

# HSGL Newsletter

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**July 1997**

## *Triple Treat in Downtown Lansing*

**Sunday, July 20**

- 1850s Base Ball, Oldsmobile Stadium 3 pm
- Art in the Park, Ferris Park 10-5 pm
- Tea in the Garden, Cooley Gardens 1-5 pm

As soon as the land was cleared for the new capitol building in 1847, the workers played a game of pick-up "base ball," a new game at the time, written with two words.

No record exists of the winner, but we will commemorate that game with an 1850s Base Ball Game in Oldsmobile Stadium on July 20. The game will be played with period "uniforms" and old rules.

A re-enactment team from Grand Rapids will be challenged by Lansing personalities in politics, sports, and media. Be there!

We'll also have a Co-ed, Over-30 All Star Game at 1:00, and a City League Exhibition Game at 5:00. Do you love baseball?

### **Membership**

Membership in HSGL costs only **\$10** for an individual, **\$15** for a family. For **\$10 more**, you'll receive a Sesquicentennial poster and reproductions of two rare maps.

**Reports:** We had an excellent crowd for our Annual Dinner. Mayor Hollister presented 84 certificates to descendants of families who settled in Greater Lansing 100-160 years ago.

The Sesquicentennial Birthday Party was also a huge success: the parade by ARTSPACE, the balloon arch, the ham radio station, the music, the recognition for Dick Letts, the Celebration of Cultures, the birthday cake that fed 2000 people in two hours – all colorful and exciting.

The centerpiece for the cake was created by Bob Rose of Quality Dairy.

### **Announcements:**

- Sesquicentennial t-shirts printed with historic photos are available for \$15 from Historic Apparel at 337-1410.
- *Through the Years: A Pictorial History of Lansing 1847-1997*, is offered at a pre-publication price of \$29.95.

Send check to Visions Sports, PO Box 338, East Lansing 48826-0338.

You can also order from 888-715-6500, or from [www.150years.com](http://www.150years.com).

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Lansing Capital Sesquicentennial

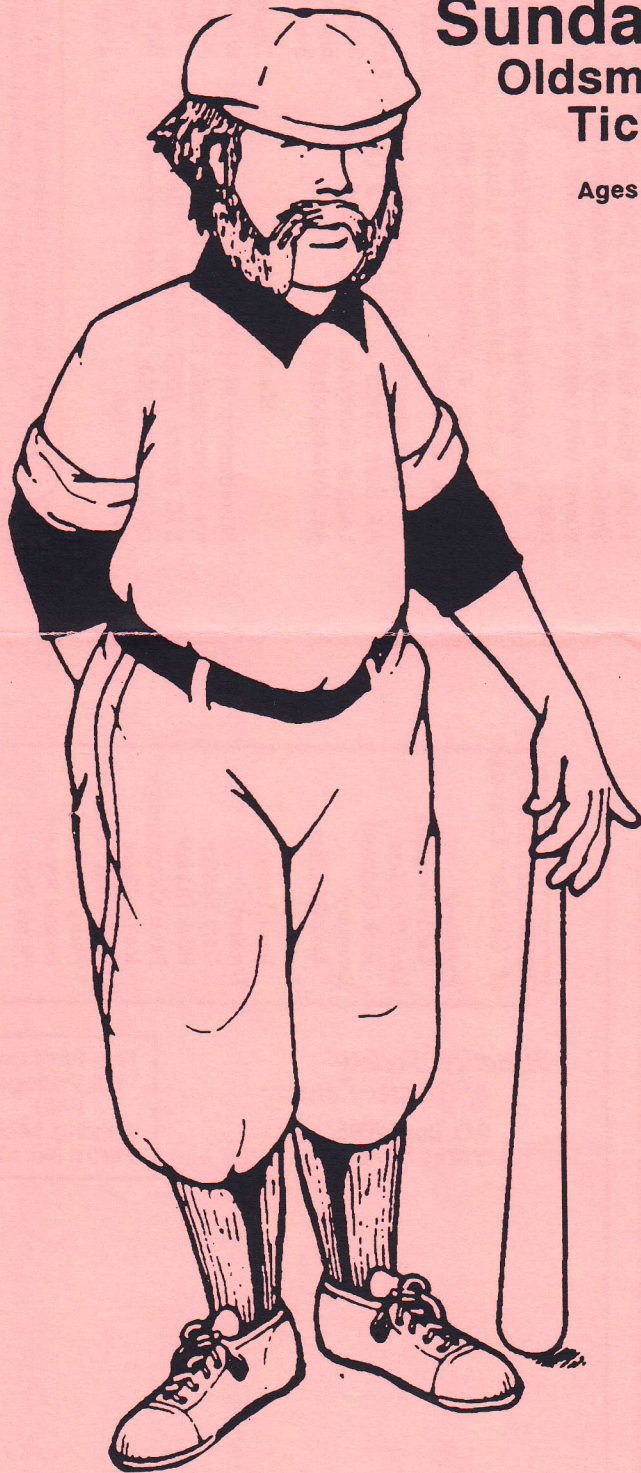
# Baseball Festival

**Sunday July 20**

**Oldsmobile Stadium**

**Tickets \$2.00**

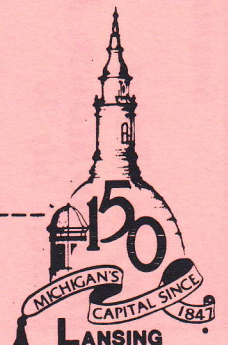
**Ages 12 and Under Free**



- **Co-ed Over-30 All Stars**  
1:00 pm
- **1850s Base Ball**  
Re-enactment Team  
vs.  
Old Timers and Media  
3:00 pm
- **City League Exhibition**  
5:00 pm

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Co-Sponsored by Sesquicentennial Committee  
Historical Society of Greater Lansing  
Old Timer's Baseball Association



For More Information Call 483-4280

*Sesquicentennial Events*

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(Baseball Festival 1-7 pm)
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**On Sunday, July 20,  
Downtown Lansing is the place to be!**

**Three different events will give you a full day of fun:**

- From 3:00-4:30, head for **Oldsmobile Stadium** for an 1850s Base Ball Game. The game will be played with period "uniforms" and old rules. A re-enactment team from Grand Rapids will be challenged by Lansing political, sports, and media personalities.  
Part of Baseball Festival, 1-7 pm.
- In **Ferris Park**, at Pine and Shiawassee, you will find art and activities from 10-5. Spend Sunday in the park.
- At **Cooley Gardens**, enjoy AGay Nineties Afternoon, 1-5.  
Entertainment & exhibits in Gardens and Mich. Women's Hist. Center

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