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Student Success = Community Success

Thank you once again to the generous sponsors of our annual Chamber Golf Outing. It is with your continuing support that we are able to give two \$500 scholarships to deserving Chesaning High School seniors every year. In addition to the Chamber scholarships, our area students have many opportunities to apply for assistance to help further their education in the form of scholarships and grants offered by local organizations and individuals.

Scholarships are just one of the methods that our community can support educating our future workforce. But what else can our Chamber members do to help give our students the skills that they need to become valued employees and business leaders?

Have you ever considered creating an intern position for high school or early college-aged students who may have an interest in your business or non-profit field? Have you opened dialog with our area schools to offer student mentoring opportunities? What else can you brainstorm to help prepare our students for the needs of today's workforce?

In our conversations with chamber business members, a common theme is the difficulty of finding qualified workers. Perhaps becoming actively involved in the education and mentorship of our students would be the best way to "grow our own". You could be helping your own business by creating your succession plan and ensuring that

your company's reputation and work ethic is carried forward.

In closing, our local businesses and organizations do a fantastic job of helping to support our students' futures with scholarships, but let's think about other ways we can be a resource to our students and educators. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please let the Chamber office know or reach out to the local school administrators. Together, we can work towards a bright future for both our students and our business community.

Congratulations, Class of 2018!

Gregory C. Bruff

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 23rd Annual Golf Outing



Twin Brooks Golf Course Sunday, May 20rd, 2018 Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Fee \$60 per person

(Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch & beverages) Call Twin Brooks Golf Course to Register 989-845-6403

- 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

Greg Bruff, President

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April

Member News & Community Highlights

- Thank you to Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for hosting office hours for State Representative Ben Frederick on April 16! Everyone in attendance enjoyed the comfortable meeting space and tasty treats, as well as great conversation with Representative Frederick.
- **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 State Bank now offers innovative free rewards checking accounts including Kasasa Cash, Kasasa Tunes and Kasasa Saver. Identity theft protection is available as an add-on service to the accounts as well. For more information, stop by your local branch of The State Bank or read the press release ONLINE!
- On April 17, Doug Misiuk of Misiuk Funeral Home was sworn in as President Elect of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association at their 139th Annual Convention in Mt. Pleasant. Bernie Schmitz was also among the individuals honored for having given 40 years of service to his profession. Mr. Schmitz, and his wife Cathy, are the new owners of Misiuk Funeral Home.

Chamber Statistics: We received 107 Phone Calls, 422 Emails & **79 Visitors**



Congratulations, Class of 2018! Chesaning High School seniors celebrate with Baccalaureate at 3pm and Awards at 7pm on Sunday, May 20 and Commencement at 7pm on May 24. Good Luck!

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Am. Legion Queen 	at noon on Tuesdays, River of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesc am on Wednesdays except	lays at 8pm, Pintown			1	2 Gypsy Goddess Summer Festival at Fairgrounds 11am-6pm
3 Gypsy Goddess Summer Festival at Fairgrounds 11am-5pm	4	5 7:30pm Village Council	6 8am Chamber Marketing Meeting	7 Chesaning Township Board Meeting 7:30pm	8	9 Free Community Supper at Trinity 5-7pm
10	11	12 5:45pm Candlewalk Meeting	13 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	14 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am	15	16
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	18 6:30pm School Board Meeting 6:30pm Chesaning Sport Plane Meeting	19 7:30pm Village Council	20 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/ Social Night 7pm Book Club at Library	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30am Task Force Meeting	27 Noon Chamber Raffle	Fireworks in Showboat Park	29	30

Patricia Rehmann, Attorney At Law Celebrates 35 Years

Patricia Rehmann shares her 35-year journey in her own words:

Even though I can't possibly surpass my brothers, Ric and Rob, and sister-in-law, Nancy, at having my office being in business for 99 years as they were able to accomplish, my 35 years isn't too shabby. After spending 5 years teaching school, I decided to change direction. Attending Thomas M. Cooley Law School, a part of Western Michigan University, I graduated in April 1982, took the July 1982 bar examination and began practicing in January 1983. My memberships have included the State Bar of Michigan, Saginaw County Bar Association, DARE Advisory Committee, and Domestic Relations Committee of Saginaw County. My practice evolved into two fields: probate law and domestic/family/

divorce law. It was never planned that way, it just developed.

I have been fortunate enough to have employed honest, hard working and loyal secretaries. At present they are Cathy Gross and Shelly Weisenberger, and Sandy Richardson is a reliable substitute. However, Gretchen Williams-Phillips came on board in 1996 and we worked successfully together until she took a position at Baker College.

If someone would have told me in 1982 that I would be practicing law for 35 years plus, I probably would have said they were dreaming but I would have been wrong. When I look back at the people I have come into contact with over my career, I am kind of amazed. I have been introduced to U.S.

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Easton Church of Christ, 150 Years Young

A century and a half ago, on March 15, 1868, the congregation of Easton Church of Christ was organized by charter members including the Burrough, Haughton, Hurd, Fox, Viets and White families. Charles Haughton was elected the first elder and John Burrough the first Deacon. During those early years, they met at the Rosa and Day Schoolhouses and organized a Sunday School as well as occasional preachers and evangelists who helped their congregation grow.

In January of 1877, a "donation party" held at the home of the church's pastor, Brother W. A. Streator, and a few of the church members decided it was time to erect a church building. The first cornerstone of the church was laid on September 17, 1877 and contained a historical sketch of the church, a New Testament carried by Rev. E. Sias, and a "Roll of Honor" containing the names of 89 parishioners who had each contributed one dollar toward the construction of the church. Finally, on November 24, 1878, the Easton Church of Christ was able to dedicate their new house of worship in a service presided over by Elder John Hurd with assistance from Preachers W. A. Streator and Elias Sias and

elders Massey, Oliphant and McKellar. An evangelistic meeting began after the dedication and continued through December 23rd, 1878, adding another 55 people to the fold!

Today, the church is under the leadership of Preacher Terry Strickler, who was called by the church elders to serve Easton Church of Christ in August of 2015. The church's elders include Phil Steele and Matt Canfield.

Easton Church of Christ is proud to be celebrating 150 years and invites all to take part in their celebration, June 1-3. On Friday, June 1st at 7:30pm, Chris Mulpas, an evangelist who travels the country proclaiming the Good News through song and sermon will be in concert. During the weekend, there will be additional music by Easton Express, worship and great food including BBQ chicken, burgers and hotdogs. Come out and enjoy the country air with your whole family! Watch for details on their Facebook page or call 989-743-5043. Easton Church of Christ is located at 3477 Easton Road, east of State Road.

The Chamber wishes the leaders and congregation of Easton Church of Christ a very happy 150th celebration! Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment!



Celebrating Patricia Rehmann (Continued from Page 3)

Senators, Supreme Court Justices and hundreds of fellow attorneys, and also murderers. Yes the latter, many in fact.

Much of my success, and I guess you could call it that even though it sounds rather pretentious, is giving credit to my parents. They were very instrumental in my educational process from kindergarten through law school.

My 35 years have flown by. I remember the first day of law school like it was yesterday. I must have been anxious to get home because I was stopped for speeding. No, I did not receive a ticket. Maybe the officer felt sorry for me considering where I had spent the day.

My future plans include working a couple of more years. Retirement sounds like a superb idea but I truly enjoy my work and it doesn't bother me if I delay it a little longer.

My grandparents, Ed and Eva Rehmann, purchased a cottage on Lake Huron in 1948 and it remains in the Rehmann family, owned by Bill Rehmann to this day. In 1994 I purchased a condo in Tawas on Tawas Bay. I intend to spend more time there than I do now. Other than that, I enjoy spending time reading, cycling, kayaking, and time with my family, not necessarily in that order.

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes Trish and her staff all the best as they reflect on 35 years of success! Bravo!!

Fireworks Bring Big Fun for Little Sparks

Its hard to believe that we are just over 6 weeks away from our annual fireworks display in Showboat Park on June 28! Already, we are reserving space for food vendor row and collecting donations with our festive coin canisters around town. Would you like to get involved as a sponsor this year or be part of the fun with an activity booth in our Little Sparks Play Area? These two opportunities are a great way to enhance your name recognition as a supporter of this popular event!

Sponsors will be recognized on social media and in the newspaper, as well as receiving 10 free passes with their business name listed to distribute. Our Little Sparks Play Area is an opportunity for our Non-Profit Members to offer entertainment to the younger crowd while displaying marketing material about their organization and recruit new members or volunteers. With either option, we hope you will consider being part of this year's Fireworks in Showboat Park!

Chesaning Chamber of Commerce ~ 2018 Fireworks Sponsorship Form

For a minimum donation of \$100, chamber members will be listed as a sponsor and receive 10 passes to get into the park (a \$50 value) for the show. Give these passes to employees, customers or volunteers to help in promotion of the event and to highlight your business/organization.

Contact Name:	 	
Company Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:		

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

Admission passes will be mailed or delivered as soon as payment is received. Fireworks are scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2018 in Showboat Park!

Thank you! ~ Chesaning Chamber Fireworks Committee



Thank you to

We also appreciate the following businesses for displaying our coin collection canisters for Fireworks donations:

Broad Street Pharmacy
 Hungry Howie's
 M-57 Surplus
 Paxson Oil Marathon
 Possum's Party Store
 Rexall Pharmacy
 Studio 124
 Subway
 United Financial C.U.

Coming Attractions!

~Easton Church of Christ ~ 150th Year Celebration June 1-3, 2018

(Up-to-date information available on the church's Facebook page)

•5:30 PM on Saturday, June 2nd - Pizza party

•7:00 PM on Saturday - Worship with the Easton Express, Tom Taylor,
Chris Mulpas and Preacher D

•10:00 AM on Sunday, June 3rd - Worship with Mark & Lezlee, Chris Mulpas, Tom Taylor, and Preacher D

.12:30 PM on Sunday - Carry-in Dinner

•6:00 PM on Sunday - Worship with Mark & Lezlee, Chris Mulpas, Tom Taylor, and Preacher D.

("Preacher D" is Chuck Doughty from Virginia, a dynamic preacher)
The theme is: "A Vision for the Future"







Raffle Winners:

April 25
George Walker
Drawn by
Angela McCarry &
Shelby Nelson
of Subway

May 9
Melanie Skaryd
Drawn by
Cathy Gross
Of the Law Office of
Patricia Rehmann



Planning for our 35th Annual Christmas Candlelight Walk

Our Candlelight Walk Committee has some fun additions in store for this year's event! Reindeer will be back for photo opportunities and there will be a new Petting Zoo sponsored by The Silver Thimble! Another generous business who has already pledged their support is CenturyLink who has been a great sponsor for many years. This year's brochure is already in discussion, so if you would like to be included as an event sponsor, please be sure to contact the Chamber office soon; deadline information will be announced soon.

Another new addition is our Kringle's Krossing featuring children's activities and vendor booths. The committee is seeking sponsors and vendors to help defray the cost of the children's activities... a \$50 donation will get your business or organization's logo on the reusable shopping bags that we will be purchasing for distribution at Kringle's Krossing to help families carry all of their crafts and purchases at the event. We welcome nonprofit organizations to participate free of charge by hosting an activity booth, be sure to call the chamber office or let a member of the Candlelight Walk Committee know if you'd like to get involved! Businesses may participate for the \$50 sponsor fee.

Other opportunities are still available to help make this a memorable year at the Candlelight Walk. We are still seeking volunteers for the following tasks:

- Christmas Light Crew to handle decorating the trees downtown
- Gingerbread House Coordinator to facilitate delivery of the houses to local schools and distribution of the finished houses to downtown merchants
- Challenge of the Nativity Coordinator who will help plan the locations of the nativity scenes on the boulevard and facilitate the contest
- Do you love photography or are you a photography/marketing student who needs a small internship? Help us with our social media and marketing by acting as the official photographer of the event!
- Music provides the backdrop and sets the mood for the season... we want your church choir, school ensemble or professional group to be part of the show!

Call the chamber office or come to a Candlewalk Committee meeting to find out more... "many hands make light work" and also ensure that the Candlewalk will delight our community for years to come!