



# Iosco County Gazette

## *Ensuring a Future For Our Past*

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**(October - December)**

Thurs—Saturday  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Welcome to the new “Iosco County Gazette”! The name is borrowed from one of Iosco County’s earliest newspapers and it seems appropriate for the title of our new publication. Our goal with the Gazette is to keep Iosco County Historical Society members in touch and in the know regarding activities here at the Museum. The Gazette will come out quarterly, so look for the next one in November. We’re always interested in hearing from our membership, so please write or call if you have feedback, suggestions, etc. on ways to make our Museum the best it can be. Our contact information is located on the left margin of this page. Again, welcome to the Gazette!

### A Note From Sandy

As a member of the Iosco County Historical Society for over 15 years, it’s a pleasure to now serve as your Board President. This is the first opportunity I’ve had since my installation in January to address the membership and I wanted to bring you up to speed a little on what we’ve been doing. I’ve always been passionate about the museum and how it looks to our visitors. We’ve spent the last several months cleaning, painting, rearranging exhibits and displays to give it more “eye appeal” to our visitors. We want visitors to immediately be wowed when they walk in the front door, and that has been our main focus. We’re working towards having every photo in frames and having a place for everything and everything in its place. We’re making great strides toward that goal.



Our Executive Board, trustees and volunteers are a great group to work with. What one can’t do, the other one can, and we’re all on the same page about making the museum what we know it can become. We have hired a new museum manager, Kate Anschuetz, who shares our vision for the museum, and she too is very passionate about the mission of the museum and in making it the best it can be.

I hope you’re able to attend the annual membership meeting in November. We will be reviewing our by-laws at that time and will need membership approval. Your input and feedback is important to the success of the museum. In the meantime, we will keep our thoughts flowing and ideas going for a great outcome for our Museum!

I hope to see you soon!

Best regards,

Sandy Oesterling, ICHS President

## Iosco Native Visits ICHM With Congressional Medal of Honor



Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Peter C. Lemon at the Iosco County Historical Museum.

On August 23 the Michigan Military Memorial Wall was on display at Veteran’s Park in Tawas City. Hundreds of people attended the dedication ceremony where Iosco County native Peter C. Lemon, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, was guest speaker. At 11:00 am, the Medal of Honor was brought to the Museum for public viewing until 4:00 pm. Mr. Lemon visited the museum after the dedication where he spent time chatting with visitors about his distinguished medal and his experiences as a Viet Nam era war veteran. A humble, friendly man, Pete was very gracious with his time. As one visitor observed of Pete,

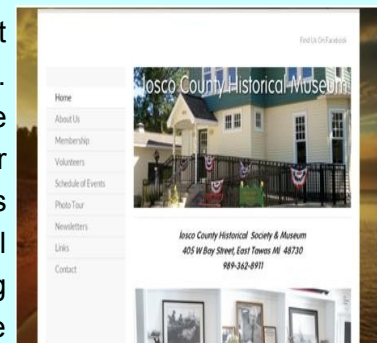


Pete chats with visitors

“When he talks to you, he’s talking to **you** and everything and everyone else is secondary.” It was a pleasure to meet him and host the Congressional Medal of Honor for a few hours. For anyone interested, Pete wrote a book entitled “Beyond the Medal...From Their Hearts to Yours” in response to his children’s question about the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. In *Beyond the Medal*, the recipients tell in their own words about the people and incidents that have shaped their lives. For more information about Pete or his book, visit his website at [www.PeterLemon.com](http://www.PeterLemon.com).

## New Look for IoscoMuseum.Org Coming Soon

In keeping with all the other renovations and updates that have taken place at the Museum, it seems only natural that the website gets updated, too. **ioscoMuseum.org** is undergoing a makeover! Rollout for the new website will be mid-October and will feature event information, photos, this newsletter and so much more. If you have suggestions for the website, please email us at [iosco.history@gmail.com](mailto:iosco.history@gmail.com). Museum staff would like to thank Lewis Rudel for his webmaster services over the past several years and for transitioning the website to us. We are very grateful for Lew’s experience and expertise over the years!



**Have you seen  
this?  
It’s in  
the museum!**



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, Sept 19 & Saturday, Sept 20 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Vintage, Collectible and Junque Sale**

724 E Bay St, East Tawas (Formerly Gotcher's Cabinets, next to Bay Party Store)

The Museum will be hosting a sale offering duplicate items from our collections and vintage items that we no longer need or use. Join us to find treasures you just can't live without, and through your donations for the items you choose, you'll be supporting the Iosco County Historical Museum.

### OCTOBER

**Wednesday, October 8 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Genealogy Class offered by Huron Shores Genealogical Society

**Wednesday, October 22 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Genealogy Class offered by Huron Shores Genealogical Society



**Thursday, October 30 4:00 - 8:00 pm**

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM featuring *PHANTOM OF THE OPERA!*

Admission: Adults \$3.00 - Children: \$2.00

Spend "A Night at the Museum" and watch as Museum characters come to life!

Trick or treat through each exhibit to receive treats from the "Spirit of Ot-Taw-As", the "Kitchen Witch" and more!

Music from "*Phantom of the Opera*" provided by *Arpeggio*. Contact the museum for more information



### NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 1, 2014 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Minerals of Michigan and the World - Presented by Gary Bushman (Iosco County Historical Museum)

**Thursday, November 13- Annual Membership Meeting - 6:00 pm**

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### DECEMBER

**Friday, December 6 Noon - 5:00 pm**

18th Annual Christmas Home Tour

This annual favorite returns for its 18th year! Several homes will be featured on the tour, proudly displaying their unique holiday traditions. See related article on Page 4



**Wednesday, December 10 4:00 - 8:00 pm**

A Very Merry Membership Holiday Celebration! (Members Only Open House) The Board of Directors and Staff invite you to join them at the Museum for a "Members Only" holiday celebration! The museum will be dressed in its holiday finest to ease you in to the busy season ahead! Light refreshments will be served in a casual setting. Come join us for mixing and mingling, perhaps a few carols, maybe a special visitor, and an abundance of warm wishes and good cheer! Please contact the museum office by November 28th at to RSVP!



**EVENTS MAY BE ADDED OR CHANGED AFTER PUBLICATION DATE.  
PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE OR CALL THE MUSEUM FOR UPDATES!**

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



Volunteers are the life-blood of Iosco County Historical Museum. We have a dedicated group of volunteers that we call on regularly, and as wonderful as they are, they're a very small group and it isn't fair to "overuse" them. Volunteers serve as docents (guides) for visitors, offer their expertise for special events, assist with collections care, work with online research and data entry, and so much more. The museum depends on assistance from volunteers to sustain a healthy, vibrant museum and membership experience. Only a few hours a month

helps us considerably! Whether you have a special skill or feel like you have two left feet, we help reveal special talents in everyone! Let us help you discover *yours* in your volunteer experience at ICHM!

## Areas of volunteer support are:

- Docents
- Special Events
- Collections Care
- Computer Research and Data Entry
- Seasonal grounds planning (landscaping, gardening, etc)
- Memorial/Honorary Giving
- Planned Giving (Estate Gifts)
- Your special skill or talent\_\_\_\_\_!

New leadership, beautiful renovations and a fresh approach to presenting and preserving history definitely creates a gratifying experience for the volunteer at the museum. If our momentum with improvement continues, we'll need more help than ever. Won't you please considering volunteering your time and talents to help us make the Iosco County Historical Museum the best it can possibly be? We cannot do it without you! Contact the museum to sign up now, and ***thank you so much*** for your help!

## 18th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes

Iosco County Historical Museum is pleased to present the 18th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes being held Saturday, December 6, 2014. The tour begins at the museum at Noon. Stop in to pick up your tour package (tickets, brochure and map) and enjoy a holiday refreshment before heading out to tour the homes at your leisure. Each homeowner on the tour will share their unique Christmas traditions and beautifully decorated homes. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the museum, Tawas Chamber of Commerce, Brew Krew, Village Chocolatier and other local businesses. For more information on the Tour of Homes, or info on how to showcase your home in the tour, please contact the museum.



# My Back Page

## A Message From the Museum Manager



Greetings, all! I wanted to take a few minutes (paragraphs?!) to begin getting acquainted with you. My name is Kate Anschuetz, and I've taken the reins as your new museum manager. My husband Ed and I have both lived in the Tawas area most of our lives, and our families have long histories here. Like many of you, I am very vested in and committed to our beautiful community.

I'm still getting up to speed on a few issues related to my new position, but the goals and objectives for the museum are clear and the passion and dedication shared by the board and volunteers is evident. My personal goal for the museum is to eliminate its "best kept secret" status. I boldly mentioned that goal at the first board meeting I attended...I'm still here so apparently they didn't disagree! After I accepted the position, it seemed as though everyone I shared my news with told a similar story: "I've never been to the museum!" I suspect you have lots of friends who would say the same thing. To sustain its growth, indeed, its very future, the Museum needs to become a major presence in our county. I hope to be instrumental in making that happen, but I can't do it alone. I need your help and invite you to join "Operation Best Kept Secret". Encourage everyone you know to visit the museum. Promote membership in the Society. Volunteer your time! Keep the buzz going about our museum and seize every opportunity to talk about it! I'll keep you posted on the progress of Operation BKS in future newsletters.

Prior to Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Pete Lemon's visit to the Museum on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wally Gramer, who is so much more than just a maintenance man, helped me reorganize and spruce up the Military Room on the second floor (or was it the other way 'round?!) It was a great way to familiarize myself with the people represented there, and it definitely fired me up to keep Sandy's and the rest of the Board's momentum going throughout the Museum. Although I have to remind myself to take it slowly (Rome wasn't built in a day!), it's very exciting to know that room by room, the collections, exhibits and displays will be better than ever...and as things change, we'll work on growing a larger audience to appreciate it. Make sure you stop by and have a look at all the wonderful changes taking place at YOUR museum!

I promise more newsworthy information in future "My Back Page" columns, but for today, I simply wanted to spend some time getting acquainted and to share with you my hopes and goals for the museum. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months, and will count on you to help the museum any way you can.

Rest assured that while I may be new to the museum manager position, my commitment to my community is not, and with your help, I think we can conquer that "best kept secret" thing!

Have a wonderful fall and a beautiful holiday season. I'll meet you here again next year!

Kate

## Summer Visitors Boost Attendance

The busy tourist season has come to a close for 2014, and with all the events going on in Iosco County, numbers rose steadily throughout the summer from approximately 60 visitors in June, 85 in July and 161 in August! The Museum will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm until the end of September. Effective October through December, winter hours will be Thursdays through Saturdays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm We are hopeful that our winter attendance increases over past years, and that with the work we have planned throughout the winter months, we will entice even more visitors in 2015!

