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Dear Colleagues:

Summer flies swiftly by, but planning is already taking place for a Fall filled with some great learning experiences. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those educators serving on a Joint Conference Planning Committee. They are working to create a social science educator gathering sponsored by all five professional groups in Michigan. Along with MCHE, the groups are MCCe, MCEE, MCSS and MGA. Special thanks to Tom Webb who spearheaded initial planning and to Anthony Saliccioli, new MCSS President. MCHE is represented by Anne-Lise Halverson (MSU) and Bill Warren (Western Michigan University) on the planning committee.

I also want to recommend the Tuesday, Nov. 8th, "After Tippecanoe: The Old Northwest in the War of 1812" Symposium to be held at the Detroit Historical Museum. This wonderful program features nine experts telling us the stories of our region during this key conflict in 19th century America. Registration flyer and more info at www.michigan.gov/war1812

While I could write more, I promised to keep this August issue short. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachments:

1. Cruise Lake Michigan into the War of 1812: The Friends Good Will Story, Sat., Aug. 6th
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. Slip Away on a Lake Michigan Cruise, Sat., Aug. 6th, and hear about the Naval War of 1812 on the Great Lakes

A few spots are still available for a morning program on the Great Lakes in the war of 1812 and the story of “Friends Good Will” the program continues with a tour of the Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven, a box lunch, and a wonderful cruise on “FGW” on Lake Michigan. This outstanding program is presented by MCHE, Michigan’s War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and the Michigan Maritime Museum. To register, visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/Home_Landing.aspx?sm=k1t67Qv8D9qmDWxiFsiYD5xiDFdcc8EaTWW%2fzABfH9Y%3d

2. MCHE joins others to “WORK TOGETHER” in Lansing, Fri.-Sun., Nov. 4-6
Michigan’s FIVE social science groups are joining together to offer a NEW professional development conference in Lansing this year. MCHE is working with Mich. Council for Civic Education, Mich. Council for Economic Education, Mich. Council for the Social Studies, and Mich. Geographic Alliance to offer a great program. Details and registration information will soon be posted at www.michiganhistoryed.org Be certain to mark your calendar NOW and plan to join us at MCHE’s 18th Annual Conference.

- 3, View Great 1812 Promo ... Fort McHenry, Star Spangled Banner, and More!
Check out this moving summary of a few key stories from the War of 1812 at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_j4UNfHay4

(And remember to mark you calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 8th, “After Tippecanoe” Symposium at the Detroit Historical Museum. For a registration flyer, visit www.michigan.gov/war1812 (Nine presenters tell the story of the War in the Old Northwest)

4. Check out the Great 2010 MCHE Conference Photo Collection
Now available at the MCHE website is a collection of photos with information on all presenters and exhibitors. See your friends and colleagues (and maybe yourself) in this official record of another great MCHE conference. Visit <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org/annual-conference/conference-photos/?album=MCHE17thAnnualConferenceRamadaInnLansingMichigan>

5. MCHE Strategic Planning — Please take our survey!
The Michigan Council for History Education’s executive board will be conducting a strategic planning session in mid-August to map the future direction for the organization. Input from the public and our members is essential to that planning process! We have created a brief, free 8-question survey

that takes barely 10 minutes to complete. [Click here to take survey](#) and help make MCHE more responsive to the needs of history educators in our state!

6. State History Conference Marks 137th Year September 23-25

The Historical Society of Michigan's 137th Annual Meeting and State History Conference will be held Sept, 23-25, 2011 in Traverse City . The weekend will feature several keynotes and topical session workshops. Tours, workshops and award presentations are also featured on the program. The conference hotel is the Grand Traverse Resort. The event is sponsored by the History Center of Traverse City. For more info or to register online, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

7. Motor Cities Heritage Area offers Interesting Tales

(A) "George W. Romney - Former President of American Motors Corporation" By Robert Tate
George W. Romney was born in Chihuahua, Mexico on July 8, 1907. In 1920s, he attended Latter Day Saint University and in 1929 George Washington University. In July 1931, he married Lenore La Fount and had four children named Mitt, Lynn, Jane, Scout Romney To read the full story, visit the Motor Cities National Heritage Area website, <http://www.motorcities.org/Story/Mr+George+W+Romney++Formal+President+of+American+Motors+Corporation+br++By+Robert+Tate-211.html>

(B) "History of the Wienermobile" By Robert Tate

The Wienermobile, created by Oscar Mayer Foods, started its journey in 1936. Mr. Carl G. Mayer, nephew of the company's founder, conceived the idea of a hot dog on wheels to transport the world's smallest chef, little Oscar. To read the full story, visit www.motorcities.org/Story/History+of+the+Wienermobile+br++By+Robert+Tate-212.html

8. Why do we teach History?

For an inspiring answer, visit <http://www.detroithistorical.org/> View the NEW Detroit Historical Society video describing history as stories of people. While on their website, be certain to explore the Tours, Programs and Resources they offer.

9. Have you made a visit yet to America's newest National Park?

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park is now open for visitors and welcomes you to a great War of 1812 experience. While in Monroe, why not check out the general Custer statue and drive by the Labor History Museum at 41 W. Front Street. The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center is just west of I-75 at 1403 East Elm Ave, Monroe Michigan 734-243-713

For info on the River Raisin, visit <http://www.riverraisinbattlefield.org/visitorscenter.htm>

10. Holocaust Museum offers Teacher Training August 15 - 19

Join scholars and survivors for a weeklong seminar examining the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the Holocaust deniers of today. In addition to formal presentations, teachers will access the numerous primary resources from the museum library and archive aiding in the development of a classroom lesson to be shared with all participants at the conclusion of the seminar.

SB-CEUs or educational credits are available. Visit www.holocaustcenter.org for more info

11. Monroe Labor History Museum to be Re-Dedicated on Labor Day

Please join the friends of Labor for this special Labor Day celebration in Monroe on Monday, September 3rd, 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will feature comments by UAW President Bob King. The Labor History Museum is located in the Philip Murray Building, 41 W. Front Street, Monroe, a short distance south of the River Raisin. For more info, visit www.monroelabor.org

12. Civil War Sesquicentennial News

How many of you have visited the History Partners or the Seeking Michigan Civil War websites? How many of you have taken advantage of the free opportunity for you to advertise your events? Please take some time to visit these sites.

[Seeking Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Website](#)

[Historic Commission Sesquicentennial Logo Use Policy](#)

Have a Civil War presentation or character you portray? You can have your contact information listed in our Speakers Bureau. This Sesquicentennial commemoration provides us a great opportunity to reach a whole new generation of people (youth) who may not know much about the Civil War and Michigan's role in that war. Please be sure to event on the Seeking Michigan site as well.

13. Fascinating events, Activities & resources from Kathleen Marcaccio E-Newsletter.

Space precludes my listing her entire weekly calendar of Detroit Area History & Culture Events, Exhibits & resources, so if you would like to join her email distribution, send her an email at dkosh@msn.com

Preservation Wayne Walking Tours are offered from May through September. Check the Preservation Wayne website for the full 2011 schedule, including description, dates, starting location, and other details: <http://www.preservationwayne.org/tours.php>

Behind the Scenes: Elmwood Cemetery Walking Tour, Saturday, August 6, 10am. Explore Michigan's oldest non-denominational cemetery. Here, you'll find the resting places of many famous men and women who have served their country faithfully in times of war and peace. For reservations or more info, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Behind the Scenes: New Center Walking Tour, Saturday, August 13, 10am. Visit Detroit's New Center. For reservations or more info, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Behind the Scenes: Collections Resource Center, Thursday, August 18, 10am. The Detroit Historical Society's collections of more than 200,000 artifacts represent more than 300 years of our region's unique history. Don't miss this chance to step into our automotive storage area and see the many items encased in protective bubbles! For reservations or more info, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

DATE *** August 27 – Preservation Wayne Annual Detroit Downtown Theatre Tour http://www.preservationwayne.org/tours_theater.php

Make your reservations early! This tour sells out quickly!

August 27 & 28 – Lac Ste. Claire Voyageurs 15th Annual Encampment at Metro Beach, Harrison Township

September 10 – Behind the Scenes: Hamtramck Walking Tour (Detroit Historical Society) http://www.detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/behind_scenes.aspx

September 17 – Behind the Scenes: Corktown Walking Tour (Detroit Historical Society) http://www.detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/behind_scenes.aspx

September 21 – The St. Clair River/Mike W.R. Davis (Grosse Pointe Historical Society)

September 21 – Bootlegging Detroit River Tour (Preservation Wayne/Detroit Historical Society) <http://>

Museum Adventure Pass

Don't forget about this terrific program featuring free admission to some 40 Michigan historic and cultural sites!! http://www.detroitadventurepass.org/www.detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/behind_scenes.aspx

14. Look!: Info from the Archives of Michigan

(A) Look!: Drive In Theatres This week, archivist Mary Zimmeth relates the history of drive-in movie theatres. This includes a special Look! at the Gratiot Drive-In in Roseville , Michigan . For article, visit <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/07/12/drive-in>

(B) Look!: Vintage Baseball This week, archivist Christiane Evaskis looks at the early days of “base ball” – from the 1850s to the emergence of professional teams in the late 1860s. For article, visit <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/07/19/base-ball>

(C) Look!: State car ferries in the Straits of Mackinac This week, Scott Peters of the Michigan Historical Museum examines State car ferries in the Straits of Mackinac. The service ran from 1923 to the opening of the Mackinac Bridge in 1957. To read the article, click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/07/26/mackinac-ferry>

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, DNR)

15. Breaking News from the History News Network

Welcome to GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY NEWS NETWORK: Because the Past Is the Present and the Future, Too <http://hnn.us>

*Did the civilization behind Machu Picchu really fail to develop a written language? <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#140598>

*2011 heat wave not the hottest in US history, not by a long shot <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#140596>

*DNA solves a Joseph Smith mystery <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#140589>

*Mexico unearths monolith of Aztec God <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#140574>

*150-year wait may be over for Mexican War veterans <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#140849>

James Bradley's "The Imperial Cruise" is an Outrage, Pure and Simple WILLIAM N. TILCHIN <http://hnn.us/articles/140862.html>

(You can subscribe to this amazing collection of articles emailed a few times/week. I only select a few items to include in the MCHE E-Notes.)
