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CHRISTMAS IN WYANDOTTE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Dear Members of the Wyandotte Historical Society;

The Christmas season is now upon us. For many of us it will be a different holiday. Our world has changed in many ways this year. Because of the virus we lack closeness. Hugging, shaking hands, being close to each other seems like a thing of the past. Maybe we have become distance from friends because of political views.

I feel we need this Christmas more than any other holiday to come. Christmas brings joy, happiness love and peace over us. A time of giving gifts to each other, gathering at a special home for that great Christmas dinner, or traveling a long distance to be with family and friends.

To many of us we worship the birth of Jesus, the King of all Kings. He will bring us the real peace. If we are able to attend church we will sing old Christmas hymns. It makes us feel great. Perhaps we need to keep this song in our hearts this Christmas as well.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let ev'ry step I take
Let this be...

It is a nice song like this and the warm songs of Christmas help keep the peace of the holiday all over our great nation. The greatest gift of all is true peace for each other. What a great Christmas gift.

My wife and I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas Holiday.

Chris and Melanie Stieler

Natalie Pantelis – New Wyandotte Museums Assistant

The new Wyandotte Museums assistant, Natalie Pantelis began her role on October 15, 2020. She comes to us from both The Henry Ford and the Detroit Historical Society. At The Henry Ford, a role she left to become the Wyandotte Museums assistant, Natalie worked as a presenter and supervisor in Greenfield Village. In this role, she not only supervised a team of 100+ presenters and actors, but she also assisted in many areas including facilitating many public programs and special events. Natalie is currently employed with the Detroit Historical Society as well as our museum.

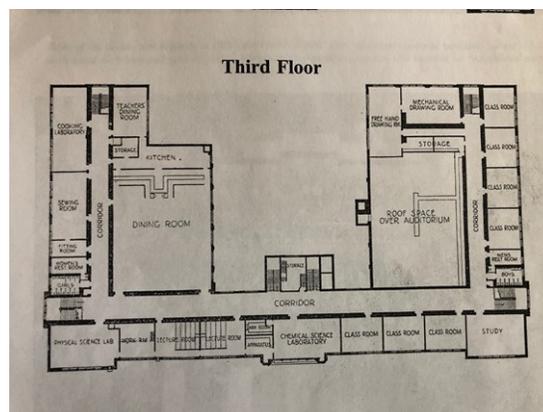
Natalie graduated from Central Michigan University (B.S. in Public History and Museum Studies), where she was a student assistant at the Museum of Cultural and Natural History on the campus. There, she developed and facilitated educational programs and worked with the collections department. Currently, Natalie is working toward her M.A. in Museum Studies through the Harvard Extension School.

Want to meet or get to know Natalie? Stop by the office on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays and introduce yourself. You may also send an email to museum@wyan.org or call 734-324-7284. She is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

100th ANNIVERSARY

When a building is close to 100 years old it will surely go through some changes, this could not be more evident than examining the third floor of RHS. Probably one of the biggest differences is the amount of classrooms compared to the original floor plan. There are now 16 classrooms on the 3rd floor with almost all of them occupied by teachers. The original floor plan only has seven true classrooms but there are other rooms like the drawing rooms and science lab that could be considered classrooms back then. One of the biggest changes is the area of the original dining room. It is interesting to see that the third floor housed the dining room. One can imagine how difficult it would have been to take all of the food supplies up to the third floor every time a shipment was received. The area of the former dining room now consists of multiple classrooms (including mine) which afterwards was used for a typing and sewing area. An interesting component of this map is the storage area that is in the stairwell. This storage area is sometimes referred to as the “fourth” floor of RHS. Not many people have been to this area but it does exist. Hopefully as we get closer to the centennial anniversary of RHS there will be tours offered and we can walk around with this original map and compare it to the way RHS looks today.

George Purdu



The Online Biddle Shop is Open for Holiday Shopping!

Thinking about what to buy someone for Christmas? Or about buying something for yourself?

Visit the WHS Website at <https://www.wyandottehistory.org/> and “Shop” online. There are Publications, Wyandotte Collectibles, and Holiday Specials beginning Saturday, November 21.

You can scroll through the items and add items you want to your shopping cart. When you select an item, you choose to “pick it up” or “ship it” for a higher price for shipping. Check out via Pay Pal with a credit card or a Pay Pal account.

Tour the Museum

Tours to see the Wyandotte Museum decorated for the Holidays are available in December by appointment. To schedule your tour, call 734-324-7284 or email museum@wyan.org.

Please note, there is a limit of six people per tour regardless of family size, and face coverings must be worn at all times.

HAVE A WONDERFUL, BLESSED AND SAFE HOLIDAY

