

EBLAST – March 20, 2020

Dear Members and Friends . . .

Although we may not see each other in person for a while due to circumstances beyond our control, W-PHS remains committed to staying connected in these challenging times of COVID-19 as we make history together.

As a consequence of this ever-evolving virus, many may feel isolated and look forward to communicating with others. Along with the world and other not-for-profit organizations, W-PHS faces challenges but we will do our best to focus on helping you stay informed and supported during this history-making time.

For those of you looking for things to do in times of social distancing, some suggestions include:

1.) Keep a journal, diary or notes which chronicle and capture life as you experience it, and it changes. Document how COVID-19 impacts your life, the life of those around you and in our immediate and greater community. These documents will one day serve as important historical records of life-changing events that reshaped our community, and world, into something different than we once knew it.

Many often casually dismiss the importance of current events in our daily lives which is history as it happens. But, records of your personal experiences of troubling times make it real and will help historians tell future generations our story. With the end of the Sun Record publication in 2019, which under different names for 143 years, had been documented our local history, your personal accounts are more important than ever.

2.) Like never before, today in 2020 we have the opportunity to stay engaged and interact through social media tools such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and websites. Even for those who choose not to actively participate, in times of little social interaction one can read the posts of others and feel connected.

3.) When feeling isolated, pick-up the phone and reach out to someone who may also be in need of hearing a reassuring voice and having a conversation.

Collectively, we are concerned about so many things, but we have much to be thankful for amidst a major health crisis! Our schools are closed, but teaching and learning will go on. On a positive note, the Williamson Central School District is to be applauded for delivered learning materials, assembled by staff, to student homes already on Tuesday morning via bus when students would normally have been boarding buses to go to school. Kudos to our education partners at WCS for always putting our students first! Attached are a couple of photos of this morning's memorable moments in history to keep learning alive and well.

Staying connected by email, social media, websites, and phone will enrich our lives and make us stronger.

It is our hope that in time, those of you who document these memorable COVID-19 “moments in history” as seen through your eyes, will share them with our historical society so we can in turn,

share them with future generations as they someday research what life was like in the days during this crisis.

To stay connected, and for up-to-date information regarding programs, events, postponements and cancellations, please visit our website at www.w-phs.org and our Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society Facebook page.

May you and yours be safe and stay well as we practice social distancing in these unprecedented times as our community navigates uncharted waters and makes history together.

Regards,

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