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**Message from your newsletter editor, Margot Haynes:** This is the five-year mark of my service to the Historical Society. Delighted with the fascinating meetings organized by your Board and pleased with the level of interest, ranging beyond 50 attendees at so many of our meetings, I'm glad to continue in this role for a while longer.

However, I want you to know my impression: this organization is pretty fragile. We've lost one of our main leaders, Norm Ullman, since I started. Moreover, some of our Board members may want to be replaced at our annual business meeting this year. If you value this organization, what it means to your community and to you personally, please consider stepping up and volunteering: help set up for meetings, join our (May-Oct.) monthly Monday morning Board meetings (first meeting May 9, 9:30 am Chamber of Commerce), learn what the Board does, share your ideas, and give us a chance for longevity as an organization. We need others to overlap for a while with those who have worked so hard for so many years. Contact us as individuals and figure out how you can offer support. Your Board members are listed on the left. We need you to step up and help!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Programs for 2016**—All programs are held at **7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the month, from May through October.

May 19—*National History Day competitors* from Whitehall Schools with Jan Klco  
Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1101 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall

June 16—*Meinhardi Building and Restoration*  
128 Hanson St., Whitehall – bring a lawn chair

July 21—*Skippers Landing* 6806 South Shore Drive, Whitehall (next to  
White Lake Yacht Club) – bring a lawn chair

August 18—*History of Duck Lake*  
Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall

Sept. 15—*Playhouse Theatre*  
304 South Mears Ave, Whitehall - Howmet Playhouse

Oct 20—*Whitehall Products* 1625 South Warner St, Whitehall

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TREASURER'S UPDATE: Jeff Weesies reports that we are sitting in a good spot financially again to start the year with our 3 accounts totaling 14,919.15 as of April 18, 2016.

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Thanks to Tom Lohman, Membership Chair/Corresponding Secretary of the WLAHS, we have a new WEBSITE!

### Website



The White Lake Area Historical Society website has a new look. The URL is the same as before: <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalociety.com/> but the design is updated.

The website has various pages available where the users can find information about the history and the officers of the society.

Users are also able to download past newsletters and various forms including membership forms.

By clicking on the calendar link, the users can view programs for the coming year and get information and directions to the next member meeting(s).

Other links available are to area municipalities' websites as well as youtube links.

Please check it out and let us know of any suggestions or corrections. You may email any information to the society at [whitelakehistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:whitelakehistorical@yahoo.com). This information is also found on the contact link page.

A new link has been added to the White Lake Area Historical Society website <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalociety.com/>. The new link is called Memory Lane.

On this page are links to available to various area pictures. We are asking members to view these various area pictures and submit comments about that picture to the email address [whitelakehistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:whitelakehistorical@yahoo.com).

## Memory Lane

Memory Lane

On this page you may:

Send us your stories and memories of any photos listed on this page

**Email Address:** [whitehallhistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:whitehallhistorical@yahoo.com)

You may also submit photos using the above email address.

Watch is page for new photos.

(NOTE: we reserve the right to modify submissions for length and content)

Memory Lane Link

[Montague Iron Works](#)

Your comments will be added to the page along with the picture. It is another way of preserving history. NOTE: we reserve the right to modify submissions for length and content.

Also you may submit pictures for consideration to be added to this page.

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### **National History Day students competing well this year**

In March, Montague was represented by two student groups researching first, Mary Shelley and Frankenstein, and, second, William and Amanda Ferry. In addition, a large number of Whitehall students competed in the preliminary round of NHD under the generous guidance of coach Jan Klco. Those advancing to State competition April 20 are marked by a star

#### Senior Division:

Mackenzie Brandel (Ind. Exhibit): *Encountering Change: Whitehall Girls' Cross Country, the Glass Ceiling, and the Power of Sport\**

Lauren Geiger (Ind. Exhibit): *Exploring an American Natural Wonder: "The Photographer, the Artist, and Yellowstone Park"\**

Emma Ruzicka and Aubrey Conkright (Group Exhibit): *"Dancing in the Street": Encountering Cultural Similarities through the Motown Sound\**

Tiffanie Cross (Ind. Performance): *The Hart-Celler Act: Exploring Immigration Reform; Changing the Pathway to America\**

#### Junior Division:

Morgan VanderLeest (Ind. Website): *The Crash of 1929: The Exchange that Devastated the World and Marked the Beginning of a New Financial Era*

Audrey Johnsen and Alison Chen (Group Website): *Guo Shoujing: Exploring the Heavens, Creating the Shoushi Calendar, and Idea that Signaled Change for Civilization\**

Mackenzie Mills (Ind. Documentary): *Herzlich Willkommen im Krieg (Welcome to War in Germany): Encountering Life with the Berlin Wall*

Ryann Jibson, Chloe Christensen, & Ella Johnson (Group Documentary): *Prohibition Can't Stop International Exchange: Encountering Rum Running and The Purple Gang in the 1920s*

Vanessa Christensen and Emma Hector (Group Exhibit): *Dorothea Dix: Encountering Injustice and Exploring Asylum Reform*

Avery Christensen and Isabelle Uganski (Group Performance): *First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage, Then Comes Life in a Strange New Land: Exploring the Exchange of Culture Between War Brides and Their Encounter with American Life\**

#### Youth Division:

Amelia Chen (Ind. Performance): *The Encounter and Exchange of Ukulele Music through Augusto Dias\**

Laura Thielman (Ind. Exhibit): *Tutmania: Howard Carter Explores a Tomb, Encounters Tutankhamun, and Inspires "The Nile Style"\**

Nalatie Conners, Allie VanAntwerp, and Isabelle Musk (Group Exhibit): *Encounter and Exchange: Olga Korbut Opens a New Door to Her Nation\**

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## **White Lake Oral Histories Available Online**

Thanks to a lot of hard work by researcher Tanya Cabala and videographer Oscar Osbo, we have available at our fingertips a rich treasure trove of oral interviews about White Lake's Environmental History over the past decades, going back even to the 1940's!

Would you like to know how Rand Barfoot perceived the lake when he was a child living near the Tannery? What about Ken and Mary Mahoney's experiences as neighbors of Hooker Chemical Company? More recently, be inspired by Roger Scharmer's stories of kayaking on White Lake. All can be found at the RESTORING WHITE LAKE website compiled by Tanya Cabala.

Just go to THE ORAL HISTORY RESOURCE COLLECTION and scan down for the interview you'd like to hear /watch. Here is the website:

[http://restoringwhitelake.com/history\\_oralhistories.php](http://restoringwhitelake.com/history_oralhistories.php)

Oscar Osbo has also posted online the fine video he produced with the help of Tanya Cabala and many others, including the White Lake Public Advisory Council, RESTORING WHITE LAKE THE BEAUTIFUL. Here is the website: <https://youtu.be/ogMRMQQTa4Q>