



Whitehall
Celebrates

150
Years



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Plans for Our Sesquicentennial Anniversary

Whitehall Sesquicentennial Planning Committee

Planning Process



- Began fall of 2007
- Appointed committee/plus members of the public
- Major goal – to facilitate a fun and memorable yearlong celebration
- Coordinate with existing events

Committee



- Tanya Cabala
- Norm Ullman
- Ed Whalen
- Amy Van Loon
- Sandy Gibbs
- Sande Sandel (staff)
- Tom Lusk
- Deb Hays
- Ellie Dennis
- Essy Kettring

Funders



- White Lake Community Fund
- Alcoa Howmet
- George Byam/Terry Berry Co.
- Mayberry's
- Donation canisters



Activities to date/in progress

- Banners
- Historical calendar
- Medallions/pins
- T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, etc.
- Larry the Lumberjack
- Time capsule



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SWEDISH
Whitehall has a proud Swedish heritage. Below, spectators enjoy the 1937 Swedish Festival parade. Lower left, Nora Svensson displays her Swedish costume, and at left, festival goers dance around the Maypole.



APRIL 2010

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <p>Did you know? The Maples Motel, the first true motel in Whitehall, was built in 1947 at its present site at the corner of Mears Ave. and Sophia St.</p> <p>Did you know? Charles Mears and Giles Slocum platted the Village of Mears. North-South streets were named after members of the Mears family and East-West streets were named after members of the Slocum family.</p> <p>Did you know? Lumbering was the prime reason for the development of the White Lake area. Demand for lumber got a tremendous boost from the Chicago fire in 1871.</p> | | | | <p>1 Sometime in April, 1940 - The Whitehall Senior High School was opened.</p> | <p>2 April 2, 1909 - 40 mill women were reported to get on-spark-arresters as they filed 55.</p> <p>April 2, 1903 - The first parcel of Goodrich Park was purchased.</p> <p>Good Friday</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11 April 11, 1909 - The first woman was inducted into the Montague-Whitehall Rotary Club. Cecile Williams of Montague was, at the time, a plant manager at E.I. du Pont de Nemours in Montague.</p> <p>April 11, 1995 - Homecoming parade for sale by owner Pickstone, a beach-owned industrial conglomerate.</p> | <p>12 April 12, 1943 - W.E. Phoenix was appointed Whitehall's first City Superintendent.</p> <p>April 12, 1882 - The Evangelical Mission Government Church was completed.</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 April 15, 2010, Whitehall's 1960 Centennial DVD and Historic Backstage Tour at the Howmer Playhouse from 6-8 p.m.</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 "128 Years of Fiddler's Drug and Gift Shoppe History" by co-owner Becky Niedl at the White Lake Community Library, 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>21 April 21, 1954 - The Montague-Whitehall Rotary club was chartered, and the Rev. William Brown served as the first president.</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 April 27, 2008 - Haber View Grille opened.</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>Did you know? Fiddler's Drug Store, 101 W. Colby St., has been in operation since 1882. It was initially the Lyman T. Covell Drug Store.</p> |

Larry the Lumberjack



Medallions



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JANUARY

January 11: Kickoff and reception at the Ostrander/Nufer home, 624 S. Mears Avenue



FEBRUARY



February 3

History of the Lewis House

Tanya Cabala

White Lake Community Library

MARCH

March 10

Whitehall and the Civil War

John McGarry III

White Lake Community Library



APRIL

April 15

Whitehall's 1960 Centennial
DVD and Historic Backstage Tour
Howmet Playhouse

April 20

128 Years of Pitkin Drug and Gift
Shoppe History

Becky Nordlund

White Lake Community Library



MAY

May 12

Researching Your Genealogy
Muskegon County Genealogical
Society

White Lake Community Library



JUNE



June 13
Fashions of Yesteryear Style Show
Pekadill's

June 16
Whitehall's Changing Architectural Styles
Roger Scharmer
White Lake Community Library

June 17 – July 29
Whitehall's Sesquicentennial Band
Thursday Evenings
Goodrich Park

June 19 & 20
White Lake Arts and Crafts Festival
Sesquicentennial Booth

JULY



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Fourth of July Parade
Sesquicentennial Float with King
and Queen

July 15

Whitehall's Founding Fathers
White Lake Area Historical Society
Oakhurst Cemetery

July 17

Celebrate White Lake - Sesquicentennial theme
White Lake Area Historical Society

July 18

White Lake History Cruise
White Lake Municipal Marina at Goodrich Park

AUGUST

August 12

Community Picnic and Whitehall

Sesquicentennial Birthday Party/with Cake and Fireworks

White Lake Beacon and HarborLight Credit Union

August 13, 14, 15

Our Lumbering Heritage: A Gift From the White Lake
Community Library

August 12, 13, 14

White Lake Maritime Festival
(Coordinated with library event)

August 28

Kayak Tour of Whitehall's Historic Shoreline

Roger Scharmer



SEPTEMBER



Days of Yore: Remembrances of
the Past

White Lake Area Historical
Society

Whitehall City Hall

OCTOBER



October 4 – 30

Historical Perspective of Whitehall Leather Company
Photography Exhibit

Jerry Grady

White Lake Community Library

October 13

Postcards of Whitehall's Past
Norm Ullman

White Lake Community Library

October 21

The History of Whitehall District Schools
White Lake Area Historical Society

Former Whitehall High School Library

NOVEMBER

November 6 - 23

Whitehall Past, Present, and Future

Exhibit at Nuveen Center

Student Art and Writing Contest

November 12, 13

Sesquicentennial Storytelling

Tellabration



DECEMBER

December 4

Christmas Parade

Sesquicentennial Float and King
and Queen

December 11

Home Town Holiday Weekend

An 1860s Style Christmas

Harbor View Grille Restaurant





THANK YOU!

We hope you plan to join us next year as we celebrate our history!

Your ideas and input are welcome!

The Whitehall Sesquicentennial Planning Committee