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The Vice President's Voice

Smiles to Everyone!

Somehow the Board of Directors voted me in as the Vice President of the Chamber for 2017. (God help us all). I am very honored at this position and look forward to working with our membership and dealing with the triumphs and tribulations of my fellow business people, their customers and clients. We have many things to be thankful for in our community as well as some issues to overcome. The Board is very focused on doing as much as possible for our membership. We are always looking for suggestions on how we can better serve you during this upcoming year.

We have several wonderful events in the near future; The Valentines Beer & Wine Tasting on February 17th at 7:00 at Riverfront Grille, we have a Scrapbook Crop on March 4th at the Public House and we are already preparing for our annual golf outing on May 21st at Twin Brooks Golf Course.

The Chesaning Chamber is extremely lucky to have Kate Weber in our office as our Executive Director. She is the backbone of this motley crew and we lean on her for everything. If you need anything or just want to say hi, stop in and see her.

Ronald Ebenhoeh

Vice President, 989-780-2676



*Ron Ebenhoeh,
 Vice President*



Chad & Michele Kolleth celebrated the grand opening of Indian's Café by cutting the red ribbon on Valentine's Day with their staff, Chamber board, and Village and Township representatives looking on. We wish them much success for years to come!

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Member News & Community Highlights

- Congratulations to the team at **RE/MAX TriCounty** for being recognized this past weekend at the Annual RE/MAX Awards at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City as having the #1 real estate market share for the Chesaning area in 2016. Individual agents were recognized as well: Samantha Rojas, Jerry Goidosik, Jody Yaklin and Denise Ebenhoeh received the Executive Club Award for \$50,000-100,000 in commissions in 2016 and Howie Ebenhoeh and Howard Ebenhoeh were honored with the 100% Award for having \$100,000-250,000 in commissions for 2016. Great job, Re/MAX Tri-County!
- Check out the latest member press releases at www.chesaningchamber.org/member-news--press-releases.html!

Welcome New Members!

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome our newest Gold Business member, Primerica-Tabitha Sjoberg of Oakley. Primerica is a full service financial services firm that offers free phone consultation. Have a question, just call 989-323-2283 and ask Tabitha!

- **Misiuk Funeral Home** is offering a Dinner & Discussion Program on Tuesday, **March 7, 5:30pm** at The Junction Restaurant. Enjoy dinner while learning about the benefits of planning your funeral the safe way. Space is limited, call to reserve — (989) 385-3584 or (989) 845-3096.

December Chamber Statistics:
We received
126 Phone Calls,
483 Emails &
112 Visitors



March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8am Chamber Marketing Meeting	2 Chesaning Township Board Meeting 7:30pm	3 5pm K of C Fish Fry	4 Chamber Scrapbook Crop Day 9am-9pm Gypsy Flea Meets Cowboy Couture, 10am-4pm Fairgrounds
5 7:30am-11:30am American Legion Post #212 Breakfast	6	7 Misiuk Program @ The Junction, 5:30pm 7:30pm Village Council 8pm Queen Of Hearts	8 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	9 8am Chamber Board Meeting	10 5pm K of C Fish Fry	11 Free Community Supper at Trinity UMC 5-7pm
12	13 6:30pm School Board Meeting	14 8pm Queen Of Hearts	15 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/Social Night	16	17 5pm K of C Fish Fry 	18 Sports Boosters Dinner Dance 5:30pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall
19	20 1 st DAY OF SPRING 5:30pm Candlewalk Committee Meeting	21 7:30pm Village Council 8pm Queen Of Hearts	22 Noon Chamber Raffle	23	24 5pm K of C Fish Fry Cool2Duel at The Public House!	25
26	27	28 7:30am Task Force Meeting 8pm Queen Of Hearts	29	30	31	

"Spring is nature's way of saying `Let's Party!'" - Robin Williams

BigRock Millwork Reaches a 5 Year Milestone!

5 years ago, the carpentry business "Chris and Company" made the move to 1211 M-57 in Chesaning and became BigRock Millwork. The new location gave owner Chris Beldyga a showroom to share his company's custom cabinetry and carpentry with potential customers.

Today, Chris states that 95% of his business is commercial. BigRock Millwork concentrates on cabinetry, specializing in serving the needs of financial institutions across the nation. One of their current projects includes the new Chesaning branch of United Financial Credit Union where Chris is a proud member and is very pleased to be part of their new construction. He states that this branch will be one of the most unique of the 35 that he has helped to create.

BigRock Millwork's talented crew includes Chris and 6 employees. Chris noted

that finding employees skilled in cabinetry and carpentry is becoming increasingly difficult and he is always on the lookout for skilled trades people. If you know of someone with those talents who is seeking a new position, be sure to direct them to Chris Beldyga at BigRock Millwork, call (989) 845-3444 or check them out online at www.bigrockmillwork.com!

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce is excited to wish Chris and BigRock Millwork a happy 5th Business Anniversary! We can't wait to see the finished product that he is creating for our local United Financial Credit Union and are pleased to see our members working together towards one of the many new projects in Chesaning this year!



Happy 5th Anniversary to Resourceful Recycling Inc.

The Chamber office reached out to Wes Peterman of Resourceful Recycling to find out how he got his start in this unique and environmentally-friendly industry. Here is his story in his own words:

Resourceful Recycling was started in June of 2012. I was taking classes at Delta College and was looking for a good way to help pay for tuition. I initially started by recycling various metals. At this time recycling metal paid pretty well as prices were very high. The large payout meant many others were offering the same service. I knew that there had to be a recycling need that was still lucrative but not yet being offered by many. In my search for metal, I had many customers ask me if there was any outlet for obsolete electronics other than the landfill. I quickly realized that there was a definite demand for electronic recycling and the rest is history.

We started in a small pole barn and purchased our warehouse we currently operate out of in May 2014. In the fall of 2016 we purchased our biggest local competitor, Great Lakes Bay Recycling. This purchase made Resourceful Recycling the largest elec-

tronic recycling company north of Detroit.

We currently offer commercial and residential electronic recycling services, pallet and waste wood recycling, dumpster rentals, and metal recycling. In the future I hope to expand our service area for electronic recycling, purchase more dumpsters and equipment, hire more drivers and eventually hire a full time sales person.

Resourceful Recycling would like to thank our loyal customers and hard working employees. We wouldn't be where we are 5 years later without them!

You can find Resourceful Recycling online at www.resourcefulrecyclingmi.com, by telephone at (989) 323-9296 or visit them at their warehouse located on Lincoln Road just north of Chesaning Road. Congratulations, Wes and the employees of Resourceful Recycling! The Chamber thanks your for your support and for offering environmentally-friendly recycling options to our area!



February & March Events Cure the Winter Blahs!

Family Fun Day
Western Round-Up

February 18th, 2017 Fun Activities: February 18th, 2017
 11AM - 1PM 11AM - 1PM

- Crafts
- Games
- Refreshments
- and More

River Rapids District Library

Valentine Beer & Wine

Chesaning's 170th Birthday Kick-Off

Enjoy an evening of Food, Fun & Friends!

Sample Local Beers from Midland Brewing Company and Modern Craft Wines paired with delicious Riverfront Grille creations. Silent Auction items available, also!

Friday, February 17, 2017 from 7 - 10pm
 Tickets are \$20/person
Riverfront Grille, 128 N. Front Street, Chesaning
Free Keepsake Glass to the 1st 100 Registrations!
 Reserve tickets by calling or stopping by the Chesaning Chamber Office
 989-845-3055

Thank you to our Sponsors:

- Franks Supermarkets
- Showboat Kustava Lane
- Party Store POSSUM'S LAYTON CORNERS
- The STATE BANK your financial partner for life
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- H&R BLOCK
- metro mortgage
- CHESANING NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER
- SPECIALIZED REHABILITATIVE CARE

CHESANING SPORTS BOOSTERS

15TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
ST. PETER PARISH HALL
 404 S. Wood St. Chesaning, MI 48616
 Doors Open at 5:30 PM

CATERED DINNER - OPEN BAR - DANCING
 TRY YOUR LUCK AT WINNING A CASH PRIZE
\$2,500 - \$1,000 - \$500 - \$100
 ADDITIONAL PRIZES & 50/50 RAFFLES

Tickets \$125 Admits 2
 & Entry into the Cash Prize Drawings
 No One Under The Age Of 21 Admitted - I.D. Required

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
PATTI ESCAMILLA 989.798.4581

"Your Name In Lights!"

Our business members recently received a mailing with information about a sponsorship opportunity to fund our proposed Electronic Message Center, or LED sign, replacing the old marquee by the post office. We invite any chamber member interested in hearing about the sign and sponsorship promotion to call the office for details. With the flexibility and programming capabilities of an electronic sign, we can bring events like these to the public in a more detailed and eye-catching format, as well as offer greater promotion of our Chesaning area businesses and organizations.

WELCOME TO
Chesaning
 chesaningchamber.org

This week's events brought to you by:
XYZ COMPANY

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago" ~ Warren Buffet

CHESANING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Scrapbook Crop

Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 The Public House, 142 N Saginaw St, Chesaning



\$40 Per Person Includes:

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Snacks!
- Silent Auction
- Trash or Treasure Table
(Bring your extra craft supplies and swap for items that you can use with other participants)
- Craft Consultants & Vendors

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register by Wednesday, March 1, 2017

We do our best to seat everyone as they prefer when possible. Payment must be submitted with registration form. One form per person.

Name			
Address			
Phone/E-Mail			
Are you attending with a group? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If so, who would you like to sit with?		
Do you need electricity? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Requests?		

Make checks payable to:

Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 83, Chesaning, MI 48616
 Call 989-845-3055 or email info@chesaningchamber.org with any questions.

Raffle Winners:**January 24****Scott Kohagen****Drawn by Denise &****Howie Ebenhoeh****February 8****Marty Horger****Drawn by****Brenda Schaffer****Chesaning: 170 Years Young****MCDONALD DAIRY**

Chesaning has always been a farming/agricultural community. Utilizing your community's assets to improve your village is a smart idea that was made by William McDonald; director and general manager of the Flint plant, and Gar Wagner; assistant general manager of McDonald Dairy. Building a dairy plant in the middle of a farming community would add many jobs to Chesaning. McDonalds purchased the old milk station which was doomed for closure and only employed 2 people: Elmer Fesler and his wife. These two became the first employees of the Chesaning McDonald Dairy, which grew into 75 employees by 1963, with a payroll of \$460,000.

The new \$400,000 plant was started in 1945, and completed in May of 1947. Since the post war boom was on, contractors, steam fitters and building materials were unavailable so it was built with improvised machinery. Its construction was supervised by William Poole, who was an all-around carpenter with a lot of drive and energy.

The new business didn't come without setbacks. When the plant started operations, it had 2 pumps on two 12" wells, draining

water from the village and farm wells for miles around. It came to the Dairy's knowledge that the railroad had abandoned a 6" water line that ran from the river to the railroad tank, about two blocks from the Dairy's boiler room. The village granted permission for them to take over the line. This didn't completely fix the problem as they had to add a water cooling tower and evaporative condensers. Gradually the water table came back.

The new plant had the capacity to produce 300,000 pounds of milk a day into ice cream mix, condensed milk, and non-fat dairy milk. It would take 19,415 cows, each producing milk at the average rate for Michigan in 1946 to produce this amount of milk.

That's a lot of ice cream! This was a big adventure for Chesaning, and helped put our name on the map. Looking back through history, we have had some amazing things happening in our community. Sadly, the plant closed in 1981. This just goes to show that change is inevitable, and life always has its ups and downs, but Chesaning never gives up. We roll with the punches we are dealt, united as a community and moving forward to make a stronger Chesaning.

~Bobbi McIntyre, Birthday Celebration Committee



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