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2018 - The Year in Review...

2018 has been a landmark year for the CCHPS. While we remain under the umbrella of Raven Hill Discovery Center, we have also acquired a home of our own! At long last, we have a location in which to work with our collections; inventory and store items appropriately; manage the necessary business duties of the society; as well as host members and friends. Not only is this an ideal location, but we now find our base of operations situated in the city of Charlevoix- the county seat of our focus portion of the northern Michigan region!

Thanks to the generosity of our friend and stalwart benefactor, Bob Grove of Boyne City, we have been given use of a previously unused office space in the former LexiLite building, adjacent to Bob Grove’s NuCore operations. This is by no means a permanent solution to our desire for an eventual “historic location” to call the permanent CCHPS home, but what a location it is! The building consists of five (5) fully equipped office spaces; a showplace meeting/conference room; and wide hallways that are increasingly being filled with display cases and exhibits featuring educational information on both the area and historic artifacts in general. In addition to this, there is ample parking, a well-lit exterior, restrooms, closet space and extensive storage space which offers a plethora of filing options for our ever-growing photograph and artifact collection, as well as our many marketable materials.

We are both honored and completely indebted to Bob Grove for his interest in the preservation of Charlevoix County history and for entrusting us with the care and maintenance of his state-of-the-art facility.



Mark Postma & Bob Morgridge at sign installation

At the onset of 2018, several felt that it would be 2019 before we were even able to begin the necessary steps to utilize our new CCHPS office space. However, between February and September (a mere 8 months), the new CCHPS Research Center was operational and in full swing! Not only is it a clean, well-lit, functional environment, donations of both time and materials have placed us far ahead of the originally proposed schedule. This has allowed much to be accomplished in less than a year’s time! We still have a long way to go however. For this progress to continue, we are in great need for your assistance and continued support.

2018 DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

In addition to a great many volunteer hours spent cleaning, unpacking, organizing, and related facility set-up, there have also been several monetary donations which have served to propel our efforts forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Morgridge for the following:

- Two industrial shelving units for use in housing our local newspaper collection
- CCHPS all-weather sign which now prominently marks our front entrance
- CCHPS all-weather directional signs for programs

All signage mentioned above was professionally designed and produced by CCHPS past president Mark Postma of Signs & Letters Graphics in East Jordan.

Donna Swift, retired school teacher and CCHPS member, donated a laminator and supplies recently. This was a welcome addition to our CCHPS facility. Not to worry archivists, nothing of history significance will be laminated. However, posters, signage and many of advertisements and marketing material will have a much more professional look, not to mention be protected from the elements when used in outdoor venues.

Our friends at the new Boyne Heritage Center in Boyne City contributed a hand-made, locking, oak display case which could not be utilized within their facility. Both the upper and lower portions now contain attractive displays, which will revolve and display other subjects and subject matter as time goes on.

We would also like to thank the following for their contributions to the CCHPS collections in 2018:

Charles Breithaup – The Taylor family collection of letters

Jo Follette – Loan of the Undine School Bell once again for the exhibit at the new CCHPS Center

Ward Collins – Vintage BC postcard scans

Contributors of vintage farm pictures from the County Farm Bureaus of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Presque Isle

Diane Burke for photographing the center and at programs, documenting the history of CCHPS.

CCHPS RESEARCH FACILITY UPDATE

Local Newspaper Collection

Once the industrial shelving units and more archival storage boxes were obtained, work began on reorganizing, labeling and cataloging our local newspaper collection. Random years have already been gone through in their entirety to confirm missing issues and to begin attempts at obtaining and filling in these gaps.

New and Missing Newspapers Discovered!

To date, several early issues have already been discovered among other donated collections which have filled in gaps previously thought lost forever. In addition to issues of the local newspapers, a collection of early Boyne City High School student newsletters was also come across. These have now been scanned and cataloged as well.

Bob Morgridge's Local History Collection

An extensive portion of Bob Morgridge's local history collection is now being housed within the CCHPS Research Center.

Photograph Scanning and Restoration and Exhibits

Dozens of photo restoration projects have been completed and are currently under way. Patrick McCleary has also begun locating, scanning, restoring and framing some historically oriented portraits. These will be housed within a small "portrait gallery" which can be added to and changed out as time goes by. In addition, many other exhibits and displays are already set up within the halls and rooms at the Center. The Sumner Cradle Display, mini vignettes throughout featuring historic items and collected materials, the "Wreaths Across America" and "The Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel" displays - each with digital photo frame displays and the story of the Undine Settlement are once again on display and showcased in its near entirety.

Marketable Materials

Our list of marketable materials has also grown thanks to the contributions of Bob Morgridge and others, in addition to a fully stocked and inventoried "sales" area and a postcard rack of both historic and newly produced cards.

CCHPS Oral History Collection- "Voices from the Past"

Cliff Carey of Petoskey has transferred all of our CCHPS Oral Histories ("Voices from the Past") into CD format, labeling and adding an introduction to each for easy access.

Membership and Attendance Rosters

The CCHPS membership rosters and contact information sheets (both past and present) are currently being digitally compiled by April Bellant of Boyne City. April's expertise with computers will allow us to maintain and more readily utilize this information as we move forward with future programs and programmatic needs. If you would like to have your email address and/or mailing address added to our contact information, please email Georganna at ftf0123@gmail.com or call her at 231-883-9867.

***WE WELCOMED MANY PEOPLE
OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS
TO TOUR OUR NEW FACILITY***

In addition to numerous individual and small group tours of our new CCHPS home, we were also able to welcome these groups of folks as the first to see the happenings taking place here. Thus far, we seem to be receiving nothing but positive reviews (which we are very appreciative of and happy to report).

WHITE FAMILY REUNION TOUR- Monday, June 4, 2018
22 family members and guests

BOYNE CITY MUSEUM BOARD TOUR- Thursday, August 16, 2018
13 people present

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE- Tuesday, December 18, 2018
52 people present



Bob & Rafina Grove at the Holiday Open House

RECAP of our 2018 HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES

Monday, June 4, 2018

Program: More to Boyne City in 1902 than Just Lumbering- The Chemical & Charcoal Iron Plants

Guest Speaker: Bob Morgridge

We are greatly indebted to Bob Morgridge for putting together this highly informative production, not only for the general community, but also in honor of the White family descendants who were in able to be in attendance that evening.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Program: Power Point Presentation/Gift to White Family

Guest Speaker: Patrick McCleary

In keeping with his past efforts, Patrick McCleary presented a short Power Point program catered to the White family and descendants- the first program held in our new CCHPS conference room area. The program featured nearly 100 local images pertaining to the early White family and their many business endeavors. These images, most of which were new to the family, were able to be added to the main White Family Archive being maintained by Canadian descendent, Roger White.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Program: Young Hemingway and His Enduring Eden

Guest Speaker & Documentary Writer, Director and Producer: Dr. George Colburn

This was a long-awaited for program which featured the final, director's cut – the first premiere in the United States - of the 90-minute documentary which will soon to be released for television, internet and the classroom by Documentary Writer, Director and Producer, Dr. George Colburn. This was perhaps the well-attended program in the history of the CCHPS, with over 160 people present in the Horton Bay United Methodist Church!

RECAP of our 2018 COLLABORATIONS

The Science, History and Art of SLIME Hands on STATION was hosted by the CCHPS at RHDC Summer Magic Family Festival in July. Junior helpers Viola and Lizzy are pictured here.



CCHPS contribution to Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways Exhibit at Raven Hill was a 60 minute Power Point Presentation "A Photographic History of Lake Charlevoix and Its Tributaries" compiled by Patrick McCleary, which ran continuously during August and September.

At the Annual Dinner and Meeting of the County Farm Bureaus of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Presque Isle held in Boyne City in September, Georganna Monk and Patrick McCleary scanned vintage family farm photographs.

Michele Deming reports that the **Boyne City's Old Town Clock Tolls Again** book donation made back in April to the Boyne City Public Schools, in addition to the original uses reported in our Summer 2018 newsletter (used annually in classes and each student having their own copy to read and study, gifts for Guest Speakers as a token of our local history, Boyne City-themed Carnival Baskets, Literature Circle novel selection in the US History course, and the anchor text used on November 14th each year to commemorate Boyne City's founding date), have expanded classroom sets to Elementary classrooms as well as Middle School classrooms! How neat is this in fulfilling the CCHPS mission!

Our 2019 WISH LIST

The most commonly asked question being asked is, "How did you get so much done in so little time?" and "What can I/we do to help keep the ball rolling?" The answer to the first question is plain and simple... hard work, diligence and a passion for seeing our local history gathered and preserved. As to what you can do to assist, well, read on and we'll share with you our most urgent needs. Contributions of these items (or the funding to purchase these materials and items) is the next step in making our new CCHPS facility on the road to future success! Remember, as a nonprofit, consult your financial advisor for tax purposes. Here are just a few examples of items we need to continue our work at the new facility:

Sponsor for 24"x36" Flip Frames and acrylic glazing	\$85.00 each
Sponsor for five (5) 24x36" Poster images	\$150.00 (or \$25.00 each)
Two (2) additional industrial shelving units	\$160.00/each
Black & White "Work Horse" Printer	\$250.00
Archival Supplies	Any Dollar Amount



JOIN US FOR ANOTHER OPEN HOUSE IN JANUARY!

On Sunday, January 27, 2019 from NOON until 6 PM, we will host another Open House at the new CCHPS Research Center. If you were unable to attend the December event, now is your chance to see the amazing Holiday displays and our new center. We would like to encourage anyone especially interested in volunteering and being a future CCHPS Board Member to attend. Building our volunteer base is integral to carrying on our mission and goals!

We are located in the former LexiLite building in Charlevoix on Taylor Road between Mercer and Ance. (The address is 12555 Taylor Road for GPS purposes – not to be used as a mailing address).

DIRECTIONS

Take Highway 31 to the Mobil Gas Station/E-Z Mart.

(Heading West towards Charlevoix, you will turn to the right onto Ance Road.

Coming North from Charlevoix, you will turn to the left onto Ance Road.)

Take the 1st left onto Taylor Road and go past Gibbons Drive.

Enter our driveway entrance to the Parking Lot - next right- clearly marked with CCHPS signs.

If you end up at Mercer Blvd you've gone too far.

For questions call Patrick McCleary (home) 231-348-8255 or Georganna Monk (cell) 231-883-9867.