

Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 W Broad St - Chesaning MI

July 2017 Newsletter

For the first time in many years - we have a

JULY MEETING

Upstairs at the Museum
6:30 p.m. Monday July 10

Speaker:

Patrick Monte Lawton

Patrick Lawton is an archeologist from our home town. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University and a member of the Michigan Archeological Society.

His searches in the Chesaning area are conducted centering on the potential for recovery of prehistoric materials. This promises to be very interesting !!!

Refreshments served — We look forward to
seeing you



What's Happening in
"OUR TOWN"

**The County Fair is beginning!
Tuesday thru Saturday, Aug. 1-5
at the Chesaning Fairgrounds -
11350 W. Peet Road**

**—Tuesday, Aug. 1, is Veterans
Day, with free admission for
veterans and active duty
military members with an I.D.**

**—Wednesday, Aug. 2, is Senior
and Grandparent Day, with \$8
admission for those 55 and
older until 5 p.m.**

**—Thursday, Aug. 3, is Toddler
Day, with \$8 admission for kids
2 through 5 until 5 p.m.**

—Friday, Aug. 4, is Agriculture.

—Saturday, Aug. 5, Kids Day.

*****Fireworks will close out each
night at 10 p.m.*****

*****Admission to the Fair: \$12
Tuesday through Saturday.**

*****Includes parking, grandstand
events & unlimited rides at the
midway.**

*****Exhibit buildings are open
from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.**

*****The midway is open from 1
p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.**

***** Questions: visit
saginawcountyfair.org or call
989-845-2143.**



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY**

June 28 2017 Board Meeting
Minutes

Old Business

- Bob Pearson working on generator approval
- Old sidewalks sealed at cost of \$106

New Business

- Motion approved for new computer for museum
- Museum will provide fried chicken for picnic -motion approved
- Offered pump but had to decline due to limited space at museum

The Meaning of Independence Day

Our 4th of JULY

**The Declaration of Independence
was adopted by the Continental
Congress in 1776**

In Philadelphia the signers of that document, composed by Thomas Jefferson, knew full well that the British army would be sailing across the Atlantic to descend on the relatively defenseless colonies.

They knew their scattered "states" didn't have the numbers or arms or training to stand against the British, much less defeat them militarily. Yet they put their signatures, and their lives, their families, their destiny, on that parchment.

And so, against all odds, and even against reason, that Declaration told the world that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."

The only importance of the 4th day of July, then, is that it marks the birth of the United States of America. The very words should send awe-filled shivers up your spine.

They wanted to be free, to make their own decisions, to govern themselves and breathe the sweet air of liberty.

The first celebration of American Independence took place four days later in Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress was still meeting.

The ceremony began with a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Then, from the tower of the State House, now called Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell rang out.

The coat of arms of the king of England was taken down. And there was a parade. And cannons boomed. The people, though aware of what lay ahead, cheered! A new nation sprang to life. That's what this day means.

John Adams, a signer of the Declaration, thought that Americans should henceforth celebrate a "great day of deliverance", by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Now, thank God, England is our friend.

In May at the museum Voleena of Silver Thimble in St Charles asked to address the board meeting. Following is information for all to enjoy!

- Quilt Show Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 10am to 4pm —
Sponsored by The Silver Thimble in St. Charles
- Quilts will be on display at:
 - the Silver Thimble in St. Charles
 - St Charles Museum
 - All 3 Creative Passion Centers in Chesaning
 - Chesaning Museum
 - River Front Grill in Chesaning

Any additional information we have will be presented at the July meeting.

REMEMBER OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

Monday August 14, 2017 @ 6p.m.

We will meet at the Pavilion in Showb oat Park
where we met last year.

Bring a passing dish & your table service

Chicken & beverages provided