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Dear Colleagues:

Considering that my goal is to get this MCHE E-Notes out about a week before the new month starts, I am about two weeks late. (But Annette and I did have a wonderful late May trip to New England) My apology to those, such as Geneva, who asked me to inform you about the Civil War Concert in Lansing last Friday. Hope it went well. I “promise” to do better with the July issue.

Even if later than I wanted, there is much info that might be of interest to you. Please check out the opportunities carefully. Please share with others you think might be interested. (34 items)

On Thursday, Annette and I joined the Livonia Senior Travel Club for an entertaining and educational experience presented by “Encore Productions of Windsor”: a Rum Runners Tour. While we did learn about Prohibition, the 1920s, and more, we spent most of the day laughing as we traveled to various historic sites in our neighbor to the south. If you have a group of 30-40 friends interested in this unique topic, you might want to visit their website, www.rumrunnerstour.com, or email them at info@rumrunnerstour.com

Best wishes for a wonderful summer of enjoyment and education!

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachment: 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 *****

Breaking News: No New Teaching American History Grants Awarded in FY '11 The Department of Education has announced no new Teaching American History (TAH) Grants will be made in fiscal year (FY) 2011. All \$46 million in available funds were awarded to existing TAH program grantees. Read more...at <http://historycoalition.org/2011/06/09/no-new-teaching-american-history-grants-awarded-in-fy-11/#more-3950>

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1. Limited Seating Still Available for "Friends Goodwill Lake Michigan Cruise into the War of 1812", Sat. August 6th, in South Haven.
 Visit the Michigan Maritime Museum website www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/ for a registration form.
 (Click on "Special Events.")

2. HSM offers outstanding U.P. History Conference in Marquette June 17-19; Register by June 13th!
 The Historical Society of Michigan's 62nd annual Upper Peninsula History Conference will be held June 17-19, 2011 in Marquette. The conference is hosted and sponsored by the Marquette Regional History Center. The event is also sponsored by Northern Michigan University and the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The program includes great speakers, workshops, tours, entertainment, and more. For complete details and registration, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

3. NCHE Issues Call for Proposals for Kansas City Conference, March 22-24, 2012
 Reading the Past: Literature and Literacy in History, The 2012 Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, March 22-24; Have you developed a unique strategy for teaching history? Did you perform research that provides new insight about a historical topic? Have you participated in a history institute and would like to share your knowledge? Then submit a proposal for the 2012 Conference! The deadline for submitting a proposal is September 26, 2011. For details or to submit a proposal, go to: www.nche.net/conference/for_presenters/

4. June 11, 11:00 AM, Cantonment Anderson- A Memorial Boulder 1911 Rededication/Dedication; Location: Gerald R. Ford Job Corps, 110 Hall St. SE, Grand Rapids
 Please join us as the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War rededicate the original

boulder and dedicate a new historic tablet to the memory of Cantonment Anderson. Speaking will be historian Mr. David Britten (author of *Courage without Fear - The Story of the Grand Rapids Guard*) and others. For more info, Bruce B. Butgereit, Executive Director, History Remembered, 616.827.3369 or "History Remembered, Inc." civil-war@comcast.net

5. Preservation Wayne Walking 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. Details at www.preservationwayne.org

6. Champions of Justice: African Americans in the Law eBook

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services

The 2011 Ford Freedom Award student supplement, "Champions of Justice: African Americans in the Law," may now be viewed as an eBook, which includes interactive links to sites with more details about the people and events included in this educational resource. This 16-page supplement includes profiles of the 2011 Ford Freedom Award Honoree, Judge Constance Baker Motley, and the 2011 Ford Freedom Award Scholar, Judge Damon J. Keith, as well as profiles of other African Americans in the law-past and present-who championed justice. Go to <http://nieonline.com/detroit/members.cfm> and Enter the password Justice2011 to view the "Champions of Justice" eBook. Enter the password Laws2011 to download the "Champions of Justice" teacher guide.

7. 2011 Michigan History Day State Champions Announced

More than 115 Michigan elementary, middle, and high school students received top honors at the Michigan History Day State Finals on Saturday, April 30. The event was held at Grand Valley State University in Allendale. This year, about 5,500 students participated in the Michigan History Day program. After competing in regional districts statewide, 318 students reached the state finals. Finalists chosen at the state competition in the junior and senior divisions now move on to the national contest, called National History Day, held this June in College Park, Maryland. Michigan History Day offers a fascinating opportunity to move social science beyond routine learning. Students perform research on an individually chosen topic. A full list of winners will be available at (www.hsmichigan.org) . Lead sponsors of History Day include Meijer Inc., the Cook Charitable Foundation, the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, Grand Valley State University and Amway. In addition, financial support was provided by the Algonquin Club of Detroit & Windsor, the Holland Area Historical Society and the Society for the War of 1812. Michigan History Day is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan, the state's oldest cultural organization. For more info, Emily Asbenson, (517) 324-1828 or hsm@hsmichigan.org A full list of winners is posted on www.hsmichigan.org/mhd.php .

8. J. Fennimore Cooper book, "Oak Openings"

I chanced upon "Oak Openings" set in and around Kalamazoo in the 1800-1810 range. There's lots of ethnographic detail of frontier times, interactions with local Native Americans and the conflicts of yankees & redcoats in Chicago and Detroit. It might make good background reading, <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/4215>

My thanks to Guven Witteveen <sjmi@hotmail.com>

9. Get ready for FUN at Michigan Fairs & Festivals!

There are a variety of fun activities around the state every summer, and I want to help you find them all wherever your travels might take you. The 2011 Michigan Fairs and Events booklet is now available. View the

booklet at www.michiganfairs.org. To find a list of Michigan festivals by both date and location, go to <http://mfea.org/findevents.cfm>. You can also visit www.michiganfun.com for info on Michigan vineyards and other year-round recreation destinations and fun spots. (This item from state Senator Glenn Anderson.)

10. Michigan Humanities Council Seeks Great Michigan Read Partners

The 2011-12 Great Michigan Read is now underway, featuring *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, by Detroit native Kevin Boyle. The Michigan Humanities Council invites you to join this statewide initiative, which explores issues of prejudice and justice through the story of African American physician Ossian Sweet, who faced a violent mob after moving his family into an all-white Detroit neighborhood in 1925. *Arc of Justice* is a masterpiece of historical scholarship, but reads like an epic legal thriller. For more info on the Great Michigan Read please email contact@mihumanities.org or call 517-372-7770 or visit www.michiganhumanities.org

11. Fri.-Sat., June 24-25, Arab American Culture & Diversity Workshop for Educators

Join us for this two-day workshop to learn about Arab culture and diversity through a variety of activities and programs at the ANNM as well as a guided tour of Dearborn and the Islamic Center of America, thought to be the largest mosque in the U.S. Workshop participants who attend both days will have the opportunity to earn one SB-CEU. Workshop fee of \$120 for both days includes some meals and resource materials; single-day fee is \$65. Please contact Sonya Kassis at 313-624-0202 with any questions. Registration deadline is June 17, 2011. Registration and further info available online at <http://accfea.convio.net/site/Calendar?id=110601&view=Detail>

12. CRC advises constitutional fix on redistricting

The Center for Michigan continues to provide fascinating insights into the political process and state government. To read the article, visit www.thecenterformichigan.net/crc-advises-constitutional-fix-on-redistricting/ Even better, just visit www.thecenterformichigan.net to sign up for their weekly newsletter.

13. Mon., June 20th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Great Lakes Maritime History for Grade 3 Teachers PD Workshop, Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Come learn about the unique history of the Detroit River and our local Great Lakes maritime history. Participants will explore the wonderful classroom resources available at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, including new Great Lakes Learning Trunks that are available on loan for classroom use for free. As a special treat, the workshop will be visited by the J.W. Westcott and its captain. Each participant receives a copy of *Mail by the Pail*. Cost is \$40.00, and .5 SB-CEUs are available TO REGISTER: Visit www.solutionwhere.com/wayneresa/cw/CourseByCateg.asp and follow directions. Course # is 3868. For further info: David Hales, Social Studies Consultant, Wayne RESA, 313-734-1311 or halesd@resa.net

14. August 1-4, Summer Service-Learning Academy: Stipends Available

Where: Detroit Edison Public School Academy. Time: 9:00-4:00 pm on Aug 1-3 and 9-12:30 pm on Aug 4; Cost: Free The teachers who participate get a \$175 stipend for attending and a \$175 grant to implement their service-learning project that they develop and an opportunity to earn SB-CEU's or college credit. For more info, please contact Kari Pardoe, Director, The LEAGUE Michigan, 313-394-1995

kpardoe@mnaonline.org

15. Colonial Williamsburg invites you to Subscribe Now for the 2011-2012 Electronic Field Trip Season The series begins on October 13, 2011 with "A More Perfect Union." Witness the conflict and compromises that accompanied the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Join young eighteenth-century observers, unseen by convention delegates, as they travel from state to state tallying the vote. Learn about the ratification process and Americans' growing interests in their fledgling nation's new government. Complete details at http://history.org/history/teaching/eft/eft_upcoming.cfm

16. Reserve Your Spot for Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Tours, Events

The Detroit Historical Society continues its "Behind the Scenes" tour series, sponsored by DTE Energy, in June with guided tours of some of Metro Detroit's most interesting sites:

- Woodmere Cemetery on Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. – Guests on this tour, guided by historian Gail Hershenzon, will explore one of the city's oldest and most historic cemeteries, which includes its ornate mausoleums, Civil War monument and headstones that date back to the 1860s.
- Historic Fort Wayne Walking Tour on Saturday, June 18 at 10 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 conflicts from the Civil War to Vietnam.
- Art House on Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. – Located in the historic Brush Park neighborhood, this 23-room, Gothic revival home was completed in 1872. Visitors can glimpse the past and relive an era when Detroit was known as the "Paris of the Midwest."

For more info, including prices, or to reserve your spot for the Society's Behind the Scenes tours or other 2011 events, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

Author Steve Babson discusses life of labor and civil rights lawyer Ernie Goodman June 8 at Detroit Historical Museum

The Detroit Historical Society continues its Scholar Series with Steve Babson, co-author of "The Color of Law: Ernie Goodman, Detroit, and the Struggle for Labor and Civil Rights," published by Wayne State University Press, on Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Advance registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more info or to register, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

17. Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame issues Call for Volunteers!

The Michigan Women's Center welcome those that would like to contribute their time and talents to assist in celebrating Michigan women, sharing women's history, and supporting our operation. All interested individuals or groups are invited to learn more about the opportunities available and apply. The Center is currently looking to recruit volunteers for various positions: Please share this info with others. For details, email Emily Fijol, Assistant Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame efijol@michiganwomen.org OR www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org

18. An Invitation from The Henry Ford

Dear Educators: I am personally sending you this invitation to offer you an unduplicated professional development opportunity this summer. The Henry Ford's Teacher Fellow program now in its third year, is accepting applications for the Summer 2011 class. You can find details at <http://www.thehenryford.org/education/development.aspx> Note the deadline for application is on June 6, 2011. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks! Paula Gangopadhyay, Director of Education, The Henry Ford, paulag@thehenryford.org

19, Civil War Resource from the Southfield Library The Southfield Library has two excellent resources on local history related to the Civil War: <http://southfieldinthewar.wordpress.com> & <http://southfieldundergroundrailroad.wordpress.com> Hope they are useful to others, If nothing else, they make for interesting reading. (from Charlene Smith)

20. Detroit Historical Society: Digitization Project Survey

The Detroit Historical Society is embarking on a project to digitize and make available online a large number of our artifacts, documents and archival materials. Our first phase of the digitization project will capture select items from our collection. As a result, we are in the process of determining priorities for the project. In addition, we would like to prioritize objects and documents that will best benefit K-12 teachers. Your input on how you currently use digitized primary sources in your classroom, as well as what subject areas from our collection you find most relevant, will help us develop a dynamic project. Please take five minutes to complete our brief, 10 question online survey. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/3R635VM to access our SurveyMonkey questionnaire: Thank you in advance for your help! If you have questions about the digitization project, please contact me by phone at 313-833-0481 or email tobiv@detroithistorical.org. Sincerely, Tobi Voigt, Director of Education

21. Look!: Francis DeSales Church (Norton Shores, MI)

The Francis DeSales Church in Norton Shores can be termed a “Michigan masterpiece” of architecture. Join Brenna Moloney of the State Historic Preservation for an inspired Look! at this structure! To read the article: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/05/17/breuer>

Look!: The Building with the Golden Tower

May is National Historic Preservation Month. In observance, Look! will spotlight some Michigan notable buildings. We begin with the Fisher Building in downtown Detroit. Archivist Mary Zimmeth reflects on the Fisher’s history – and on her own history with the Fisher. You can read more here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/05/03/fisher-building>

Look!: State Capitol Restoration

By the late 1980s, Michigan’s capitol had become rundown. A restoration was clearly in order. Read about this 1989-1992 restoration, now considered “a resounding success!” Here’s the link to the article: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/05/31/capitol-restoration>

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan)

22. HSM seeks Award Nominations by July 29th for Annual Conference in Traverse City

For many years, the Historical Society of Michigan has offered a quality awards program in a variety of categories. Nominations are due in the HSM offices by 5pm on Friday, July 29, 2011. Postmarks are not accepted. Please check out the details at www.hsmichigan.org and submit a nomination.

23. Michigan’s 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Events Listing

For info on Reenactments / Living Histories / School Programs / Commemorations / Presentations / Meetings, visit <http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/2011events.htm>

24. October 7-8, 37th annual Great Lakes History Conference, GVSU, Grand Rapids,

Professor William Reese, Educational Policy Studies and History at the University of Wisconsin, will deliver the keynote address. The Great Lakes History Conference is a general history conference with an interdisciplinary emphasis. Although we give priority to proposals addressing this year’s theme, we will consider papers and

panels on other topics as well. Please consult the Grand Valley State University History Department website and its link to the conference for updated information. www.gvsu.edu/history

25. September 11, 2001 tenth anniversary DNIE materials

The NIE Institute is creating a 9/11 tenth anniversary 16-page supplement in partnership with the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, the Pentagon Memorial, and the Flight 93 Memorial. There will be three sections: the Timeline of 9/11, the Memorials, and an overview of what led up to 9/11. Visit <http://www.nieteacher.org/911.pdf> for a "draft" of the 9/11 timeline. The supplement will be available in the fall.

26. Website to serve as hub for teaching Web skills

A new Commerce Department website aims to give schools, libraries and job training centers the tools to help teach computer and Internet skills to Americans who are new to the Net. The site, <http://www.digitalliteracy.gov>, offers links to everything from basic Web surfing tips and online banking tutorials to resume-building services and resources on combatting cyberbullying. It is part of an Obama administration push to ensure that all Americans have access to high-speed Internet connections and the skills needed to use them to compete in today's digital economy. (Info from Sharon Martin, DNIE Education Director)

27. Library of Congress Email Update for Teachers

The Library of Congress has launched a new blog to help teachers bring the power of the Library's online collections into the classroom: Teaching with the Library of Congress. You can find our blog at http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/?loclr=lc_blogs_0002

28. Resources for Teachers University of Michigan II Outreach Team Education About Asia

A practical teaching resource for secondary school, college, and university instructors, as well as an invaluable source of information for students, scholars, libraries, and those who have an interest in Asia. Published three times each year, issues focus on special themes and contain contributions by scholars in the field. Note that teachers are encouraged to submit lesson plans for the "Resources" section <http://www.aasianst.org/EAA/>

Choices for the 21st Century Education Program

Updated resource- Russia's Transformation: Challenges for U.S. Policy

<http://www.choices.edu/resources/detail.php?id=192>

Google Web Search-- Classroom Lessons and Resources

Lessons developed by Google Certified Teachers to help teach student better search skills

http://www.google.com/educators/p_websearch.html

29. Enter the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) Digital NIE Teacher Prize by June 30!

Teachers everywhere have until 30 June to submit an entry to a new, special category to honor them in the World Young Reader Prizes, the annual awards from the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) that recognise success in engaging the young. A new "Digital NIE (newspapers in education) Teacher" award the will honor the educator who has created the best set of lesson plans that use the electronic version of the newspaper in class, and with the best result for all parties involved. The entry involves creating a Powerpoint™ presentation following prize guidelines. Full details can be found at <http://www.wan-ifra.org/worldyoungreaderprize> . The winning teacher will receive 1000 Euros for their school and

come as the guest of WAN-IFRA to the 63rd World Newspaper Congress and 18th World Editors Forum, set for October 12-15 in Vienna, Austria.

30, Eisenhower Academy Summer institute seeks applicants,

The 14th annual Eisenhower Academy, a summer institute for teachers, will be held July 10-15 at Gettysburg College and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA. Sponsored by the National Park Service, Gettysburg College, and Mount St. Mary's University, the Academy presents an in-depth perspective of Dwight D. Eisenhower as president and world leader, and introduces effective strategies for teaching the Cold War era in the classroom. Total cost, including field trips, special evening events, banquets, lodging and lunches is \$695 for single occupancy. Professional education credits and graduate credits are available. For more info, contact Eisenhower Academy, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, PA 17325; 717-338-9114 Ext. 4411; john_joyce@nps.gov; or www.nps.gov/eise (from Carol Hegeman, Supervisory Historian, Eisenhower National Historic Site)

31. Eastern Michigan University offers Library of Congress Training for Educators

When: August 8th, 9th, & 10th 8:30 - 4:00 Where: Eastern Michigan University - College of Education
Participants will discover the abundant classroom resources at the Library of Congress by exploring the Arsenal of Democracy as it pertains to the Willow Run Bomber Faculty and World War II. During the 3-days each participant will have the opportunity to complete an Oral History with a World War II vet or "Rosie the Riveter" and a lesson plan that will be kept at the Library of Congress.* A \$500.00 stipend for those completing all three days or a \$475.00 stipend and SB-CEU. To register or for more information contact: Dr. Brigid Beaubien brigid.beaubien@emich.edu

32. Library of Congress Email Update for Teachers

Applications now available to serve as Teacher-in-Residence during the 2011-12 school year Since 2000, the Library of Congress has recruited teachers to work with Educational Outreach staff to help teachers incorporate the Library's collection of over 16 million digitized primary sources into high-quality instruction. Previous Teachers-in-Residence have led professional development workshops for teachers in Washington, DC, and across the United States. The Deadline for applications is June 17th. Please direct any questions to edoutreach@loc.gov

33. Make This Father's Day His Favorite! Buy gift subscriptions to "Michigan History" for all the special men in your life.

Grandfathers, fathers, and sons alike (and don't forget brothers!) will appreciate the engaging articles, intriguing interviews, and eye-catching graphics they'll find within the pages of Michigan History magazine. Edited as much for entertainment as education, it celebrates our colorful past in a way no other publication can. A one-year subscription (six issues) will cost you just \$19.95—that's 30 percent off the cover price! Call (800) 366-3703 today to place your gift order. Visa, Discover, MasterCard, and American Express cards are accepted.

34. Items from the History News network, www.hnn.net

HNN Hot Topics: 9-11: Teaching About It <http://hnn.us/articles/1062.html>

*Gen. Lee's sword returning to Appomattox, Va. <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#139131>

*Germany commemorates 66th anniversary of World War II end <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#139097>

*In Jefferson Lecture, Drew Faust Traces the Fascination of War, From Homer to Bin Laden

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#138983>

Glenn W. LaFantasie: The Foolishness of Civil War Reenactors <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/139111.html>

*Tracing the slaves who shaped America <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#139487>

*Historian Thomas Sugrue explains how Newt Gingrich, Glenn Beck got it wrong on Detroit

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#139466>

*Palin and the truth about Paul Revere <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#139845>
