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MAY CALENDAR

Friday	1	2:00 PM	Movie: "Salesman" (1968) Documentary about door-to-door salesmen. Free with general admission.
Tuesday	5	12 Noon	Lunch & Learn: Jeff Sommer "News from the Archaeology Field" Dessert and beverage included. Free with general admission.
		10:45 AM	Keys to the Castle. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes guided tour. No reservations necessary.
Thursday	7	7:30 PM	Michigan Archaeological Society Meeting
Friday	8	2:00 PM	Movie: "Vernon, Florida" (1982) Documentary. Free with general admission.
Saturday	9	1:30 PM	American Girl Party: "Soup Should Be Seen But Not Heard" Etiquette for young ladies presented in a unique and fun way. 1:30 - 3:00 PM \$5.00 members/\$3.00 non-members
Tuesday	12	12 Noon	Lunch & Learn: Tom Trombley "Elsie Mershon and her Famous Fan" Dessert and beverage included. Free with general admission.
Friday	15	2:00 PM	Movie: "Land of Silence and Darkness" (1971) Documentary about a deaf and blind woman's struggles. Free with general admission
Sunday	17	2:00 - 4:00 PM	"On the Street Where We Live" Progressive music concert beginning at First Congregational Church and ending with music and refreshments at the Castle.
Tuesday	19	10:45 AM	Keys to the Castle. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Castle Museum and Annex. Free with general admission. No reservations necessary.
		12 Noon	Pages of History Book Club: "The Final Season: Fathers, Sons and One Last Season in a Classic American Ballpark" by Tom Stanton
Friday	22	2:00 PM	Movie: "Grey Gardens" (1975) Documentary about Kennedy relatives who live in East Hampton in isolation and squalor. Free with general admission
Tuesday	26	12 Noon	Lunch and Learn: John Wagner - "The Flight of the Lighthouses" Dessert and beverage included. Free with general admission.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAGINAW COUNTY

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MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday
 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday
 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION

(excludes special events)
Adults \$1.00
Children \$0.50
Members Free

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The Historical Society of Saginaw County is committed to serve the community by telling the continuing story of the people of the Saginaw region through exploration, preservation and presentation of their historical and cultural heritage.

PHOTOGRAPHER TO SHARE HIS STORIES THIS MONTH

The Castle Museum is pleased to welcome John Wagner to its *Lunch and Learn* series on **Tuesday, May 26th** as part of the many activities planned around our Lighthouse Exhibit. Mr. Wagner is the East Lansing pilot who took hundreds of photographs of all Michigan lighthouses while leaning perilously out of his single-engine Cessna. These photos are featured in our Lighthouse Exhibit. Mr. Wagner has authored a book documenting his experiences, called "Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Photographic Perspective, which is available in our Museum gift shop and at the Lighthouse Exhibit. *Lunch and Learn* begins at noon with dessert and beverage provided. This event is free with general admission.

On **Monday, June 15th**, make plans to take a trip on the schooner *Appledore* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and participants will be able to view the lighthouse at the mouth of the Saginaw Bay. Reservations are required for this event. Please call Sandy Schwan at 752-2861, Ext. 309 for details. Cost is \$47 for HSSC members and \$55 for non-members.



From **July 20 through September 12** we will feature a traveling exhibit called *Ladies of the Lights*, which will tell the story of women lighthouse keepers in Michigan. This exhibit is from the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame.

Don't forget to stop by the museum gift shop to see some of our unique lighthouse-themed gifts. Local artist Diana Rohde handpaints beautiful pieces on pottery, driftwood and other items. Her one-of-a-kind creations would make a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift.

P.S. If you have not stopped by to see the exhibit yet, please do! To commemorate Saginaw's connection to lighthouse history, museum volunteer John Heintz has constructed a large-scale model of the Saginaw River Rear Range Lighthouse that is on display at the exhibit. You won't want to miss it.

Bakelite Exhibit Held Over Until June 15th!

Upcoming Events

On the Street Where We Live

Come listen to songs from some of your favorite Broadway shows at a progressive music concert sponsored by the Jefferson Avenue Marketing & Events Committee.

The event will take place on **Sunday, May 17th** beginning at 2:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson. Music from Rodgers & Hammerstein will be featured.

At 2:40 p.m. the festivities will move on to Grace United Methodist Church, formerly known as Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church, located at 310 S. Jefferson. Works from the talented Andrew Lloyd Webber will be highlighted.

At 3:15 p.m. the concert will wrap up with fabulous songs from Lerner & Loewe at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County.

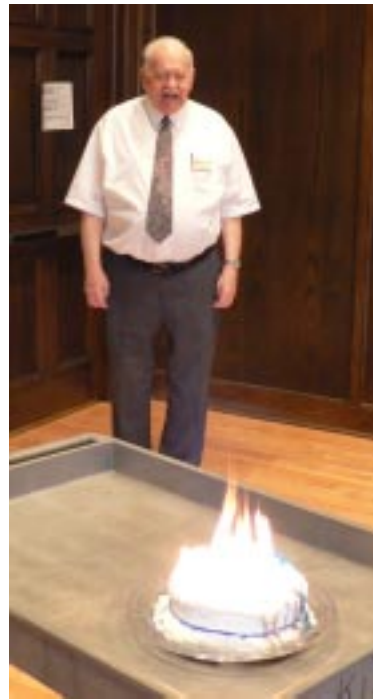
Refreshments will be served following the concert featuring recipes from the *Savoring Saginaw* cookbook.

No reservations are needed. A goodwill offering of \$5.00 is suggested.

Jazz on Jefferson

You won't want to miss this wonderful annual event that includes music, food, art and other activities that brings attention to one of our city's most historic districts.

The Castle Museum will again be selling its delicious strawberry shortcake. There will be music, food vendors, carriage rides and "historic" photo opportunities. We also will have lighthouse-themed crafts, artwork and books for sale with artists and authors on hand. Jazz on Jefferson will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. *rain or shine* on **Wednesday, June 3rd**. Mark your calendar!



Herman Turns 90!

Hard work and love of people are the secrets to a long life, says Herman Rindhage, the museum's greeter, who turned 90 on April 15th. It took the entire staff to help Herman blow out all 90 candles on his cake. Herman took a few minutes to share his life story with us and remember what it was like

growing up in Saginaw during the Depression.

His father, who worked first in the coal mines and later for General Motors, lost his job, but Herman says his dad never stopped working, finding work trimming trees and other odd jobs.

"He always found a way to make money," he said. "We were poor but we didn't really know it because everyone was like that - we didn't know anybody who had money."

He remembers eating lots of vegetables and his mother stretching everything out to make things last.

Rindhage worked for a variety of Saginaw companies, including Parker Dairy, the Muller Baking Company, Frito Lay and eventually Bridgeport Lumber, from where he retired in 1985.

Although everyone who knows Herman knows that he never really "retired". This man, who spent three years in the Pacific during World War II, lives life to the fullest and loves helping people.

People ask him all the time what the secret is to living 90 years. "Who knows?" Herman said. "I just keep breathing." But he does think that living through the Depression taught him the value of hard work and that his love of people has made his life all the more richer. We love having Herman here. He's an inspiration to us all.

We gratefully acknowledge a contribution to the Endowment Fund from Gladys Kelley, Gary Kelley and Lynne Slager in honor of Herman's 90th birthday.

Education Corner

With warmer weather FINALLY starting to appear, thoughts turn to summer activities at the Castle. We have several camps on tap this summer for area children that are fun, educational and affordable! Visit the museum website at www.castlemuseum.org to learn more. Registration forms for camp are also available on the website. This year we are offering **American Girl camps**, a **Junior Curator camp** and a **camp exploring the life of a lumberjack**. Our Educator Coordinator, Heather Thompson, also is offering several Girl Scout badge camps, including a sleepover on June 12th! For more information about our summer camps or Girl Scout activities, contact Heather at 752-2861, Ext. 311 or email her at htompson@castlemuseum.org

Since September 2008 we have had almost 1,500 children from area schools take tours of the Castle and participate in a hands-on project, such as *History on a String* or log stamping. Students looking to earn volunteer hours can contact Heather for possible opportunities here at the Castle.

Attention Teachers! Would you like to receive Heather's newsletter for educators? Please contact her and she will add you to her mailing list.



We are pleased to offer the public a unique opportunity to learn more about another facet of the automotive industry: how Saginaw adapted to accommodate the automobile.

On **Thursday, May 21st**, there will be a free, guided walking tour of automobile-related sites on South Jefferson Avenue led by Tom Trombley. The event will start at the rear entrance of the Castle Museum at 4:30 p.m. During the tour, antique cars will be on display at some sites.

A self-guided walking tour brochure will be available at the Public Libraries of Saginaw website under the Historic South Jefferson Avenue Walking Tour. For more information about the tour, contact Tom Trombley at 753-4900 or ttrombley-nrssag@sbcglobal.net

Saginaw Community Foundation Challenge Grant Update

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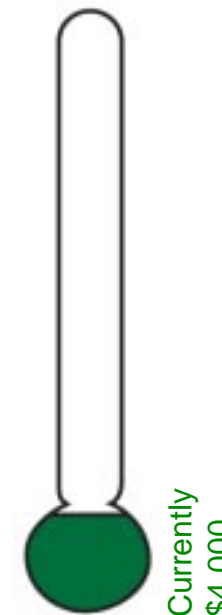
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American Girl Party

Saturday, May 9, 2009
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*"Soup Should Be Seen
But Not Heard"*

Etiquette for young ladies presented in a unique and fun way. Dress you and your doll in your Sunday best and come for a fun-filled afternoon.

The following individuals have made generous donations in memory of

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