

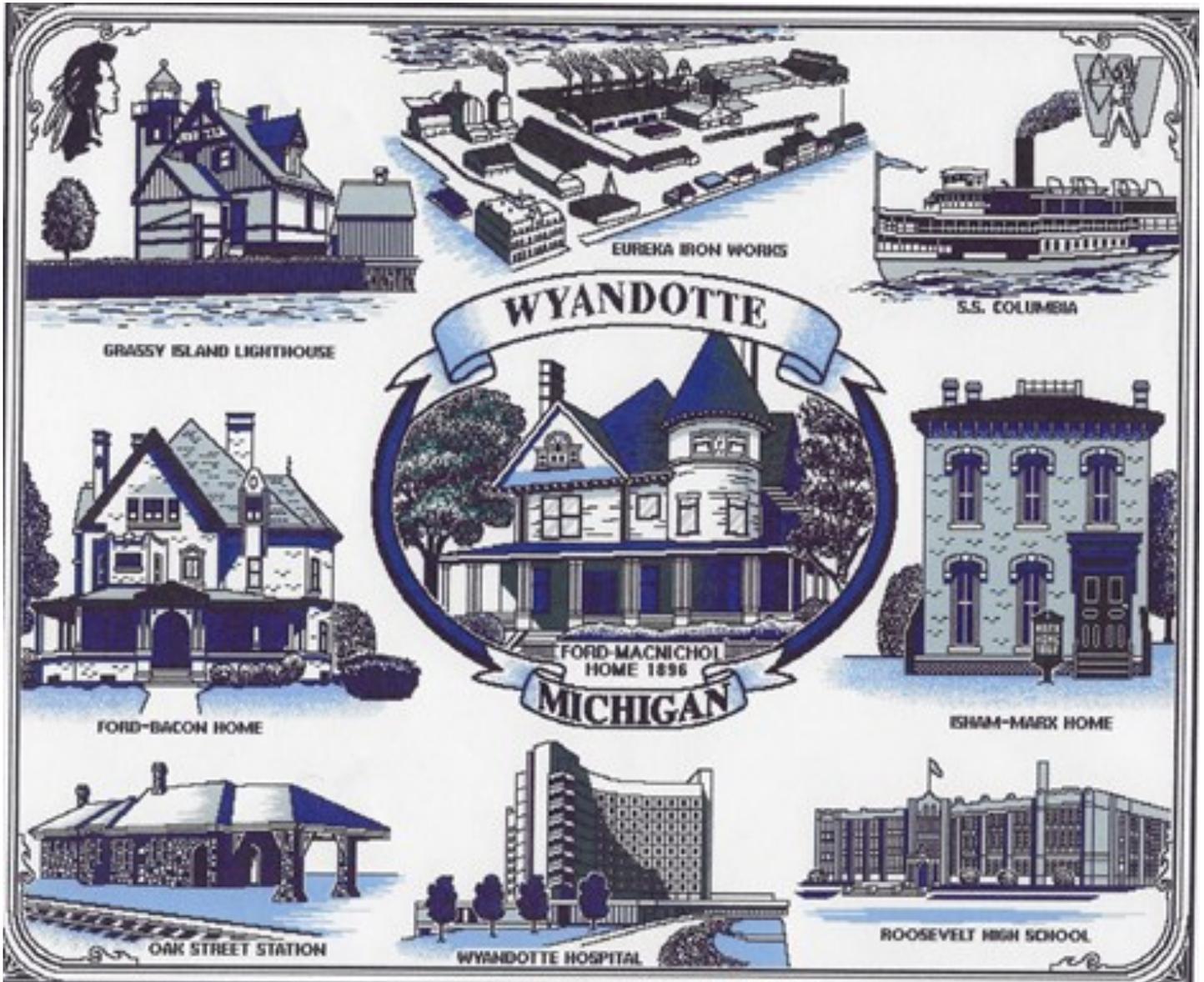
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# WYANDOTTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## SOCIETY'S FIRST AFGHAN

Represented from the past are the Clark Family Fishery on Grassy Island, the Eureka Iron Works and the fondly remembered steamship, "The Columbia." The remaining 6 icons are still with us and we hope for future generations. The afghan was the first of two created as fundraisers and became a highly popular item. A few are still left in the Society Gift Shop.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

Dear Members of the Wyandotte Historical Society;

Our September board meeting was very successful and we were glad to see each other again, after being off for 5 months. I want you to know we are off to a slow start. Not everything is operating as we would like. Tours are happening but by reservation only. Board member Ken Shepherd may have a program for November, but only by Zoom. I am sorry to report, still no special events for the rest of the year. It looks like a quiet Christmas.

O'Well, our board reviewed the old business where we left off at the beginning of the year. I would like to share with you some of the projects we would like to see happen. Would you be able to share information, pictures, or ideas about any of these projects.

1. Creating a Mariners monument. We have two large ship anchors obtained by Don Gutz.
2. Placing a marker at the corner of First Street and Biddle Ave. First known site of the first battle of the War of 1812.
3. Roosevelt High school, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary . We need pictures and anything us history buffs would enjoy.

Help me find information on the above projects. We want to make these projects special. Our board can't do these big projects by ourselves. I believe in our membership. Look what we have achieved so far . We can't stop now. While we are home keep ourselves safe from the virus, please help us to keep going. Those computer buffs help us find info on the first battle of 1812. Unique pictures of the building of our high school. Ideas of what a great ship monument would look like. Please help your board to preserve these great memories.

Christopher T. Stieler—President

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## **WHS WEBSITE UPDATES – [wyandottehistory.org](http://wyandottehistory.org)**

The Website Committee has been hard at work and I am pleased to announce that the Online Gift Shop is now open and operational. When you place an order, you have the option of picking up your order at no additional charge or paying shipping and having your items mailed. You are now able to check the calendar of events (events will be added as soon as restrictions are lifted), take out a new membership, renew your membership, make a donation, give a memorial for a loved one to the Memorial Fund and shop in our wonderful Gift Shop. New items will continue to be added to the Online Shop. A variety of articles and photos will be available each month and our Newsletters (current issues and some older issues as well) will be added sometime in the next week. Check our website often to see the changes and keep up with the news.



## **ITEMS FOR WHS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020**

### **We Wish Former Museum Assistant, Annika Taylor “Good Luck” in Her New Career!**

Some of you had the opportunity to work with Annika Taylor. Many of you received a call, email, letter or card from her. Still, several may not even be aware of who Annika was. Regardless of all of this, she made an indelible mark on the Wyandotte Museum, its staff and volunteers.

Annika (pictured at right, with Jane Rasmussen, left, during the 2019 Cemetery Walk) came to us from The Henry Ford in March 2019. During her year-and-a-half with the Museum, she was key in many activities, from the landscaping outdoors to temporary exhibits indoors, holiday decorating and working with volunteers. Add to that the various projects, such as processing the backlog of donations, updating the bench cushions in the museum foyer, and creating our yearly trifold brochure. Annika was a busy bee who greatly enjoyed coming to the office each day – so much so, she would make the drive from Oakland County just to be here each week!



Unfortunately, what wealth we receive may soon disappear, and this was the case with Annika, as she started her new role with the assessor’s office for the city of West Bloomfield, on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in wishing her all the best in her new position. If you have a particular message you’d like me to forward to her, feel free to send it to me directly at [jrose@wyandottemi.gov](mailto:jrose@wyandottemi.gov), and I’ll be sure she receives it.

A further update will come with information surrounding Annika’s replacement. Stay tuned

### **October Events Canceled**

As most of you may already know, due to the pandemic, both the Cemetery Walk and Halloween Open House have been canceled for 2020. The museum will be decorated for the month, and tours are still occurring. If you’d like to see the decorations, please call or email the museum office at 734-324-7284, [museum@wyan.org](mailto:museum@wyan.org).

The final decision surrounding the Festive Friday events has yet to be made. However, it is highly likely they will not run as currently scheduled and may be altered or canceled altogether. Just as with the October events, the museum will still be decorated and tours will take place. Stay tuned for future information regarding the December events.

### **Museum Tours – By Appointment**

The Ford-MacNichol Home will be open for tours by appointment only through the end of the year, unless otherwise noted or released in the coming months. If you or someone you know is interested in viewing the museum, contact staff at 734-324-7284 or [museum@wyan.org](mailto:museum@wyan.org). Please have some dates in mind in order to better assist staff when contacting docents for your tour. Note, tours are capped at nine visitors of the same party and face coverings must be worn in order to walk through the home.