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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

- Sunday, November 1:** **Presentation:** "Saving Great Lakes Lighthouses: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Terry Pepper and Richard Moehl of Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. Castle Museum Annex. Free with general admission. Light refreshments served. 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3:** **Lunch and Learn:** *To Be Announced.* Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. 12:00 Noon.
- Friday, November 6:** **Movie:** "What's Cooking" (2000). Free with general admission. 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8:** **Historic Saginaw Tour:** *Adams Boulevard. Guided Walking Tour.* Meeting point will be provided upon registration. \$10 per person. Members Free. Call 752-2861, Ext. 315 to register. 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 10:** **Historic Saginaw Tour:** *Lighted Steeple Tour.* Guided Bus Tour. Tour begins at Castle Museum and will focus on the history of churches and public buildings lighted as part of the Steeple lighting effort. \$15 per person/\$10 members. Dessert provided. Call 752-2861, Ext. 315 for reservations. 6:30 p.m.
- Lunch and Learn:** *LIW and LHOTP: The Story Behind Laura Ingalls Wilder.* Presentation by Della Wilder. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. 12:00 Noon.
- Friday, November 13:** **Movie** "Home for the Holidays" (1995). Free with general admission. 2:00 p.m..
- Tuesday, November 17:** **Pages of History Book Club:** *The Night the Fritz Went Down* by Hugh E. Bishop. Dessert & beverage included. Free with general admission. 12:00 Noon.
- Wed., November 18:** **Historic Saginaw Tour:** "The Road to Bay City: Veterans Memorial Parkway" Guided Bus Tour. Tour begins at Castle Museum. Box Lunch provided. \$18 per person/\$15 members. Call 752-2861, Ext. 315 for registration. 11a.m.
- Friday, November 20:** **Movie:** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987). Free with general admission. 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21:** **Holidays at the Castle:** *Santa, Games, Crafts and Treats.* Free. 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24:** **No Lunch and Learn** – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, November 27:** **Movie:** "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" (1973). Free with general admission or a canned good donation. 2:00 p.m.

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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!**

*Thank You*

To students from Valley Lutheran High School and Accenture who helped install shelving in our new collections storage area at the Annex.

We appreciate you!

*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.*

**Faces and Stories of Immigration Explored in Exhibit**

In a new traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services, black and white photo interviews - photographic portraits captioned by the subjects' own words - offer a thought-provoking starting point for exploring immigration, acculturation, and cultural diversity.



"Becoming American: Teenagers & Immigration" will premiere at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History on December 19, 2009 It will be on view in the Museum's Centennial Hall through February 28, 2010.

"The young people presented in this exhibit give evidence that America, the land of immigrants, continues to attract courageous newcomers seeking freedom and opportunities," said photographer Barbara Beirne. Beirne's images capture first-generation immigrants and children of immigrants, revealing a diverse array of teenage responses to the immigrant experience. By photographing her subjects in their own communities she presents sensitive portraits, which give viewers an opportunity to better understand the complexity of newcomers' lives.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

The Historical Society of Saginaw County is proud to announce that it has reached its goal of \$25,000 and will receive an additional \$10,000 from the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Thanks to you, our membership, and our friends, we are able to continue to explore and expose the history of Saginaw County.

As we look to the future be mindful that we will be responsible stewards of your funds and our history. Your generosity makes it possible!

A big thank you to Board Member Dave Hall who led the Challenge Grant campaign.

## Membership Event a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who came to our Membership Pancake Brunch on Sunday, October 18. Guests enjoyed delicious pancakes and sausage while learning about all the wonderful things going on at the Museum.

A big thank you to the Planning Committee: Ken Willman, Ray Bartels, Larry Toft and Anne Marks-Gaertner. Thanks to the staff for all of its hard work and to John Severs, who represented the Voyaguers that day so members could learn more about that wonderful group and what they do.

Thanks to everyone who re-newed their membership or became new members - we welcome you to the Society and hope you come visit the Museum again.

And finally, thank you to the following for donating prizes to our event: Bintz Cider Mill and Apple Farm, Briggs Saginaw Valley Honey, SuperBee Apiaries and Margaret Clark.

Winners were: Gerry Enzer, Claude Anderson, Lou Hanisko, Ed McGarry, and Jerry Hensler.

## Receive the Castle Courier by E-mail!

Send us your e-mail address and help save on printing and postage costs. Sounds good? E-mail Ruth Mancina at [rmancina@castlemuseum.org](mailto:rmancina@castlemuseum.org) and she will put you on her e-mail list!

## Sign Up Now For a Fall Tour!

Three outstanding tours remain on our wonderful Historical Fall Tour campaign.

On **Sunday, November 8**, Ken Willman and Tom Trombley will lead a guided walking tour of the Adams Boulevard neighborhood and its history. The tour starts at 2 p.m. and guests will have access to at least one home. Cost is \$10 per person, members are free. Meeting point will be disclosed upon registration.

On **Tuesday, November 10**, an evening bus tour will explore our lighted steeples. Dessert is included at one of the churches. Tour begins at the Castle at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 for members.

Finally, on **Wednesday, November 18**, we will explore The Road to Bay City: Veterans Memorial Highway. A box lunch is included and the tour starts from the Castle Museum at 11 a.m. Cost is \$18 per person or \$15 for members.

To register please call Ruth Mancina at 752-2861, Ext. 315.

## What Building Is This?

Last month we ran a picture of a postcard and asked you to tell us what building it was. The answer? St. Mary's Medical Center - sort of.

The far right side of the building - it's actually darker in color - is the hospital. The remaining part is an artist's rendering of what the hospital could look like, however the design never went any further than that.

## Wish List

- Voyageur Clothes
- Animal Teeth
- Pictures/information from the Poor Farm

## History on the Move To Be Unveiled in Early 2010

History on the Move is a mobile classroom designed to teach students about our past and present. History on the Move addresses the need for substantive local history education and provides an innovative solution to the lack of funding for students to visit museums throughout the day.

Exciting news is that schools are being scheduled for early 2010. The team is working on finalizing the logo and refurbishing the trailer.

Board Member Sarah Jury has helped guided staff members, Archaeologist Jeff Sommer and Education Coordinator Heather Thompson, who are working hard on the project. Volunteer Bill Lemmer also has dedicated many hours of his time and expertise to this project. His input has been very helpful.



## In Touch Now Open

This exhibit tells the inspiring story of making the written word accessible to the visually impaired. It is open through January 15, 2010 and is located in the Family History Room.

## Mark Your Calendar!

The Castle Museum is once again hosting its annual Holiday Fun at the Castle event on **Saturday, November 21 from Noon to 4 p.m.**

The afternoon promises to be lots of fun for the kids. Anyone interested in volunteering at this event can call Sherri Greene at 752-2861, Ext. 303



Generous donations to the Challenge Grant have been made in memory of

*Frances Clum & Gertrude Lord*

From  
Ken and Jackie Willman

## Good News

Board Member **Dave Hall** was honored for his dedication and support of Saginaw County's Promise, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. Dave has been involved with this program, which is run by the Saginaw Community Foundation, since its inception. Saginaw County's Promise works with businesses and other non-profit organizations to ensure that youth in Saginaw County are learning what they need to succeed.

**Congressman Dale E. Kildee** recognized the Historical Society of Saginaw County and the Castle Museum for being selected by the American Association of Museums for participation in the Museum Assessment Program. This program helps to ensure high standards in collections care, governance and institutional planning and effective community engagement. More than 3,500 museums have benefitted from this program.

