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Pardon Our Dust—Our Future Is Under Construction



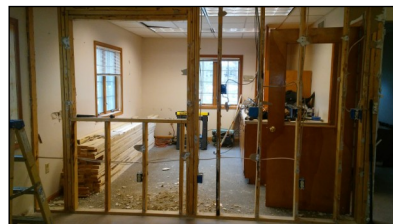
It was a year ago this month that our Chamber newsletter

featured an article on the front page announcing the decision of your Chamber Board of Directors to move forward with a proposal from the Village of Chesaning to combine offices at the chamber building. This plan includes transferring ownership of the property to the village in order to facilitate a large expansion and renovation of the building creating a community hub housing the village, police station and chamber offices. Despite a few unexpected hurdles, I am pleased to report that the project is now well underway.

Excavation for the addition is complete, along with the footings poured and masonry block delivered to begin the foundation. Although your Chamber Director, Kate Weber, is the daughter of a retired building contractor, she was still fascinated to watch the pea gravel being poured into the crawl space area by a machine called the "Stone Slinger"! These are exciting, noisy days here at the Chamber/Village building.



As of today (April 17), interior renovations are also underway, with demolition started on portions of the lobby area and office space. The old Showboat ticket office will now open into the lobby area with new space for the Village staff. There will be a secure entrance added for the back offices, including better security for the Chamber office. Our current board room will house village administrator, Troy Feltman, and soon be divided by a hallway to the addition containing a brand new council chambers/board room.



The next few months of construction will result in a few growing pains, to be sure, but the end result will be a great benefit to our chamber members. The increased traffic to our building will result in more exposure of the chamber and its members to our community, increase idea-sharing and collaboration between our staff and the village, and give our budget a boost to invest more in marketing our members and community. So, please pardon our dust, good things are coming!

Think Spring!

Gregory C. Bruff

Board of Directors President
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Greg Bruff,
 President

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Member News & Community Highlights

- Lippert Components (formerly Hehr International) has extended an invitation to the first annual LCI Community Day that is taking place on April 28 at both Showboat and Cole park. Lippert team members along with other community volunteers will be working to clean and repair the parks from 8am until 3pm; everyone is welcome to join them!
- United Financial Credit Union welcomes the community to join them on May 23 for a FREE SEMINAR: Income for Life: Guaranteeing retirement income to last a lifetime. The workshop will be held at 4685 State Street, Saginaw. Seminar begins at 6:00pm. Limited Space! Please contact the Credit Union at 989-777-3620 or marketing@unitedfinancialcu.org to reserve your spot! [Click HERE for more details!](#)
- The U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE Association will host a free, 3-Day Virtual Conference during National Small Business Week. The conference will take place Tuesday, May 1 – Thursday, May 3 between 12:30 pm ET - 6:30 pm ET each day. The Virtual Conference offers all the best parts of an in-person conference, but without the hassle of traveling. Watch 12 educational webinars, get free business advice from mentors, pick up free information and resources from sponsors and network with fellow business owners. Click the image below for more details!

March Chamber Statistics:
We received
127 Phone Calls,
392 Emails &
102 Visitors

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



May 2018

Happy National Small Business Week! April 29–May 5, 2018!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Village Council	2 8am Chamber Marketing Meeting	3 National Day of Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chesaning Township Board Meeting 7:30pm	4	5
6 Am. Legion Breakfast 7:30am-11:30am Spring Fling Bingo 6pm St. Peter's Parish	7	8 5:45pm Candlewalk Meeting	9 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	10 8am Chamber Board Meeting CAPA Spring Show 7pm "Get Smart"	11 CAPA Spring Show 7pm "Get Smart"	12 Free Community Supper at Trinity 5-7pm CAPA Spring Show 7pm "Get Smart"
13 	14 6:30pm School Board Meeting	15 7:30pm Village Council	16 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/ Social Night 7pm Book Club at Library	17	18	19 Chesaning Sportplane Pilot Seminar 1-5pm
20 Annual Chamber Golf Outing 9am at Twin Brooks 	21	22 7:30am Task Force Meeting	23 Noon Chamber Raffle	24	25 Town Wide Attic Sales 9am-5pm Friday and Saturday	26
27	28  Chamber Office Closed	29	30	31 <u>Repeating Meetings/Events:</u> •Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays, Riverfront Grille •Am. Legion Queen of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesdays at 8pm, Pintown •Kiwanis Meets at 7am on Wednesdays except on 3rd week when they meet at 7pm, Riverfront Grille		

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May. ~ Edwin Way Teale

Metro Mortgage Group Celebrates 20 Years!

Jerry Meyer, our founder and President opened Metro Mortgage in 1998 with an office in The Matthews Building in downtown Owosso. Within three years the business outgrew that office and moved to a building on Exchange Street where it remained for the next 16 years. In February of 2016 with a resurgence in home sales and several additions to the staff, Jerry purchased a building at 405 E Main Street (M-21) and remodeled it for Metro Mortgage's new, state of the art office.

As a division of Mortgage 1 in Sterling Heights, Jerry is proud that we are a part of the team that is the #1 MSHDA lender, the #1 FHA lender, and the #2 Rural Development lender in Michigan. Last year's total loan volume was over 1 billion dollars for the third straight year.

From the very beginning, Metro Mortgage has been involved in many areas of the community as members of the Shiawassee Area Chamber and The Home Builders Association. A few years later as the business expanded into Southern Saginaw County,

Jerry joined the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce as well. Personally, Jerry has supported many local charitable groups and is actively involved in his church. In 2015, a satellite office was opened in the beautiful Stone House on the Boulevard in Chesaning. In 2017 another office was opened in Ludington and it is growing beyond all expectations. Metro Mortgage is not a "nine to five" operation. Our loan officers meet with clients at night and on weekends in our office or at their homes with a personal touch not often found in business today.

The Chesaning office is the home base for Ron Ebenhoeh. He is a lifelong resident and proudly serves as the Vice President of the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce. A large percentage of his clients are able to use the ZERO down Rural Development loan program. Many of the loans can be done with only hundreds (not thousands) of dollars out of their pocket. Give Ron a call at (989) 780-2676 to get your no cost preapproval today!

Congratulations, Metro Mortgage Group!



The Staff at Metro Mortgage drew a lucky Chamber Raffle Winner on March 28!

Subway Boasts 2 Decades of Success!

Chesaning's Subway owner, Chris Rowe, shared a bit about himself and some of his memories of the past 20 years:

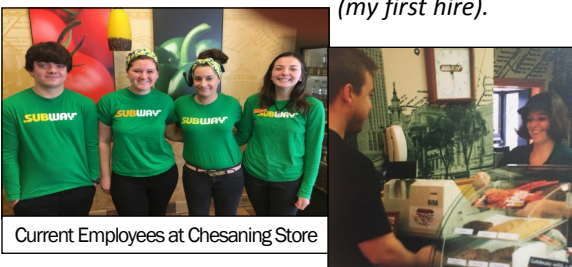
I purchased my first Subway location in Chesaning in June of 1998. Only 1 employee was retained, so I worked a lot of open to close shifts. My first customer was Sandi Richardson; she purchased a Spicy Italian Sub. She told me about the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, so I got involved right away. I have met a lot of wonderful people in the Chesaning area and employed lots of friendly and hard working people.

Pictured below on the right is Sarah Talbot (my first hire).

I built a Subway in Montrose in 2004, purchased 2 locations in Owosso in 2007, built another Subway in Owosso in 2009, and purchased 2 more locations in 2017 (Ovid and Laingsburg).

I have been married to Kelly for almost 18 years, and have 2 children: Blake (14) and Marissa (12), pictured to the right. It is quite possible one or both of my children will be in Chesaning someday making some subs. My mother, Nancy, lives in Chesaning and is involved with the Trinity Church and the Historical Society. I am very fortunate to have started my Subway career in Chesaning!

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce thanks Chris and his hard-working sandwich artists for their commitment to our community and wishes them continued growth and prosperity!



Current Employees at Chesaning Store

Dr. Martin Celebrates 20 Years at Wildwood!

Located in Oakley on the curve where Sharon Road meets Niver Road is a hidden gem called Wildwood Veterinary Clinic. The clinic was purchased by Dr. Scott Martin in June of 1998 and offers a full range of medical services to the area’s companion pet owners. Dr. Martin has 29 years experience as a veterinarian in the state of Michigan and has been serving Chesaning and the surrounding communities now for 20 years.

Loyal pet owners have many positive comments about the care received at the clinic. Patricia B. notes on their Facebook page that Dr. Martin is a “Great Doctor who cares about both ends of the leash (pet and owner).” Another pet owner says “Dr. Martin and his staff are fantastic. Not only do they give the utmost care to our three fur babies, but they always take the time to answer our questions, in detail, no matter how important or trivial they may be.”

Wildwood Veterinary Clinic is a full-service, primary care animal clinic providing a wide range of veterinary services for the pets you love, from simple check-ups, dental care and preventative care services, including vaccinations, to surgical procedures. They also can issue county dog licenses for Saginaw and Shiawassee Counties. The clinic is open 9am-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9am-7pm on Tuesday. Call 845-6703 to make an appointment. Dr. Martin, Jamie and Kris look forward to caring for your pets.

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce applauds Dr. Martin and his staff for their great reputation of loving care to our local pets (and their owners)! We wish you the best for years to come!



ZCI Feed Sales Plans 25th Anniversary Open House!

Twenty five years ago, Lisa and Gene Ziola opened their business east of Chesaning on M-57 specializing in farm and pet feeds, gardening and agricultural supplies and other unique items. Thanks to excellent customer service, a commitment to local suppliers and continually expanding merchandise, ZCI Feed Sales has become a beloved fixture in the community. Their success is evident in the growth that the business has experienced in recent years, including a newer pole barn with an attractive old-west style façade and the addition of more storage units, bringing their capacity to 38.

From hay bales to chicken coops, gardening and grass seeds to bird feeders, there is something for everyone at ZCI. They even offer locally-grown meats and hand-made toys, or hobby wood if you want to make your own! And, if your purchases are too heavy to handle, count on their friendly staff to lend a hand in loading your vehicle. Your Chamber director’s favorite time to visit ZCI is in March when they have their annual Chick

Sales and the entire store is filled with the sound of peeping baby poultry!

The Ziolas and their staff are excited to celebrate ZCI Feed Sales’ 25th Anniversary with an open house featuring sales, refreshments and give-aways. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 21st and plan to stop by!

The Chamber tips their hat to ZCI and the Ziolas for their generous support of the community, including the recent Gypsy Flea Meets Cowboy Culture sale and last year’s Chamber Dinner on the footbridge. Congratulations on a quarter-century of great business growth and loyal customer support... may your “small country store” continue to grow!



Coming Attractions!

Kids Spring Sucker Tournament
Saturday, April 21st
 10:30am Registration
 11am-2pm Fishing
 Showboat Park Shoreline
 Registration Fee \$5 Per Child
 Age Groups 9 & under and 10-16
 Night Crawlers available \$2.00/doz.
 Sponsored by
Chesaning Kiwanis Club
 Contact Andrew Hasse for more information.
 (989) 274-6026



CASH PRIZES
 & OTHER DRAWINGS FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT!



Dueling Pianos Is Back At Pintown's Public House!

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
 6pm Arrival - 7pm Pizza Buffet - 8pm Show
 \$25/Ticket

Call now to reserve your seats: 845-4444

Purchase a table (8 seats) and receive a complimentary bucket of beer!



More Fishing Fun in Chesaning!
Chesaning Area Walleye Fishing Contest
Saturday, April 28 5am-5pm
 Sponsored by the Chesaning Area Conservation Club!
 Applications are available at the Chamber Office, chamber members Ed Rehmann & Sons and Riverfront Grille or [CLICK HERE!](#)

Chesaning CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
23rd Annual Golf Outing



Twin Brooks Golf Course
Sunday, May 20th, 2018
Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.
Fee \$60 per person
 (Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch & beverages)
 Call Twin Brooks Golf Course to Register
 989-845-6408

- Four Person Scramble (form your own team)
- Hole-In-One Prize TBA!
- Event Winner for Every Hole!
- Door Prizes From Local Businesses
- Putting Green Contest - \$5000 to the Winner!
- Puttin' for Poker - \$200 Guaranteed Winner!!

Event Proceeds Fund Two \$500 Scholarships For Chesaning Union High School Graduates
 2017 recipients were: Miranda Dodak and Olivia Neuhaus

American Legion Post 212 Breakfast
7:30 AM - 11:30 AM May 6, 2018

The CHESANING AMERICAN LEGION POST 212 is proud to announce that the prestigious military award, "The Congressional Medal of Honor," earned by St Charles native and WWII veteran, SSgt Jessie R. Dowley, will be on display at the May 6 breakfast. The Michigan Military Museum will also display additional uniforms and medals for public viewing earned by the following individuals: Chesaning American Legion member and WWII Veteran, Sgt. Clay W. Reeves; Saginaw native and Korean Veteran, Sgt. Thomas E. Railing, and Saginaw native and WWII & Korean Veteran SGT Major, Kenneth V. Rice. Representatives from the museum will be on hand to answer questions and share their stories. We hope you can make it to the breakfast and view these awesome displays.



Raffle Winners:

March 14

Jonah Ebenhoeh

Drawn by

Stephanie Braeutigan
of Family Insurance
Services

March 28

Sue Thiel

Drawn by

Jerry Meyer and Staff
of Metro Mortgage

April 11

Melanie Skaryd

Drawn by

Annette George of
Chesaning Nursing &
Rehabilitation Center

The Ministerial Association cordially invites you to attend
National Day of Prayer Leadership Breakfast

Thursday, May 3, 2018 - 7:30AM to 8:30AM

Riverfront Grille, 128 N. Front Street, Chesaning

Community members including elected officials, law enforcement, business owners, religious leaders, medical and education professionals, and non-profit associations are encouraged to take part in a morning of devotions as we pray for our communities, state and country.

\$10.00 for breakfast buffet collected at door

Please RSVP by April 26

989-845-3055

info@chesaningchamber.org

Sponsored by Nelson House Funeral Homes-Martin Chapel



Plan Ahead for Fireworks Fun

Watch your weekly updates and May newsletter for more details but here is a teaser: Back by popular demand, we will once again offer the opportunity to sponsor this year's fireworks display in return for admissions passes for your employees, custom-

ers and marketing efforts. We will also be offering vendor spots for food carts and a Kid Zone in the baseball diamond that we hope will have active involvement by our non-profit organizations and churches. Stay tuned for more news to come!



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