

Monthly Business Connection

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Make Summer Memories

As we move through the patriotic holidays of summer, I am struck by the thought of how fortunate we are to live in America and all of the blessings that we are so lucky to take for granted. Our community enjoys safety, employment opportunities and a hometown atmosphere where everyone knows and helps their neighbors. During these slower-paced months, it is important to stop and reflect on our close-knit community, but also on our own families. As the parent of a student looking forward to graduation in 2019, it amazes me how fast life flies by, so I encourage you and your families to spend quality time reconnecting during these warmer months. The upcoming summer activities in the Chesaning area are a great time to make memories before the summer passes us by.

Fireworks are just around the corner and this year we are excited to

present the "Little Sparks" Play Area that is being organized by our nonprofit organizations. Many thanks to our Fireworks committee for their efforts to keep this event fresh and growing every year! We also appreciate the financial support of our sponsors: Broad Street Events, Chabut State Farm, Giesken's Flooring and Cabinetry, H & R Block, Sovis Insurance and The Silver Thimble. And we need to mention Wolverine Fireworks Display who puts together a fantastic show for us. They are celebrating their 40th year in business and are considered the largest and most experienced fireworks display company in Michigan.

Enjoy all that Chesaning has to offer this summer and make some hometown memories with your family!

Gregory C. Bruff

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Greg Bruff, President

Fireworks

Thursday, June 28th Showboat Park

*** NEW THIS YEAR **

 "Little Sparks Zone" with Activities for Children 10 and Under
 More Food Vendors/Food Trucks

More Food Vendors/Food TrucksMusic by the Jordan River Band

Only \$5 Per Vehicle!

For More Information, Call 989-845-3055





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Member News & Community Highlights

- Did you know that Saginaw County Parks is bringing their Project Recreation Playdates (mobile recreation programs) to Showboat Park this summer? They will offer "Build It" on July 18, "SuperSize Fun" on August 1 and "Gaga Ball" on August 29 with all programs starting at 10am. Visit www.saginawcounty.com/parks for more information!
- Recently, Memorial Healthcare celebrated their many accomplishments in 2017 at their Founders' Day Breakfast, highlighting two da Vinci surgical robots, new treatment options for multiple sclerosis, new urgent care location in Durand and outpatient pharmacy in Owosso, as well as their continued partnership with CMU's College of Medicine and their 2016 economic impact of over \$83 million in local purchases, payroll and labor costs!
- Press Release: Edward Jones and the Alzheimer's Association® Receive Halo Award for Corporate Social Responsibility and Cause Marketing; click here for more!
- 32nd District State Senator Ken Horn announces June office hours in Chesaning:
 Monday, June 25, 11 am 1 pm at
 Chesaning Nursing Care Center, 201 S.
 Front Street. "I look forward to meeting
 with folks from the Chesaning area and
 hearing concerns that any residents of the
 district may have. Please feel free to drop
 in. No appointment is necessary."
- Did you know that Easton Church of Christ boasts their own band called Easton Express? They play for many senior care facilities but are available for any event and will be opening for Three Men and a Tenor this July at Showboat Park. Learn more at www.theeastonexpress.com!

May
Chamber Statistics:
We received
128 Phone Calls,
518 Emails &
63 Visitors



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30pm Village Council	4 OFFICE CLOSED Happy ** Amof luly!	5 Chesaning Township Board Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
8	9 Cha	10 mber Office Closed—Tentati 1pm Drummunity! at the River Rapids Library	ive Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	12 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am	13	14 Car Show 10am-2pm 8am MULA Freedom Fly Free Community Supper at Trinity 5-7pm
15 Dawn Patrol Fly In Breakfast 7-11am Kiwanis Kids 5K 9am	16	17 7:30pm Village Council	18 Project Recreation at Showboat Park 10am 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/ Social Night 7pm Library Book Club	19	20 ETA Jake Slater at Amphitheater 7pm	21 Three Men & a Tenor at Amphitheater 7pm
22	23	24 7:30am Task Force Meeting	25 Noon Chamber Raffle	26	27	28
29	30	31 Saginaw County Fair Begins!		Repeating Meetings/Events: •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		

Tri-County Citizen 35 Years of Headlines

Media has evolved rapidly over the past several years with the advent of cell phones and tablets, social media and online news outlets, but our tried-and-true hometown newspaper is still the best source for local news and meaningful stories about our community. The Tri-County Citizen has been working hard for the past 35 years to be the constant voice of Chesaning, Montrose, New Lothrop and St. Charles, covering everything from village and township meetings, local sports and school achievements, events and even controversial topics.

The Tri-County Citizen is part of the View Newspaper Group, an organization that has been serving readers of their 16 hometown papers for the past 15 years. The Chesaning office of the Tri-County Citizen houses reporters Jeanne Marcello and Mandilee Hecht,

sales representatives Lorraine DeHues and Lenny LeFever, office administrators Heidi Russell and Heather Eickholt and editor Keith Salisbury. General manager Jane Vanderpoel and circulation manager Fred Hattendorf round out the staff.

Did you know that, in addition to offering advertising for businesses, a community bulletin board for local events and organizations and publishing local news stories, the Tri-County Citizen also offers printing services? Your chamber office relies on their expertise and commitment to quality for the chamber's raffle tickets, brochures and other marketing materials.

The Chamber tips our hat to the management and staff of the Tri-County Citizen for 35 years of keeping our community informed and connected! Congratulations and keep up the great work!

40 Years + for Advanced Eye Care & Contact Lens Center

Happy belated 40th Anniversary to Advanced Eye Care of Chesaning! Our Chamber records indicated that the milestone was this year, but we recently discovered that Dr. David Duryea started the practice in 1977 (the business joined the chamber in 1978)... so thank you, Dr. Duryea for 40 years of membership and support for the Chamber! Regardless of the date, we don't want Advanced Eye Care & Contact Lens Center to wait another 4 years without us showing a little appreciation and sharing a bit about this great eye care practice.

As mentioned, Dr. Duryea launched the business in 1977 and added locations in St. Charles and Owosso in 1980 and 2004, respectively. Currently, Dr. Duryea, Dr. Ted Billy and Dr. Leslie Delemeester work with a dedicated staff to care for the eye health of their patients at the three locations. Some of the long-time employees at Advanced Eye Care include financial manager Diane Fielbrandt (1989), certified optician Sandy Horger (1995) who is the optical lab manager, and optometric assistant Kay Gewirtz (1999).

In addition to routine eye exams, Advanced Eye Care offers consultations for Lasik eye surgery,

co-management for cataract surgery, management and treatment for glaucoma patients and treatment of eye emergencies, infections, and diseases. They also have the ability to make glasses on-site at their Chesaning location in their

edging lab. To best serve their patients, they accept several types of insurances and payments as well as offering convenient online appointment scheduling.

Once again, the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes to congratulate everyone at Advanced Eye Care for more than 40 years of business success and dedicated care for the eye health of their patients! We "see" you as a great asset to our community and wish you continued growth and longevity!



The new Owosso location of Advanced Eye Care (above) opened one year ago on June 17, 2017

Summer Reading Rocks in Chesaning

Local students have escaped school for a well-deserved break but there's no need for learning to take a back seat this summer! Have you heard about the "Big Rockin' Book Bus" launched by the Chesaning Union School District? This project was conceived by Michelle Schroeder, Literacy Coach at Big Rock Elementary, is supported by several community businesses, organizations and individuals, and will travel around the district this summer delivering free lunches and free books! Read more about the Book Bus story and view it's schedule at the school website: www.chesaningschools.net/District/Portal/book-bus

River Rapids District Library wants to remind you that "Libraries Rock", too, and invite you to sign up on June 14 for their summer reading programs for children and teens. They have a full schedule of summer fun planned with events including animals, art, music and even chocolate! Check out their programs online by clicking www.riverrapidslibrary.org/.



Early Deadline To Be Included in Candlewalk Brochure

With summer underway it is sometimes difficult to focus our thoughts on Thanksgiving and Christmas activities but planning ahead results in success! During the summer months, there are many behind-the-scenes jobs that happen to ensure that, when November rolls around, we are ready to present a great kick-off to the holiday season. For example, supplies for the luminaries that line the streets are already being purchased, music groups are being solicited and soon National Honor Society students will be wrapping Santa's Surprise gifts at the chamber!

Volunteers are starting to make plans for the marketing brochure that will list the in-

formation and schedule of events for the Christmas Candlelight Walk. It seems early to ask, but please let the Chamber office know by July 31st if you'd like to be a financial supporter this year (\$100 or more) so that we can include your name in the sponsor section of the brochure, which will be distributed both locally as well as throughout the state of Michigan at MDoT Welcome Centers. Later this fall, we will send information about sponsoring a tree, wreath or gift at the Festival of Trees. Your contributions go a long way to making the Chesaning Candlelight Walk the premiere event that the community and visitors look forward to for the past 35 years!

Chesaning Christmas Candlelight Walk Sponsorship Form



Donors contributing \$100 or more in financial support or in-kind donations will be listed in the 35th Annual Christmas Candlelight Walk brochure which is distributed throughout the state of Michigan.

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Contact Name:	
Company Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone ·	

Please write check or money order made payable to: "Chesaning Chamber of Commerce" with "Candlewalk Sponsor" noted in the memo line and mail to PO Box 83, Chesaning, MI 48616. Questions? Call 989-845-3055.

Coming Attractions!



CHESANING DAWN PATROL

50G Airport - 204. S. 4th St. Chesaning, MI 48616

Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 7:00 - 11:00 AM



Airplane rides - \$30

- Radio controlled aircraft
- Lifeguard helicopter
- Custom WWII dog tags
- KIDS! Face painting, clowns, Sawdust
 Santa toys and the
 Famous PLANE TRAIN!

Adults: \$8.00
Kids age 5-12: \$4.00
Kids 4 &under: free
scrambled eggs, sausage,
Pancakes, Juice & Coffee



50G - HOWARD NIXON MEMORIAL AIRPORT COORDINATES: 43-11.00 N/084 - 08.00 W

NOTAM: CTAF 122.9 NO FUEL AVAILABLE

Caution both runways in use, watch for crossing traffic.







The Amphitheater is a symbol of Chesaning history and is proudly decorated with a barn quilt in Chesaning's School colors. It is displayed at a visible location for visitors to the park. It was painted by Kay Pullman Harrison who lives in Lansing, MI."

Neil Pullman





Contact: 989-845-5706 for event information

Raffle Winners:

May 23
Cori Amman
Drawn by
Troy Feltman,
Village Administrator

June 13
Marty Horger
Drawn by
Heidi Russell,
Tri-County Citizen



Meet Your Chamber Ambassadors

Did you know that the Chamber has started a new Ambassador program this year? We have enlisted the help of two chamber member employees who know the community well and are eager to be an additional resource for their fellow members. They will be present at Chamber events, ribbon cuttings and other community happenings to help represent the Chamber and spread goodwill.

A key function of the Ambassadors' position is to act as a liaison between the Chamber office and our business and nonprofit membership. You can look forward to hearing from our ambassadors from time to time and we hope you will share your honest opinions, questions and ideas with them so that your board of directors and staff can serve you better. You can expect to hear from one of these two dedicated ladies this summer:



Angie Wenzlick is employed as a restorative aide and medical records employee at Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and has worked at the facility for the past 14 years. She is married and has a 7 year old son

named Denver who keeps her busy with all of his activities. Angie grew up in Chesaning and moved to St. Charles in October of 2007. Her family enjoys the great outdoors and spend time together hunting, fishing, camping, kayaking, riding ATV's, and more.

Carol Perry is a real estate agent with Chesaning Realty. She decided to give real estate a try after the factory where she was previously employed closed in 2006. After she obtained her real estate license, she began



working with Lori Asterbury at House Keys Real Estate and they eventually decided to open Chesaning Realty in 2017.

Carol is originally from Elsie but moved to the area in 1987 with her husband of 31 years, Tom, and together they have two married children and three grandchildren who all live nearby in Chesaning and Oakley. In 1996 Tom and Carol moved into his childhood home in the village of Chesaning. Carol is a member of the Lions Club and the Oakley Bike Run Association treasurer.

Welcome to the team, Angie and Carol! We appreciate your involvement!

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