



Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter July, 2016

What a great summer MAHS is having at Heritage Village! Visitor attendance is up and the docents have been wonderful and attentive to the changes that are ongoing.

The Medicine Wheel in the Native Presence Area of the Village will hopefully be finished by the Historic Festival on August 5 and 6. Of course, that depends on the weather and whether we can get it painted! So hopefully our prayers will be answered.

Also new is the display at the Stimpson Homestead. It is very professionally done and does a great job of telling the history of the Stimpson family who are known as the first permanent, white settlers in our area of the world.

Don't forget about our fabulous Historic Festival on August 5 and 6. We begin at 6:00 pm on August 5 with a free hot dog, baked bean, coleslaw and potato chip dinner followed by roasted marshmallows (all are era specific and correct). Immediately after dinner, we will have square dancing in the Pavilion. Following the square dancing, there will be a Dark Sky Program

Then on August 6 beginning at 9:30 am is the kick-off of a full day of events which end at 3:30 pm. On our grounds we will feature blacksmiths, bucket makers, soap makers, rug hookers, quilters, spinners, wood carving, children's games, a maypole, square dancing, Native drumming, a high bicycle rider, wagon and trolley rides and, of course, a Vintage Base Ball game.

And then as always, there will be the drawing for the raffle. We sell only 200 tickets at \$75 per ticket. First prize is \$3,000, 2nd prize is \$1000, 3rd prize is \$300, 4th prize is \$200 and 5th prize is \$100. If you would like a ticket, please contact Bill Marvin at 231-436-4006. This is the only fundraiser that MAHS puts on each year. So, get your ticket while they are still available!

New this year will be a Native presentation featuring Lynn Johnson called "A Voice from the Past" and a Vintage Base Ball tournament after our game in the afternoon.

So come on out to see the new things we have accomplished and enjoy the day's festivities. See you there on August 5 and 6!

Sincerely,

Susie Safford
MAHS President

