with stunning video and still images of colorful and unusual marine life. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For ticket information or program details, visit www.shipwreckfestival.org, call (734) 485-0492, or e-mail glstickets@aol.com.

32. NUCMC & the Documentary Heritage of the American Civil War

Information about historical documents from across the country regarding the outbreak of the Civil War—with links to the home historical societies and repositories of the materials—has been placed online by the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) at the Library of Congress. The presentation, "NUCMC and the Documentary Heritage of the American Civil War," can be viewed at www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/civilwar/.

33. Look!: African American Troops in the Civil War

It's Black History Month! It's also the Civil War's sesquicentennial year. To commemorate both, we present an article on African American soldier Samuel Lett and his unit, the 102nd United States Colored Troops. This unit began as a Michigan regiment. For more information, please click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/02/15/102usct>

Look!: Dr. Ossian Sweet

"In 1925 Detroit , a doctor wished to move into a better neighborhood. It would have been no problem at all except for one fact: Dr. Ossian Sweet was African-American."

What happened next led to a landmark legal case in American history. Contemporary celebrities - including attorney Clarence Darrow and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson - became involved. For more on the Ossian Sweet case, click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/02/22/ossian-sweet>

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan E-mail: garrettr1@michigan.gov)

34. Dorothy Ebersole flies to Wild Swan Theater, departing from The Henry Ford

After nearly 20 years of service to educators visiting the Henry Ford, Dorothy Ebersole has now joined the staff at the Wild Swan theater in Ann Arbor. Dorothy writes, "I am looking forward to joining Wild Swan Theater (www.wildswantheater.org)— another organization with a great mission, product and staff! My new email address will be Dorothy@wildswantheater.org Take care." MCHC wishes Dorothy happiness in her new role and thanks her for her many contributions to history education.

35. 2011 Upper Peninsula History Awards - Nominations Due April 29th

Do you know an individual or historical organization that has done marvelous things to preserve and promote the history of Michigan 's Upper Peninsula ? For individuals, please consider nominating that person for the Charles Follo Award. Named in honor of Charles Follo, a school teacher from Escanaba who worked to establish historical societies and promote the history of the Upper Peninsula, the Follo Award is presented

annually by HSM to the individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history. For historical organizations, please consider nominating them for the Superior Award, established by HSM in 2006. The Superior Award recognizes historical societies, museums, and other historical organizations that have preserved and advanced Upper Peninsula history. The 2011 Upper Peninsula History Awards will be presented at the 62nd Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference in Marquette June 17-19 during the annual awards banquet. Nominations are due in HSM office by 5 pm , Fri., April 29. For a nomination form visit www.hsmichigan.org/awards.php or call toll-free (800) 692-1828.

36. Primarily Teaching: A Summer Workshop for Educators on Using Historical Documents in the Classroom

The National Archives at Chicago will offer its Primarily Teaching Summer Workshop from June 20-24, 2011. As a week-long summer workshop Primarily Teaching provides access to the rich resources of the National Archives for upper elementary and secondary-level educators. Primarily Teaching offers a varied program of lectures, demonstrations, analysis of documents, independent research, and group work that introduces teachers to the holdings and organization of the National Archives. Each participant selects and prepares to research a specific topic, searches the topic in the records of the National Archives, and develops a teaching unit that can be presented in his or her own classroom. There is no charge for Primarily Teaching, but please note participants are responsible for their own meals, lodging, and travel arrangements. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants. For an application and further information, including a sample itinerary, please contact Kris Maldre, Education Specialist at the National Archives at Chicago, 773-948-9010 or e-mail: kristina.maldre@nara.gov or visit our web site at www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/overview.html.

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37. Economics: Jump\$tart Junior Ambassador Contest

The Jump\$tart Junior Ambassador Contest is an opportunity for two Michigan middle school students to be recognized at the Money Smart Week Kick-Off Breakfast on April 1, 2011 at the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The contest is "The Budget Game". Teachers, you may use this with individual students or as a classroom learning experience. Deadline for the application is March 16, 2011. Forms and instructions can be found at: http://www.mijumpstartcoalition.org/Home_Page_2.html (From: David Hales <HalesD@resa.net>)

38. Selected Info from History News Network (www.hnn.us)

Hollywood and Its Relationship with History KIERNAN BAGGE

<http://hnn.us/articles/136529.html>

*China exhibit dispute ends

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#136591>

*First Valentine: Lasting legacy of 500-year-old love

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#136576> (This 'trivia' is worth saving for next Feb. 14

*Civil War Sesquicentennial

<http://www.hnn.us/articles/135950.html>

Review of Louis Masur's The Civil War: A Concise History JIM CULLEN

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/135706.html>

39. Lewis & Clark's Air Rifle

Its a wonder they did not shoot their eyes out!. This is a very interesting clip. It really makes sense too. A good history lesson. I did not know this.....

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/451309/thread/1296928404/This+is+just+to+cool+not+to+spread+around> (from Brooke and Reid Heitkamp)

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

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