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Together We Are Stronger



October is Michigan Chamber of Commerce Month and here at the Chesaning Chamber we have been celebrating our chamber's past, present and future with a marketing campaign on our Facebook page. Our posts have shared memories as well as educational pieces designed to help the public understand the role of the Chamber in the community. If you haven't been following us on Facebook, please take a look at our page and lend your support.

One of the themes of Michigan Chamber of Commerce Month is "Together We Are Stronger", which is certainly true when our members partner for the benefit of the Chesaning area. We celebrated our own partnership with the village at our Community Service Building Ribbon Cutting and



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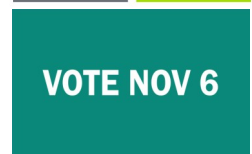
Open House on Tuesday, October 16. Many members contributed to the day; the Rotary Club donated a beautiful crab apple tree, Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and the Village supplied trays of finger foods, and the State Bank brought a lush green indoor plant to brighten the offices. It was a well-attended community affair and we are happy that the project is complete, bringing so many public services into one convenient space.

Finally, strong business communities need a strong work force. Career and Technical Education helps provide students with the training that they need to be ready for in-demand careers in our area and across the state. I urge you to get informed about the 1-mill request for CTE for Saginaw County students. Find out more by visiting the CTE webpage, www.saginawcountyycte.com and make sure your voice is heard by voting on November 6!

Happy Chamber of Commerce Month! Best Regards~

Gregory C. Bruff

Board of Directors President
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Member News & Community Highlights





The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce welcomes new gold business member A-1 Site Development, Inc! Their offices are located at 124 3rd Street in the former United Financial Credit Union building and you can reach them at 989-323-2260. They specialize in commercial excavation, underground utilities, earthwork for new and expanding businesses and more! Check them out at their website below... and thank you, A-1 Site Development, for supporting the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce!

<https://www.a1sitedevelopment.com/>

- American Legion Post 212's famous breakfasts are back on first Sundays from 7:30-11:30. Enjoy pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, hash browns, sausage gravy & biscuits, toast, juice, milk and coffee for only \$8/adults, \$4/children age 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Proceeds to help support local youth programs and community service.
- Chesaning Kiwanis Club has moved their meetings to Tuesdays, 6pm at the Riverfront Grille to accommodate their volunteers who work during the day. The meetings last about 45 minutes and anyone interested is welcome to come!
- It's time for Friday Fish Fry at the K of C Hall again! \$11 Take-Out orders can be picked up any Friday, 5-7:30pm, through the end of the year. Dine-in meals will begin after the New Year!

The new High School sports conference for Chesaning requires bowling teams to be sponsored. A total of \$2000 gives each team member a shirt and supports local scholarships for seniors, as well as paying lane fees. Please contact Jason Hemegesberg at 845-2040 or Phil Larner at 989-295-6467 by Dec. 1st if you are interested in helping.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Repeating Meetings/Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotary Club meets at noon on Tuesdays, Riverfront Grille Am. Legion Queen of Hearts Raffle is on Tuesdays at 8pm, Pintown Kiwanis Meets at 6pm on Tuesdays at Riverfront Grille K of C Take-Out Fish Fry, Fridays 5-7:30pm 				1 Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am Ches Nursing Long Term Care Planning 6pm CACC Fall Banquet 6pm Library Novel Writing 6p Ches. Twp Board 7:30pm	2	3
4 Am. Legion Breakfast 7:30-11:30am	5 Candlelight Walk Meeting 5pm	6 7:30pm Village Council	7 Chamber Marketing Meeting 8am	8 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am Library-Writing a Novel Class, 6-7pm	9	10 In-Stitches Knitting @ Library 11am Trinity Free Community Supper 5pm
11  Turkey Bingo 6-9pm St. Peters Parish Hall	12 Chesaning Area Historical Society Meeting 6:30pm at Museum	13	14 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting 7pm Sports Boosters	15 Zion Luth. Mornings with Mommy-10:30am Library-Writing a Novel Class, 6-7pm	16 Tonight's K of C Take-Out Fish Fry also includes a Bake Sale! 5-7:30pm	17
18	19	20 7:30pm Village Council	21 7pm Library Book Club	22 5th Annual Greg Wirgau 5er's 5k - 8am 	23 Music Boosters and St Peter Parish Craft Shows 10a-5p	24 Music Boosters and St Peter Parish Craft Shows 10a-4p Santa's Village 12-7pm
25 Santa's Village 12-7pm	26	27 7:30am Task Force Meeting	28 Noon Chamber Raffle	29 Library-Writing a Novel Class, 6-7pm	30 35th Annual Christmas Candlelight Walk	

Harris Insurance Celebrates 80 Years

Harris Insurance Agency was established in 1938 by Lloyd C. Harris when he began selling insurance out of his house in Chesaning on Washington Street. Lloyd began his career selling auto insurance for State Farm, fire insurance through Fremont Mutual and wind insurance through State Mutual Cyclone. In those days, one company usually didn't sell multi-line insurance. Throughout the years Harris Insurance has represented several companies and today they service several lines of business including home-owner's, automobile, business, farm, recreational vehicle, and bonds with companies such as Pioneer State Mutual, Frankenmuth Mutual, Safeco Insurance, Progressive Insurance, and Foremost to mention a few.

After Lloyd passed away in 1959 and his son, Elwin assumed the agency, it was moved to a small building that was located next the post office, the same that later housed the Chamber of Commerce!



Photo credit goes to Olli Pesola, a Finnish exchange student to Chesaning in the 1960's

When the business outgrew that location, it moved to what is now Jeff Roy's Barber Shop. Later the agency made its final move across the street. The growth of Harris Insurance can be linked to several purchases, including the Clarence Schaffer Insurance Agency in 1959, the Kennedy Insurance Agency (1962), the Loren McDonagh Insurance Agency (1970), and the Wayne Woodbury Insurance Agency in 1980 (Wayne had purchased the Erwin Blakeslee Insurance Agency so that was included in the Harris portfolio as well).

This Chesaning family-owned business has seen three generations join its staff. Dennis Harris, Elwin's son, came into the agency in 1973 and Elwin's daughter, Jolee (Harris) Dankert joined the agency in 1981. Both continue the tradition of friendly home-town service to this day. Lois Harris, Elwin's wife, also worked for the agency but retired several years ago. Elwin passed away in 2006. Throughout the years the agency has been blessed with wonderful staff including their newest employee, Nancy Chappell, whose sister, Pat Howell, worked for the business back in the 1960's. Pat is pictured in the photo sitting behind a desk.

The Chesaning Chamber congratulates Harris Insurance Agency on generations of success and service to the Chesaning area! Thank you, also, for your support of the community through your Chamber membership!



[Did You Know?](#)
[Trinity Methodist Church's community food ministry is now known as Manna From Heaven! Visit \[www.chesaningtrinityumc.com\]\(http://www.chesaningtrinityumc.com\) for more information!](#)

American Legion's Toys for Kids

The "Toys for Kids" program is up and running again this year. There will be collection boxes for new, unwrapped toys at the following locations in town: Chesaning Ace Hardware, Ed Rehmann & Sons Clothing, Citizen's Bank, Pin Town Pizza & Lanes, PNC Bank, Frank's Supermarket, LaClair Sales, Chesaning Chamber of Commerce Office, Chesaning Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Broad Street Pharmacy, and Mel Ervin Ford.

Please consider donating to this great program. Monetary donations can be sent to the following address: Chesaning American Legion Post 212, ATTN: Toys for Kids, PO Box 521, Chesaning, MI 48616.

Know someone who needs extra help this Christmas? Application information can be found on the [Community Calendar](#) for the weeks of October 22-26 and November 5-9, or by clicking [HERE](#).

"The power of a chamber is directly related to the strength of its ability to connect people."~ Frank Kenny



the road ahead is the reason.

When anything can happen, you should be confident that you're ready for anything.

Contact Us Today:

Ron Stewart & Shaina Schneider
Sovis Insurance Agency
989-845-3400 or 800-968-2080

Monday - Friday
8a - 4:30p



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Halloween Fun For The Little Ones

- Oct. 20, 4-6pm—Trunks of Treats at Christ Lutheran Park
- Oct. 24, 6-7:30pm—Chesaning Comfort Care Trick or Treating
- Oct. 27, Noon-2pm—Trick Or Treat at Chesaning Nursing & Rehab.
- Oct. 31, 6-8pm—1st Church of the Nazarene Trunk or Treat



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CRAFT BAZAAR
2018 CRAFT BAZAAR REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 27, 2018 9 AM - 3 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
1629 W Brady Rd ~ Chesaning

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RAISE THE ROOF

COUNTRY BARN BASH

//SAGINAW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MAIN EXHIBIT HALL//

OCTOBER 20TH, 2018

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM // BAND PLAYS FROM 8PM TO 12AM

LINE DANCING AND BBQ	\$5.00	MECHANICAL BULL RIDING
	ADMISSION	
	PLUS \$5.00	
	ALCOHOL VOUCHERS	JACKPOT FOR THE LONGEST RIDE!

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE

FEATURING MUSIC BY

TWEED & DIXIE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SAGINAW COUNTY FAIR HORSE DEPARTMENT

THE PUBLIC HOUSE'S Halloween Party

October 27th

Doors open at
8:00PM

Contest Begins at
11:30PM

Featuring:
THOSE GUYS DJ SERVICE



Costume Contest
-OVER \$300 IN PRIZES-

Plenty of
DRINK SPECIALS

142 N. SAGINAW ST.
CHESANING, MI. 49816



FOOD AVAILABLE AT



Must be 21 or older to party!

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Riverfront Grille—October 19-20, Friday & Saturday



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Michigan Festivals & Events Association

26th Annual Convention

Budget Now! "THE ART AND BUSINESS OF CELEBRATIONS"

NOVEMBER 8-11, 2018
Boyne Mountain Resort—Boyne Falls, MI



ANNIVERSARY



DATE: THANKSGIVING MORNING, NOVEMBER 22ND
RACE TIME: 8:00am REGISTRATION: 7:00am
LOCATION: SHOWBOAT PARK, CHESANING, MI

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Website: www.racesonline.com/events/5er-s-5k-turkey-trot

You can register at the Chamber of Commerce. Race packet pick up at Riverfront Grille on November 21st from 7-9pm.

Cost: \$25 per participant

Proceeds go to The Greg Wirgau Memorial Scholarship Fund

#5ers5kturkeytrot

Raffle Winners:**September 26****Michael Wheeler****Drawn by****Janet Stoll****Chesaning****Manufacturing****October 10****Mike Bueche****Construction****Drawn by****Jolee Dankert****Harris Insurance****Agency****Opportunities For Education and Inspiration**

- On October 25, the MI-SBDC is presenting a *How to Buy or Sell a Business Workshop*, where consultants and industry experts will share tips, tools, and tactics to help ensure the success of your transaction and the transition process. The workshop will also include a Panel Discussion of industry experts and business buyers and sellers who will share their knowledge and experiences. Lunch and resource materials are included. Registration begins at 8:30AM and conference will conclude at approximately 2:30PM. Register Online at <https://clients.sbdcmichigan.org/workshop.aspx?key=50380076>. The cost is \$75 per attendee but Chamber members pay only \$50 with the discount code PARTNER50!
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- Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is offering a Long Term Care Planning workshop on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 6-8pm. Many topics will be discussed including Wills vs Trusts, Power of Attorney, Taxes and avoiding scams. Call Michigan Estate Planning Law Center at 800-990-6030 to reserve your spot at this valuable seminar!
 - November is NANOWRIMO (National NOvel WRiting MOnth). To help you take on the challenge of writing your own 50,000 word novel, come to River Rapids Library's 'Come Write In' programs each Thursday night from 6-8pm. Encourage and be encouraged as you interact with other NANOWRIMO authors. See <https://nanowrimo.org> for more information.
 - As part of the graduation-required Senior Integrated Project (SIP) class, Chesaning High students complete a project and a corresponding research paper, which are then used in a judged. Would you like to be a panel member in the evaluation of these final presentations? Your Chamber director and several local business members have been involved in past years and find it to be a rewarding experience! Presentations will take place on November 15 and 16 with each presentation taking approximately 10 minutes. Evaluation forms will be provided and student portfolios will be available for your observations. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Sholtz at Chesaning High School, 845-2040, or email asholtz@chesaning.k12.mi.us. [Or click HERE for the online form!](#)



PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS:
CHESANING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
218 N. FRONT STREET ~ SUITE B
CHESANING, MI 48616
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Chesaning's 35th Annual Christmas Candlelight Walk 2018 Festival of Trees Sponsor Form

Dear Chamber Members and Past Festival of Trees Sponsors,

Preparation for the 2018 “*Festival of Trees*” has begun! Please use this form to let the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce know that you’d like to participate by **Thursday, Nov. 8th, 2018**.

Trees are available from the Chamber office for \$25.00, Wreaths are \$15.00

- * Participating sponsors will decorate and light a tree or wreath (purchase a tree or wreath provided by the Chamber or use your own), donate a raffle gift or support the Festival of Trees with a monetary donation.
- * Sponsor names will be posted on all entries with additional signage highlighting our monetary sponsors.
- * Deliver your tree, wreath or raffle gift to **The Public House (130 N. Saginaw St, Chesaning) – 2-6pm on Saturday, Nov. 17th or 10am-2pm on Sunday, Nov. 18th**. Small items and monetary donations may be delivered in advance during regular business hours to the Chamber office, Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-4pm.
- * All entries will be displayed on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23th & 24th at The Public House
- * Raffle tickets will be sold during the Festival for all items with a drawing date of Saturday, Nov. 24th at 8:30 pm.
- * Marketing will include press releases about the event with Festival sponsor names highlighted as well as Facebook promotion.

Trees and wreaths are already available at the Chamber Office so you can get an early start on your decorating. Please contact the Chamber office today to be a “*Festival of Trees*” sponsor! With your sponsorship, you will be advertising your business at the busiest time of year. Please, for planning and promotional purposes, donations **must** be delivered to The Public House by the Sunday prior to the event (November 18).

If you have any questions or input, please don’t hesitate to contact the Chamber or a Committee member. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Festival of Trees! With your continued support and sponsorship of this project, our Festival of Trees event will continue to be a great success for years to come!

Festival of Trees Committee ~ Chesaning Chamber of Commerce Office 989-845-3055

2018 “*Festival of Trees*” Sponsor Registration Form

_____ I will sponsor, decorate and light an artificial tree (Trees are available for purchase for \$25)

_____ I will sponsor, decorate and light an artificial green wreath (Wreaths are available for purchase for \$15)

_____ I will donate a gift, (**retail minimum \$25.00**) to be raffled.

_____ I will donate a monetary amount toward a Christmas Candlelight Walk Sponsorship: \$ _____

(Donations help defray the costs of the Christmas Candlelight Walk)

Business Name& Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please return form with payment to the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, 218 N. Front Street – Ste B, Chesaning, MI 48616 by Thursday, Nov. 8. Please pick up trees or wreathes by Thursday, Nov. 15.