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## Chesaning Sizzles with Summertime Fun

Looks like summer came early to Chesaning with the temperatures we have been enjoying. Town is looking beautiful with our new roads and the completed rain gardens. The new bike lanes are being enjoyed by many.

June kicked off the popular summer-time events with the Gypsy Goddess festival at the fairgrounds and the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Both of these busy weekends in Chesaning saw hundreds, if not thousands of visitors in our village and the surrounding area. During the Gypsy Goddess festival, the fairgrounds campground was filled to capacity so the Showboat campground enjoyed an uptick in reservations. Mark Ervin, organizer of the Gus Macker, states that there were 145 registered teams with 4 players per team... that's 580 players! Not to mention all of the coaches, spectators, Gus Macker employees and vendors who were in town, translating into at least a few thousand extra people just for this two-day event. One of those visitors left a nice comment on the Gus Macker/Chesaning Facebook page, saying "Very cute city! Refs on every court and excellent sportsmanship from the players! Will be back again next year!"; fine praise for both our village and the tournament.

In the business community, we welcomed Heritage Monuments of MI with a Chamber ribbon cutting. Planet Video has come under new ownership and has expanded to include tobacco

and vapor products. Chesaning Realty has opened, featuring two former Housekeyz Real Estate employees. There's a new pet groomer next to the Malt Shop called PupTown Girl's Grooming. Renovation of the Bonny Mill into a new Creative Passions Retreat continues while both of the new assisted living facilities are well underway west of town. Chesaning continues to move forward, offering new opportunities for residents, employees and business owners.

Did you know that the Showboat Campground has a new online reservation website? Check it out at [www.villageofchesaning.org](http://www.villageofchesaning.org). Speaking of the Village, we are pleased to see the progress towards combining their offices with our office at the Chamber building. The bids for the project were submitted and the village is seeking finance options for the necessary expansion of the Chamber building.

Looking ahead to the next few months, the [Chesaning Community Calendar](#) is full of more summertime events that will bring additional visitors to town. Don't let these opportunities to be ambassadors for our village and the surrounding area pass you by; treat each visitor as a potential business owner, investor or resident. Let's not keep the treasure that is Chesaning a secret!

Happy Summer!

*Greg*

Greg Bruff, President



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Board of Directors*

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## Member Memos

- Valentine Storage is pleased to announce that they have just completed adding 9 more units to their facilities bringing their total unit count to 127! The new units are 10x10 and 10x20. Call Valentine Storage for your storage needs today at 845-2303.
- The American Legion Post 212 is offering a program about safe food handling on Sept. 30 from 9am-Noon. **Cooking for Crowds** is an educational program for anyone who prepares food for the public. The curriculum educates about food safety risks and how to reduce them. There is a \$10 charge to attend and participants will receive a manual and a food safety participation certificate of completion. Pre-registration is required by clicking here: [REGISTER](#). For more information, contact Lisa Treiber at 989-832-6643 or by email at [treiber@anr.msu.edu](mailto:treiber@anr.msu.edu)

*Have you Heard?*

Exciting things happening at  
**The STATE BANK**  
your financial partner for life

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**Acquisition of Community State Bank**

The State Bank, the only community bank headquartered in Genesee County, has just gotten bigger! Customers of The State Bank now have 15 full service branches to serve them.

Locations include:

Fenton (3)	Birch Run
Linden	Burt
Holly	Thomas Twp.
Grand Blanc (2)	St. Charles
Brighton	New Lothrop
Chesaning	Montrose

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**Community Lender of the Year**

The State Bank was recently awarded the Community Lender of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration. This award is given for best performance on total volume, new market activity and history. If you are in need of a small business loan, there are many options available!

Member FDIC www.thestatebank.com

**April**

**Chamber Statistics:**

**We received**  
**139 Phone Calls,**  
**394 Emails &**  
**104 Visitors**

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Monday, June 26,**  
**Noon - 6:00PM**  
**St. Peter Catholic**  
**Church Parish Hall**  
**404 S. Wood Street**  
**Sponsored by**  
**St. Peter Youth Group**  
**(Youth group will receive \$10 for each donor who signs in.)**  
<http://www.miblood.org>  
**1-866-MIBLOOD**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 OFFICE CLOSED TODAY & TOMORROW		5	6 7:30pm Chesaning Twp. Board Meeting	7	8 CAR SHOW 10AM-2PM AERO INVITATIONAL Free Community Supper at Trinity UMC 5-7pm
9 DAWN PATROL & AERO INVITATIONAL	10 6:30pm Archaeology Program at the Museum	11 8am Chamber Marketing Meeting  8pm Queen of Hearts	12 Noon Chamber Raffle  6pm DDA Meeting	13 8am Chamber Board of Directors Meeting	14 Amphitheater Show: 7pm Chesaning Local Talent Show	15 Amphitheater Show: 7pm Jake Slater
16 8am Chesaning 5k River Run	17 5:30pm Candlewalk Committee Meeting	18 7:30pm Village Council  8pm Queen of Hearts	19 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/Social Night	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:30am Task Force Meeting  8pm Queen of Hearts	26 Noon Chamber Raffle	27	28	29
30	31 CHAMBER CLOSED	PLEASE NOTE: CHAMBER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AUG. 1-7 FOR EXTENDED VACATION				

*"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great." ~ John D. Rockefeller*

## Kiwanis Club of Chesaning: 35 Years of Service

The Chesaning Kiwanis Club is celebrating 35 years of serving the Chesaning community. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Every Club is committed to doing service that is close to its heart and crucial to its community. To ensure that our mission of service is carried forward, we have created award-winning programs for people of all ages and abilities (for example, Chesaning has a Builders Club at the middle school and Key Club at the high school). We also join in global projects to affect change in communities around the world.

Chesaning Kiwanis has had many projects and programs: The Travelogue (MC'ed by Ric Horn and catered by Bonnie Ebenhoeh), Interclubbing, Poinsettias, MSU Police Academy for high school students, Key Leader Camp, Boys State and Girls State Sponsorships, Gun Lock Program, (led by Bob Roy), and the Top Ten Dinner honoring the best students at Chesaning High School (hosted by Paul Martin). The Chesaning Club has also had many fundraisers: Storage Shed Raffle, The Rose Sale, The Pig Roast (run by Tom Foster and Don Bates), the Peanut Sale and the Chicken BBQ during Showboat week (managed by Ron Krupp and Don Bates).

Currently, the Chesaning Kiwanis Club is part of multiple activities including Friends of the Library, Back Pack Ministry, Toys for Kids

with the American Legion, Parks & Recreation, Santa's Village and Christmas baskets at CAER. The Club is also involved with Broad Street Events, River Clean-Up, Rehmann Health Center, Latch Key, Meals on Wheels, Highway Pick-Up (for 26 years!), Youth Bowling, Military Classic, Gus Macker, Adopt-A-Spot at Broad and Front Streets (George Detweiler), Youth Spring Fishing (Kyle Byron), The Chesaning Museum, Special Olympics, Citizen of the Year and Halloween-In-The-Park!

Adding to these activities are even more programs such as sponsorship of the Key and Builders Clubs, Chesaning Middle School Student of the Week (started by Jeff Murdoch), Chesaning High School grants, playscape in Showboat Park and the Baker College Scholarships. The Club is raising revenue through its American Flag fundraiser. In total, Chesaning Kiwanis gave donations of over \$15,000 in 2016!

We are always grateful for the generosity of the people in the Chesaning area. Without your help, we would be greatly limited. We are proud to celebrate our 35 years of serving the Chesaning Community and plan on being here for 35 more years! **If you are interested in helping the community by becoming a Kiwanian, contact our Club president, Kyle Byron, at 989-284-9975. The club will pay the yearly dues of any new member!**

*~ Written by Paul Martin*



## Welcome, Heritage Monuments of MI!

Congratulations to the McAllister and McGeehan families! They celebrated the opening of their new location of Heritage Monuments of MI in Chesaning with an open house on Sunday, June 4 and a Chamber ribbon cutting on Monday, June 5!

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome them as our newest business member. Be sure to stop in to wish them well and view their beautiful selection of monuments during their regular business hours: Monday-Thursday from 9am until 4pm and by appointment on weekends. They are

located at 511 E. Broad Street and can be reached by phone at 989-323-2323, or check them out online at

[www.heritagemonumentsofmi.com!](http://www.heritagemonumentsofmi.com!)





# Fireworks

**Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**At Dusk In Chesaning's  
Showboat Park**

**Only \$5 Per Vehicle!  
For More Information,  
Call 989-845-3055**



PRESENTED BY THE  
**Chesaning**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Chesaning SATURDAY JULY 8<sup>th</sup> 8th Annual Car Show!



MUSIC BY  
RUSCH  
ENTERTAINMENT!

Classic & Muscle Car Show,  
Downtown Chesaning

Public Welcome ♦ Free Admission!



**Call 989.845.3055 before July 3, 2017, to pre-register!**

First 50 cars to register get a FREE Car Show T-Shirt!  
stoddardclassiccars.com

## Local Events!



Movies will start at dusk, the movie screen will hang on the Ace Hardware building and the audience will sit in the parking lot. Concessions will be available.

### SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 23—**Moana** (PG), Pre-show will include Hawaiian themed fun and activities!

Friday, July 21—**Sing** (PG), Pre-show will be a kids singing contest!

Friday, Aug. 25—**Willy Wonka** (G), Enjoy a candy bar before the show!

### CHESANING DAWN PATROL FLY-IN & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

"all you can eat!"

**SUNDAY JULY 9, 2017**  
7:00 - 11:00 am

COORDINATES: 43-11.00 N / 084 - 08.00 W

50G Nixon Airport  
Chesaning, MI



- ✓ Airplane Rides \$30 per seat
- ✓ Radio controlled aircraft
- ✓ Military vehicles & custom WWII dog tags
- ✓ Visit with Lifeguard helicopter, Police, Fire & Ambulance crews
- ✓ For the kids: face painting, clowns, and kiddy plane-train!
- ✓ 50/50 drawing at 11:00am

adults: \$8.00  
kids age 5-11 \$4.00

ALL YOU CAN EAT .....  
SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE,  
PANCAKES, JUICE & COFFEE

**NOTAM: NO FUEL AVAILABLE**

CTAF 122.9, use caution as both runways are in use

### Summer Benefit Concerts

**Local Artist Bands, July 14th at 7pm** with exciting new performers! Tickets to see are \$5 and available at the gate only.

**Shake Rattle and Roll with Jake Slater, Elvis Tribute Artist, July 15, 8:00-9:30 pm.** The show opens at 7pm with upbeat gospel music by the St Peter band and choir. General Admission Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students, and are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or purchased at the gate.

These are benefit events for maintenance of the amphitheater 845-5706 for more information.

[Click here to register online](#)

**Date:** Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

5K Run/Walk

**Time:** Registration 7:00AM

**Race Time:** 8:00AM

**Course:** Race starts and finishes at Showboat Park.

**Entry Fees:** Early registration \$25.00 after July 9<sup>th</sup> \$30.00

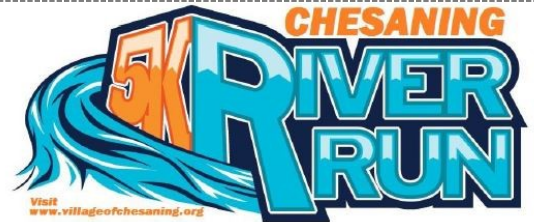
Includes an event t-shirt\*\* and refreshments.

\*\*Shirts available to the first 100 entrants. Register early!

**Awards Given to All Participants**

**Race Director:** Cindy Weisenberger [cmweisenberger@yahoo.com](mailto:cmweisenberger@yahoo.com)

[Proceeds go towards improvement of the Chesaning Parks systems.]



This Event Endorsed by



**Registration forms available  
at the Chamber office**

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." ~ Sam Keen

## Candlewalk Truck Raffle: Tickets On Sale Now!

You may be wondering about the flyers that are starting to crop up around town advertising raffle tickets to win a new Ford truck? The Candlewalk Committee decided to “go big” this year on their annual Candlewalk fundraiser and have partnered with our friends at Mel Ervin Ford to raffle a brand new Ford F-150 truck with the drawing scheduled during our 170th Birthday Dinner for Chesaning on September 16. Tickets are \$20 each and only 3000 will be made available for sale. If less than 3000 are sold, the drawing will revert to a 50/50.

Typically our Candlewalk fundraising raffle drawing is held during the Festival of Trees drawings on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. The decision was made to hold the raffle earlier this year because the committee desperately needs to replace thousands of dollars worth of Christmas garland that is used to decorate town for our big event.

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets during the major summer events in town, such as the Fireworks in the Park, the Classic & Muscle Car Show, Saginaw County Fair and Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show. The Chamber is also looking for businesses willing to sell the truck raffle tickets until the drawing date. Please let the office know if you can help as a volunteer or sell tickets by calling 845-3055.



## WIN A 2017 FORD F-150 TRUCK!



**CHESANING'S 170<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION RAFFLE**

**\$20 PER TICKET**

Proceeds support the Christmas Candlelight Walk

\*If 3000 tickets are not sold, the drawing will revert to a 50/50 raffle with a minimum prize of \$1000

**\*DRAWING DATE: 8:00PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**

During the 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dinner On Cole Park's River Rapids Bridge  
Chesaning, Michigan

\*Need not be present to win

## Picking Winners Promotes Our Members!

Speaking of raffles, our annual Chamber raffle has been a hit this year! We have sold over 650 tickets, an 11% increase in ticket sales from 2016! The funds from the annual raffle continue to support our popular fireworks show as well as other Chamber projects. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the raffle with your purchases and sales of tickets!



The raffle winners for Wednesday, May 24 were Mr & Mrs Anthony D'Anna of Frankenmuth, owners of the Chesaning McDonald's. Charlotte Hoten of Advanced Eyecare & Contact Lens Center was the guest drawer who pulled their lucky ticket stub. The next bi-monthly drawing is on June 14....Who will the next \$300 winner be?!

## Museum Presents Archaeology Program

The Chesaning Area Historical Society will be presenting a guest speaker at a special meeting on Monday, July 10 at 6:30pm to be held at the Museum. Guest speaker Patrick M. Lawton will be discussing Archaeology in the Chesaning Area.

All are welcome to attend what will certainly be an interesting presentation! Please share the information with anyone who would enjoy this program!







## Chesaning's Home Town Museum

During my research into Chesaning's history, I attended the museum a couple of times to see what kind of information they might be able to give me. They were of immense help. There are boxes and boxes of photos, letters, newspaper clippings, and artifacts there. You could get lost for years. If you love history, you're gonna love this place. What better a place to learn about the history of your home town than your home town museum? Hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.-12 noon, and the first Saturday of the month, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Appointments are also available.

They have many finished displays inside the museum. You can see all the old-school houses. You can even try your hand at an 8th grade test to see how you measure up. There are displays of old tools, many dolls, toys games, etc. to reminisce through. There is even a section reserved for Farmer Peets, one of Chesaning's oldest factories. Many residents worked at Farmer Peets and supported their families for years. Grandpa George Peet sold his first ham in the 1800's that started the fourth-generation company. Sadly, it closed in 1995, leaving 185 people out of work.

Take a walk into the past as you enter the museum and see a doctor's office from years ago. Look at some of the old surgical tools, medicine and equipment. (Not sure I would have wanted surgery back then, I think I'll stick to today's technology.) They have featured local doctors and nurses from years ago. It's interesting to see the change from then to today's medicine. It's amazing what has transpired to help us live long, healthy and happy lives.

As much as people don't like change and resist it, it must take place. What if we never trusted our doctors to try modern technology or medicine? There would be so many cures that we would have never achieved, so many lives lost. I ask you to embrace the change that Chesaning is living, and cherish our memories by visiting your local museum.



~Bobbi McIntyre, Birthday Celebration Committee

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