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Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club CONGLOMERATE

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~ Annual Club Picnic ~ When: Saturday July 29 Where: West Side County Park



2152 Lakeshore Dr, Fennville

We have reserved the South Pavilion so that we are out of the sun and even possible damp weather for our meal. You are welcome to arrive starting at 3PM. *There will be a short meeting at 5:30.*

The potluck meal will begin about 6:00 PM. You are each asked to bring a dish to pass with the quantity based on the number of people in your party. The Club will furnish water and lemonade as well as paperware: plates, napkins and cups plus utensils. For more comfortable friendly seating, bring a lawn chair. (Those picnic table benches can get to feeling very hard in a hurry)

Prior to the meeting, enjoy the accessible beach to wade, swim or look for rocks.

A special feature will be a demonstration of flintknapping by a couple of members

of the nearby White River Club. Our Liaison, Mary Johnson, is also bringing some raffle items that might catch your fancy, a large piece of quartz and a pair of polished book ends. The Park closes at 9:00 PM. TICKET IN TICKET

Next month we'll return to our usual full-length, full-featured newsletter! Stay tuned!

~ Masthead "Mascot" ~ The image this month is a small "pile" of sapphires collected from raw gravel from the well known Gem Mountain mine near Phillipsburg, MT. The largest is midway between a pea and a peppercorn. Jon Mull Just a reminder the Tailgate is also coming up on Sat. July 22 from 9 - 2 at Zeeland H.S. East. Consult your June newsletter for more details. Hope to see you there!

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Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$15 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page, \$30 for full page. non-member rates are double. Make check payable To: TCG&M with ad copy to Editor. Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Howard Miller Community Center 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI at 7pm, unless otherwise noted in the **TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE**.

Our Junior Club welcomes and encourages young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting. To become a member, complete the form at www.tulipcity.org

Our club organization is non-profit a Holland Recreation sponsored by the Department, it is a member of the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The general purpose of this club is to develop interest in and increase knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever possible, through family participation.

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Background photo is from Pier Cove Beach with Septaria