**FIFE LAKE HISTORICAL MUSEUM, SCHOOLHOUSE, AND FIRE BARN**

**HOURS:** Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend: Saturdays & Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM **(FREE)**

**BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Schoolhouse: 2rd Monday, May – Sept, 7:00 PM

**MUSEUM UPDATE:**

**Mural Guide:**  All (well most) of the 128 pictures on the mural now have a number and there is a guide that you can refer to as you look at the pictures. It is a great way to learn more about our history as we celebrate the 150th birthday of the Village of Fife Lake.

**Remodeled Bathroom:** It is all new and updated as well as more customer friendly and aesthetically pleasing.

**SCHOOLHOUSE UPDATE:**

Our 1878 Historic Schoolhouse is secure again with a beautiful new roof due to **your donations**, **a** **$5000.00 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund, $3000.00 grant from Forest Area Federal Credit Union,** **and roofing supplies donated by Eickenhout Building Supplies in Traverse City.**

**Butterfly Garden:** Enjoy and learn about the indigenous plants in the **Butterfly Garden** (right-hand front corner of the schoolhouse).

**School is On:** Because of COVID, the last two 3RD grade classes weren’t able to come for their 1880’s schoolhouse experience. This year the Fife Lake Elementary third grade class and Forest Area 4th and 5th grade classes will spend a “historic” learning day in the schoolhouse with teacher Mrs. Wentzel. Historical Society volunteers will also provide tours of the museum and fire barn.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:**

Elise Bridson was able to complete 40 hours of service last summer earning a $500.00 scholarship. She was not able to do 2 summers because of the COVID shut down. We wish her the best in her future pursuits.

**WEBSITE DONATION BUTTON:** Our website now has a donation button on the first page for supporters to be able to make donations with their credit cards or PayPal. Our “historic” organization is modernizing.

***REMEMBER YOU CAN GO TO fifelakehistoricalsociety.org TO SEE PICTURES ABOUT THE ABOVE STORIES.***

Our **email address** is [fifelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:fifelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Please feel free to connect with us.

THE FIFE LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FIFE LAKE LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE BACK

PLEASE TURN THIS PAGE OVER AND KEEP THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

**PLEASE be a member of the *Fife Lake Area Historical Society* and continue to support us.**

**(July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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\_\_\_ $10 Individual \_\_\_ $15.00 Couple \_\_\_ $20.00 Family $250.00 Lifetime Membership

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_General Operations’ Fund (All donations are Tax Deductible)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**I would like to be a volunteer**, **we need YOU!**

**Important:** Please make check payable to *Fife Lake Area Historical Society*

Mail to: Fife Lake Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 305, Fife Lake, MI 49633

**2022 SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**LUMBERJACK LEGENDS**

**Roger Elkins, AKA, Pitch Pine Paul, brings the legendary lumber stories of Paul Bunyan to life. While his stories may be part legend, Pitch Pine Paul relates true stories and facts about lumbering in central and northern Michigan. Lumbering certainly helped build numerous towns like Fife Lake. Come and enjoy this interesting presentation that brings back the past lumbering days, especially as we celebrate 150 years of Fife Lake.**

**Date: Wednesday, June 15**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Library Community Room**

**A LOOK BACK—CELEBRATING FIFE LAKE’S 150 YEARS**

**Craig Bridson, historian, will present a visual history of Fife Lake starting in the 1870’s. His presentation will include pictures and information about many of our early buildings and artifacts that exemplify the lifestyle of those early settlers in and around our beautiful Fife Lake. Other historic information will be shared. We welcome your contributions!**

**MUSIC 150 YEAR BIRTHDAY CAKE REFRESHMENTS**

**Date: Wednesday, July 20**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: American Legion Post 219**

**MICHIGAN BEETLES**

**WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE 1870’S**

**Bill Ruesink will share his knowledge and visuals about these special little creatures. In 1878 there were about half the 4,000 beetle species that we have today in Michigan. Some have come from other states and some from Europe and others from Asia. Some species on the 1878 list are now rare or possibly gone and others have been accidentally or intentionally introduced. Bill will look at some of those changes and explore the causes behind them.**

**Date: Wednesday, August 17**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Library Community Room**