

# Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 Broad St  
Chesaning MI

AUGUST 2016  
Newsletter

IT'S ANNUAL PICNIC TIME AGAIN

AUGUST 8, 2016

6 P.M.

at SHOWBOAT PARK Pavillion

Bring a passing Dish & your table service

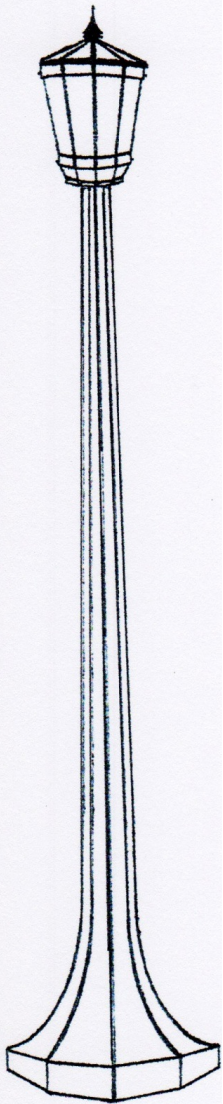
BEVERAGES will be PROVIDED

&

Fun entertainment

Good Friends

Happy Memories



## What is Happening in "OUR TOWN"

"I haven't seen one of these in years" was the surprised remark made by Nathaniel Beattie the other day at our MALT SHOP. He picked up the receiver and stated



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August 2 - 6**

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Rides, Grandstand &  
FREE PARKING**

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# *Donations Received in Memory of Gayle Shooltz*

Cliff & Eunice Wager

Julie & Buck Hinkson

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Dale & Mary Ellen Tithof

LaVerne, Doug & Fran Shooltz

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Bob & Marion Weigold

Ted & Mary Beldyga

Wes & Marion Gibson

Bob & Ruth Corrin

Lori Bracale

Michele Shooltz

Jean Lienau

Nick Shooltz

Sally List

Patricia Malcolm

Lois Harris

Gerda Brendahl

Keith Valentine

Greta Temple

## **June 22, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

### Old Business

- New exhibit decisions completed
- Pat Terry resuming cleaning of main floor of museum twice per month

### New Business

- Geraniums planted on museum grounds.
- New fire extinguishers & alarms purchased
- Museum maintenance completed
- Plans for use of donations for Gayle Shooltz in process

**Bob's Bylines  
Chesaning History**

**INDIAN HISTORY continued:  
Chippewa or Ojibwa in the Late  
1700s**

The chief tribes in the Michigan region in the late 1700's were the Chippewa, or Ojibwa, in the eastern part of the Lower Peninsula & most of the U.P.

The Ottawa were in the western part of the Lower Peninsula and the Potawatomi, occupied a strip across the southern part.

While Saginaw valley was visited by many other tribes at various times, the Chippewa lived here the longest & were still in existence when the 1st white settlers arrived.

They subsisted principally by hunting, though all had summer residences, where they raised min-dor-min (corn), potatoes, turnips, beans & sometimes squashes, pumpkins & melons.

**Indian History in Chesaning,  
Michigan**

At or near all their villages, on the Maple, the Looking-Glass, and the Shiawassee

Rivers, there were corn fields, which they planted year after year with the same crops. The largest of the corn fields in all this region were those in the vicinity of Shermanito's village on the Shiawassee, now Chesaning. There was a small Indian orchard of stunted & uncared-for-apple trees, also similar ones were found at several places in both counties. The Indians carried on their agriculture in a superficial way. Of course they were ignorant of the use of plows & the few implements which they had were of the rudest & most primitive kind. They had plenty of poor & scrawny ponies, but these were uncared for & were never made use of except for riding. From lack of care & the planting of the same fields for many years in succession, these had become overgrown with grass, weeds & sumac bushes so that the crops obtained were very meager & but for the almost boundless stores of food furnished by the streams & forests, the people must have been constantly in a state bordering on famine.

..... by Bob Pearson