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# **Autumn is Awesome in Chesaning**

In a few short days, we will officially enter the season of fall. Already, school activities and fun events fill our calendars. We are looking forward to this weekend's Halloween Camping in Showboat Park sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Many of our members enjoy this fun, family-friendly tradition and the Kiwanis Club has graciously allowed the Chamber to hold our raffle drawing for the EZ Hunt & Haul trailer during their schedule of events. Come down to the park between 2 and 4pm on Saturday to purchase a last-minute ticket if you haven't had the chance to by one in advance. Also coming up, don't forget to check out the Handmade Music Festival scheduled for the last weekend of September!

In the next few weeks, a member of our board of directors or marketing committee will be making visits to deliver our brand-new membership folders, which are filled with updated member benefits, helpful hints to get the most from your investment and our newly designed door decals. Please take a moment to review the materials and call the office with any questions. We appreciate your membership and continued support.

In other chamber news, we are revisiting the possibility of upgrading our chamber marquee to a digital display. Before we move forward with the project, we need to make certain that we are meeting the requirements of MDoT and can secure the funds to purchase the sign. We believe this will

really enhance our membership perks and will give us greater flexibility to help publicize events and market our chamber members. We will share updates on our progress as they become available.

With the school year underway, we want to remind you of the many ways to get involved as mentors for our local students. Be sure to read the last page of this newsletters for opportunities such as mock interviews, senior integrated project judges and more.

Thank you as always for the many ways you support your community through your involvement with local organizations, schools and chamber. Together we are stronger!

Greg Bruff, President

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Greg Bruff Board President

# Win a Like-New 2014 EZ Hunt & Haul! Generously donated to the Chesaning Chamber by Showcase Auto Sales

### **\$5** Raffle Ticket

Drawing will be held at 4PM on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Showboat Park during the Kiwanis Halloween Camping Weekend Tickets are available at the Chamber office and at member businesses throughout Chesaning. Proceeds support Chamber Mission & Projects

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# **Member News & Community Highlights**

News from the McGeehan Family: We're honored to announce that after managing (and living in!) Nelson-House Funeral Homes Martin Chapel for the past 4.5 years, Tyler McGeehan has purchased the Nelson-House Funeral Homes Martin and New Lothrop Chapels! ... With our new ownership, we decided to change the name of our funeral home to match our family: Nelson-House Funeral Homes Martin and New Lothrop Chapel will now be called McGeehan Funeral Homes Martin Chapel and New Lothrop Chapel! Don't worry - we're still the same people you already know, just under a new name. Serving you is a privilege. It's a privi-



lege we do not take lightly, and it's a privilege we look forward to for many years to come! The McGeehans

- United Financial Credit Union will be adding a new location in Bay County in the fall of 2020 at 6354 Westside Saginaw Road {M-84}. The Credit Union expects to break ground in early 2020, with a completion date in the fall. Read more on the Chamber press release webpage!
- Press Release: Edward Jones Maintains Traditional Values ~ In an age of voice mail and email, mobile phones and computerized banking, things change so fast that tradition is being lost in the jet wash of a jet-set society. However, traditional values literally define Edward Jones, a nontraditional company that embraces new technology while still making house calls. Read more HERE!
- The SVAA will be hosting their Harvest Banquet & Raffles on Saturday, October 12 from 6-9:30pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall. This fundraiser supports the Saginaw County Fair and only 200 tickets are sold! Along with 3 rifles being raffled, you could win a \$2000 1st prize! Call Howard Ebenhoeh at 989-737-7415.

August
Chamber Statistics:
We received
56 Phone Calls,
368 Emails &
36 Visitors

# **October 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly Meetings/Ev  • Am. Legion Queen of H 8pm at The Back Forty  • Rotary Club: noon, Tue  • Kiwanis: 6pm, Tuesday	learts Raffle, Mondays,	1 7:30pm Village Council	2 Chamber Marketing Meeting 8am Coffee with a Cop, 9- 11am, Showboat Restaurant	3 Fire Dept Blood Drive noon-6pm	4 Fire Dept Blood Drive 9am-3pm	5 Market Off Broad 9am-1pm
6	7	8	9 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	10 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting 8am CAER Open House 4:30-6pm	Comedy for Cancer Riverfront Grille Oct. 11 - 8pm Oct. 12 - 7 & 9pm	12 Oakley Comm. Church Craft Show 10am-3pm Trinity Free Supper 5pm Military Classic 5k 5pm SVAA Banquet 6pm
13	Columbia Col	15 7:30pm Village Council	16 K of C Hamburg Night 5-7pm 7pm Library Book Club	17	18 Chesaning Home- coming Parade and Varsity Football Game	19 Happy Sweetest Day!  New Wine Church Free  Community Dinner 5pm
20	21	22 Task Force 7:30am	23 Noon Chamber Raffle SBDC Networking Night @ Showboat 5:30pm	24 Grace Food Ministry Give Away 4:30pm	25	26 Oakley Comm. Church Taco Dinner 4-7pm
27	28	29	30	31	West,	

## Misiuk Funeral Home Celebrates 80 Years of Service



Misiuk Funeral
Home began it's
service to our
community 80
years ago under a
different name,
but their tradition

of home-town, family-run, loving care for the residents of Chesaning and the surrounding area have continued through changes of ownership.

Originally called Morse Funeral Home, the business was founded in 1939 by William and Ruth Morse (pictured above) in a house that was built in 1889. It was the first house in Chesaning with a brick exterior. The house originally had been a private residence except for a few years when it was a boarding home. During the years of ownership by the Morse family, the house went through some modifications and an addition.

In 1974, Doug and Shirley Misiuk (pictured to the right with son, Chris) bought the business and raised their family in the house. A remodeling project along with an addition was built in 1994 to become what it is today. In January of 2018, Doug and Shirley Misiuk turned over ownership to Bernie and Cathy Schmitz (pictured bottom right) and kept the name of Misiuk Funeral Home. Bernie has been a licensed funeral director since 1978 and is experienced in all areas and faiths of funeral service and cremations. The staff of the funeral home also assists with preplanning arrangements and monuments. The facility has a warm décor with ample seating, handicapped bathroom, barrier free entrance and a lounge area.

Congratulations, Misiuk Funeral Home, for 8 decades of thoughtful tributes, services and support for the families of Chesaning's lost loved ones. The Chamber wishes you all the best for years to come!



# Happy 80th Anniversary, Schultz Central Pharmacy

The history of Schultz Central Pharmacy begins much further back than 80 years! The location has been a pharmacy since approximately 1891 when it was called Tubb's Drug Store. In 1939, it came under the ownership of Harold Schultz and had a few name changes including Schultz Economy Drugs and Schultz Country Pharmacy. Harold eventually sold the business to his son, Jack Schultz. For many years, the business was also the home of Sarah's Attic operated by Jack's wife, Sarah, featuring collectible resin figurines, magnets, plaques and dolls.

In October of 2015, the pharmacy was purchased by Dave Larner and his partner, Mike Salquist, and became a member of Central Pharmacy. Dave had previously worked for Jack's brother, Bob, at his pharmacy in Perry. With the transfer of ownership, the business became Schultz Central Pharmacy of Chesaning and is one of 12 Central Pharmacy locations. Despite the change in ownership, Jack, Bob and the other pharmacists and staff

stayed on to continue serving their loyal customers with Dave managing the behind-thescenes operations. Today, the pharmacists in Chesaning include Jack Schultz, Heather Balzar and Tena Mendyk and the staff are Mary Stopjik, Michelle Ware and Julie Amman.

Did you know that Schultz Central Pharmacy offers much more than prescriptions? Known for their cute storefront displays, they offer unique and seasonal gift items as well as over-the-counter medications, toiletries and convenience items. The pharmacy also boasts custom medication packaging, free delivery to areas as far away as Montrose, Owosso, Brandt and Ashley, free children's vitamins, instant strep tests, flu shots and a variety of immunizations. They are open Monday-Friday from 9am until 6pm and Saturdays 9am-2pm for your convenience.

Schultz Central Pharmacy has been a great supporter of Chamber events over the years... Happy Anniversary & Thank You!





# Happy 80th Birthday, Chesaning Rotary Club!

For over 110 years, the 35,000+ world-wide clubs of Rotary have worked to solve the world's most persistent problems including promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, helping mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. Our own Chesaning Rotary Club was chartered on May 29, 1939 and was led by the club's first president, Hayes Adams.

The mission of Rotary is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders." The spirit of this mission is evident in the conduct of its members; at the club's lunch-time Tuesday meetings held at Riverfront Grille, the "4-Way Test" is repeated by all: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Locally, our Rotary Club is involved in a full calendar of activities. They support
Chesaning and St. Charles students with donations of dictionaries and atlases as well as offering 2 students the opportunity to attend Rotary's summertime Leadership Camp. They also raise funds for the Rotary Good Citizen Scholarship for high school seniors. This year, the Chesaning Rotary Club is also supporting Ana, an exchange student from Mazatlan, Mexico, who is spending her year attending

Chesaning High School and is currently staying with the Greenfelder family.

In addition to supporting education, our local Rotary Club participates in highway clean-up to help keep our area looking beautiful. They partnered with the Chesaning Sport Plane Association to host this year's Dawn Patrol Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. They also hosted a Deck Party at Riverfront Grille this past May to raise funds for their exchange program and celebrate their 80th Anniversary. The Chamber and Village have also benefitted from Rotary's generosity with their donation of a tree planted at the new Community Services Building last fall. Next on their agenda, the Rotary Club will be working on their 2019 Apple Sale during the week of homecoming which is a major fundraising opportunity to continue to support their youth exchange program. Contact the Club at 845-5711 for details!

Rotarian Lisa Greenfelder commented "Without the help of local business- we wouldn't be able to continue. We are also always open to visitors on Tuesdays at noon at Riverfront Grille. Lunch is on us!"

Recently the Chesaning Rotary Club lost a longtime and very active member, Victor Shapley. The Chamber would like to share their condolences with his family and fellow club members and thank Rotary for their outstanding service and dedication to our community.

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# <u>Did You Know?</u> The Michigan Firemen's Memorial

is located in Roscommon, MI?

Members of our local fire departments will attend the annual Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival, September 19-21, to remember fallen firefighters and support firefighter training and scholarships.

# 95 Years of Chesaning Chamber

It has been a year since the Chesaning Village offices joined forces with the Chamber office, creating a new partnership in the expanded and renovated location now known as the Community Services Building. However, we weren't always blessed with such an accommodating space in which to carry out the Chamber's mission.

Our first office was located at 220 E. Broad Street, a little structure next to the post office. The building was purchased on May 31, 1962 and the chamber was incorporated later the same year on September 17.
The board members at that time included
President Ward Anderson, 1st Vice President
Carl Herbers, 2nd Vice President Max Bowyer, Secretary John Malcolm, Treasurer Al

Rehmann, Robert Newman, Victor Shapley, Robert Manning, Howard Frink, James McAlpine, Lyle Snyder and Robert Weigold. The same year was the Chamber's first Home and Builders Show.





Market Off Broad Continues Thru October 5, 2019! Every Saturday, 9<sub>AM</sub>-1<sub>PM</sub> On S. Chapman at Broad Street









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### **Raffle Winners:**

August 28
Mark Struck
By
Carl Thiel
Heritage Tire & Service
Center

Septmeber 11
Tyler McGeehan
By
Bobbi McIntyre
Studio 124

### **Back to School**

Once again, the academic year offers great opportunities for our local businesses and organizations to mentor area students. One of the most rewarding ways to get involved is to conduct Mock Interviews and act as judges for the Senior Integrated Project (SIP) classes. Mock Interviews for this trimester are scheduled 1st & 2nd hours (8am-10:30am) on October 8 and 9. SIP judging will

take place on November 21 and 22 from 8:10am-12:10pm. In addition, the school offers a Career Exploration Program that places students in local businesses to gain real world experience and plan their future career goals.

If you would like to get involved with any of these programs, please contact Erica Birkmeier at Chesaning High School by email at <a href="mailto:ebirkmeier@chesaning.k12.mi.us">ebirkmeier@chesaning.k12.mi.us</a>.



# Meet Your Partners for Business Success!



Join representatives from the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Small Business Development Center – Great Lakes Bay Region and find out how they can help you to launch a new business and share resources for your existing business to grow and thrive! Public Welcome - Come as you are!

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 \* 5:30-7:00<sub>PM</sub> Short program at 6:00<sub>PM</sub> - Showboat Restaurant, 242 W. Broad Street Call the Chamber at 845-3055 to RSVP by October 16!

Showboat Restaurant will be offering a Networking Night special: 1/2 off appetizers and \$1 beers!

