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WHITMAN CENTER CELEBRATES THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S PASTIME

TEMPERANCE, Mich. – To celebrate the onset of the baseball season, Monroe County Community College's Whitman Center has lined up a treat for fans of America's Pastime and its history.

On April 19, the center will host a presentation by Rich Adler, a local baseball historian, who will speak about the early development of base ball (as it was called in the 19th century) from the Massachusetts game to the New York game during the period from 1830-1900.

While baseball was becoming tremendously popular around the still-young nation, Americans experienced the sport in various ways that reflected their social and ethnic backgrounds.

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be held on April 19, from 7-8 p.m. in Room 9 of the Whitman Center, which is located at 7777 Lewis Ave. No registration is required.

In conjunction with the presentation, the Whitman Center is hosting an exhibit entitled "Baseball: Across a Divided Society," which utilizes information and photography provided by the Library of Congress.

The display – which was developed by Sean McDonald, graphic designer at MCCC and the college's digital imaging specialist and photographer, Mark Spensoso – consists of 20 images depicting early baseball (1860s-1920s). The photographs tell the story of how baseball emerged as the American

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national pastime and how Americans from different backgrounds embraced the sport.

The display is located in the Whitman Center lobby for free viewing throughout April during regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

For more information, contact the Whitman Center, at (734) 847-0559.

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