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**OHRAB Interim Progress Report
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Project Title: Enhanced Preservation of Historic Newspaper and Other Records in LHS Archives

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Project Summary: This project focuses on organizing, cataloging and preserving issued of Marblehead Peninsula newspapers from 1881 through 1969 to expand access to and use of these collection. Additional proposed actions are to enhance preservation of records by monitoring and improving selected environmental issues in the Archives identified in the Ohio Connecting to Collections Site Visit Report in April 2014.

Summary of Activities to Date:

- The archival boxes, supplies, HEPA vacuum and thermohygrometers have been ordered from Gaylord and received. The entire grant funded portion of \$1,339 has been dispersed for supplies and equipment as identified on the budget form.
- Two ten-shelf steel units have been cleared to make space available on the first floor for the newspaper collection being photocopied.
- Three volunteers have been trained to photocopy the newspapers to obtain the best image for text and photos, when applicable.
- The weekly issues of the *Peninsular News* for the years 1930 through 1934 and 1943 through 1945 have been photocopied and indexed. Since one of the project goals is to photocopy newspapers from 1930 through 1969, the eight years completed represent 20% of the 40 years to be photocopied.
Factors limiting summer photocopying progress: The Archives office is very busy from Memorial Day to Labor Day with numerous educational and other outreach activities and the photocopy machine is often being used for these summer activities. There was one week when the machine was not available for three days due to repeated mechanical problems related to producing two-sided 11x17 inch copies. During summer, volunteer availability has been limited to no more than five hours per week. It is estimated that weekly volunteer and project director time devoted to the project will increase during September to November. The project is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2015.
- An index of the *Peninsular News* is being prepared as each year's issues are photocopied.

- Publicity about receipt of the OHRAB grant was published in the May 2015 quarterly issue of the LHS newsletter, *Heritage Happenings*, that is distributed to LHS members and other area historical societies (mailing list of approximately 400.) A scanned copy of the first page of the newsletter is attached with the OHRAB grant receipt information noted below mid-page.
- The newspaper collection for the years copied to date have been used this summer as primary sources during the preparation of six one-hour seminars (with PowerPoint slides including some newspaper headlines, photographs and quotes) and two walking tours.
 - May 24: Deaths of Local Marblehead Peninsula Soldiers during World War II; presentation by Gretchen Curtis with 38 attendees
 - June 21: World War II on the Lakeside-Marblehead Home Front: 1943-1945 Newspaper Reports; presented by Gretchen Curtis with 52 attendees
 - July 5: U.S. Life Saving Station at Marblehead: 1874-1915; presented by James Hilt with 60 attendees
 - July 24: Walking tour of historic Lakeside business district; presented by Gretchen Curtis with 10 participants
 - August 9: Historic Hotel Richards: 1885-1990; presented by Phil Dale with 64 attendees
 - August 14: Walking tour of 1929 Lakeside block fire; presented by Phil Dale with 16 participants
 - August 27: Lakeside Managers 1912-1926: Arthur and Ida Jones; presented by Gretchen Curtis with 38 attendees
 - August 30: Lakeside Residents Kenneth Miller and Frank Thompson; presented by David Glick

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