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From President Cheryl Lohman:

WELCOME BACK TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE WLAHS!

This week we turn another page on our calendars to usher in the 2019 season of the White Lake Area Historical Society. According to a post on Facebook entitled “Michigan Seasons” we should now be entering our “Third Winter”, which was preceded by “Winter”, “Sucker’s Spring”, “2nd Winter”, and “Fake Spring”. Our 6-month season runs from mid-May through mid-October, meeting on the third Thursdays of those months from 7-9 pm. By the time our snowbirds have returned from their winter quarters we should be experiencing “Actual Spring” and “Family Returns from Florida”, while anticipating “Summer”, “Fool’s Fall”, and “Summer Again”, as we prepare to observe “Real Fall” and “Winter is Coming”(when we do not meet, but plan ahead for the next season’s programs and activities).

Spring is a time of celebrating newness of life: birds return, nest, and raise their young; trees and plants clothe themselves in green; and we put forth our plans for another season of informational programs and fellowship. We welcome new board members Ron Arnson (treasurer) and Jan Grady (hospitality).

The month of May will kick off once again with presentations by the middle-and high-school teams from Whitehall under the guidance of Jan Klco as they present at the Lebanon Lutheran Church . (A donation to the church’s food pantry would be appreciated) **MAY 16**

June will take us to a guided tour of the LST, a transport ship from WWII, at its base on Muskegon Lake. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. **JUNE 20** at the Dock (560 Mart St., Muskegon) Note—not all parts are handicapped accessible, though many are.

July’s meeting takes place at Twin Cities Automotive (615 E Colby St., Whitehall) in the parking lot next to the insurance company. We will feature Camp Claybanks and a recovered drone from Lake Michigan. **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS. JULY 18**

August will feature an ice cream social at 7:00 with a mystery activity. (The mystery activity will be announced at the July meeting, with handouts, and also will be available after that date in an email to all paid members—prepare to be Scavengers between the two meetings!). We will meet at the **Montague Township Park for a potluck at 6:00** for those who wish to chat with friends, since meeting times do not allow much socializing. **Please bring a non-dessert dish to pass and your own table service & beverage.** We will conclude the mystery activity and also conduct our annual meeting. **AUG. 15**

All Programs are on the third Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm except Aug. 15 at 6:00

September's meeting will once again take place at the Montague Methodist Church as author Dan Yakes presents his newly-published book. **SEPTEMBER 19**

Our final meeting will show off the newly renovated "Playhouse" as we tour it and celebrate our new-and-improved arts addition to the White Lake Area. **OCTOBER 17**

Laura Connell (VP of Education) and Barbara Bedau Brow (Secretary) have been busy promoting our historical presence in the White Lake area as they have posted daily on Facebook with newspaper articles and photos, reaching out to community members for identification of missing names and/or pertinent information. **THANK YOU!**

One last "new" piece of information: The Montague Museum will add Wed. afternoons to their times of available viewing, as well as Saturday and Sunday afternoons May 30-Labor Day. They welcome volunteers and feature a noon picnic at Maple Grove Park Aug. 7. Contact Museum President Denise Marquardt for more information. Your President, Cheryl Lohman

The "Remembering White Lake History" Facebook Group.....from Laura Connell

This group on Facebook was started about a year and a half ago when it looked like there was a need to try to keep our local history alive. Social media gets things out to so many and we hoped that we could get the interest of many that enjoy our history like we do. We also hoped through this group to encourage others to join the Historical Society and the Montague Museum.

We have had lots of fun sharing news from the Digitized Newspapers that were saved by some wonderful locals, searches and personal info we have from family and friends and help from the White Lake Area Historical Society and the Montague Museum!! We enjoy all our members' comments and posts and appreciate their help along with our own Barb Bedau Brow who does an excellent job of collecting and presenting so many stories!! Very thankful for her and the others who add their own info for us to enjoy!!The many contributors are the reason we can do this and have fun doing it. We'd love to have others join us, add their info and memories and pics for us all to enjoy!! Remembering White Lake History is our name...join us for some fun and learn about our towns too!!!! In Facebook it is named "Remembering White Lake History" .

There is also a link available at White Lake Community Library for digitized papers. You can search online or go to the library in person to get computer access. It is easy to search with keyword and dates and all the past local newspapers we've had in our area (digitized searchable newspapers back to the 1800s) <https://www.wlclib.org/eshelf-research/digitized-newspapers>

TREASURER'S UPDATE.....from Treasurer Ron Arnson

The WLAHS has two CDs, one for \$2,000 and another for \$8,000, both earning a bit of interest. In the checking account as of April 11 there was \$4,533.23. In addition, the Memorial fund contains \$1,488.01. Thus our total was \$16,021.72 as of April 11, 2019.

Many thanks to Tom Lohman, Membership Chair/Corresponding Secretary of the WLAHS, for maintaining our WEBSITE! The URL is <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalsociety.com/> This site posts many youtube videos from former meetings, filmed by Oscar Osbo, including last year's October meeting at Montague's National Guard Armory.

Tom writes: "Many of the handouts from past meetings are available on the handout page. Also, you might want to have a look at the page "Memory Lane." Several new articles have been added, including Life Saving Station, Mouth Cemetery, Lumber Era Ended Too Soon. Check them out! If you would like to write an historical article and have it added to the Memory Lane page, please send a word file with pictures to whitelakehistorical@yahoo.com. We will edit, create a pdf file, and post it on our website."

***** **Good news:** The "Historical Walking Tour" brochure for Whitehall and Montague has been updated by the good work of Jerry Grady, Tom Lohman, & Roger Scharmer. Copies available at the Chamber of Commerce or the White Lake Community Library. *****

Historical visual adventures in the White Lake Area: After considerable public comment, the PNC bank on South Mears in Whitehall decided to keep the paintings by Frederick Norman tracing our early history in this area. Not to be missed! Also, historical photographs can be seen at Big John's Pizza at the turn in Whitehall just east of Goodrich Park as well as at Shelby State Bank in Montague.

National History Day students succeed w/projects on theme of "Triumph and Tragedy"

For the 2019 NHD competition, the theme for the research projects was "Triumph and Tragedy." Last winter, sixteen Whitehall students competed in the preliminary District round of NHD under the generous guidance of coach Jan Klco. **ALL of them** were selected to go on to a State competition on April 27 in Bay City.

Just in from Coach Klco: "This year, I am thrilled to announce that for the second consecutive year, the Whitehall NHD team will have 8 students...[advancing to] the NHD Nationals in College Park, MD this June. Among them are three veterans and five first time qualifiers. Much of these students' success can be attributed to the input from you, our supporters and practice judges, over the past several months.

"In addition to the qualifiers, two entries (3 students) placed 3rd in the state in their categories, making them alternates, should the finalists be unable to go. Finally, 8th grader, Allison Tate won TWO special awards, Best Use of Oral History and Best Use of Primary Sources, a most unusual occurrence, but one that is well-deserved."

(On May 13 Monday you can help donate to their travel for the finals by buying pizza at Pizza Hut from 5-7:00)

Finalists (top 2 in state):

Emily Olsson (individual exhibit): "Nuremberg Code: An International Protocol Emerges from the Unspeakable Truths of Holocaust Experiments"

- **Ella Johnson** (individual documentary): “Diving into Murky Waters: Greg Louganis & AIDS, a Clear, Triumphant Voice for Acceptance”
- **Avery Christensen, Braley Johnson, Alydia Jura, and Shelbie Noel** (group performance): “Saying Bonjour to Equality: The Hello Girls Answer the Call to Achieve Victory at Home and Abroad During World War One”
- **Allison Tate** (individual exhibit): “A Bitter Pill to Swallow: Dr. Kelsey’s Triumph Hides an American Tragedy”
- **Amelia Chen** (individual website): “Navigating the North: Lost Franklin Expedition, the Tragic Key that Unlocked Arctic Triumph”

Alternates (3rd in state):

- **Alison Chen** (individual performance): “The Exclusion Act of 1882: Chinese-Americans Triumph in Spite of Legislated Tragedy”
- **Audrey Connors and Shayla Johnson** (group exhibit): “Reborn from the Ashes: Muskegon and Chicago’s Triumphant Connection”

“Onward and upward,
Jan Mecoli Klco,
Whitehall NHD Team”

*(Note—come to our WLAHS mtg in May
to see many of these presentations)*

The White Lake Classic Boat and Car Show will take place on July 20 (Saturday) at Goodrich Park from 9:00-3:00 pm. Contact Amy Harrington harringtona@frontier.com for more info.

Sad to announce that Michigan’s Heritage Park (history walk in Whitehall) has closed down. But WLAHS members may be interested in Muskegon’s Hackley Day Celebration on May 25 (Saturday) when the tours of the Hackley-Hume Historic Site in Muskegon are free from 10 am to 4 pm and there is an outdoor concert by the Applewood String Ensemble along with lawn games, food by Bone Ends food truck (home in Whitehall) and brews by Pigeon Hill.

Oscar Osbo, videographer, has served as a volunteer filming numerous programs for the WLAHS over more than a decade. Many of his creations are able to be viewed on our website. If you would like his help with a digital transfer of old videotapes or movies to DVD format, with photo touch-ups, or with online projects, he can be contacted at 231-288-3580 or at Oscar@whitelakemedia.com .

Jerry Grady, photographer extraordinaire, hosts a website featuring wildlife and nature at www.watershewildlife.com . In the next few months he will be adding local historical images and video that he has collected over the years. This will be more stable and constantly viewable than a Facebook feature. He will let the WLAHS know when it is added online.