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A Newsletter of the White Lake Area Historical Society

June 2021**Letter from our WLAHS President: (June 2021)**

WELCOME BACK!!! Three weeks ago our board members met for the first time since October 2019. And as each member came through the door, the joy and excitement of actually being together was palpable. Last year when Covid 19 hit it was our hope to shift our entire program calendar to this year, 2021, beginning in April with the National History Days presented by our young people. However, we were still under the restrictive guidelines, and needed to consider what we could safely do for 2021 and still have some meetings.

To this end, the leadership has decided that the June meeting will be held Thursday, June 24, at Ferry Memorial Church, where space allows for presentations as well as social distancing. Our young people who have presented their projects at Nationals will be our guest speakers.

The July meeting on Thursday, July 15, will focus on the Mouth Cemetery and will take place at the cemetery (see information below provided by Roger Scharmer). Our abbreviated calendar will conclude on Thursday, August 19, (again at Ferry Memorial), with our required business meeting, and will feature local historian and author, Dan Yakes, as he once again captivates his audience in his own inimitable way!

Those members who had paid dues for 2020 have had their dues credited to 2022 (next year). There will be no membership dues collected for this year, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you again, hoping you've all been vaccinated! WELCOME BACK!!  
Cheryl Lohman, President

**Three Historical Programs for Summer 2021**

June 24--(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) 7 pm, Ferry Memorial Reformed Church 8637 Old Channel Trail. Our local **National History Day students** will present their winning projects from district and state levels. Most went on to compete nationally. Actual poster displays can be viewed; students will also present videotaped dramatizations and award-winning websites and documentaries. In person (allowing for social distancing if desired).

July 15—(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 7 pm. **The Old Mouth Cemetery**. From Old Channel Trail, take Indian Bay Road to the north; the cemetery is behind the former Mouth School, so turn west onto Sunset Lane, a dead-end road where you'll park. This will be an outdoor meeting with some walking required. Bring a chair if you like. We will review the 1860 Ferryville map, tour the various cemetery plots, hear from family members associated with some of the plots, learn more of the history connected to the cemetery, and absorb the unique scenic woods landscape.

August 19—(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 7 pm. **Annual Meeting** at Ferry Memorial Reformed Church. Program features **Dan Yakes, Ph.D**, White Lake's leading author and historian, who with Steve Demos, co-author, will discuss their latest two-volume book **Cross River Rivals** about the growth and evolution of both Montague and Whitehall. From his talk about place, people, commercial activities, and happenings over time, we'll learn about the place we call home. Copies of Dan and Steve's previous books will be available for purchase, including Looking Aft, Land Between the Lakes, Logging the White, Abner's Flock, etc.

**Treasurer’s Report..... Treasurer Ron Arnson**

The WLAHS has two CDs: The 24-month CD has \$2,075.82, the 12-month CD \$8,317.61. The Business account balance is \$4,818.53. In addition, the memorial fund contains 1,488,01. Our total, excluding the memorial fund, is over \$15,000.

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**Membership Report.....Tom Lohman, Membership Chair**

**92 Active members but 6 not paid dues since 2017 - Will Drop after Notification**  
**22 Life (Family) members 32 Life (Individual) members**  
**146 Total Members (Active)**  
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**The “Remembering White Lake History” Facebook Group... VP Laura Connell**

This group on Facebook was started over three years ago when it looked like there was a need to try to keep our local history alive. We hoped that we could get the interest of many that enjoy our history like we do, and we also hoped through this group to encourage others to join the Historical Society and the Montague Museum. Join us and add your info and memories and pics for us all to enjoy!! 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/Reference/digitized-newspapers>

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**EXTRA, EXTRA, Hear all about it!**

Jerry Grady and Barbara Brow (Secretary) have been working on a terrific, comprehensive website over the past year: [localhistorygallery.com](http://localhistorygallery.com) . It includes an organized collection of photos and film resources, and links to other online connections of local historical interest.

Tom Lohman, Membership Chair/Corresponding Secretary of the WLAHS maintains the website at <http://www.whitelakeareahistoricalociety.com/> This site posts many youtube videos from former meetings, filmed by Oscar Osbo. If you would like Oscar’s 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](mailto:Oscar@whitelakemedia.com) .

Denise Marquart, President of the Montague Museum, announces that this is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Montague’s own Miss America, so Nancy Ann Fleming is being celebrated at the museum. Hours are Wed. Sat, & Sunday 1-5:00 pm. See more information: [www.montaguemuseum.org](http://www.montaguemuseum.org)

At the last minute, the WLAHS added a June program! Things are opening up even sooner than expected. We are delighted to offer members the historical presentations of our award-winning local National History Day team. The theme for this year is *Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*. Topics range from the development of written language to Martin Luther, cryptography, the Holocaust, Cold War issues, environmental activism, the milk carton campaign, and Woodstock. All of this year’s judging was virtual, so we are the first **in-person** audience for these students. See other side for location—Thurs. June 24, 7:00 pm.