



# Monthly Business Connection

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## Celebrating Volunteers

Volunteers have been the backbone of this community for decades. Our civic groups, churches and youth organizations have allowed our community to be an exceptional place to work and live. Our school programs are receiving accolades and we are seeing an influx of new residents to our area thanks in part to the many opportunities available for enrichment activities and entertainment. In the spirit of Volunteer Appreciation month, we'd like to highlight some of the great activities coming up that our local volunteers make happen.

Just this past weekend, the Kiwanis Club of Chesaning sponsored the annual Kids Spring Sucker Fishing Tournament, a great family-friendly event that helps build a love of outdoor activities. This coming weekend our local youth can enjoy two Easter Egg Hunts, provided by both the Chesaning Lions Club in Showboat Park and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in the park located at their church and school. Also, on the Community Calendar are events including the St Peter Parish Spring Fling Bingo, National Day of Prayer Breakfast, the Chamber Scholarship Golf Outing, and the "Weekend in the Country" Shopping Festival at the fairgrounds. All of these activities are volunteer-driven, benefit our community and support our hard-working non-profit organizations.

Have you thanked a volunteer today? Please join your Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the hard-work and dedication of our local volunteer force.

### THANK YOU!

*Greg Bruff*

President—Chamber Board of Directors  
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*Greg Bruff  
Board President*

### 95 Years of Chesaning Chamber

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 95 years! Our chamber was organized on November 18, 1924 and enjoyed our first banquet the next month at the high school gym with the school orchestra providing entertainment. The original chamber directors were William F. Lutz (President), H.D. Peet (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), E. J. Aelick (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), F.A. Greenfelder (Treasurer), August Bauer (Secretary), S.F. Quinn, J.J. Haley, A. V. Adelman, R. Howard Mate, and F. J. Stevens.



*This picture of the Joint Reception for Teachers, sponsored by the Chamber and Community Club at Chesaning High School, is dated September 29, 1925*

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## Member News & Community Highlights

- Thank you to the Chesaning Area Conservation Club for use of their building to host our Chamber Craft 'n Crop! We also want to thank our vendors for their participation and great door prizes, Creative Passions Retreat Center for the loan of their strong employees who helped with set-up, and several chamber members for their donations of treats for the event. It was a fun and crafty day for all of the participants!
- Press Release: United Financial Credit Union Offers Free Seminar on May 2: Social Security and Your Retirement. Click [HERE](#) or call 989-777-3620 for more information.
- Chesaning American Legion Post #212 is hosting their annual golf outing on June 1, 2019. The proceeds generated from the outing are used to sponsor scholarships and fund youth programs in the community. If you would like to donate to the outing, you may contact Commander Rod Toma at (989) 666-1824 or send donations to the American Legion Post 212, P.O. Box 521, Chesaning.
- Also in American Legion news, the organization is seeking sponsors for their Boys State program, which instills character, civic engagement and patriotism in our youth. This year, there are 4 young men who would like to participate at a cost of \$375 each. The Legion tries to cover the costs for the students and would appreciate your support. Donations can be mailed to the address above or you may contact Jack Brown, American Legion Post 212 Service Officer, at 989-372-4984 for more information.

**March Chamber Statistics:**  
**We received**  
**58 Phone Calls,**  
**378 Emails &**  
**35 Visitors**

## May 2019

## Happy National Small Business Week ~ May 5-11, 2019!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly Meetings/Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays, Riverfront Grille</li> <li>• Am. Legion Queen of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesdays at 8pm, Pintown</li> <li>• Kiwanis Meets at 6pm on Tuesdays at Riverfront Grille</li> </ul>			1 Chamber Marketing Meeting 8:00am	2 National Day of Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am Chesaning Twp Board 7:30pm	3 Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am	4
5 Am. Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am	6	7 7:30pm Village Council	8 Chamber office closed for training Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	9 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am	10	11 Trinity Methodist Free Community Supper 5pm
12 	13	14	15 K of C Hamburg Night 5-7pm 7pm Library Book Club	16 Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am	17 Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am	18 New Wine Church Free Community Dinner 5pm
19 Chamber Scholarship Golf Outing 9am 	20	21 7:30pm Village Council	22 Noon Chamber Raffle	23 Chesaning High School Graduation 7pm Grace Food Ministry New Wine Church Food Box Give Away 4:30pm	Town-Wide Attic Sales & Weekend in the Country Shopping Festival May 24-26, 2019	
26 	27 Chamber Closed	28 Task Force Meeting 7:30am	29	30	31 Annual Tent Revival Hosted by Easton Church of Christ 7pm	

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

## Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, RE/MAX Tri-County!

15 years ago, Howard and Denise Ebenhoeh started an associate brokerage office for Garrow & Associates, establishing themselves as trusted real estate agents in the mid-Michigan region. As their business grew, they made the decision to open their own brokerage, and in the fall of 2014 they opened their RE/MAX Tri-County office in the Stone House Inn which they had recently purchased. Agents Jerry Goidosik, Jody Yaklin and their son, Howie, joined them in the move to RE/MAX.

Fast forward 5 more years and RE/MAX Tri-County has become a multi-million dollar producer, celebrated as the #1 real estate brokerage in the area. The office boasts seven full-time agents including the original five listed above and also Rick Righi and Samantha Rojas. These hard-working agents serve their clients in Saginaw, Shiawassee and Genesee counties as well as across the state of Michigan and have received many accolades for their efforts including individual top producer awards. The brokerage also

employs administrative assistant, Maureen Lerner. Ron Ebenhoeh, a licensed mortgage originator with Metro Mortgage, also has an office at the Stone House Inn.

The Ebenhoeh family is well-known in Chesaning for being actively involved in the community. As an example, Howard has served as the Chamber of Commerce Board President, is on the board of the Saginaw County Agricultural Society and worked with the Flaming Pistons Classic Cars to begin the Chesaning Car Show. Denise served as the Showboat Committee for five years including acting as the Showboat Chairperson. The whole family was involved in Candlelight Walk for many years and trained in customer service at the Heritage House under the watchful eye of Howard's mother, Bonnie Ebenhoeh. They continue to support many events and organizations in our area and the Chamber wishes them many more years of professional and personal success!



**Anniversary Notes:**  
**Did you know that the Village of Chesaning was incorporated in 1869 with the first election of officers held on April 12 of the same year? Happy 150th, Village of Chesaning!**

## New April Calendar Additions!



Presented by  
**Broad Street Events**  
**Sunday, April 28**  
**9am-11am**  
 \$10 per person,  
 kids 2 and under are free.

**American Legion Post 212, 15053 McKeighan Road**

Enjoy a fun pancake breakfast with visits from your favorite princesses and superheroes! The event will include activities for the kids as well as plenty of face time with their favorite characters. Face painting, balloon animals and more!

Proceeds benefit Broad Street Events, the Market off Broad and the Movies on Broad. Pay at door, no advance sales.

Breakfast menu to include pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs.

Event information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2278642215709241/>

**Cheers to 80 years!**  
**Deck Party**  
**Fundraiser for Youth Exchange**  
 Help us celebrate 80 years of Rotary in Chesaning and support a good cause!  
**Monday, April 29 from 5:00 to 8:00p.m.**  
 Spend an evening on the deck at Riverfront Grille and help us raise funds for Youth Exchange in Chesaning.  
 Our Rotary bartenders will serve you on the deck.  
 50/50 Raffle • Specialty Drinks  
 Good Times!

**Riverfront Grille**  
 ...Food, Friends, Fun

**Rotary Club of Chesaning**



## Chamber Gift Certificate Updates For Members

Thank you to our members who participate in our Chamber Gift Certificate program! We hope that this membership benefit continues to bring customers to you and encourages residents to always think local first.

Please note that we have had an update to our Gift Certificate program. If you have previously redeemed your Chamber Gift Certificates when making a deposit with the PNC Bank branch in Chesaning, this will affect you. As you know, that branch will be closing on May 17, and like many of you, this new development has required the Chamber to make changes to our checking accounts. Our

new Gift Certificate account will be housed at the Citizens Bank Chesaning branch.

As always, you may bring any redeemed Gift Certificates to the Chamber office and we will reimburse you with a check, or credit your chamber account towards sponsorships, dues or any other outstanding invoices.

Please note that we will be asking PNC Bank to stop accepting Chamber Gift Certificates for deposit from our members after April 30, 2019 so that we can fully transition our account to Citizens Bank before May 17, 2019. We appreciate your patience as we make these changes.

## Let's Golf!

The Chamber Golf Committee is hard at work planning another fun golf outing to support Chesaning High School seniors with Chamber scholarships! We have had a great out-pouring of support from chamber members with sponsorships and door prizes but still need help from a few more to round out the event. Don't forget that as a Hole sponsor, your name will grace the back of our Golf Outing t-shirts and a sign will be placed at your sponsored hole announcing your support. Putting green sponsors are listed on a sign at the contest hole and gift sponsors are announced during the end-of-outing prize give-away. All of our sponsors will receive public acknowledgement on social media and advertising.

Now that spring is here and Twin Brooks Golf Course is open for business again, you can call them at 845-6403 to register your team of four players! Not a golfer but want to join the fun? We always need a handful of volunteers at the event to help everything run smoothly and to monitor the games. Give the Chamber office a call at 845-3055 or reach out to Ron Poyer, the Golf Committee chairman by email at [ronald.poyer@hrblock.com](mailto:ronald.poyer@hrblock.com).

Last but not least, we appreciate any requests to Mother Nature for a beautiful, sunny day for the event!



## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



**Twin Brooks Golf Course**  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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*

- **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*

## Chesaning Area Ministerial Association



### Annual Good Friday Service

Theme: *People Along the Way to the Cross*

7:00 PM April 19, 2019  
 Trinity United Methodist Church  
 1629 Brady St.  
 Chesaning, MI 48616

For further information please contact:  
 Pastor Tim Woycik  
 989 845-3157

## Chesaning Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 20  
 Start 10 a.m.  
 Location: Showboat Park  
 Children Ages: 1 thru 11



## Easter Egg Hunt

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

16070 W Brady Rd Oakley, MI 48649, Corner of M-57 and Hemlock Road

April 20, 2019  
 10:30 AM  
 Birth to 6th Grade

Short Easter Presentation  
 Goodie Bag to take home  
 Drawing for a Door Prize

## Showboat RESTAURANT

In the ♥ of Chesaning

### Easter Day Breakfast Menu 2019

Easter Breakfast Bar 8 am – Noon

Serving your favorites including scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, potatoes, potato pancakes, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruits, pastries, pancakes & waffles, all you care to eat \$9.99

### Easter Dinner 11 am – 5 pm

All dinners served with your choice of potato and the salad bar unless indicated\*

- Baked or Fried Chicken, seconds on us \$11.99
- Roast Turkey, with all the fixings, seconds on us \$11.99
  - Prime Rib 12oz \$16.99
  - 16oz \$19.99
- North Atlantic Salmon; Mesquite or Bourbon \$13.99
- Stuffed Pork Tenderloin \$13.99
- Dearborn Ham \$11.99
- Coconut Shrimp with our Orange Marmalade Sauce \$14.99

\*Lasagna served with Salad Bar and Garlic Bread \$13.99

# Spring Fling

# Bingo

20 Games — Money Prizes  
 \$2.00 per card- collected at entrance

2 Cover All Bingos — Money Prizes  
 \$.50 per card or 3 cards for \$1.00

Sunday, **April 28, 2019 @ 6pm**  
 Doors open at 5:30

## St Peter Parish Hall

803 Church St. Chesaning  
 All proceeds go to the C.A.E.R. Center

Sponsor:  
 Christian Service Commission



**Raffle Winners:**

**March 27**

**Ben Mulder**

**Drawn by**

**Mike Brady,**

**Granny's Kitchen**

**April 10**

**Mike & Breonna Rowe**

**Drawn by**

**Rebecca Frawley &**

**Charlette Hoten of**

**Advanced Eyecare &**

**Contact Lens Center**

**National Day of Prayer Breakfast Returns!**

The Chesaning Area Ministerial Association is once again inviting you to attend their National Day of Prayer Breakfast. Last year's event was well received with participants enjoying a delicious breakfast buffet and starting their day in faith and fellowship as

leaders of the community shared short scripture verses, prayers and heartfelt comments. With the turmoil and confusion in today's world, we encourage you to consider sharing in this positive and uplifting morning with your colleagues and neighbors.

*The Ministerial Association cordially invites you to attend*

***National Day of Prayer Leadership Breakfast***  
**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

**Doors open at 7:00AM, Opening Prayer at 7:30AM**  
**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 Monday, April 29*

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*Sponsored by Nelson House Funeral Homes-Martin Chapel*



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