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The President's Corner

Holy wow, I am writing this on Friday afternoon, November 18th. I just took the truck and trailer down to the chamber office barn to haul Christmas decorations to the Public House to get ready for the Candle Walk next week! Passing by Community State Bank, their sign tells me it is 73 degrees, again, Holy wow. We will see what another 6 days will bring for playing instruments outside. Looking forward to seeing town all a-glow as we introduce Mid-Michigan to the Christmas season.

I feel so extremely blessed to be part of our community again this week! Not only to be part of the preparations for this event, but I was asked to be a judge at the school for the Senior Project presentations that had to be done by each senior. I had the privilege to hear 16 of the students give their presentations. That was an extremely eye-opening event for me. Just when I had all but given up on this generation of kids, I heard each student tell how excited he or she was to be part of the Chesaning area and the Chesaning School system. They were determined to express, best they could, what has been influential in their lives to this point. We heard stories about restoration and building of music instruments to the learning of a new instrument, to how they built and learned about the new mini house craze.

We learned of students mentoring different adults in our area in a field that he or she may be interested in

going into. One student mentored our own "Kate", giving a presentation of the direction of Chesaning as seen through the eyes of a senior at CHS. Needless to say, I was impressed! This is not the last you will hear of this young lady, I am sure. Task Force folks, look out! I expected to hear tails of "what is in it for me" over and over, far from it. I heard tails like, "I think I want to teach, but teach with a different method, maybe incorporating music", to, check this out, "I made a trebuchet that can throw a golf ball over 800 feet", but you know what he stated? "It didn't work the first time. I worked on the sling for over 6 hours and 6 different attempts before I got it to release to over 200.' But I know it is capable of throwing it over 800 feet", he said, "just do the math." Ok, I take your word for it, son!

Nerves were worn on the kids from their red faces to their pacing back and forth behind the podium provided. I applaud each and every one of the students that I had the opportunity to listen to on Thursday. You, each and every one, opened my eyes as to how you view our world. And what a great community and world that we live in.

Thank you, each one for that experience. Sorry I made you so very nervous, guys and gals! I simply loved the day with you.

Randy Stoddard, President
 "A Senior, Senior", CHS class of 1973
 Chesaning Area Chamber of Commerce



*Randall D. Stoddard,
 President*

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Member News & Community Highlights

- Registrations for the Thanksgiving morning 5er's 5k Turkey Trot can be made at <https://racesonline.com/events/5er-s-5k-turkey-trot>. Proceeds benefit the Greg Wirgau Scholarship Fund.
- Shop until you drop Thanksgiving weekend throughout Chesaning! The annual Music Boosters Craft Show at Chesaning-Middle and High schools and St. Peter's Parish craft bazaar will be in full swing on Friday from 10am until 5pm and Saturday from 10am until 4pm. Don't forget to support our local business with your holiday shopping dollars on Small Business Saturday, as well!
- The elves at Santa's Village have been hard at work preparing for their opening day at North Pole USA (Saginaw County Fairgrounds) on Saturday, Nov. 26. Visit them online: santa.saginawcountyfair.org
- River Rapids Library can help stuff your stockings with more gift ideas: Visit them to purchase tickets for their 3rd Annual Comedy night scheduled for Feb. 2, 2017 at the Public House (\$10 per person) or their Reading Between the Vines wine tasting on April 8, 2017 (\$25 per person or \$40 per couple). Chesaning Area Friends of the Library are also offering a membership special; sign up by Dec. 15 to have your name entered into a drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card!
- "The Alzheimer's Association and financial services-firm Edward Jones recently entered into a historic partnership, whereby Edward Jones has committed \$4.7 million over two years to support the mission of the Alzheimer's Association, according to Douglas Moeggenborg, a financial advisor in Chesaning." ~ (press release 11/17/16)

October Chamber Statistics:
We received
123 Phone Calls,
448 Emails &
96 Visitors



December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Blood Drive Noon-6pm 7:30pm Chesaning Township Board Meeting	2 Blood Drive Noon-6pm	3 Santa's Village 11am Library Movie Day 1-4pm Chesaning Historical Museum Open
4 Santa's Village 7:30-11:30am American Legion Post 212 Breakfast	5	6 Story Hour at the Library 10:30am 7:30pm Village Council 8pm Queen Of Hearts	7 8am Chamber Marketing Meeting	8 8am Chamber Board Meeting	9 7pm CAPA 2nd Annual Christmas Spectacular	10 Santa's Village 9am Breakfast w/Santa 5-7pm Trinity Free Supper 7pm CAPA Spectacular
11 Santa's Village	12	13 Story Hour at the Library 10:30am 8pm Queen Of Hearts	14 Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	15	16	17 Santa's Village
18 Santa's Village	19	20 7:30pm Village Council 8pm Queen Of Hearts	21 5pm Kof C Dinner 7pm Library Book Club	22	23 Chamber Office Closed	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 
25 	26 Chamber Office Closed	27 7:30am Task Force Meeting 8pm Queen Of Hearts	28 Noon Chamber Raffle	29	30 Chamber Office Closed	31 

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." ~ Roy L. Smith

Happy 95th Anniversary, Memorial Healthcare!

On May 26, 2016, your Chamber director had the pleasure of attending the Annual Founders' Luncheon and celebrated with Memorial's staff, board of trustees and community members as they looked back over 95 years of healthcare for the surrounding area. Many interesting facts about the history of Memorial Healthcare as well as their exciting plans for the future were shared.

Ground was broken in the spring of 1920 to build a new medical facility in Owosso. *"On May 1 in 1921, Memorial Hospital was officially opened. Imposing in appearance, complete in every detail, and equipped to the minute, as near fireproof as human mind and hand could make it; built for service. This was the description used to portray the new \$210,000 structure erected in memory of Shiawassee county soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who served their country during the world war. No finer monument to those who served could be conceived, knowing that it would stand for decades to come, a constant reminder of the services and sacrifices of those heroes. At the same time, the hospital would render real service to humanity honoring those who fought and died for others."* (www.memorialhealthcare.org/reports-publications-history)

The new hospital had 60 beds with 3 operating rooms, as well as state-of-the-art x-ray, laboratory and a sterilizing room. Soon they added a school of nursing, isolation ward and gardens with livestock to help defray the cost of meals.

In those early days, the cost to receive treatment was slightly less than today's rates. A room with 4 beds was only \$2.50 per day, but if you wanted privacy and your own bath you could expect to pay \$7 per day. The cost of an operation ranged from \$5 to \$15 depending upon whether it was consider minor or major and if the patient required gas. The first obstetrical patient in the new hospital delivered a set of twins!

The Owosso Women's Auxiliary provided linens, kitchen tools, equipment, food and more for the new facility and later changed their name to The Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and accepted male volunteers to their ranks. The volunteers continue to provide their time and talent to the hospital in many ways.

Today, the US spends over \$3 trillion per year in health care and the need for services in our area continues to grow. Memorial Healthcare is currently the only hospital in Shiawassee County, serving approximately 88,000 residents. To continue to meet the demand, they have launched a \$1.2 million campaign to raise funds to upgrade their emergency room department. The current ER was designed to accommodate a volume of 15,000 patients per year; however, it is projected that over 28,000 will need services this year! Plans to upgrade the ER department include creating private treatment rooms for better confidentiality and patient comfort.

From its beginnings 95 years ago, Memorial Healthcare has grown to a 150-bed facility with over 170 medical staff and more than 1,100 employees. They are a non-profit hospital faithfully dedicated to their mission: *"To promote health and provide quality compassionate healthcare in our region through commitment to service excellence, teamwork and innovation."*

We are fortunate to enjoy access to Memorial Healthcare's services in the Chesaning area with satellite offices including Chesaning Family Medicine (Carolyn Ebert, MD, and Thomas Teal, MD), Memorial Outpatient Services – Lab/X-Ray, Memorial Rehabilitation Services and the office of Roy F. Small, DO. The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank Memorial Healthcare for being a valued member of our business community. We look forward to celebrating a century of excellence with you in just 5 more years!



**Memorial
Healthcare**

**Commitment
Compassion**

For life

Raffle Winners:

October 26

Phil Giesken

Drawn by Doug Bishop

November 9

Cassandra Harris

**Drawn by Dennis
McDonagh**

2017 Chamber Raffle

Tickets are now available and make great stocking stuffers! Call the Chamber office for more information



Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, Working For You!

By now, you should have received your 2017 annual membership renewal packets in the mail. Please note the December 30th deadline to take advantage of our early-renewal discounts for full payment and raffle ticket sales. Also included in your packet was a short survey that we sincerely hope you take a moment to fill out and return. The best way for your chamber board of directors and staff to serve you is to know what your business or organization values the most from your membership benefits. We hope to help 2017 to be a great year of growth and success in our community.

Save the date: After the hustle and bustle of the Candlelight Walk and Thanksgiving are over, we will soon be sending you invitations to the Annual Chamber Member Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 21st.

Were you one of the lucky chamber members to enjoy the reception at Showboat Restaurant on November 15th? Those present had the opportunity to meet the new owners, David and Jayne Carroll, and taste delicious treats while mingling with Chamber friends. We thank the Showboat Restaurant for hosting a great evening and hope that we can schedule similar events in 2017; send us your ideas for more chamber gatherings!

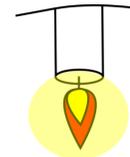
Chesaning Community Calendar

Visit www.mychesaningcalendar.com to check out a new joint effort by the Village, Chamber, Library, Fairgrounds and Schools sharing all of the events that make Chesaning a great place to live, work and play! The calendar was made public via Facebook on Nov. 14 and within 2 days had 6693 views on the participating organizations' Facebook pages with 1070 "clicks"!

A submission form is available on the calendar website or you may contact the Chamber office to have your event added. Excluded events include garage sales, celebrations for individuals and business promotions that aren't considered a community event. Stay tuned as it is fine-tuned!

Welcome, Indian's Café!

The Chesaning Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome our newest business member, Indian's Café, owned by Michele and Chad Kolleth! Located next to Citizens Bank, they cater to the early birds with business hours of Monday through Thursday from 6am-2:30pm, Friday & Saturday from 6am-8pm and Sunday from 7am until 2:30pm. Watch for their specials on their Facebook page or call 845-2423.



*Chesaning Christmas
& Festival of Trees
Candlelight Walk
Friday and Saturday,
November 25 & 26*

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