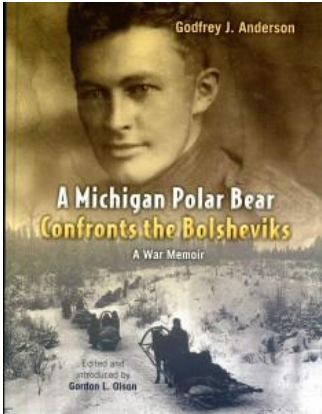


2017 Thursdays at Courthouse Square

The History Center's summer program series returns with exciting presenters! The programs are **free of charge** thanks to generous sponsorships from the Berrien Springs/Eau Claire Rotary Club and Indiana Michigan Power. All programs are on Thursday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the History Center.



June 22: "A Michigan Polar Bear Confronts the Bolsheviks: A War Memorial"
Gordon Olson, Grand Rapids City Historian from 1978 until his retirement, will tell the story of Godfrey Anderson, who was drafted in the United States Army in 1918 after the US entered WWI. He was one of an often overlooked contingent of 5,000 American men assigned to join British troops in the attempt to prevent Archangel, Russia from falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks during World War I. These men became known as the American Polar Bears. Join us to hear the journey of a Michigan Polar Bear. *Books available for purchase.* Co-sponsored with the Berrien Springs Community Library.

June 29: "The Battle of Benton Harbor: The Jack Dempsey Fight of 1920"
Stephen Smith. When one considers Southwest Michigan's relationship with the sport of boxing, it is natural to think of Muhammad Ali, who long resided in Berrien Springs. But decades before The Greatest was even born, the eyes of the boxing world were focused on Berrien County and the only heavyweights championship ever staged there. Stephen Smith is an attorney at Foster Swift Collins and Smith and currently sits on the board of the Berrien County Historical Association.



July 6: "Adeline and Julia: Growing up in Michigan and on the Kansas Frontier", Robert C. Myers

Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events for the Historical Society of Michigan and former Curator of the History Center returns to Berrien Springs to tell the story of local sisters Adeline and Julia Graham. Both kept lively diaries of their adventures—Adeline as a teenaged tomboy and Julia as a young woman homesteading in Kansas. Their diaries show Victorian women leaving their prescribed "women's sphere" of life to engage in politics, business and homesteading.



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July 13: “A 1,000 Mile Walk on the Beach”, Loreen Niewenhuis author, adventurer, and speaker returns again, this time to recount the journey that began it all. In 2009, Niewenhuis completed a 1,000 trek around Lake Michigan—the world’s fifth-largest lake leading to her book, “A 1,000 Mile Walk on the Beach”, followed by two more epic adventures along the shorelines of all five Great Lakes and the islands of the Great Lakes. Go to her website, www.laketrek.com to learn more about Loreen, see videos, or to follow her blog. *Books will be available for purchase and signing.*



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July 20: “World Wide Webb Miller”, Steve Arseneau, Director of the Dowagiac Area History Museum

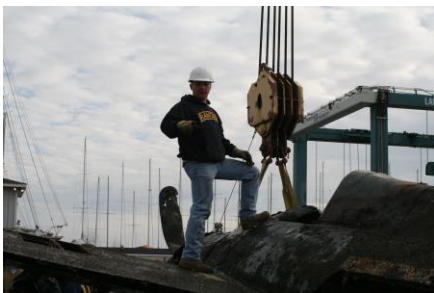
In 1915, Cass County native Webb Miller left his job with the *Chicago American* to freelance report on the Pancho Villa expedition at the border. Once there, he proved adept at working channels and bypassing censors and was quickly hired by the United Press. For the next twenty-five years, one can follow World History as Webb Miller covered every significant event across the globe. From the trenches of World War I to the opening salvos of World War II, award-winning journalist Webb Miller was there. Miller was also the first Western journalist to cover the Gandhi independence movement in India in 1930. Co-sponsored with the Berrien Springs Community Library.



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July 27: “World War II Navy Aircraft Recovery from Lake Michigan”

Taras Lyssenko, the “T” of A. and T. Recovery, has worked locating and recovering the lost Navy airplanes for the past thirty years. He has retrieved nearly four dozen aircraft that are now on display in museums across the county. Taras will present his unique perspective of the nearly thirty year effort to recover these important aircraft built and used by the “Greatest Generation” to preserve America’s and the world’s freedom and liberty. Most of the aircraft have been restored and are now presenting their important history to the American public. Along with the aircraft A and T Recovery has located many shipwrecks, including the German World War I U-Boat UC-97, and an early Holocene forest.



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