

Electronic News Update from the
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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

August means prepping to go back to school for me. My kids are excited, and I am too! I hope all of you are enjoying these beautiful weeks of August.

Sincerely,
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1. Saturday, September 21, to feature great MCHE event to teachers

Save the Date! Saturday, Sept. 21 is your opportunity to learn about the amazing resources inner State Capitol! Since 1847, Lansing has been the center of Michigan government and history. MCHE is now developing a full day program to provide you with the experience your students can have on a field trip while also helping you see the key sites for ours. Details will be announced this summer in the MCHE E-Notes and on the MCHE website at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org/>

2. Super Summer Spectacular Festivals to Enjoy!

*** Jazz Festival: with Stanley Clarke, Cameron Graves Quartet, Connie Han and others, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. detroitjazzfest.org

*** Dally in the Alley: Music acts and more. Sept. 7, (between Forest and Hancock), Detroit. dallyinthealley.com Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. arabandchaldeanfestival.com

*** Tour de Trout, The Great Detroit Bike Ride, Sat., Sept. 14, Detroit, <https://tour-de-troit.org/> (Selected events from List compiled by - Brendel Hightower, Detroit Free Press; Updated by Jim McConnell, MCHE)

3. Michigan Labor History Society offers Detroit Labor Tours; Other Resources

MLHS can arrange for tours of "Transcending," the Labor Legacy Landmark in Detroit, for union locals, students and teachers, community groups, and others. Please contact MLHS at <http://mlhs.wayne.edu/>

4. Upcoming lecture with Lynne Olson on World War One Aftermath.

After the First World War, Europe was fragmented by tribal nationalism. Each country was left to fend for itself through depression, stagnation, and revolution. As Germany emerged under the control of the National Socialists, Britain, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia and others found themselves faced with a crisis which could only be averted through unity and cooperation. As appeasement failed and several countries of Europe were swallowed by the Reich, the allied nations were forced to search for whatever friends they could find. Join us as The New York Times bestselling author Lynne Olson speaks about the heroic efforts to which these nations found themselves called, as they banded together in the face of unspeakable darkness. She will also examine the state of these alliances today.

Join us on September 3 at Grand Valley State University. For more information:

<https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/cms-form-edit.htm?formId=32C3AFC6-E734-C917-25914EDB125B8A93>

5. Updates from the Detroit Historical Society

The Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes and Historic Houses of Worship tours for August and September are now available for registration. Full list of programs at www.detroithistorical.org Register at detroithistorical.org or by phone at 313.833.1801!

6. 15th Michigan Railroad History Conference

The 15th Michigan Railroad History Conference will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The program will include a day of historical presentations as well as optional historical field trips in the area on Friday and Sunday. Lunch will be served. At the completion of the program, an informal panel discussion will be held at the afterglow.

For more information and updates see www.michiganrailroadhistory.org . Questions contact mrhc2019@gmail.com.

7. AASLH Status Report on Preparations for USA's 250th Anniversary

Over the past several months, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) has worked with its 250th Anniversary Task Force to gather the latest information from around the country about the

status of planning for the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. The report shows about half the states in the country have initiated planning in some form. For more information visit <http://aaslh.org/250th/>

8. Join us at “A CAPITOL IDEA” on Sat., Sept. 21st, in Lansing

The Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) invites you on “A WALK THROUGH MICHIGAN HISTORY & GOVERNMENT.” The morning program begins at 10 a.m. in the State Capitol, with lunch and the afternoon program in the Michigan History Center. The Sat., Sept 21st, activities conclude at 4 p.m. The program offers educators the opportunity to learn about the unique experiences available to their students on a field trip to Lansing. The program includes presentations on scheduling, logistics, and tours of key sites. In addition, information will be provided describing nearby educational facilities and details on the statewide Michigan History facilities of the Department of Natural Resources. Presenters include spokespersons for the State Capitol Tours, the Michigan History center, the State Archives, the Library of Michigan, and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center.

Registration is \$20/person and includes lunch, 5.5 SCECH available and resource materials. Deadline-Friday, September 13, 2019. To register online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/921MHG> and click on “Register.” MAIL-IN Registration form is attached “RESA Registration Form” AND posted at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org> Questions? Call David’ Hales: 734-334-1309 or halesd@resa.net

9. 2019-2020 Challenge and Mini Grants Now Available -- Applications Due October 1

MotorCities is excited to announce two grant opportunities for 2019 and 2020. Both its Mini-Grant program, as well as the Challenge Grant program, are now accepting applications.

"These mini-grants are intended for short-term, high impact projects that need that extra little bit to move from concept to reality," said MotorCities Executive Director Shawn Pomaville-Size. "They can include tours, field trips, conferences, lectures, planning and studies. We encourage applicants to be creative."

A total of up to 10 mini-grants with a maximum value of \$1,500 each will be awarded. The mini-grants do not require a match, but projects exhibiting matching funds and additional leveraging will receive preference. The deadline for mini-grant applications is October 1, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST, and grant awards will be announced by November 1, 2019.

Challenge Grants are awarded for up to \$25,000, and funds must be matched by a combination of cash, in-kind, donated goods and documented volunteer services. Challenge grant applications must be received by October 1, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST, and grant awards will be announced by November 1, 2019.

MotorCities deploys programming which preserves and promotes the automotive and labor heritage of the 10,000-square mile National Heritage Area, focusing on three areas:

Revitalization;

Education & Interpretation;

and Heritage Tourism.

Learn more about both grant programs at motorcities.org/grants-programs.

For any questions about project eligibility or whether your project best fits the mini-grant or challenge grant program, contact Brian Yopp at 313.259.3425 x307 or byopp@motorcities.org.

10. MHPN Seeks Conference Session Abstracts

The next Michigan Historic Preservation Network Annual Conference will take place May 14th-16th, 2020 in Kalamazoo. MHPN is looking for session abstracts for the 2020 conference. The conference theme is "Preservation On the Frontline." Abstracts are due by midnight, September 8th, 2019. Full details and info for abstract submission are available [here](#).

11. Save these dates NOW for NCHE in Cleveland in 2020

2020 NCHE Conference—Past, Present, and Future: NCHE at 30, Cleveland, OH, March 19-21-NCHE is Now Accepting Session Proposals; submission deadline is September 23, 2019. The 2020 Call for Proposals, can be found at: <https://www.nche.net/2020proposalsubmission>

12. Michigan Humanities Council announces Great Michigan Read Selection

The 2019-2020 Great Michigan Read is “What the Eyes Don't See” by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha! The Great Michigan Read program will begin in September 2019, and conclude in fall 2020. Want to become a partner? You can register now online at <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/become-a-2019-20-great-michigan-read-partner/> and materials -- including free books, readers' guides, and teachers' guides -- will be sent out in late August 2019. The 2019-20 Great Michigan Read is supported by The National Endowment for the Humanities, Meijer Foundation, and Martin Waymire.

13. Remembering Lee Iacocca, An Auto Industry Icon

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Lee Iacocca was born October 15, 1924 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University in 1945 and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Princeton in 1946. After graduation, Iacocca joined Ford Motor Company as an engineering trainee.

One of the biggest accomplishments in Iacocca's career came when he was directly involved with one of most successful cars of all time -- the Ford Mustang. Beginning in 1961. Iacocca felt that the quality conscious American public wanted something different in automotive design that would change the way consumers look at the American automobile.

Iacocca and his research team gathered information on what kind of car Americans wanted: how big or small, how much power and, most importantly, styling. The research team spoke with many consumers, and the results mirrored Iacocca's hypothesis - that many people wanted something different and unique in an automobile.

Iacocca put together a great team of Ford's automotive designers and engineers, including Hal Sperlick, Gar Laux, Donald Frey (pictured above at left with the Ford Falcon with Iacocca at right with a Mustang convertible), Joe Oros, Eugene Bordinat -- Vice President of styling, and many others. The first concept Mustang I was unveiled at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix on October 7, 1962.

To get the rest of the story on Lee Iacocca, <https://www.motorcities.org/story-of-the-week/2019/remembering-lee-iacocca-an-auto-industry-icon-and-leader>

14. Michigan Council for Social Studies (MCSS) makes plans for Fall 2019

A Fall Regional Conference is being planned for Macomb ISD on Sat., Nov. 2. Sean McBrady and Annie Whitlock are organizing this event. The Fall Conference will be held in Traverse City with the date TBD.

15. Historical Society of Michigan Moves to New Building, Triples Education Space With Help From The Meijer Foundation

LANSING, Mich.—The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) has moved to a larger headquarters in the greater Lansing area at 7435 Westshire Drive, located near the intersection of I-96 and M-43. The move from HSM’s previous location in southern Lansing occurred in mid-July. The new building has nearly 12,000 square feet of space and, with some minor modifications, will offer three education spaces—all with remote learning capabilities—tripling the amount of education opportunities from the old building.

The move to the new building and the future improvements to the education spaces were made possible by a major gift from The Meijer Foundation and contributions made by HSM members and friends to the

Society's previous building's mortgage-reduction campaign. A longtime supporter of HSM, The Meijer Foundation has been a committed ally in the Society's educational efforts to share the history and heritage of all Michigan's peoples.

"Our staff and Board of Trustees are excited about how this move will help us advance our mission of history education," said Executive Director and CEO Larry J. Wagenaar, who leads the 191-year-old nonprofit and nongovernmental organization. "This move gives us significantly more public meeting space in order to deliver expanded programs and services about Michigan's rich and fascinating history, as well as provides for the next steps of the Society's continued growth and impact."

HSM's programs, which will be enhanced and expanded because of the move, include its two history magazines, Michigan History and Chronicle; three annual history conferences; the yearlong Michigan History Day® program for students; History Skills Workshops™; History Hounds™ Lecture Series; Michiganders on the Road™ motor coach history tours; the Michigan History Moment™ radio program; the Michigan History Alliance™ networking program across the state; and more.

"For the first time, we will have the ability to hold simultaneous history education programs in our building," Wagenaar said. "We also plan to add technology to allow easy remote access to even more of this programming so people anywhere in the state—and beyond—can fully participate."

In addition, the new location offers more room for staff, small meeting spaces, more storage and an expanded area for HSM's library of Michigan history books. The building is closer to the freeway for easy access and to major hotels and restaurants for visitors to use.

The Historical Society of Michigan, publisher of Michigan History and Chronicle magazines, is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

16. New Community Gallery Exhibition Presents the 100-year History of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit

Since 1919, the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit has devoted itself to cultivating ethnic identity and leadership, supporting inclusion, teaching democracy and self-reliance, and promoting diversity as essential to the unity and vitality of American culture. Its mission continues today through ESL/citizenship classes, legal services, employability skills training and economic empowerment opportunities offered out of its 70 year-old headquarters in Midtown Detroit, as well as at satellite locations around the city and metro area.

The centennial exhibition travels across time and space to present arts and treasured mementos of representative cultures of Asia, Central Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, including toys, musical instruments, household items, fine art, festive traditional clothing and other artifacts. Some artifacts are lent from ethnic museums and private collections, while others are treasured family heirlooms donated by clients that the Institute has served over the past 100 years.

The gallery will also feature a joint exhibition: *Looking for America*, a national art exhibition that explores immigration and American values in six cities, including Detroit. Although immigration is a national political issue, its impact on localities varies widely, and the experience of living in a diverse and changing community is not limited to traditional "gateways" like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

The exhibitions will be on display through October 6, 2019. For more information, call the museum at 313.833.1805 or visit our website at detroithistorical.org.

17. Patriot Week 9/11-9/17

Patriot Week renews America's spirit by deepening the appreciation of the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other Patriots, vital documents and speeches, and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Many of our current holidays have become overly commercialized or have lost their deeper meaning. We need to invigorate our appreciation and understanding of America's spirit. Anchored by the key dates of September 11 (the anniversary of the terrorist attacks) and September 17 (Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by our Founding Fathers), the Schedule for each day has a separate focus. Co-created in 2009 by Judge Michael Warren and his then 10-year-old daughter Leah, Patriot Week has captured the imagination and support of citizens across the nation. For lesson plans, educational videos, and a schedule of events in Michigan and elsewhere this year, visit www.PatriotWeek.org.

18. Teaching with Primary Sources Level I and Level II Course – Online

Gain knowledge and skills needed to utilize digital primary sources from the Library of Congress website, create activities and lessons that facilitate the Common Core Standards, and engage students in active learning while developing critical thinking skills and constructing knowledge. This course is self-paced and can be taken for professional development hours or ISU graduate credit. For more information email Judy Bee, jbee@ilstu.edu or call 309-438-5468.

Click the link to register: <https://teachingprimarysources.illinoisstate.edu/illinois-state/development/>

19. How did the terms "Electoral" and "Electoral College" come into usage?

The term "electoral college" does not appear in the Constitution. Article II of the Constitution and the 12th Amendment refer to "electors," but not to the "electoral college." In the Federalist Papers (No. 68), Alexander Hamilton refers to the process of selecting the Executive, and refers to "the people of each State (who) shall choose a number of persons as electors," but he does not use the term "electoral college." The founders appropriated the concept of electors from the Holy Roman Empire (962 - 1806). An elector was one of a number of princes of the various German states within the Holy Roman Empire who had a right to participate in the election of the German king (who generally was crowned as emperor). The term "college" (from the Latin collegium), refers to a body of persons that act as a unit, as in the college of cardinals who advise the Pope and vote in papal elections. In the early 1800's, the term "electoral college" came into general usage as the unofficial designation for the group of citizens selected to cast votes for President and Vice President. It was first written into Federal law in 1845, and today the term appears in 3 U.S.C. section 4, in the section heading and in the text as "college of electors." (FOR MORE THAN ANYONE WOULD WANT TO KNOW, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/)

20. The Radium Girls and the Quest for Workplace Safety

Check out the great story told by "the History Guy" on Youtube. Info provided by "the Past in Person" Mike Deren jmtderen@prodigy.net. Click the link: <https://youtu.be/whJDVnyuW44>

21. National Aviation Day at The Henry Ford Museum

Soar into the first 40 years of flight with free admission to Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation on August 18, 2019, courtesy of Delta Air Lines. From the Wright brothers' historic liftoff to today's awe-inspiring technological advances, experience the evolution of American aviation firsthand.

Travel through one of the most miraculous periods of discovery in flight amid the iconic aircraft in our Heroes of the Sky exhibit. Then peer behind the scenes of today's technological advances with aviation-themed activities and presentations by our partners at Delta Air Lines.

Celebrate National Aviation Day with us by enjoying free museum admission, including free admission to the limited-engagement exhibit Star Trek: Exploring New Worlds, parking and activities, thanks to the generosity of Delta Air Lines.

22. Plan now to commemorate 100th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage in 2020

Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. On May 5, 2019 the History News Network featured an interesting article, "A Tale of Two Suffragists: Hazel Hunkins and Maud Wood Park" by Susan Ware To rad article, visit <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/171894>

23. Future History Skills Workshops at the Historical Society of Michigan

[Visit their website for full descriptions of each workshop.](#)

Friday, September 6

If These Walls Could Talk: Researching Your Historic House

Friday, September 20

Museum Newbies – How Do I...?

Friday, October 11

Selling History: Operating a Museum Store

Participants can "attend" remotely, if they prefer. If you can watch and listen to a video on Facebook or YouTube, you can attend our workshops remotely! Details for remote connection will be provided. (Remote access is not available for off-site workshops.)

Workshops are held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Historical Society of Michigan's **NEW BUILDING, 7435 Westshire Dr., Lansing, Michigan** (unless otherwise noted).

24. Join us for our Fall Teacher Professional Development Workshop!

WWI 360: Teach Like an Ace and Deliberative Dialogue from the Classroom to the Cabinet Room

November 7, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$4

This one-day workshop from the National WWI Museum and Memorial offers a blend of meaningful content and primary-source focused methods for teaching WWI and its enduring impact. Learn to debunk common WWI misconceptions, how to teach beyond the Western Front and why we need to teach WWI now more than ever.

You'll also learn how to use historical deliberations to engage, educate, and equip your students.

Breakfast and lunch included; SCECHs available for those who apply. A limited number of sub reimbursements are available.

You won't want to miss this professional development opportunity provided by the National WWI Museum and Memorial, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Michigan Center for Civic Education, and Michigan Council for History Education!

To register: cshubert@38foundation.org or 616.254.0409

25. News from "Bridge" (The Center for Michigan)

** Rural children more than twice as likely to be homeless in Michigan

<https://www.bridgemi.com/children-families/rural-children-more-twice-likely-be-homeless-michigan>

** U-M's Schlissel: 'Our children will suffer' because of how we treat higher education today

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/u-ms-schlissel-our-children-will-suffer-because-how-we-treat-higher-education-today>

** As Michigan schools struggle, Democrats and Republicans try...talking

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-schools-struggle-democrats-and-republicans-trytalking>

26. Selected Items from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

** Would Slavery Have Ended Sooner if the British Won the American Revolutionary War?

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172653>

** White Nationalists and the Legacy of the Waffen-SS from Postwar Europe to Today

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172610>

** Jane Addams and Lillian Wald: Imagining Social Justice from the Outside

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172589>

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