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Dear Colleagues:

As the school year begins, please make plans now to attend the “Working Together” five group conference on Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6, at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing. MCHE has agreed to co-sponsor this special program with MCCE, MCEE, MCSS, and MGA. Keynoters are Mike Flanagan and Mike Skubick. Registration form available at www.michiganhistoryed.org

Two other wonderful special events are the Historical Society of Michigan Conference in Traverse City, Sept. 23-25 (www.hsmichigan.org), and the Sat., Oct. 8th, “A Day at the ‘D’” (www.michiganhistoryed.org) at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Please share this E-Notes with your colleagues, feel free to copy an items of interest, and send me anything you wish to share with your colleagues.

Have a relaxing Labor Day weekend,
Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachments:

1. “Working Together” MCHE Joint Conference Registration Form
2. “A Day at the ‘D’”, Sat., Oct. 8th
3. “The Importance of the War of 1812 for Michigan” Essay Contest
4. 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. Fri.-Sun., Nov. 4th-6th, 18th Annual MCHE Conference, Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing
 In cooperation with four other social science groups, the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) is pleased to offer its 18th Annual Conference, “Working Together” Joint Conference on the Social Studies. SAVE by registering before Oct. 21st. Get the MCHE member discount. JOIN MCHE by using for the ATTACHED form or visit www.michiganhistoryed.org . Registration and Program Info at www.michiganhistoryed.org

2. Join NCHE for a bit of KC BBQ & Jazz! March 22-24, 2012, Annual NCHE Conference, “Reading the Past: Literature & Literacy in History.”
 We are invading the WWI Museum in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday Night. The evening will feature a slice of Kansas City with KC Barbecue and KC Jazz. For more info, go to: www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/special_events.html Early Bird Registration is Now Available!!! 1. Click on <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=222320> OR 2. Click [here](#) and print out the registration form. Complete it and fax or mail to us. Fax (240) 523-0245 National Council for History Education, Attn: Conference Registration, 7100 Baltimore Ave., Suite 510, College Park, MD 20740; See you in Kansas City in 2012!

3. Rededication of the Philip Murray Building (Monroe Labor History Museum)
 Please join us on Sat., Sept. 3, 2:00 p.m., at 41 West Front Street. Monroe, the Home of the Monroe County Labor History Museum. Bob King, President of United Auto Workers, keynote speaker, Contact: Bill Conner President, Monroe Labor History Museum, lwconnerjr@mail.com. Visiting hours for the Museum are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekends need to be schedules in advance. More info at www.monroelabor.org

4. Touring Grants Now Available from Michigan Humanities Council
 Michigan nonprofits may begin applying for grant opportunities through the Touring Program for any event scheduled between Oct. 1, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2012. These grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Nonprofits may request up to 40 percent of performer, presenter, or exhibitor fees and travel expenses, but may not exceed \$3,000. Grant applications must be postmarked four weeks prior to the start of the event. For more info, including application forms, visit www.michiganhumanities.org, call (517) 372-7770 or email contact@mihumanities.org

5. Resources for 9/11 Anniversary

Please share this link with your teachers...I created a list of links for resources to use as part of teaching students about 9/11. www.lisd.us/links/socialstudies

Our thanks to Stan Masters., Coordinator - Instructional Data Services, Lenawee ISD, Adrian
<Stan.Masters@lisd.us>

6. Get your tickets now for the Detroit Historical Society's Sept. "Behind the Scenes" Tours

The Detroit Historical Society continues its popular weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation, tickets are still available for the following tours:

A. Hamtramck Walking Tour, Sat., Sept. 10. 10 a.m. – Explore Hamtramck, a historic neighborhood . settled by German farmers. Polish immigrants flooded into Hamtramck when the Dodge Brothers plant opened in 1914.

B. Corktown Walking Tour, Sat., Sept. 17, 10 a.m. – Discover Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood. Stretching from First Street west to Sixteenth Street and from Grand River Avenue south to the Detroit River, this historic area was originally settled by Irish immigrants from County Cork in 1834.

To reserve your spot for one of these tours, call (313) 833-1801, For more info about these tours or other 2011 events, visit www.detroithistorical.org. (from Bob Sadler, Director of Public Relations, Detroit Historical Society) bobsadler@detroithistorical.org)

7. Sept. 15th, 7PM, "Benjamin Franklin: Leader Extraordinaire" presented by Gleaves Whitney, Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids

America was fortunate that Ben Franklin was one of its founders. Although his origins were humble, ambition and talent carried him far in both the U.S. and Europe. No other middle-class human being has risen to such an array of leadership positions. Franklin led our nation as a best-selling author, businessman, scientist, inventor, educator, philanthropist, statesman, spy, and more. Join us for a talk from the Director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and Presidential Historian - Gleaves Whitney. For details and to register, visit www.allpresidents.org/LeaderExtraordinaire

8. James Fort, Lost and Found: Colonial Williamsburg I History Site

Howdy! I thought you might enjoy reading Bill Kelso's article, great inspiration for budding archaeologists! (from Dale Van Eck, <DVanEck@CWF.org> or visit

<http://www.history.org/Foundation/journal/Summer11/jamestown.cfm>

9. MotorCities and the Michigan Historical Museum Secure Rare Historic Photos of the Former Wayne County Road Commission

MotorCities working with the Michigan Historical Museum has secured priceless historic photos and journals of the former Wayne County Road Commission. These document were rescued previously by Nancy Darga, the Director of MotorCities National Heritage Area, from a dumpster during the turmoil days of reorganizing Wayne County in the 1980's. They were in danger of

being lost again as the County moved out of the former Wayne County Road Commission building at 415 Clifford in Detroit. The Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Mr. Robert Ficano, the County Executive, took bold steps to turning these artifacts over to the State to be protected in a climate control facility with appropriate archival treatment. Mark Harvey, the Director of Collections and Education of the Historical Museum, said, " We are happy to be able to preserve these valuable photos and documents and make them available to the public for the first time".

Wayne County Road Commission Photos <http://vimeo.com/27264473>
(from Nancy Darga, Managing Director, MotorCities National Heritage Area.
ndarga@motorcities.org)

10. Preservation Wayne Tour Notes

For update info on Preservation Wayne's popular walking tours in September, please visit www.preservationwayne.org

11. Calendar of Other Key Upcoming Events

A. Fri.-Sun., Sept. 23-25, The Historical Society of Michigan hosts its annual conference in Traverse City. To learn more about specific times and events, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (517)-324-1828.

B. Sun., Oct. 2, 7 p.m., "The Envoy" Lecture, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills
The Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives and the Mary Einstein Shapero Memorial Lecture presents New York Times best-selling author Alex Kershaw. discussing his latest publication, "The Envoy: The Epic Rescue of the Last Jews of Europe in the Desperate Closing Months of World War II." Free admission, but reservations requested. For more info, visit www.tbeonline.org or call (248) 851-1100.

C.. Sat., Oct. 8, "A Day in the 'D'", Detroit Historical Museum, Details at www.michiganhistoryed.org

D. Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 6-9, 16th annual Lighthouse Festival, Alpena
This four-day event includes various lighthouse tours (including boat tours) and more than 100 maritime-based vendors. Festival includes concerts, guest speakers, auctions, entertainment, and food. For more info, visit www.lighthousefestival.org or call (586) 566-1603.

E. Fri.-Sat., Oct. 7-8, 37th annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids,
Professor William Reese, University of Wisconsin, delivers keynote address. The Great Lakes History Conference is a general history conference with an interdisciplinary emphasis. Please consult the Grand Valley State University History Department website and its link to the conference for updated information.

F. Tues., Oct. 11, "The U.P. Hunting Tradition." Marquette Regional History Center, Marquette

Noted outdoorsmen Richard Smith and Buck Levassuer will share the history of the area's hunting legends, trophy bucks, and camp lore that is so much a part of Upper Michigan tradition. Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is encouraged More info at www.marquettecohistory.org/

G. Sat., Nov. 5: 11th Michigan Railroad History Conference, Kalamazoo
Program held on campus of Western Michigan University. Conference information updates will be found on their website at www.michiganrailroadhistory.org.

12. Look” Short Articles from the Archives of Michigan

A. Look!: Gerald and Betty Ford

B. Look! looks at the romance of Gerald and Betty Ford. Read about it here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/08/09/first-couple>

B. Look! The Treaty of Detroit

William LeFevre of the Walter P. Reuther Library takes a look at the Treaty of Detroit, in which UAW negotiations ensured full pensions and medical care for automotive workers. Read more here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/08/23/treaty-of-detroit> (from Christiane Evaskis, Archives of Michigan , DNR, EvaskisC1@michigan.gov(from & Bob Garrett Archives of Michigan, DNR, garrettr1@michigan.gov)

13. MotorCities National Heritage Area and Wheelhouse Detroit Partner on Heritage Bike Tours
MotorCities National Heritage Area and Wheelhouse Detroit are offering a monthly bike tour series based around Detroit's automotive and labor history. These new tours tell the stories of the people and places that powered the birth and boom of the auto industry over its 100+ year history. This tour is a gritty adventure on two wheels, that reveals how Detroit pioneered mass production in a way that revolutionized manufacturing in America," said Nancy Darga, Managing Director, MotorCities National Heritage Area. The bike tour starts at Wheelhouse Detroit on the Detroit River off Atwater Street. Full of fun, it is approximately 13 miles long on flat terrain. Tours are from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. The cost is \$25 (\$35.00 with bike rental). The August 28 tour was sold out. The final two opportunities for auto tours are Sat., Sept.18 and Saturday, October 23. Reservations are available through Wheelhouse Detroit, www.wheelhousedetroit.com/tours/ Contact: Brian Yopp MotorCities National Heritage Area byopp@motorcities.org (313) 259-3425 ext. 307,or visit www.motorcities.org

14. The Center for Michigan (CFM) launches new "Bridge" e-magazine.

The Center for Michigan (CFM), a nonprofit, nonpartisan "think-and-do tank" will launch a major expansion of its coverage of statewide issues on Sept. 6 its new "Bridge" e-magazine.

"Bridge" is an online news magazine unlike any Michigan has seen. Combining in-depth reporting of Michigan's public policy and economic challenges with pointed, pertinent analysis from veteran journalists, "Bridge" will identify the issues challenging the state now and into the future. Building off the CFM's weekly e-newsletter sent to more than 10,000 people, "Bridge" will equip citizens with the information to better direct their elected leaders in Lansing and around the state. This venture in explanatory journalism will be led by the CFM team: Founder and President Phil Power, Executive Director John Bebow, Senior " Bridge " Editor Derek Melot,

and Senior " Bridge " Writer Ron French. To subscribe to Bridge -- at NO cost -- go to www.subscribetobridge.com.

15. Fascinating Info from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

*Archaeologists cast doubt on the story of Marco Polo's travels in China

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#141207>

*Capt. Morgan's lost fleet found?

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#141148>

*Historian retraces the route of a 17th-century Ottoman traveler

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#141213>

*Historians work to preserve slave castle in Sierra Leone

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#141210>

**What if the Americans Had Established Six Nations, Rather than One? ROBERT HIGGS

<http://hnn.us/blogs/entries/141287.html> I really enjoyed this one. Editor

**Bill Moyers to Return to TV with a New Series <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/141338.html>

16. 1,300 Nationwide Cultural Sites Free on Sept. 24

Show up September 24 at any of 1300 cultural sites nationwide and don't spend a cent on admission. Just go to smithsonian.com/museumday for two free passes and a list of locales.

17. Constitution Day Resources Available

Federal law requires any educational institution that receives federal funds to hold an "educational program" on the United States Constitution on September 17 of each year.

However, when September 17th falls on a weekend (as it does this year) it can be held on the preceding or following week. The law does not define educational program. Teacher resources & ideas can be found by clicking on the Constitution Day Resources link on Wayne RESA's main page at www.resa.net.