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## Home-Grown Entrepreneurship

In my conversations with our chamber director, Kate, she has brought to my attention a series of telephone calls that she has received this summer requesting services in our community that are not currently offered by existing businesses (as far as we know!) Requests have included window-washing services, canoe and kayak rentals and transportation, Mexican restaurants and more. With the available retail space in our downtown area and the surrounding community, our strong schools and family-oriented atmosphere, we have a lot of opportunity to offer aspiring business owners.

Hearing about the desire and need for these additional services in Chesaning tells me that there is room for growth in our village. As a business owner or resident in Chesaning, what conversations have you had about local business possibilities? Current business owners are in a great position to inspire and mentor budding entrepreneurs, along with the services offered by our Great Lakes Bay Region Michigan Small Business Development Cen-

ter at the Delta College Corporate Services office in University Center ([SBDCMichigan.org](http://SBDCMichigan.org) or 989-686-9597).

If someone approaches you for advice or with an idea about a new business, don't be afraid to take them under your wing! Your experience and commitment to our community will go a long way in helping Chesaning and the surrounding area continue to grow.

We had a fantastic turn out for our fireworks display and I want to thank the fireworks committee, all of the volunteers and our generous sponsors for making it a great event for our residents and visitors alike. We are already discussing next year's display and welcome your ideas to make it even better.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and spend time with family and friends before the busy days of fall and back-to-school are upon us.

Talk to you next month!

*Gregory C. Bruff*

Board of Directors President  
 989-845-7699-work or 989-280-4838-cell

## Thank You, Annette!

Chamber Board of Directors member, Annette George, will be leaving her position as the Administrator of Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for new opportunities after August 6. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors and would like to say **thank you** for her contributions to the chamber and community! In accordance with our Chamber By-Laws, her position will be filled by action of the President and approved by the Board of Directors at our August board meeting. Thanks again, Annette... you will be missed!



*Greg Bruff,  
 President*

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## Member News & Community Highlights

- UNITED FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION OFFERS FREE SEMINAR: Social Security and Your Retirement:** What are the rules for starting your Social Security benefits? How do spouses coordinate their benefits? Are there different routes to take that could potentially increase your benefits? How do you decide where Social Security fits within your retirement plans? The workshop will be held **August 22 from 6-7pm** at 4685 State St. Saginaw, MI Seminar has limited space! Please contact the Credit Union at 989-777-3620 or marketing@unitedfinancialcu.org to register!
- Summer Step-up Blood Drive at St Peter Parish Hall, Wednesday, July 18, Noon - 6:00pm.** If the youth group signs up 20 or more donors, for every person who attempts to donate blood, Michigan Blood

will make a contribution of \$10 to the St. Peter Parish Youth Group. Please call 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) or visit <https://www.versiti.org/ways-to-give/our-communities/michigan> to schedule your appointment.

- The **State Bank** recently announced the promotion of two employees to new positions. Our own Chesaning Branch Manager and Chamber Board of Directors member, **Stephanie Domina**, has been promoted to Officer and will be responsible for normal day-to-day branch activity and employee growth, as well as the facilitation of mortgage renewals. **Brooke Jansen** has been promoted to Retail Assistant Vice President and will manage all retail operations in the Great Lakes Bay Region branches. Click their names to read their full stories!

**June Chamber Statistics:**  
**We received**  
**101 Phone Calls,**  
**376 Emails &**  
**69 Visitors**



## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Repeating Meetings/Events:</b> •Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays, Riverfront Grille •Am. Legion Queen of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesdays at 8pm, Pintown •Kiwaniis Meets at 7am on Wednesdays except on 3rd week when they meet at 7pm, Riverfront Grille			1 PlayDate in Showboat Park 10am—'SuperSize Fun!'	2 Chesaning Township Board Meeting 7:30pm	3 Movies on Broad 8pm	4
Saginaw County Fair July 31—August 4						
5	6 Blood Drive @ Trinity Noon-5:45pm	7 7:30pm Village Council	8 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	9 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am Game-Maker @ Library 6pm	10	11 Free Community Supper at Trinity 5-7pm In-Stitches Knitting @ Library 11am
12	13	14 Candlewalk Committee Meeting 5:45pm	15 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/Social Night 7pm Library Book Club	MMOGTA Show August 16 (preview date) - 19		18
19 MMOGTA Show	20 Chesaning Sportplane Meeting 6:30pm	21 7:30pm Village Council	22 Noon Chamber Raffle	23 New Lothrop School Year Begins	24 Movies on Broad 8pm	25
26	27	28 7:30am Task Force Meeting	29 PlayDate in Showboat Park 10am—'Gaga Ball'	30	31	31

"By working faithfully 8 hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work 12 hours a day." ~Robert Frost

## Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Village Sales & Service

Chesaning has many family businesses that have stood the test of time, and Village Sales & Service can share in that legacy! Here is the story of their journey in their own words:

*Village Sales and Service opened its doors in September of 1973. It was originally owned and operated by Gail Robinette and Stan Ketchum as an auto body repair and car sales center.*

*In 1978 Gail and his wife, Maxine Robinette, became the sole owners. Several members of the Robinette family worked and contributed to the business' success.*

*Over the past 45 years, Village Sales has branched into renting U-Hauls and selling Mopeds but has always offered a 24-hour towing service. In 1984, a 34-unit storage facility was added to the business.*

*Today, Dan and Diane Robinette own and operate the business. Jean (Robinette) Krupp runs the office and Scott Fall handles tow truck calls.*

*Village Sales is proud to serve Chesaning and the surrounding areas.*

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes Dan, Diane, Jean and Scott all the best as they carry on a family tradition of great service and community support! Village Sales has been a loyal sponsor of the Chesaning Candlelight Walk Festival of Trees and a valued member of our chamber for many years!

Congratulations!



## SCAS/Saginaw County Fair Celebrates 105 Years!

Yes, the Saginaw County Fair logo states that the fair has been in operation since 1914, but technically it all began in 1913! The Saginaw County Agricultural Society was formed that year to begin preparations for an agricultural expo in Saginaw County. The SCAS has operated as a membership-based, non-profit organization for 105 years now, holding a fair every summer to the delight of Saginaw County residents and visitors.

The original location of the fair was at the intersection of Genesee and Webber on Saginaw's East Side. The fair moved to its current location in Chesaning in 2002 and their current facilities cover almost 60 acres with 20 acres of parking as well as camping. Several events are held at the fairgrounds annually including the festivals, rodeos, animal shows, swap meets & Santa's Village.

Along with the SCAS, we celebrate the Saginaw Valley Agricultural Association (SVAA), the sister organization to SCAS, which was formed when the fair moved to Chesaning. The SVAA acts as a charitable

fundraising group for the Fair and, as a full 501(c) (3), can apply for grants and participate in fundraising activities not open to other types of organizations. They also support scholarships for students studying in agricultural-related fields. The 11 member SVAA Board includes: President • Howard Ebenhoeh, Vice President • Lewis Dodak, Treasurer • Thomas Garikes, Secretary • Teresa Crook, Keith Valentine, Katie Albosta Kelly, Frances Sloan, Mike Marzluft, Jennifer Spike, Neil French and Patti Copes.

We are looking forward to another busy and fun Fair week in Chesaning, starting Tuesday, July 31 and running through Saturday, August 4. Admission is just \$10 Tuesday - Thursday and \$15 on Friday and Saturday. A full week Mega Passes is only \$40. This year's Grandstand events include Dog Agility Demonstrations, Unique Motor Sports Demolition Derby, Motocross, Gas Guzzy Monster Truck Thrill Show and Lost Nations Rodeo. More information can be found at the website: [www.saginawcountyfair.org](http://www.saginawcountyfair.org).



*"Make sure people are a little happier when they leave than when they came in." ~Unknown*

## New Chamber Office Hours Begin July 30

In anticipation of the opening of the Community Services Building (former Chamber building), we have decided to change our office hours to align better with the Village and to offer expanded afternoon service to our members. Effective July 30, the Chamber will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30am—4:00pm, and closed on Fridays.

Please note that there will be times when the Chamber office is closed so that Kate can attend meetings or visit members and new businesses. As before, a note will be posted in the Chamber office window with an anticipated return time.

We hope these new hours help you have better access to the Chamber office!

## Welcome New Associate Member: Civil Air Patrol

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes to welcome our newest member, Civil Air Patrol – Owosso Composite Squadron.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a congressionally chartered, federally supported, non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Their mission is to support America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space and cyber power. According to their website, CAP “has one of the largest single-engine piston aircraft fleets in the world, operating 560 powered planes that fly about 100,000 hours annually in support of search and rescue, disaster relief, air defense, cadet orientation flights and Air Force-assigned missions.” There are volunteer opportunities for adults in CAP, with or without aviation experience, as well as a youth cadet program for students age 12-18 that focuses on aerospace education, leader-

ship and search and rescue training. CAP recently celebrated 75 years in operation!

Locally, the Owosso Composite Squadron of CAP’s Michigan Wing meets on Tuesdays from 6-8:30pm at the Owosso Community Airport, 205 Airport Rd, Owosso. They are lead by Squadron Commander 1st Lieutenant John Orme and can be found volunteering and offering aerospace demonstrations at many local activities including Young Eagle events, the Owosso Home and Business Expo, Chesaning Fireworks and more. Cadets enjoy powered and glider orientation flights as one of the perks of being involved with CAP, and the Owosso Squadron’s claim to fame is their beloved glider operations which are attended by other Squadrons throughout the state. For more information, check them out at [www.mi002.miwg.cap.gov](http://www.mi002.miwg.cap.gov), on Facebook under the name [Owosso Composite Squadron - Michigan Wing, Civil Air Patrol](#), or call Commander Orme at 810.282.8200.



### 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.

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 by July 31 to PO Box 83, Chesaning, MI 48616. Questions? Call 989-845-3055.



**ETA Jake Slater**  
 Twice Winner of Saginaw King Fest  
 Chesaning Amphitheater 807 S Front St  
 Friday July 20, 2018 @ 7:00 - 10:00 PM



Opening performance by Local Artists  
 Adults \$10, Students \$6 (No Credit Card Sales at the Gate)  
 Call 989-845-5706 for more information  
 A benefit event for maintenance of the Amphitheater

**THE THREE MEN AND A TENOR SHOW**



**CHESANING AMPHITHEATER**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 21st, 2018**  
**WWW.THREEMENANDATENOR.COM**  
 Opening Act by Easton Express, 7:00 pm  
 Tickets: \$15 for Adults, \$10 for ages 18 & younger  
 www.brownpapertickets.com | CITY: "Chesaning" | DATE: "All"  
 Contact: 989-845-5706 for event information



**Classic Car Show**  
 Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
 3 pm - 7 pm  
 Chesaning Comfort Care  
 1800 W. Brady Road  
 Chesaning, MI 49816



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**SAGINAW COUNTY**  
 EST. 1914  
**FAIR**

July 31st - August 4th  
 11350 Peet Rd  
 989.845.2143  
 View the 2018 Fair Guide  
 online at  
[saginawcountyfair.org](http://saginawcountyfair.org)



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**Blood Drive**  
**Trinity**  
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**Monday, August 6, 2018**  
**12:00 PM to 5:45 PM**

Sponsored by Lippert Components, Chesaning Nursing & Rehab Center, and Trinity United Methodist Church.

To schedule an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 (sponsor code: CHESANING) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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**MOVIES ON BROAD**

All movies begin at 8:00 P.m. in the Ace Hardware parking lot.  
 In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown the following Sunday.  
 For more information visit [www.broadstreetevents.org](http://www.broadstreetevents.org)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND**  
**SMURFS THE LOST VILLAGE**  
 JOIN US BEFORE THE SHOW FOR KING SIZED CANDY BAR BINGO!

**FRIDAY, JULY 20TH**  
**TMNT OUT OF THE SHADOWS**  
 JOIN US BEFORE THE SHOW FOR THE BIG ROCKIN BOOK BUS!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD**  
**THE PRINCESS BRIDE**  
 JOIN US BEFORE THE SHOW FOR FUN ACTIVITIES

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH**  
**COCO**  
 JOIN US BEFORE THE SHOW FOR FUN ACTIVITIES

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**Raffle Winners:**

June 27

Cassie Harris

Drawn by

Eve Griffin,

Chesaning NHS Student

July 11

Ron O'Connor

Drawn by

Jean Krupp

Village Sales & Service

**Networking Night: Mentoring Chesaning's Youth**

Laura Greenfelder and her creative staff are wonderful advocates of our local youth, employing many high school students and challenging them with a rigorous interview process for the opportunity. Enjoy an evening of conversation and brain-storming with her

and representatives of the Chesaning Union School District as we explore ways to mentor our local students through internships, volunteer opportunities and by supporting education programs offered by Chesaning High School. Hope to see you there!



The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend

*Chamber Member Networking Night*  
***Mentoring Chesaning's Youth***

**Monday, August 20, 2018 - 5:00PM to 7:00PM**  
**Creative Passions Retreat Center, 710 W. Broad Street**

*Join fellow chamber members including representatives of the Chesaning Union School District as we discuss how best to mentor and provide opportunities for our local students to enhance their "soft skills", research careers and encourage their future involvement in our business community.*

*This event is free to Chesaning Chamber of Commerce members  
Courtesy of Creative Passions Crop & Quilt Retreats  
Short program presented at 6pm, facility tours will be available.*



Light refreshments provided featuring Cavity Crave  
Please RSVP by August 15  
989-845-3055 - info@chesaningchamber.org



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