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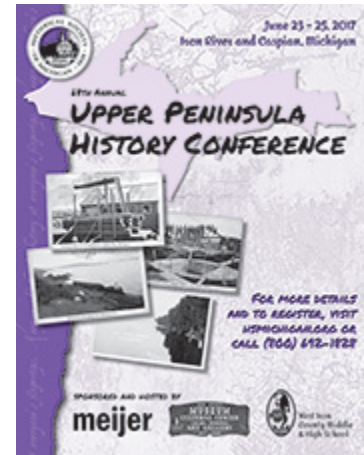
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68TH ANNUAL UPPER PENINSULA HISTORY CONFERENCE COMES TO IRON RIVER AND CASPIAN JUNE 23-25, 2017

The Historical Society of Michigan announces that its **68th annual Upper Peninsula History Conference will be held in Iron River and Caspian, Mich., on June 23-25, 2017.** The Upper Peninsula History Conference pays particular attention to **U.P. history topics and themes** and moves to a **different location in the Upper Peninsula each year to also explore that area's heritage.** The conference is sponsored by Meijer Inc. and is hosted by the Iron County Historical Society & Museum and West Iron County Middle and High School.

In addition, the annual **Upper Peninsula History Awards are presented at this conference:** the Charles Follo Award for individuals and the Superior Award for historical organizations based in the Upper Peninsula.

“This year, the conference offers **expanded content on Friday,**” said Historical Society of Michigan Executive Director Larry Wagenaar, “which gives attendees the opportunity to immerse themselves in an array of historical topics, tours, workshops and entertainment.”



Riding the rails along Lake Michigan

The three-day conference also includes three keynotes: “In the Trenches: Soldiers’ Stories of WWI,” “Dollar-a-Day Boys: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan,” and “Rum Rebellion: Prohibition Hits the U.P.”; 12 breakout sessions and four workshops; five tours; a wild rice camp; a picnic; and a banquet, where the U.P. History Awards will be presented; exhibitor tables; and networking opportunities.

Regular registration for the Upper Peninsula History Conference closes June 9. Late registration closes June 19. After that date, registrations will be available only at the door, but meal tickets will not be available. Interested parties can register online at hsmichigan.org, by phone at (800) 692-1828, by fax or by mail. Registration details and full session descriptions are available in the conference brochure.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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