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## 2019 Upcoming Events

### **May 1, *Summer Hours Begin***

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday, 12 pm – 4 pm

*Free Admission*

### **May 5, *Lansing Ladies, 2:30 p.m.***

Join the History Center for a free afternoon concert.

The Lansing Ladies Trio will carry you away with their beautiful vocals and violin accompaniment. *Free Admission*

### **May 8, *Service & Sacrifice: The Contributions of Local WWI Nurses with Sandy Sager, 7:00 p.m.***

Nurses make invaluable contributions to society everyday – often without receiving the proper accolades. We celebrate nurses with this fascinating program with Sandy Sager on local World War I Nurses. *Free Admission*

### **May 10, *Pioneer Day, 9 am – 3 pm***

Fourth and Fifth grade classrooms and homeschool groups are invited to attend the annual Pioneer Day to learn about life on the frontier in the 1830s. Morning and Afternoon sessions available. *\$4 per person. Reservations required.*

### **May 22 – *Mock Trial, 10 am – 12 pm***

The St. Joseph High School Practical Law Class will perform a mock trial in the 1839 Courthouse. *We need volunteers to serve on the jury to determine whether the defendant is innocent or guilty. If interested call 269-471-1202. Free Admission*

### **May 28 – June 5, *South Dakota Adventure***

BCHA hits the road for the spring tour to South Dakota. Sites visited will include Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park, and more! *Tour is full. Taking names for waiting list!*

### **June 9, *Settlement of Southwest Michigan with Tom Kimmel, 2:30 p.m.***

Tom Kimmel returns to the History Center for a presentation about the settlement and development of Southwest Michigan. Kimmel writes a column for the Journal Era and is a local expert about farming and steam engines. *Free Admission*

### **June 20, *Thursdays at Courthouse Square: Sister Mary Purnell with Ron Taylor, 6:30 p.m.***

The first program of the popular Thursdays at Courthouse Square series will be by Ron Taylor on Sister Mary Purnell. Mary's City of David sparks a lot of interest among local residents and visitors to the area. Come learn more about the person behind the movement. *Free Admission.*

### **June 27, *Thursdays at Courthouse Square: Isle Royale Adventure with Loreen Niewenhuis, 6:30 p.m.***

Loreen Niewenhuis returns once again to the History Center for the Thursdays at Courthouse Square series. This time Niewenhuis will present on her work on Isle Royale in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Niewenhuis is known for her environmental adventures including her trek around Lake Michigan. *Free Admission.*

### **July 4, *Community Gathering & Ice Cream Social, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

The History Center, Village of Berrien Springs, and Berrien Springs Community Library will host a Fourth of July Community Gathering at Courthouse Square and Library Lawn to celebrate our Nation's birthday. Concerts, interactive activities, political speeches, and more will be sprinkled throughout the day. *Free to all.*

### **July 11, *Thursdays at Courthouse Square: Pedaling the Pioneer Path with Chuck Jager, 6:30 p.m.***

In 2015, Chuck Jager a history teacher and enthusiast set out on a five-day journey tracing the Old Territorial Road used by pioneers of the 1830s. Jager will share history about the route and his experience bicycling the path. *Free Admission*



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### **July 18, Thursdays at Courthouse Square: Michigan POW Camps of WWII with Greg Sumner, 6:30 p.m.**

Greg Sumner returns to the History Center for a repeat of the Annual Meeting program. This program will be held in the Berrien Springs Community Library. *Free Admission.*

### **July 21, Walter Morrow Nelson with Carrie Sharlow, 2:30 p.m.**

Learn about Walter Nelson, a lawyer of southwest Michigan who was known as “the lawyer in the House of David case.” Carrie Sharlow will break down the contributions Nelson made to the law community in this presentation based on her article in the Michigan Bar Journal. *Free Admission*

### **July 25, Thursdays at Courthouse Square: Fort St. Joseph Revealed with Michael Nassaney, 6:30 p.m.**

Michael Nassaney’s presentation is based on his newly released book of the same title telling what the last 20 years of archaeology at Fort St. Joseph have revealed about one of the most important French fur trading posts in the western Great Lakes Region. *Free Admission*

### **July 28, Christmas in July with Marianne Kordas, 2:30 pm.**

Missing Christmas and Snow? Marianne Kordas, joined by a chorus of talented singers, will provide a concert of Medieval and Renaissance songs that will get you in the holiday spirit. *Free Admission.*

### **August 4, Nature’s Nuggets: Berrien County Natural History with Chuck Nelson and Dick Schinkel, 2:30 p.m.**

Chuck Nelson, former director of Sarett Nature Center, and Dick Schinkel, a Berrien County enthusiast, will present various tales from their new book “Nature’s Nuggets” where they share some of their hilarious and memorable adventures they had over the years. They will have books available for purchase and to sign after their presentation. *Free Admission*

### **August 12-17, Berrien County Youth Fair**

While chowing down on a corn dog and some cotton candy, visit the History Center’s booth in the commercial building during the Berrien County Youth Fair. *Volunteers needed to help monitor the booth. Call 269-471-1202 to sign up! Admission prices vary.*

### **September 8, The Great Navy Birds of Lake Michigan, with Taras Lyssenko, 2:30 p.m.**

Taras Lyssenko returns to the History Center for a presentation of his brand new book “The Great Navy Birds of Lake Michigan: The True Story of the Privateers of Lake Michigan and the Aircraft they Rescued.” If you are interested in underwater archaeology and mysteries you do not want to miss Lyssenko’s presentation. *Free Admission*

### **September 15, Myths & Fables about the House of David – Reviewed & Defused with Brian Ziebart, Debbie Boyersmith, and Ron Taylor, 2:30 p.m.**

Intrigue surrounds the House of David and its history. This trio of presenters will come to dispel these myths and fables and set the record straight. *Free Admission.*

### **October 1, Winter Hours Begin**

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm  
*Free Admission*

### **October 24, Signature Event LMC Mendel Center, 6 pm – 9 pm**

Support the Berrien County Historical Association and enjoy a fun evening with friends at this year’s Signature Event.

*Reservations Required; \$75; call 269-471-1202*

### **December 5, Kindle Your Christmas Spirit, 6 pm – 9 pm**



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Kick off the Christmas Season with the annual town celebration. Join the History Center and the Trinity Lutheran Schools for carols in the courthouse, log cabin living, exhibit in the Sheriff's Residence, and blacksmith demonstrations in the forge. *Free Admission*