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“And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon”...

In last year’s May newsletter, I talked about the importance of supporting our local students. I’m pleased to share that last year’s Chamber Golf Outing was so successful that we were able to double the scholarship amount for this year’s lucky recipients who will be announced at Senior Awards Night. Once again, we look forward to our annual Chamber Golf Outing this Sunday, May 19th and have had great response from our generous Chamber members. It’s not too late to join us for a fun outing; call Twin Brooks at 845-6403 to sign your team up!

In addition to our successful scholarship program, in the past year we’ve made great strides partnering with our school district to offer new opportunities for our local students. Beginning with our August 2018 Networking Event “Mentoring Chesaning’s Youth” at Creative Passions Retreat Center, we launched into new programs with Chesaning High School including the December Career Fair and the new Career Exploration Program which brings students into local businesses for real-world experience. In addition, several Chamber members were involved in the Senior Integrated Projects as mentors and presentation judges, as well as mock interviews.

As the father of a graduating senior, with commencement drawing near, I think about the song “Cat’s in the Cradle” by Harry Chapin. The song talks about the passage of time and how

quickly moments can be lost. I would urge any parent to spend as much time mentoring and nurturing both your children and others before time slips away.

Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Greg Bruff

President—Chamber Board of Directors
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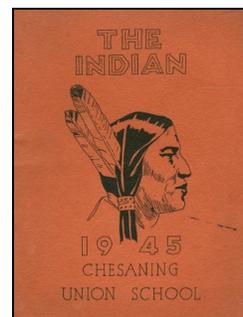


*Greg Bruff
Board President*

95 Years of Chesaning Chamber

Just over two decades from the birth of the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, the end of World War II brought new opportunities to the area. Chamber President Fred Gewirtz and Secretary Chester Howell reported on the year’s activities at the Chamber’s post-war program, Community Chest, while members enjoyed a meal of sauerkraut and wieners.

In 1945, the Chamber was supported by membership numbering 160. The Chamber letterhead touted Chesaning as “A Beautiful City with a Low Tax Rate and Fine City Parks and Fine Pure Water. A City of Fine Churches and Schools.” Chesaning was definitely a “Fine City to Live In” as home to Peet Packing Company, the Chesaning Showboat, Roycraft Coach Company, L.D. Bellinger Industries and Big Rock Plow Company. The Chamber slogan was “We Do Things For Chesaning”!



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Member News & Community Highlights

- Celebrate the graduating class at Chesaning High School by cheering them on as they parade from Showboat Park to the high school on Wednesday, May 22 at approximately 10:15AM! Commencement exercises will be on Thursday, May 23 at 7PM in the stadium. And don't forget, Baccalaureate is at 3PM on Sunday, May 19 at Trinity Methodist Church with the Senior Awards night at 7PM at the Middle School!
- We also have several members with graduates in other districts. Corunna and Montrose celebrate their graduates on May 19, New Lothrop on June 2, Ovid-Elsie on May 31, Owosso on May 22 and St. Charles on May 30. We wish every area seniors all the best in their future endeavors!
- American Legion Post 212 is seeking sponsors for their Boys State program. They hope to send 4 young men as delegates this year at a cost of \$375 each. If you would like to help out, please contact Jack Brown, Post 212 Service Officer, at 989-372-4984 or post212al@gmail.com. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 521, Chesaning.
- Self Serve Lumber announces their new business hours for spring and summer: Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-7:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM-5:00PM and Sunday 9:00AM-4:00PM.
- Easton Church of Christ invites everyone to their Annual Tent Revival, May 31-June 2 for preaching, fellowship, food and fun. Evangelist, Linwood Smith from Whistleville, GA will be their guest speaker and is known to be funny and passionate!

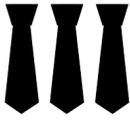


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**April
Chamber Statistics:
We received
93 Phone Calls,
431 Emails &
33 Visitors**



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
30		Weekly Meetings/Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays, Riverfront Grille • Am. Legion Queen of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesdays at 8pm, Pintown • Kiwanis Meets at 6pm on Tuesdays at Riverfront Grille 				1 Am. Legion Golf Outing 9am-5pm Gypsy Goddess Festival 11am-6pm	
2 Am. Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am Gypsy Goddess Festival 11am-5pm		3	4	5 Chamber Marketing Meeting 8:00am	6 Comedy Rumble at Riverfront Grille 8pm Chesaning Twp Board	7 Easton Church of Christ Revival, Fri. 7-9pm, Sat. 3-8pm	8 Zion Luth. Donuts with Daddy 10:30am Trinity Methodist Free Community Supper 5pm
Easton Church of Christ Revival, 3-8pm		7:30pm Village Council			Chicago Comedy Invasion III at Riverfront Grille 8pm		
9	10 New Lothrop Area Schools Last Day for students	11	12 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	13 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am	14 St. Charles and Chesaning Union Schools Last Day for students 	15 New Wine Church Free Community Dinner 5pm	
16  Happy Father's Day	17	18 7:30pm Village Council	19 K of C Hamburg Night 5-7pm 7pm Library Book Club	20	21 Movies on Broad 7:30pm "The Cat in The Hat" (2003)	22	
23	24	25 Task Force Meeting 7:30am	26 Saginaw Co. Play-date in Showboat Park Noon Chamber Raffle	27 Grace Food Ministry New Wine Church Food Box Give Away 4:30pm	28	29	

"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Abraham Lincoln

Chesaning Self-Serve Lumber & Home Center Turns 20!

The Chesaning location of Self Serve Lumber & Home Center, managed by Bob Link and assistant Dave Shooltz, is the local branch of the family of drive-thru lumber yards marketing themselves as the “convenient, local alternative to the big box home stores.” Seven days a week, Bob and Dave and their staff offer expert advice, materials and supplies for all your home improvement and building projects as well as Penske Truck rentals for your personal or business needs. Their business name highlights one of their most unique features - “YOU drive into the yard, YOU load the lumber that YOU want directly into YOUR vehicle, and then YOU pay for YOUR load. It's fast, simple, Self Serve!”

As their website notes, the story of Self Serve Lumber begins back in 1933 on Saginaw's east side when Arthur Schwannecke started a coal company known as L. C. Smith Coal Co. During the coal business downturn Arthur's son William, who had experience working in the lumber industry, went into partnership with his father and in 1953 the company became L. C. Smith Coal and Lumber

Co. In a few short years they dropped the coal business and became L. C. Smith Lumber Co. In 1956 Arthur's other son Robert came on board and in 1958 the three opened Reliable Cash and Carry. As the business grew, a need was found to serve Saginaw's west side and the first Self Serve Lumber was opened in 1963 on Weiss St. Soon they found convenience was key, they were open nights and weekends when traditional lumber yards were only open five days a week. In 1979 Arthur passed away and William took over as President and CEO. Over the years our product line has expanded greatly to serve our customers. Stores have continued to open starting in Saginaw and throughout the Mid-Michigan area. Currently, Self Serve Lumber and Home Center is a fourth generation family business operating 19 locations. <https://selfservelumber.com/about>

Congratulations, Self Serve Lumber; best wishes for continued success and growth! Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber and community!



Happy 20th Anniversary, Tri-County Appraisal Company Inc!

Great businesses start small but with focus and determination, grow their own futures! Tri-County Appraisal Company is one such success story. Company founder, Donna List, began her career as an appraiser in 1993 working for Holley & Associates Certified Appraisers where she remained until opening Tri-County Appraisal Company in June of 1999. She currently holds a Certified Residential Appraiser License and SRA designation from the Appraisal Institute. The business performs only residential appraisals (for all financing types including conventional, FHA, VA & Rural Development) with the majority of clients being local and nationwide lenders along with numerous appraisal management companies, which resulted from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in 2010. They also do appraisals for local attorneys and individuals seeking values to sell property, to settle estates, etc.

When Tri-County Appraisal Company began, it was a home-based business with just Donna as the appraiser and her assistant, Sue Mahoney. As they became busier, they added 3 more appraisers, including David List, Anne Eickholt and Sue Mahoney who moved from administration to licensed appraiser, as well as Brenda Schaffer who began as an administrative employee in 2001 and is now the office manager.

In 2009 the business moved to 1146 W. Broad Street for less than a year. In 2010, the company purchased a home at 310 N. Canal Street and converted it to office space. From 2010-2013, the business added 4 more administrative staff including Bev Guzinski and Allison Ferry in Technical Data Review, Slade List in Technology & Research and Ann List, Administrative Assistant. They also added two more



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Happy 20th, Tri-County Appraisal (Continued from pg. 3)

appraisers: Nicole Kumpelis and Christina Schultz (who was known to make the staff smile and worked very hard until her passing in 2015 from ALS).

In 2018 it was necessary to find a larger office so, once again, a home was purchased at 300 N. 4th Street and was completely renovated inside and out (see picture on page 3). Also in 2018, the company added another licensed appraiser, Kimberly Mahoney, bringing the total staff to 6 full-time appraisers and 5 full and part-time administrative staff.

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes to say Happy Anniversary to Donna and her staff and congratulate them on all that they have accomplished in the past 20 years. We'd also like to note that they are strong supporters of our Chamber Gift Certificate program and often purchase the certificates at the Chamber office, directly benefiting other Chamber members with their commitment to encouraging others to shop local! Thank you for all that you do for Chesaning and the surrounding area!

Plans Underway for 2019 Fireworks in Showboat Park

Thanks to our very successful Poker Room fundraisers in November, January and February, we are able to offer new entertainment for families enjoying Showboat Park before our annual Fireworks display! We are pleased to announce that A Family Affair Face Art and Balloon Twist (coming soon to the former Sweet Stop location in downtown Chesaning!) will be on hand to delight your small ones with their clever works of art. Nose to Tails Petting Zoo, who was a hit at last year's Candlelight Walk, will bring their menagerie of furry friends for cuddles and pets. The Big Rockin' School Bus will join us again, offering summer reading fun for local students. All of these family-friendly options

will be available from 6-9PM.

Of course there will be delicious dining opportunities available from our food vendors, perfect for an easy picnic in the park. Enjoy a snack or a full meal while waiting for dusk to fall... the show begins at approximately 10PM!

We welcome your participation in this year's Fireworks, either as a vendor, volunteer, entertainer or attendee! Please call Ron Ebenhoeh, Fireworks committee chairman, at 989-780-2676 or the Chamber office at 845-3055 for more information or vendor forms. Start your holiday weekend as we celebrate Independence Day in the USA with our local friends and neighbors!

**Thank You to
H & R Bock of
Chesaning for
their generous
donation to this
year's Fireworks
~ We appreciate
your support of
this popular
event!**

Fireworks

Wednesday, July 3rd

Showboat Park

Face Paint & Balloon Twist

Big Rockin' Book Bus

Petting Zoo 6-9PM

Food Vendors 5-10PM

Only \$5 Per Vehicle!

For More Information, Call 989-845-3055



Gates Open at 4PM

PRESENTED BY THE



ANNUAL Post 212



American Legion Golf Outing

Saturday, June 1, 2019

- Prizes
- Cash
- Food
- Fun
- 50/50 Raffle

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
 Twin Brooks Golf Course
 1005 N. McKeighan Rd.
 Chesaning, MI 48616
 Telephone: 989.845.6403

\$55.00 / Golfer Includes:

- Greens Fees
- Cart
- Chicken Dinner

• Like us on Facebook @
[American Legion Post 212](#)

Tax ID# 38-6088942

- ** Sign up a foursome...or you will be assigned to a foursome (format will be Scramble)
- ** Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. - Tee off 9:00 a.m. - Shotgun Start
- ** No Deadline for Signup, you can show up the day of the event, let us know in advance if you can.
- ** Make checks payable to *American Legion Post 212*

For more information contact Rodney Toma
 at 989-666-1824 or email at
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All Proceeds
 To post 212
 Children,
 Youth &
 Veteran
 Programs



FREE GIVEAWAY

The Lucky Winner Will Receive

Mulch & Installation Up to a \$250 Value

To Enter Like Our Facebook Page @mowandsnowllc

Drawing will be held at the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:00am

Lucky Winner will be posted on our Facebook page
 Will message winner to schedule installation

*Giveaway is only for mulch installation over existing landscape. Mulch will be installed over existing material. Giveaway does not include cleaning out flower bed, adding plants or removing plants prior to installation. Additional services will include cost. Mow & Snow LLC is located near the Chesaning MI area. Giveaway winner must live within a 50-mile radius of Chesaning MI.

The Saginaw County Fair Horse Department Presents:

WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY

SHOPPING FESTIVAL

Vintage Flea Market & Antique Show

OVER 100 BOOTHS

ARTISANS AND ANTIQUES

CRAFTS AND CREATIVES

VENDORS GALORE

What It's
WORTH
Appraisals

11AM TIL 3PM, SATURDAY

Live Demos
ALL WEEKEND

Experience

FOOD TRUCK ALLEY

MAY 24TH, 25TH, AND 26TH, 2019

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: 10AM TIL 6PM | SUNDAY: 11AM TIL 4PM

\$1.00 ADMISSION | KIDS 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR?

Booth Pricing: Outdoor 10'x20' \$25.00 / Inside 10'x20' \$35.00 | Camping: \$25.00 a night | Pre-Reservation: 989.845.2143
 Vendor Sign Up Sheet Available on Back Side of this Page

GYPSY GODDESS FEST

Gypsy swag bags to the first 50 each day!

2-Day Celebration of Music, Art & the Mystical

Over 200+ Vendors! Onsite Camping! Two Stages of Music!
 Food (vegan too), Body, Mind & Spirit Marketplace
 Psychics, Healers, Organics, Holistics, Massage & More!

Free Parking, Yoga, Workshops & Seminars
 Free open play drum circle!
 Spirit Circle (additional purchase)

ADMISSION

Adult \$10 per day, Adult \$15 2-day pass
 Kids 6-12 \$5 per day, 5 year & under FREE

Saturday June 1st 11-6 pm
Sunday June 2nd 11-5 pm

www.GypsyGoddessSummerFest.com

Music Under the Stars
A Gypsy Concert
 Saturday 7-11pm (additional cost)
 **\$20 Tickets @EventBrite

Coming Soon! Watch for our summer-time Chamber raffle! Only \$5 per ticket for a chance to win a 2014 EZ Hunt & Haul! Drawing will be held at Halloween Camping on September 21!

Kiwanis Halloween Camping
 at Showboat Park

HAPPY CAMP-O-WEEN
 September 20 - 22, 2019

Raffle Winners:**April 24****Lorraine & Larry****DeHues****By****Maureen Larner****RE/MAX Tri-County****May 8****Levi Krupp****By****Samantha Coykendall****Lippert Components****Inc****Thank you, Golf Outing Supporters!****Hole Sponsors**

- Animal Health Care of Chesaning
- Chesaning Area Conservation Club
- Chesaning Lions Club
- Core Fitness & Tanning
- Drs. Carrie Ehinger & Jeannine Hopfensperger
- H & R Block
- J Hoover Construction LLC
- LaClair Chevrolet/Buick
- Showboat Restaurant
- Sovis Insurance Agency
- The State Bank
- United Financial Credit Union
- Waddell & Reed

Putting Green Sponsors

- Chesaning Athletic Department
- Chesaning Family Dental, Dr. Jerry J. Skaryd
- Chesaning Sports Boosters
- Harris Insurance Agency Inc
- Heritage Tire & Service
- Horger's Farm & Automotive
- Kiwanis Club of Chesaning
- McDonald's of Chesaning
- Mel Ervin Ford
- Mike Bueche Construction
- State Representative Ben Frederick
- Union Court Assisted Living

**24th Annual Golf Outing**

Twin Brooks Golf Course
Sunday, May 19th, 2019
Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.
Fee \$60 per person

(Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch & beverages)

*Call Twin Brooks Golf Course to Register
 989-845-6403 after April 1st*

- Fun New Game This Year: Golf Air Cannon!
- Four Person Scramble (form your own team)
- Hole-In-One Prize:
 Chance to Win a 2019 Chevy Equinox from LaClair Chevrolet
(All participants will receive a \$100 Test Drive Gift Card with validation at LaClair Chevrolet!)
- Event Winner for Every Hole!
- Door Prizes From Local Businesses
- Putting Green Contest - A Chance to Win \$5000!
- Puttin' for Poker - \$200 Guaranteed Winner!!

*Event Proceeds Fund Scholarships
 For Chesaning Union High School Graduates
 2018 recipients were: Abigail Bates and Brooke Keck*

Gifts/Prizes: American Legion Post 212 *
 Broad Street Pharmacy * Chesaning Athletic
 Department * Edward Jones/Doug Moeggen-
 borg * Ed Rehmann & Sons Clothing & Shoes *
 Family Rexall Pharmacy * Giesken's Cabinetry
 & Floor Covering * Lippert Components Inc *
 Saginaw County Fair * Studio 124 * The State
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