

MCHE E-Notes

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Dear MCHE Members & Friends,

Last month, we optimistically encouraged you to make your plans for "WILLIAM POTTS DAY" in October. This famous Detroit police officer developed a key invention in the history of automobile safety. His invention was first installed on Woodward and Michigan Avenue (not Fort Street as some reports state). Extensive research and consultation with experts has not yet determined the precise date. (I thought it would be easy to document...) Please help? Do your own research or have your students help you accurately determine the date of this event. We await the answer and will share it with you in the October MCHE E-Notes...hopefully. If you find the date, email Jim McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net.

As educators, we are committed to teaching students about becoming citizens who participate actively in American democracy. Please remember to vote and encourage your colleagues and your students (if age 18 or older) to also cast their ballots. See the "Election Information" attachment that is also posted at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>. If you vote absentee, we urge you to return the ballot 15 DAYS before election day or return it to a special election box provided by the Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, or your local town clerk. You and your students may also enjoy the **2020 Educator Electoral College Prediction Contest** described in #32 in the E-Notes and posted on the MCHE website.

MCHE is proud to offer NEW programs and resources in this issue of the "MCHE E-Notes." We thank all of you for stepping up to offer your students the highest quality education possible in these challenging times!

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1. Help Your Students Learn About the 2020 Election

Now is a critical time to focus on citizenship education! All students should study the story of elections—past, present and future. Especially in a presidential election year, history teachers can use current events to reflect back on prior presidential elections and help prepare their students to become knowledgeable participants in elections of the future. To provide some details on this election, MCHE

has prepared the attached "2020 Election Information" details. A recent AARP article offered comments that might benefit your students. Check out "How You Can Spot Inaccurate News Proven Ways to Detect Whether Web or Social Media News is Deceptive or a Hoax" by Emily Paulin, AARP, July 8, 2020, at <https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/government-elections/info-2020/how-to-spot-fake-news.html>

2. 2020 Educator Electoral College Prediction Contest Seeks Entries

At its August 22nd MCHE Board meeting, approval was given to again offer this unique learning experience. Every Michigan teacher may submit ONE entry form but we encourage you to have students, either individually or in small groups, also predict the winner of each state's electoral vote. You can discuss state predictions with your students and compile a 'summary' to submit as your entry. There are many websites available for you and your students to consult in developing the predictions. Because there is no commitment from either political party to provide MCHE with tickets to attend the Electoral College vote (we will seek tickets, but cannot confirm until after the election) the MCHE Board has approved THREE prizes of a \$50 gift card to the Michigan History Museum Gift shop and a copy of the C-Span book "The Presidents: Noted Historians Rank America's Best--and Worst--Chief Executive" by Brian Lamb and Susan Swain (2019) Book details at <https://www.c-span.org/thePresidents>. Contest guidelines and entry form in attachment and posted at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>

3. MacIntosh Named Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year in Michigan

The Michigan Council for History Education is pleased to announce that Zachary L. MacIntosh is the recipient of the prestigious 2020 Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year Award for the State of Michigan. MacIntosh is a resident of Chesterfield, Michigan. He teaches at Baker Middle School in the Troy School District. From 2013 to the present, he has taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade social studies along with sixth and seventh grades technology. He began his teaching career at Dryden Middle Scholl in 2012, where he taught social studies and technology. A graduate of Oakland University in Rochester, he has graduate degrees from Saginaw Valley State University, University Center Michigan, and Arkansas State University. He has participated in educational seminars at the University of Virginia on "The American Civil War: Origins and Consequences" with the Gilder Lehrman Institute and a Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania.

Update: Video Presentations by Gilder Lehrman and McConnell Award Recipients now posted at MCHE website <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org> The 2020 HISTORY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR presentations are available by clicking on the names on the website to watch a video of each...

- *** Michigan's Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year ZACH MACINTOSH
- *** Annette & Jim McConnell Pre-Service History Teacher of the Year CAITLYN BUELL
- *** Annette & Jim McConnell Elementary History Teacher of the Year TARA MAGUIRE
- *** Annette & Jim McConnell Secondary History Teacher of the Year BEN PINEDA

4. Michigan Freedom Trail Commission's Third Annual Heritage

The Michigan Freedom Trail Commission and its partners, the Wayne County Community College District and Michigan History Center, announce the third annual Underground Railroad Heritage Gathering will take place as a series of virtual presentations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in September 2020.

The virtual sessions are free and open to individuals, organizations and communities interested in our statewide Underground Railroad heritage.

This year's events, which will be hosted using the Zoom platform, include panel discussions, local research, tips for researching local Underground Railroad history and more. Questions? Contact Sheri Giffin at GiffinS@Michigan.gov Information on the full slate of programs is posted at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/29a21d6>



5. Have You Been Counted Yet?? CENSUS 2020 Needs You!

Take the census online now - it only takes a few minutes to complete. Why does this matter? The census is a constitutionally mandated questionnaire that counts the US population. The census helps decide how taxpayer dollars will be spent in your community for the next decade. Census data also affects how many seats a state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how the number of Electoral College votes a state has. There are less than 40% of people reporting today, so we have a ways to go! Take the Census today. Get counted. Visit <https://my2020census.gov> . Another option is to complete the census over the phone (844-330-2020). Or, for nostalgic types, you can respond to the census by snail mail. Answering the nine questions takes less than 10 minutes. DO IT NOW!

6. Check Out the Resources Available at the Library of Michigan

The 2020-2021 school year is fast approaching. The Library of Michigan provides access to many resources to help with K-12 learning. Please contact your Library of Michigan at librarian@michigan.gov and library staff will be happy to point you to the best available resources. (From Matt Pacer, Library of Michigan, MDE)

7. Constitution Day, September 17: Lesson Plans & Resources

Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. Educational institutions receiving Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education must implement the statutory requirement pertaining to the United States Constitution, on this date designated by statute as

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. David Hales, Social Studies Consultant at the Wayne RESA, has organized a wide variety of free grade appropriate lessons and resources for school and classroom use. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/p2399mb> For questions, contact him at halesd@resa.net (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

8. MI Supreme Court Learning Center: Constitution Day & Other Virtual Resources

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is offering Constitution Day webinars on Sept 17 plus other virtual live programs and asynchronous resources for fall. Additional information and registration are available at courts.mi.gov/learningcenter and in the downloadable Educator Guide (courts.mi.gov/educatorguide). More to come throughout the year – subscribe to the Justitia e-newsletter at courts.mi.gov/subscribe for updates. For questions, contact Rachael L. Drenovsky, DrenovskyR@courts.mi.gov (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

9. MCSS reschedules Annual State Conference

MCSS Virtual Conference - "The Stories We Tell!" now planned for Feb. 22-27, 2021. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the MCSS conference has changed dates again and switched venues to online! We're incredibly excited at the opportunity this presents to make the conference even bigger, at a lower cost to our membership. Each Social Studies content organization will be represented and providing sessions at the conference: Check for updates at <https://www.mcssmi.org/event-3294830> (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

10. Saliccioli Offers PD on: Learning to Give"

Anthony Saliccioli, a social studies teacher at Livonia Clarenceville High School and Past President of the Michigan council for the Social Studies, has been certified as a Learning to Give Ambassador Trainer. Learning to Give is a global nonprofit organization with the vision of a world in which all youth are knowledgeable and equipped for lifelong engagement in philanthropy. "As an Ambassador, my goal is to show and share the power of Learning to Give in the classroom," Saliccioli said.

"These lessons and activities will help you bring your students together, teach valuable skills, and allow your students to grow in their knowledge of civic engagement, participation, and what it means to be a citizen of the world". For more info on LTG, visit www.learningtogive.org or #Teach1 at learningtogive.org/teachone For more info, contact Saliccioli at anthonysaliccioli@gmail.com

***11. MI History Women's Center (<https://miwf.org/herstory/mi-womens-history-center/>)**

September 30| 12:30-1:30 pm| WomanUp & Celebrate Kalamazoo| Virtual Livestream Event (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

12. History News Network (<https://historynewsnetwork.org/>)

Women, Voting, and the Nineteenth Amendment: A Journal of American History Suffrage Reader (<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/176928>)

High School Students Are Demanding Schools Teach More Black History, Include More Black Authors <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/176944>)

Alan Trachtenberg, Pioneered New Ways of Understanding American Culture (<https://historynews-network.org/article/176955>) (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

13. Other Michigan Museums:

*** Arab American National Museum (<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>)

September 1| 5:30 pm|Yalla Eat! Instagram Takeover Chef Series: Sara Ahmad presents Kubbat Hallab

*** Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (<https://www.thewright.org/>)

September 27| Voting Matters: an interactive multimedia exhibition that illustrates the work of African Americans from pre-Reconstruction through the present day.

*** AHOlocaust Memorial Center (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>)

September 2|7:00pm| Film & Conversation with Alexandra Kauffman Horowitz and Rabbi Rachel Schmelkin| The film explores white supremacy experienced by the Jewish community in Charlottesville during the neo-Nazi attacks. (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

14. Clements Library (<https://clements.umich.edu/events/>)

September 18| 10:00-11:00 am| Clements Bookworm: Online Event for History Lovers. Panelists and featured guests discuss history topics in this weekly webinar. (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

15. Historical Society of Michigan Conference Registration Opens

***Early-bird registration is now open for the 2020 virtual Michigan History Conference, which will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3. The event will include 8 virtual “Behind-the Scenes” tours, 14 breakout sessions, and 4 mini-workshops. Registration starts at \$59 for HSM members. For more information, see the HSM website: <http://hsmichigan.org/> (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

16: News from “Bridge” (The Center for Michigan)

***”Michigan Schools Already Planning for Likely ‘Rolling’ Closures’ from COVID,” 7 August 2020, Ron French.

***Michigan School Reopening Tracker: Find Out If Your District Is Starting in Person or Online, 12 August 2020, Lori Higgins.

***For more information on Michigan K-12 schools, see <https://www.bridgemi.com/tags/michigan-k-12-schools>. (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

17. This Month in History: Historical Events in the Month of September, from the History Place

***September 1, 1939—Hitler’s armies invade Poland, sparking World War II in Europe.

***September 9, 1776—The United States is created as the Continental Congress changes the name of the new nation from the “United Colonies”.

***September 16, 1810—The Mexican independence movement from Spain begins in the town of Dolores Hidalgo, led by local priest Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla.

*** September 21, 1949—The People’s Republic of China is declared by the Communist Party of China. (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

18. George Washington’s Mt. Vernon currently offers a variety of both primary and secondary sources that may be used by educators alongside the Hamilton original Broadway cast recording to teach students about George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, the Revolutionary War, the creation of the Constitution, and early American politics. For more information see

<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/educational-resources-and-hamilton/> (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

19. Library of Congress lessons, From MCHE educationetras.com

Just in time for Constitution Day: The Constitution: Drafting a More Perfect Union. From the website overview: This lesson focuses on the drafting of the United States Constitution during the Federal Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia. Students will analyze an unidentified historical document and draw conclusions about what this document was for, who created it, and why. After the document is identified as George Washington’s annotated copy of the Committee of Style’s draft constitution, students will compare its text to that of an earlier draft by the Committee of Detail to understand the evolution of the final document. <https://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/more-perfect-union/>

20. River Raisins National Battlefield Park. <https://www.nps.gov/teachers/classrooms/upload/A-Soldiers-Notes-From-Michigans-Big-Battle-Grades-6-to-8.pdf>

This lesson plan, designed for Grades 6-8, uses a secondary document that gives a personal account of the lead up to the battle as well as the battle itself. The lesson plan uses multiple maps and a copy of a soldier’s journal. There are multiple activities involved in this multi-day lesson, which include drawing which illustrates a paragraph, writing a position paper and creating a poster. (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

21. . Colonial Williamsburg. This 72 page packet examines the question: What is Democracy? through primary sources, quotations and illustrations. This is a Level 3 packet, implying it is a high school level document, but it is applicable to middle school students as well. [https://resource-library.history.org/sites/default/files/](https://resource-library.history.org/sites/default/files/Civics%20for%20a%20Democratic%20Society%20Level%203.pdf)

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22. PBS. What is a Border? Lesson Plan. Grades 5-8. Students will learn the difference between a physical border and a geographic border. Students also create a map based on an alternative ending to the War of 1812. <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/a866841e-f495-49d1-ac92-aa18f2937f-f0/what-is-a-border-lesson-plan/>

(From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

23. Celebrate V-J Day at the GVSU Hauenstein Center, Sept 1-2

On September 2, 1945, World War II finally ended. That was the day the Proclamation Signing of the Declaration aboard the U.S. Navy battleship, the USS Missouri, officially ended the world's worst war.

The Hauenstein Center is proud to join the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum, and partners in a two-day celebration of the Greatest Generation. This two-day event features WWII veteran portraits, Memorial bell ringing, downtown flyover (B-17, B-23 & C-47), as well as two world-class speakers. Jim DeFelice, co-author of *American Sniper* and *Every Man a Hero: A Memoir of D-Day*, will give an online presentation at 6:30 PM on September 1. We end our celebration on September 2 with a 6 PM flyover above the Grand River in downtown Grand Rapids, following which Chris Wallace, journalist and host of Fox News Sunday, will give an online presentation about his recently published book, *Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days That Changed the World*, at 7 PM.

The online presentations with Jim DeFelice and Chris Wallace will be available live on The Gerald R. Ford Foundation Facebook page.

Tuesday, September 1. 6:30 PM In Memoriam Remembrance, Bell Ringing, and presentation with Jim DeFelice, Wednesday, September 2

6 PM Military Plane Flyover, Grand River in Grand Rapids 7 PM Chris Wallace Presentation More info at <https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/>

24, Growing Voters for 2020 & Beyond: Engaging Youth in Elections Workshop (Sept 16th)

Sponsored by the National Education Association and the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, Wed., Sept. 16, 2020, 3:30-5:00 pm' No Cost; 1.5 SCECHs Available

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6pwucu9>

Even students who are not eligible to vote can have their voices heard and learn about elections and the democratic process. Participants in this professional development session will learn strategies to engage students in elections by having them learn about the candidates, explore media messages, develop their ability to be critical consumers of information and find creative ways to get involved in the election process. Free lessons provided. Questions? Email David Hales halesd@resa.net For more information, see attached flyer.

Millard, Brands tell fascinating history stories

**** Candice Millard, *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*, Author tells story of Garfield, Guiteau, and Alexander Graham Bell, with focus on Garfield's medical treatment after he was shot. Gripping narrative. Published 2011 by Doubleday, 339 pgs.

*** H.W. Brands, Dreams of El Dorado: A History of the American West Published Oct. 2019 Full story of the West, from Louisiana Purchase to TR's Presidency; many great stories by historian I really enjoy.

Let us know what books you recommend; email Jim McConnell, jam1776@sbcglobal.net

26. Update on the NEW Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, district lines for political offices must be redrawn in states across the country to accurately reflect their population. In Michigan, a randomly selected commission of citizens is responsible for drawing U.S. Congressional and Michigan State House and Senate district lines. Voters amended the state constitution in the November 2018 general election to make citizens — not legislators or special interests — responsible for drawing district lines (called “redistricting”). The commission will be composed of 13 randomly selected Michigan registered voters: four who affiliate with the Democratic Party, four who affiliate with the Republican Party, and five who do not affiliate with either major political party.

Individuals were encouraged to apply during the Winter and Spring of 2020. A Random drawing selected 180 semi-finalists on June 24, 2020. Two thousand names were selected. To view graphs showing the nature of the applicants, visit https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/ICRC_Whos_applying_682238_7.pdf

To learn more about Redistricting and the commission, check out the " Frequently Asked Questions" at https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_91141-488602--,00.html. Sign up to receive updates about the redistricting process at <https://michigansos.state.mi.us/RedistrictCommission>

27. 2020 Presidential Debates Tentative Schedule

U.S. Commission on Presidential Debates

<https://www.debates.org>

** Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020 First presidential debate, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

** Wednesday, Oct 7, 2020 Vice presidential debate, The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

** Thursday, Oct 15, 2020 Second presidential debate, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami, FL

** Thursday, Oct 22, 2020 Third presidential debate, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

28. C Span3—American History offers great programs

19, 2019 U.S. Domestic Politics and Treaty of Versailles"

William Jewell College Professor Gary Armstrong discussed the U.S. Senate’s rejection of the 1919 Treaty of Versailles to end World War I, which President Woodrow Wilson had spent seven months overseas negotiating. Professor Armstrong argued Wilson had hoped the treaty would vault the U.S. into a leading position in the global order, but that U.S. domestic political divisions -- combined with turmoil created by a flu pandemic, a “Red Scare,” racial unrest and Wilson suffering a stroke - all contributed to his failure to achieve Senate ratification. The National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri hosted this event and provided the video. Visit <https://www.c-span.org/video/?473000-1/us-domestic-politics-treaty-versailles>

29. #ReactivateTHF by Planning Your Visit Today

the Henry Ford is excited to welcome back members, friends and fans after a temporary closure to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Tickets for Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and Greenfield Village are now available. Since capacities will be limited, purchasing advance tickets online or becoming a member for reserved, timed entry. Details at

30. PD offered by NCHE

To check out about 20 National Council for History Education webinar presentation, visit <https://www.nche.net/tiahwebinars>

A topic from the 2020 'virtual' NCHE conferences now available is "Transforming Disruption into Teachable Moments." History professor Yohuru Williams and high school teacher Sari Beth Rosenberg discuss applying the National Council for History Education's (NCHE) History's Habits of Mind to disruptions like what the world is experiencing with the Covid-19 Pandemic. This presentation was part of NCHE's virtual conference held March 19-21, 2020.
