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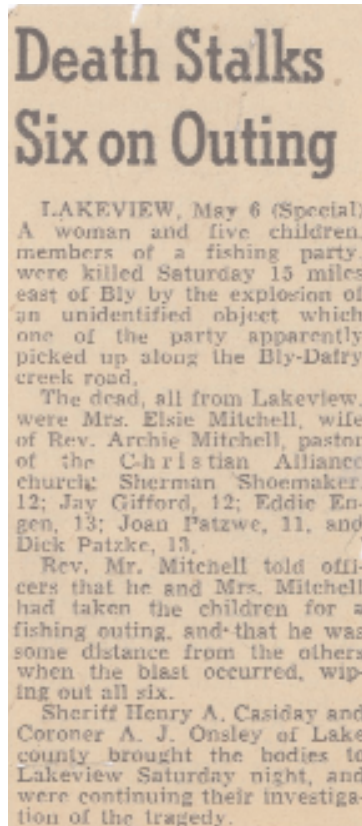
A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Balloon Bombs

Prompted by the Doolittle Air Raid on Tokyo in April 1942, the Japanese military developed an unmanned balloon bomb offensive as a means of direct reprisal against the U.S. mainland. The balloons, made of paper or rubberized silk, carried antipersonnel and incendiary bombs. Japan launched some 9,000 balloons during a five-month period, to be carried by high-altitude winds more than 6,000 miles eastward across the Pacific to North America. Perhaps a thousand of these reached this continent, but there were only about 285 reported incidents. Most



Above left: Prossor Balloon—Section of bag, as found. (Note ice that has formed.) Reproduced at the National Archives and Records Administration—Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle)



Above right: Reproduced at the National Archives and Records Administration—Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle)

were reported in the north-west United States, but some balloons traveled as far east as Michigan.

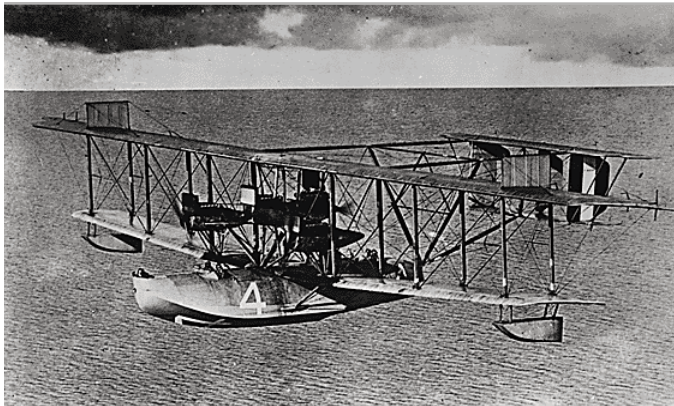
As more sightings occurred, the Government, with the cooperation of the news media, adopted a policy of silence to reduce the chance of panic among U.S. residents and to deny the Japanese any information on the success of the launches. Warnings were spread to the citizenry through local meetings.

Following the bombing of the island where the bombs were being made, and discouraged by the apparent failure of their effort, the Japanese halted the balloon attacks in April 1945.

Balloons were still in flight, however, and some had landed in remote areas with their payloads still intact. On May 5, 1945, a fishing party happened upon one of these downed balloons and the attached antipersonnel bomb was detonated. The resulting explosion was heard four miles away. The six people who died are the only known fatalities from this little-known Japanese offensive.

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The First Aircraft to Fly the Atlantic. The NC-4 was piloted by LCDR. A.C. Read. May 1919
RG 181
Courtesy of National Archives at Riverside



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Event: Denver, CO "Colorado History Day Competition" K-12 Students 5/1/10			Exhibit: Anchorage, AK "Alaska Native Heritage Center Exhibit" 5/1/10			Bellevue, WA Bellevue, Washington State History Day Bellevue College Competition K-12 Students 206-336-5115
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Denver, CO Colorado National History Day State National History Day Program 8:30 A.M. K-12 Students 303-407-5749			Anchorage, AK Railroad Records in the National Archives Lecture General Public 907-261-7800			San Bruno, CA Chinese American Genealogy Workshop and Tour General Public 650-238-8529
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Denver, CO Denver Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Genealogists 12 Noon-2 P.M. 303-407-5749	Seattle, WA "Brick Wall" Genealogical Discussion Group Workshop Genealogists 11:30 A.M. 206-336-5115	San Bruno, CA Passenger Arrival & Naturalization Records Workshop (NARA) Workshop and Tour Genealogists 650-238-3501	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		San Bruno, CA Primary Sources Workshop and Tour 8:45 A.M. 650-238-8482	Seattle, WA Third Place Books: Historic Structures of Seattle 7 P.M. General Public 206-336-5115		San Bruno, CA Military Service Records 1: Revolutionary Civil War Workshop and Tour Genealogists 650-238-8529	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Exhibit: Seattle, WA "Faces of the Pacific Northwest" 5/31/10	
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Photograph of the Crew of USS Olympia,
1919
Record Group 381
Courtesy of National Archives at Philadelphia



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
						<p>Providence College, RI Rhode Island History Day 8 A.M. NHD Competition 770-968-2555</p> <p>Morrow, GA We Are America Symposium, 10 A.M. General Public 770-968-2555</p>		
2	3	<p>Waltham, MA Military Service 18th, 19th, and 20th Century Lecture and Tour Genealogists 866-406-2379</p>	4	5	6	7	8	<p>Hartford, CT Connecticut History Day 8 A.M. NHD Competition 413-236-3104</p> <p>Fairfield, CT Examining the 1940 Census 1 P.M. Lecture Genealogists 413-236-3104</p>
9	10	<p>New York, NY Finding Family: Preserving Family Records Workshop and Tour General Public 866-840-1752</p>	11	12	13	14	15	<p>Millersville, PA Pennsylvania History Day Competition K-12 Students 717-248-1102</p> <p>Pittsfield, MA Archival Research Strategies 7 P.M. Lecture Genealogists 413-236-3104</p> <p>Morrow, GA Georgia Genealogy Research in the South (GGRITS) 2 P.M. Guided Group Genealogists 770-968-2555</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<p>Schodack, NY Beginning Your Genealogy at the National Archives 2 P.M. Lecture/Genealogists 413-236-3104</p> <p>Morrow, GA Home School History 10 A.M. Lecture K-12 Students 770-968-2530</p> <p>Ellis Island, NY Family History Game Show 1 P.M. Other 866-840-1752</p> <p>Federal Hall, NY New York's National Treasures 12 Noon-2 P.M. Other General Public 866-840-1752</p> <p>Savannah, GA Ships of the Sea Museum Maritime Records 10 A.M. Workshop General Public 770-968-2555</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	<p>Media, PA 1940 Census Workshop/Genealogists 1:30 P.M. 212-606-0100</p>	
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NARA Midwest May 2010

Photograph of Fire Fighting Float in the Memorial Day Parade in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 1937
Record Group 95
Courtesy of National Archives at Chicago



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Exhibit:

Chicago, IL

"Becoming American: Immigrants, the Federal Courts in Chicago, and the Expansion of Citizenship, 1872-1991"
Ongoing

Exhibit:

Bonner Springs, KS

"WOWs!: Women Ordnance Workers of the Cornhusker Ordnance Plant"
5/1-31/10

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Chicago, IL
Using Military Records for Genealogical Research
10 A.M.
Workshop/Genealogists
773-948-9010

Kansas City, MO
"The Trail of Tears"
10 A.M.
Workshop
General Public
816-268-8000

Exhibit:

Kansas City, MO

"Mapping Missouri"
2/9-5/29/10

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Kansas City, MO
Educator Workshop
4:30 P.M.
K-12 Teachers
816-268-8000

Kansas City, MO
"Medical Ethics and Nazi Ideology"
5:30 P.M.
Lecture
General Public
816-268-8000

Exhibit:

Chicago, IL

"James B. Parsons: More Than a Judge"
Ongoing

Exhibit:

Kansas City, MO

"Deadly Medicine"
3/16-6/10/10

Raymore, MO
National Archives Resources
7 P.M.
Workshop
General Public
816-268-8000

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Exhibit:

Riverside, MO

"Lewis and Clark in Court"
5/3-15/10

Kansas City, MO
Introduction to the National Archives
5:30 P.M.
Lecture
General Public
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Overland Park, KS
Naturalizations
10 A.M.
Workshop
General Public
816-268-8000

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Kansas City, MO
"The Perfect Baby: Eugenics, Race, and Bioethics"
5:30 P.M.
Lecture
General Public
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Kansas City, MO
"The Trail of Tears"
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Workshop
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