

The background of the top half of the page is a reddish-brown rock surface with several fossilized bones and a large, faint trilobite fossil. Green fern fronds are scattered around the edges of the rock.

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Our mission is to tell the story of Muskegon County by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of its people and natural environment.



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HISTORY OF SUMMER IN MUSKEGON COUNTY

The history of summer in Muskegon County is intertwined with the rich heritage that comes with living by the lakeshore. One of the ways that the Lakeshore Museum Center serves the community is by collecting and telling the stories of summers gone by. From fishing and shipping to festivals and pageants, Muskegon has a lot to preserve.

This summer, the museum is excited to be part of the hometown premiere of *Buster Keaton: Home*. The documentary will be shown free to the public on June 9th at 3:00pm at the Frauenthal Center. Buster and his family spent their summers in Muskegon, and this film speaks to those times. Below is an image of the Keaton family with their boats on Muskegon Lake. I hope that everyone can join us to see this film.

The Lakeshore Museum Center and all of its sites are ready for you to visit. We want to be part of your summer memories!



Advertisement for *Home*



From the LMC collection (P89-350C): Fleet of boats from the Theater Colony Yacht Club looking east across Muskegon Lake with Keaton family members.



2024 Acquisitions in Review

The Lakeshore Museum Center actively collects objects and archival material relevant to Muskegon County's natural and cultural history. These items are reviewed by the Acquisitions Committee and the Board of Trustees for their relevance to Muskegon County, condition, and the ability for the LMC to care for the objects.

Between January to April, the LMC was offered 192 objects. The following objects were accepted into the collection.

Brenda Nemetz, Collections Manager and Registrar

Photographs:

- Muskegon Community College All Greek Mixer beer baseball game, Spring 1969
- Muskegon Community College All College Week rope pull, dated 1969
- Pioneer Park, circa 1930s
- Photographs of Wolf Lake, Meinert Park, Twin Lake, Patterson Park, Blue Lake, and Pioneer Park

Archives:

- Postcard, View from Grand View Cottage Wallace Beach, Twin Lake, dated 1911
- Postcard, Boating, Twin Lake, Michigan, dated 1911
- Book, *The Virginians* by Thackeray, owned by Thomas Hume

Objects:

- One complete AVDS 1790 cylinder and one cut away cylinder manufactured by RENK
- Castings from Westran, circa 1970s

192

Objects offered



WHAT'S ON VIEW?

What's New This Summer

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Muskegon Museum of History & Science

Dinosaur Bones with Paleo Joe

Visitors will be able to see dinosaur bones and models, become paleontologists, reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton, and learn about the fossil record. Check out our events calendar to see when Paleo Joe will visit the Museum to demonstrate fossil preparation.

New Deal, New Museum: *WPA Artists and the Muskegon County Museum*

As a newly formed museum in 1937, the Muskegon County Museum employed artists and writers to create exhibits under the Works Progress Administration Federal Art Project. View a selection of projects created by these artists.

Muskegon Streetcar Riot

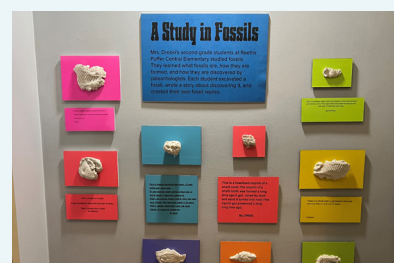
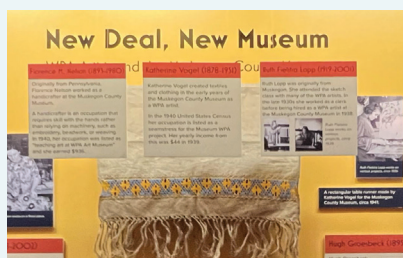
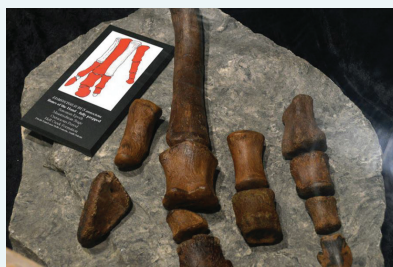
On August 5, 1919, a riot broke out in Muskegon of the Muskegon Traction and Lighting Co. streetcar service. Learn about the events of the riot and view photographs of the damage that it caused.

Fossil Projects from Mrs. Droski's class in Reeths-Puffer Central Elementary

Mrs. Droski's class studied fossils and created projects based on what they learned.

Coming
Soon

Keep an eye out for updates in *Coming to the Lakes* this summer.



Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

Fisher Steel and Supply:

A Family Business

Learn about a local, three-generation family business dealing in steel and scrap metal.

RENK HMPT-800 Transmission

This transmission is manufactured in Muskegon and is used in several U.S. Military vehicles.

Coming
Soon

The Mount Garfield Hill Climb

In celebration of Muskegon Bike Time, learn about the history of the Muskegon Motorcycle Club and the Mount Garfield Hill Climb.



Chani Collins, Exhibit Designer

HELPING PRESERVE HISTORY

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Welcome to The Muskegon Historic Sites

Exterior Project Fun!

Of course, Muskegon and The Muskegon Historic Sites have so much to do over the summer months. One activity you may not have thought of for summer is watching the progress on exterior projects at the five historic buildings, including the Hackley and Hume Historic Site, Fire Barn Museum, and the Scolnik House of the Depression Era.

In March, the Fire Barn doors were restored and rebuilt, so you might see them open for visitors throughout the summer. Also, the Scolnik House of the Depression Era turret was rebuilt and will be getting a fresh coat of paint thanks to the generous donors to our 2023 Annual Appeal.

Finally, beginning in August, you will also see the Hackley Reroofing Project. Be on the lookout for our July fundraiser, where you can purchase a cedar shake shingle, attend our event to sign your shingle, and learn more about the process. The signed shingles will be added to the roof, and your legacy will be part of the project. See our website or Facebook page for more details on the Shingle Signing Party.

Other projects will continue throughout the summer, such as completing the exterior painting on the Scolnik House of the Depression Era on the south and west sides of the building, repainting the west side of the Fire Barn Museum, and applying new exterior paint on the south side of the City Barn at the Hackley and Hume Historic Site. Please drive by or stop in to chat more about the ongoing summer projects!

Erin Schmitz, Historic Sites Director



See What's Changed this Summer at Hackley & Hume

Summertime is the best time to get out and see what Muskegon has to offer! The Muskegon Historic Sites has a lot to see, inside and out. If you are able to take a tour of the Hackley & Hume Historic Site, you may notice that inside the houses, some things have been moved to different locations.

This past winter, which is the off-season for the Historic Sites, the staff was able to take the time to reset in the Hackley and Hume houses. This effort is made to highlight different pieces in the houses and make them “new” for people who visit the sites regularly.

Many people who go through the houses say that they see something new every time they visit. Stop by this summer and you will be sure to see something new at the Hackley & Hume Historic Site.

Hannah Erdman, Historic Sites Program Assistant



MUSEUM PROGRAMMING

Muskegon Museum of History & Science

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Let's Head to the Lake!

Prior to air conditioning, one way to stay cool in the hot summer was to go to the lake. The cool breezes of Lake Michigan and Muskegon County's many smaller lakes and resorts made the Muskegon area a popular destination for a summer getaway. However, where exactly did you stay and what was there to do in Muskegon during the summer? Check out our podcast *Muskegon History and Beyond with the Lakeshore Museum Center* for your essential summer listening list.

Episodes to help you get ready for summer include: "Muskegon's Prime Resort: The Lake Harbor Hotel," "The Pomona Pavilion," "Pigeon Hill: The Lost Landmark of Muskegon," and "Lake Michigan Park: The Playground of Michigan."

Patrick Horn, Program Manager



Summer Walking Tours

Summertime at the museum means the return of Downtown Muskegon Walking Tours. This year, we are offering two tours: Historic and Legends & Lore. The Historic Tour is one that we offer every summer. It provides tour participants with an overview of Muskegon's history from the lumber years to modern day and all the changes in between. Stops on this tour include Hackley Park, Western Ave., the Amazon building, and more.

The second tour is one that usually appears later in the fall: Legends & Lore. The Legends & Lore Tour will provide an exciting look into some of the crazier stories of Muskegon's past. What happened when a Muskegon detective met a gangster on the run? Who was planting bombs in downtown Muskegon? What caused a massive lumbering strike and a near deadly confrontation between workers and a mill owner? This tour will seek to uncover the facts and answers to some of Muskegon's most interesting stories.

Jennifer Reeths, Assistant Program Manager

Tours will be offered in the morning and afternoon on June 18 & 21; July 9, 12, 16 & 19; August 6, 9, 20 & 23. Tours last approximately 90 minutes and cover a total distance of one mile. Tours stay on downtown sidewalks with minimal elevation changes. The tours can accommodate any type of mobility device or stroller.

10:00-11:30 for AM Tour:

In June and August, this will be the Legends & Lore Tour. In July, the AM tour will be the Historic Tour.

1:00-2:30 for PM Tour:

In June and August, this will be the Historic Tour. In July, this will be the Legends & Lore Tour.

Summer in Muskegon County

Muskegon County has long marketed itself as a premier summer getaway destination on the Great Lakes. Its beaches, dunes, lakes, rivers, and forests have offered boundless opportunities for the outdoor minded enthusiast. Page 56 of *Muskegon and Its Resources*, published by the Muskegon Board of Trade in 1884, discusses fishing and boating opportunities:

The summer resorter who is in search of cool breezes, fine fishing and good boating facilities, with sufficient seclusion, and yet does not wish to get out of reach of civilization, will find his heart's delight about Muskegon and the beautiful lakes referred to in her vicinity. The locality, though less advertised for these purposes, is not surpassed in the state. Bear lake is one of the finest rowing grounds in the state.

We thought we would share three images from the collection to help get you in the mood for summer. Each of these snapshots were taken on Muskegon area beaches in the late 1880s, 1910s, and 1950s.



Unidentified people having a picnic at Pere Marquette Park. Stamped on the back is June 18, 1957, and "Property of the Muskegon Chronicle." Object ID #2009.010.001



Helen Garber, George McComb, Roy W. Augustine, and Josephine L. Wood enjoying a picnic on the beach, Labor Day, September 6, 1889. Object ID #2011.008.005



Theodore Vanderwall and Gladys Swanson, in the front, and two unidentified females sitting on the beach at Lake Michigan Park, circa 1910-1924. Object ID #P83-726

Today, the Leisure and Hospitality sector accounts for a little over 9% of the economy here in Muskegon County. The beaches remain a major draw for out of town guests and hometown tourists alike. Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry will be hosting 14 cruise ship ports of call this season. There will be a few Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays added to the regular Wednesday through Saturday schedule. If there is a ship in port, our doors might just be open. Extra guests are always welcome!

Editor's Note: There is one correction from the MHMB&I March contribution. A third copy of the West Michigan Pike marker was produced and given to the White Lake Chamber of Commerce. It is on display along the pedestrian path between Whitehall and Montague.

Kirk Bunke, Site Manager,
Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Because of You!

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Summer Equals Junior Museum Professionals

The summer season always brings a flurry of activity to the Lakeshore Museum Center. While our sites reopen from their winter hiatus, our seasonal volunteers return from warmer climates, and we look forward to a season of excitement, discovery, education, adventure, and outreach.

One of my favorite parts of summer at the museum is the return of the Junior Museum Professionals program (JMPs). This year, we are excited to welcome back a few familiar faces from our 2023 season as well as five new JMPs. We are also thrilled that three of our former JMPs will join us again, mentoring new JMPs and working with us to pilot a program that will bridge the gap between our current JMP program and adult volunteering. The JMP program offers unique learning experiences throughout the summer, working behind the scenes with museum professionals and participating in museum and community events.

Community outreach is a large part of both our JMP program and our summer programming. This summer, you can find museum staff and volunteers hosting and participating in a variety of community events including Hackley Day at the Hackley & Hume Historic Sites, Taste of Muskegon, Literacy Carnival, Country Dairy's Dairy Days, Enviroworks day camp at Muskegon Museum of History & Science, Community Days at the Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry, Sportsmen for Youth, the WeeOnes tent at Michigan's Irish Music Festival, and much more. Visit our website or follow us on social media to stay up to date with all of our community events.

Dinosaur Bones Events

Prepare to join us this summer as we unveil our latest temporary exhibit: *Dinosaur Bones*. From June 1 – December 30 2024, take a step back in time to when these colossal creatures roamed the earth. Featuring Michigan's own Paleo Joe, *Dinosaur Bones* promises to ignite imaginations and spark fascination into the wonders of the world of paleontology.

While *Dinosaur Bones* will excite even the youngest visitors, we invite our adult dinosaur enthusiasts to join us for one night only as we leave behind the modern and enter the Mesozoic Era. On October 5, 2024, the Lakeshore Museum Center's annual Lumber Barons Ball presents: Jurassic Museum – featuring special guest Paleo Joe, drinks at the Tree Star Bar, local cuisine, and a Velociraptor experience that promises to be unforgettable.

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to Jurassic Museum, please email marci@lakeshoremuseum.org or call 231-724-5544.

Tickets for the event will be available soon!

Marci Dalm, Volunteer & Event Coordinator



MEMBERSHIP & GIFT STORES

Benefits of Being a Member

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Summertime in Muskegon



Summer is my favorite time of the year in Muskegon. The beach, the lake, the cruise ships, Saturdays at the Farmer's Market, all the festivals, interacting with our out-of-town museum guests... I just love it!

I have some exciting news for you. Our Guest Relations Department has expanded this spring, so now you'll have the pleasure of meeting Bri and Mickey at our Admissions and Gift Stores, in addition to LaKesha, Chelsey, and myself. We can't wait to welcome you to all our amazing sites!

Gift Store

Our museum stores are fully stocked with the most wonderful gifts. You'll find an entire Jane Austen collection of souvenirs at the City Barn, and the History & Science Museum shop has all the dinosaur goodies you can imagine. Don't forget to swing by the Business & Industry Museum's retail space – they have everything from pickle gifts to useful tools and home decorations.



Membership Perks

Now, here's a little insider tip for you: make sure you take the time to explore our membership reciprocal partners this summer. In June, you can visit the Sandcastles Children's Museum in Ludington and the Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids. July is all about our partnership with the Holland Museum, where our members are not only welcome to explore the museum but also their historic sites, the Settlers House and the Cappon House, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2024. In August, you'll enjoy free admission to both the Grand Rapids Public Museum and the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

JUNE

- Sandcastles Children's Museum
- Blandford Nature Center

JULY

- Holland Museum
- Settlers House
- Cappon House

AUGUST

- Grand Rapids Public Museum
- Grand Rapids Art Museum

If you have any questions or comments about your membership, or to request a new membership card, feel free to reach out to me at graciela@lakeshoremuseum.org. I'm always happy to connect with our amazing members. Have a fantastic summer!

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Calendar/Upcoming Events

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Summer Events

KEY: Muskegon Museum of History & Science Hackley & Hume Historic Site
Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

June 7

After Dark Tours - \$
9:00pm - 10:00pm

June 8

Taste of Muskegon
Historic Games in
Hackley Park
12:00pm - 4:00pm

June 13

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

June 14

All Access Tour - \$
7:00pm - 8:30pm

June 14

Printing - \$
8+ Recommended

June 15

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

June 18

Father's Day - Free
Tours to Muskegon
County Dads
1:00pm - 4:00pm

June 20

STEM Workshop - \$
Rollercoasters
9:00am - 12:00pm

June 22

Roaring 20s Tea Event - \$
1:00pm - 4:00pm

June 27

STEM Workshop -
Foundries - \$
9:00am - 12:00pm

June 28

Hackley Attic
Escape Room - \$
5:00pm - 6:30pm

June 29

Sensory Saturday
Magnet Science - FREE
12:00pm - 2:00pm

July 4

All Sites Closed

July 5

After Dark Tours - \$
9:00pm - 10:00pm

July 6

Community Day:
Big Business on
the Water - FREE
11:00am - 4:00pm

July 11

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

July 12

STEM Storytime - FREE
5+ Recommended

July 20

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - \$
10:00am - 11:00am

July 22 - 26

Summer Camp
Enviroworks - \$
9:15am - 11:45am

July 25

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - \$
10:00am - 11:00am

July 26

Paleo Joe at the Museum-
Fossil Prep Day
FREE with Admission

August 2

After Dark Tours - \$
9:00pm - 10:00pm

August 3

Community Day
Bonus Fund- FREE
11:00am-4:00pm

August 8

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

August 9

Knitting and Machines
8+ Recommended
FREE with Admission

August 17

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

August 22

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

August 30

Paleo Joe at the Museum -
Fossil Prep Day
FREE with Admission

September 2

All Sites Closed

September 7

Community Day
Chamber of Commerce -
FREE
11:00am-4:00pm

September 12

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

September 21

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

September 26

Play & Learn:
Summer Session - FREE
10:00am - 11:00am

September 28

Paleo Joe at the Museum -
Fossil Prep Day
Paleo Joe Presentation
6:00pm
FREE with Admission

Visit our website calendar at
www.lakeshoremuseum.org
for more details.

Walking Tours - \$

June 18 & 21

Legends & Lore
Walking Tour
10:00am - 11:30am
History Walking Tour
1:00pm - 2:30pm

July 9, 12, 16, & 19

History Walking Tour
10:00am - 11:30am
Legends & Lore
Walking Tour
1:00pm - 2:30pm

August 6, 9, 20, & 23

Legends & Lore
Walking Tour
10:00am - 11:30am
History Walking Tour
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Come let our museums make you smile!



Muskegon Museum of History & Science

430 W. Clay Ave. Muskegon
231.722.0278

Hackley & Hume Historic Site

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon
231.722.7578

Fire Barn Museum

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon
231.722.7578

Scolnik House of the Depression Era

484 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon
231.722.7578

Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

561 W. Western Ave. Muskegon
231.722.1363

www.lakeshoremuseum.org



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June 20, 8-10 pm

Help raise funds for learning
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August 3 2pm & 7pm
August 4 2pm

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Fiction Area



Teen Room



Play & Learn Room