

Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 W Broad St

November 2019 Newsletter

MONTHLY MEETING.

MONDAY November 11 — 6:30 p.m.

Speaking at the Museum will be
Phil Hathaway

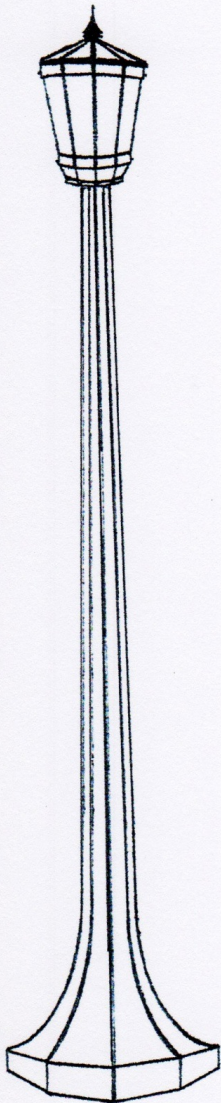
Expert on the Shiawassee River Water Trail
An 88-mile Shiawassee River Trail that runs from

These are the women & men
of our country who have
always kept us safe and
fought for the freedom we
enjoy.

They are our mothers,
fathers, brothers, sisters,
relatives and neighbors who
have our deep respect.

Thomas Jefferson stated in
1776 in the U.S. Declaration
of Independence that all men
are created equal.

Our veterans have fought
and died to keep this true
for all these years
Thanks to each & every one
of our Service People.



Our 3rd President & Thanksgiving

Since the United States became a nation, people have come together to count their blessings, feast on bountiful foods & give thanks with family & friends.

But there's one president who refused to endorse the tradition of Thanksgiving: Thomas Jefferson.

Ever since Jefferson first declined to mark the day in 1801, rumors had it that the third president despised the event. But it was more complicated than that.

For Jefferson, supporting Thanksgiving meant supporting state-sponsored religion, & it was his aversion to mixing church & state that earned him a reputation as America's only anti-Thanksgiving president.

In Jefferson's time, Thanksgiving as a national holiday didn't exist at all & he was trying to keep a wall of separation between church & state. In fact Jefferson had once declared a Thanksgiving of his own in 1779, while serving as governor of Virginia. He declared a day of Thanksgiving & Prayer. He just felt as president he could not endorse the holiday,

Which President Started the Tradition of Pardoning the Thanksgiving Turkey?

The tradition of "pardoning" White House turkeys has been traced to President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 clemency to a turkey recorded in an 1865 dispatch by White House reporter Noah Brooks, who noted, "a live turkey had been brought home for the Christmas dinner, but [Lincoln's son Tad] interceded in behalf of its life. . . . [Tad's] plea was admitted and the turkey's life spared."

Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan were all photographed at turkey press conferences with their guests of honor. It's not 100 percent known if any of the birds survived their White House tour—

The formalities of pardoning a turkey gelled by 1989, when President George H.W. Bush remarked, "Reprieve" "keep him going," or "pardon": it's all the same for the turkey, as long as he doesn't end up on the President's holiday table.

I bet that turkey loved Tad Lincoln & when I read this I wonder if he ever ate turkey at Thanksgiving?

ENJOY YOUR DAY.....

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Let Us Count Our Blessings

Every once in a while someone makes a positive and unexpected difference in our life. Often we may not realize what a difference it made until many years later as we look back over our life.

If that has happened to anyone of you and you wish you had the chance to thank them, this is the perfect season for a "Thank-You". It may have been recent or so long ago that they may not even remember you, but if you think of them from time to time, why not send them a note.

I still like hand written notes but there are now many ways to say THANKS: In person — phone call — electronic messages — cards — a prayer — anyway it is done would make that someone happy.

