

Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

602 W Broad St - Chesaning MI

June 2022 Newsletter

*Wishing Many Days of
Happiness to All Dads*

MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 13th

6:00 p.m.

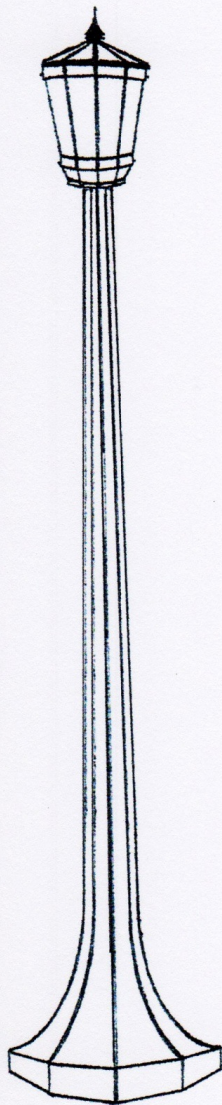
at the Museum

PRESENTATION

**The History of
The Castle Museum**

Speaker:

MONTE LAWTON



Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.

Born Leslie Lynch King Jr.; July 14, 1913 - December 26, 2006) was an American politician who served as the 38th president of the United States from 1974 to 1977, and was the only president never to have been elected to the office of president or vice president.

He previously served as the leader of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives, and as the 40th vice president of the United States from 1973 to 1974. When President Richard Nixon resigned in 1974, Ford succeeded to the presidency, but was defeated for election to a full term in 1976.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ford attended the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the school's football team, winning two National Championships. Following his senior year, he turned down offers from the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers, instead option to go to Yale Law School.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving from 1942 to 1946; he left as a lieutenant commander.

Ford began his political career in 1949 as the U.S. representative from Michigan's 5th congressional district. He served in this capacity for nearly 25 years, the final nine of them as the House minority leader.



In December 1973, two months after the resignation of Spiro Agnew, Ford became the first person appointed to the vice presidency under the terms of the 25th Amendment.

After the subsequent resignation of President Nixon in August 1974, Ford immediately assumed the presidency. To date, this was the last intra-term U.S. presidential succession.

As president, Ford signed the Helsinki Accords, which marked a move toward easing hostility in the Cold War. With the collapse of South Vietnam nine months into his presidency, US involvement in the Vietnam War essentially ended.

Domestically, Ford presided over the worst economy in the four decades since the Great Depression,

with growing inflation and a recession during his tenure.

In one of his most controversial acts, he granted a presidential pardon to Richard Nixon for his role in the Watergate scandal. During Ford's presidency, foreign policy was characterized in procedural terms by the increased role Congress began to play, and by the corresponding curb on the powers of the president.[4] In the 1976 Republican presidential primary campaign, Ford defeated former California Governor Ronald Reagan for the Republican nomination, but narrowly lost the presidential election to the Democratic challenger, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter.

Following his years as president, Ford remained active in the Republican Party. His moderate views on various social issues increasingly put him at odds with conservative members of the party in the 1990s and early 2000s. In retirement, Ford set aside the enmity he had felt towards Carter following the 1976 election, and the two former presidents developed a close friendship.

After experiencing a series of health problems, he died at home on December 26, 2006.



Memorials

**In Memory Of
Don Wenzlick**

From

Karen Palmer

**In Memory Of
Jim Weigold**

From

Weigold Family

LOOKING

FORWARD

To

June 21, 2022

**The 1st Day of
Summer**

Chesaning Area Historical Society
And Museum
PO Box 52
Chesaning MI 48616



Chesaning Area Historical Society & Museum

Hours:

:Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Work sessions 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

1st Saturday of each Month

****** IF no volunteers are available — MUSEUM will be CLOSED******

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