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## Sponsorships Spark Summertime Fun

Dear Members:

In the next six months, the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce will sponsor our three biggest events of this year. First up is our Fireworks in the Park on Thursday, June 29th. Then it's our Chesaning 170th birthday celebration on Saturday evening, September 16th. Finally, our beautiful Christmas Candlelight Walk on Friday & Saturday, November 25th & 26th. Our Board of Directors along with Chamber Members and community volunteers are already busy preparing for these events. Please mark them on your calendar and be there for the fun and excitement.

This year's Fireworks in the Park will be the longest show (weather permitting) in many years. Randy Stoddard and his band will be entertaining near the boat launch from 7:00pm till 10:00pm. We will have the more food vendors than ever for you to choose from this year

or you can bring your own picnic basket and blanket and enjoy spending time with friends as we await the start of the show at dusk.

This year we are offering **Fireworks in the Park Sponsorships** to our membership. For \$100 your business will be listed as a sponsor and you will receive 10 passes to get into the park (a \$50 value) for the show. You can give these passes to employees or customers to help in promotion or just as a thank you. Please let us know if your business would like to get involved with this sponsorship program.

Thank You,

Ron Ebenhoeh – Fireworks Committee Chairman

Jessie Stewart – Committee Member

Cindy Tejkl – Committee Member

Chris Theile – Committee Member



# 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**

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## Member Memos

- In celebration of Small Business Month, Citizens Bank of Chesaning invites you to join them on Friday, May 19 for Small Business Customer Appreciation Day from 10am-4pm.
- Volunteers are needed to help with spreading mulch in the play-scape at Cole Park on Wednesday, May 31 beginning at 10:30am. Bring work gloves and your favorite rake, and join the High School Key Club in making the park ready for the busy summer season!
- "American Legion Post #212 members would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who attended our monthly breakfasts for the past 8 months. Your support is deeply appreciated... We will begin our monthly breakfasts in October. Enjoy your summer and thank you again for your support!"
- The Chesaning Car Show organizers are seeking t-shirt sponsors (\$100) for this year's event scheduled on Saturday, July 8. Call Nick Stoddard at 989-798-7025 for more information.
- State Rep. Ben Frederick of Owosso announced his office hours schedule for the month of May. Rep. Frederick will be available to meet with residents on Monday, May 22 at the following times and locations: 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Foster Coffee Company, 115 S. Washington St., in Owosso; and 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Merrill District Library, 321 W. Saginaw St., in Merrill. No appointment is necessary to attend. Anyone unable to meet during the scheduled times may contact Rep. Frederick's office at (517) 373-0841 or email BenFrederick@house.mi.gov.

**April  
Chamber Statistics:**  
**We received  
87 Phone Calls,  
322 Emails &  
97 Visitors**

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## June 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Noon-6pm Blood Drive at Fire Dept  7:30pm Chesaning Twp. Board Meeting	2 9am-3pm Blood Drive at Fire Dept	3 Am. Legion Golf Outing at Twin Brooks 9am  Gypsy Goddess Summer Festival At Fairgrounds 11am-6pm
4 Gypsy Goddess Summer Festival At Fairgrounds 11am-5pm	5	6 7:30pm Village Council  8pm Queen of Hearts	7 8am Chamber Market- ing Meeting	8 8am Chamber Board of Directors Meeting	9 NEW LOTHROP— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	10 Gus Macker Tournament  Free Community Supper at Trinity UMC 5-7pm
11 Gus Macker Tournament	12	13 8pm Queen of Hearts	14 CHESANING— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  Noon Chamber Raffle 6pm DDA Meeting	15 ST CHARLES— LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	16 	17
18 	19 Summer Reading begins at Library  5:30pm Candlewalk Committee Meeting	20 7:30pm Village Council  8pm Queen of Hearts	21 5-7pm K of C Hamburg/Social Night	22	23	24
25	26	27 7:30am Task Force Meeting  8pm Queen of Hearts	28 Noon Chamber Raffle	29  Chamber Fireworks Dusk @ Showboat Park	30	

"A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary." ~Thomas Carruthers

## Chesaning McDonald's Celebrates Its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

It's hard to believe that the Chesaning McDonald's Restaurant is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Business Anniversary and 5 of those years we, Tony and Geri D'Anna, have had the pleasure of being its owners.

We were first introduced to the Chesaning Restaurant in 1987 when Charlie McCann, its first owner operator, built the restaurant. We first met Charlie in grade school in Southgate, MI. We always admired his pride and determination to make his McDonald's Restaurant something he would be proud to own.

We have enjoyed remodeling the interior of the restaurant, along with modernizing the play structure, the playroom, and giving the outdoor landscape a new, fresh look.

Also, we were so fortunate to place a Chesaning resident, Sue Powell, a valued employee of 30 years, into the General Manager



position. It is such a plus having a local person managing her home town McDonald's. Sue Powell cares about her town and in her own words says, "I love working in the community in which I live. It is nice to be so close to home and close to where my children attend school." Sue is married to Tony Powell, who is a lifelong resident of Chesaning and they

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## Happy 30th Anniversary to E&L Hardwoods!

In 1987 brothers Ed and Leo Albert opened their woodworking shop located on Gary Road between Briggs and Bishop Roads in Maple Grove Township. This family-owned and operated small business is a full-service mill and woodworking shop specializing in high quality, custom products delivered at affordable prices with excellent customer service. The second generation of this handy family is now part of the tradition as well, including Ed's son, Marc, who acts as the shop's manager. The business has grown to include 5 employees "who have become like family", says Marc.

Your Chamber director, Kate, recently had the opportunity to tour E & L Hardwood with New Lothrop's Boy Scout Troop 90 when Marc offered to help them earn their wood-working merit badges. The shop is a wood-worker's dream with several specialized machines facilitating precise and custom cuts, efficiently reproducing materials for their customers' orders. Marc was certain to include a lesson in safety for the young scouts, highlighting the dangers of working

with such powerful machines.

E & L Hardwoods' mill services include straight line ripping, surface planing, custom ripping, surface sanding, and re-sawing. Their molding department has the ability to make templates and grind their knives to match any molding profile, helping you with your restoration projects or custom designs. They also boast a custom cabinet shop to help with your kitchen or bath remodeling, custom entertainment centers, home or work office space, fireplace mantles, and more!

If you are looking for a specialty wood-working shop that is focused on craftsmanship and attention to detail, be sure to contact E & L Hardwood at 989-845-2457 for a free estimate on your next project.





**Local Events!**

**Chesaning** 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**TOWN WIDE**



**ATTIC SALE**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**MAY 26 & 27**

See Advertisements and Classifieds in the Tri-County Citizen for Sale Locations

Or... Find us on Facebook  
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**Chesaning**  
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**Be A Winner...**  
*The Party Continues!!!*

GOING ONCE...  
 GOING TWICE...  
**GOING ONLINE!!**

The Michigan Festivals & Events Foundation  
 Online Auction Runs  
**April 13 - May 25, 2017**

Visit [www.biddingforgood.com/michiganevents](http://www.biddingforgood.com/michiganevents)  
 for a full list to fill your bucket!!

**DOWNTOWN CHESANING**  
**JUNE 10-11, 2017**

Registration Open at:  
[www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com)  
 Online deadline: May 22  
 Mail-in deadline: May 19



**Saginaw County Fairgrounds:**  
 (Did you know how much happens there beyond the Fair?)

- Weekend of May 14:**  
 Michigan Travel Trailer Club Rally  
 Saginaw Valley Rabbit Association Show  
 Fat & Fuzzy Horse Show
- May 21:**  
 (4-H) Reins on the Road Horse Department Show
- June 4 & 5:**  
 Gypsy Goddess Summer Festival  
 (Lisa Trzil—(989) 964-1436)  
 Approx. 130 Vendors in the Exhibit Hall!  
 Fairgrounds Campground is Sold Out!
- June 10-11**  
 MBRA Barrel Racing

**ANNUAL Post 212**

**American Legion**  
**Golf Outing**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**



**9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Twin Brooks Golf Course**  
 1005 N. McKeighan Rd.  
 Chesaning, MI 48616  
 Telephone: 989.845.6403

**\$55.00 / Golfer Includes:**

- Greens Fees
- Cart
- Chicken Dinner

• Like us on Facebook @ [American Legion Post 212](#)

- Tax ID# 38-6088942

\*\* Sign up a foursome...or you will be assigned to a foursome (format will be Scramble)  
 \*\* Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. - Tee off 9:00 a.m. - Shotgun Start  
 \*\* No Deadline for Signup, you can show up the day of the event, let us know in advance if you can.  
 \*\* Make checks payable to American Legion Post 212

**For more information contact Rodney Toma**  
 at 989-666-1824 or email at [commanderal212@gmail.com](mailto:commanderal212@gmail.com)



“Do what you do so well that they will want to see it again and bring their friends.” ~Walt Disney



## Chamber Golf Outing - Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>!

Keep your fingers crossed for sunny, warm weather on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> as Chamber members and com-

munity supporters enjoy the 22<sup>st</sup> annual golf outing benefiting the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce Scholarship fund for Chesaning Union High School graduates. Two lucky recipients of these \$500 scholarships will be announced at the Class of 2017 Awards Night held at 7pm on that same Sunday!

It is not too late to sign up your team of four players! The fee is \$60 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, beverages, door prizes, Putting Green Contest (\$5000 prize possible!), Puttin' for Poker with a \$200 guaranteed winner and other great prizes!

Call Twin Brooks Golf Course at 989-845-

6403 to register your team today. Rain or shine, it promises to be a great time!

The Chamber Golf Outing Committee wishes to thank the generous sponsors of this year's event including:

**Hole Sponsors:** Animal Health Care of Chesaning, CenturyLink, Chesaning Area Conservation Club, Chesaning Family Dental, Dr. Jeannine Hopfensperger DDS, Family Insurance Service, Hehr International, LaClair Sales Inc, Main Beverage Company, Sovis Insurance Agency, The State Bank, United Financial Credit Union and Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors

**Putting Green Sponsors:** Chesaning McDonald's Restaurant, Chesaning Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Chesaning Sports Boosters, Designs by Bean, Harris Insurance Agency, Horger's Farm & Auto and Kiwanis Club of Chesaning

## McDonald's—Continued from Pg. 3

have lived in Albee Township for 21 years. Sue added "our 3 boys attend Chesaning Schools. Garrett is a junior. Weston is in 8th grade and Lucas is in 6th grade." Sue is petite in stature but mighty in work ethic, loyalty and determination.

Sue together with her hardworking managers, crew, and we in the D'Anna Organization, are invested in this community. We appreciate our customers, and will strive to bring you the best of McDonald's in the future. Tony & Geri D'Anna, Owner/Operators



Some of the hardworking crew at our local McDonald's: Tim Chant, Keenan Smith, Josie Bitterman, Ashley Rathfon, General Manager Sue Powell, Tina Byce, Ruth Theile, Denise Belongia, and Anthony Williams

## Picking Winners Promotes Our Members!

Your Chamber is always seeking ways to promote our members, even if it's a simple announcement in the Tri-County Citizen or FaceBook post highlighting our bi-weekly raffle drawings. These posts are often shared by the family and friends of the winners, giving the member business a boost in name recognition. Congratulations to this month's lucky raffle winners and thank you to our business member drawers:



April 26: David Tomac, drawn by Chris Ondrias of Chesaning Pools & Spas

May 10: Michael Cook, drawn by Laura Greenfelder of Creative Passions Crop & Quilt Retreat.



## Chesaning Circa 1915—My, How Times Have Changed!



Let's step back in time for a minute.

Picture it : Chesaning- 1915. Check out those dirt roads; would you rather have those than the ones we have now? We can complain all we want, but I think I would rather have

pavement! (Chesaning is working on those roads, but nothing happens overnight. Be optimistic and patient.) I love the street lights. The amber glow they give off is priceless. Picture yourself walking down these streets... what do you think you would be wearing? I'm sure the women would be wearing a long dress and the men probably a suit if they were going to town. If not a suit, they more than likely would still be sporting a hat.

The train depot looks like something out of a movie. Wouldn't it be great to sit inside and wait for a train to come and take you away for a day, or a weeks' vacation? Maybe you would be waiting for a loved one to come home from the war. Only if it was still here and if its walls could talk.

Woodrow Wilson was the President of the Unites States in 1915. During his term, World War I was going on. Germans used poi-son gas against the Russians. This was the first

time this type of warfare was used. It was so cold in Russia; the gas was not very effective. Another first was the first transcontinental phone call. Alexander Graham Bell made a call from New York to San Francisco. A little more positive first, I would say. (Can you imagine, no smart phones?)

A few other little facts about the 1915's: Homes- The average home cost \$3,200 , Car - \$2,005, Milk - .09 a quart, Gas - .15 a gallon, Bread - .07, Stamp - .02! To support these expenses the average income was \$687 a year. Women made half the income as men.

Boy, have we come a long way! I love the history, love the facts, but I think I like all the progress we have made over the years. Would I like to spend a day there? Absolutely! Who knows, maybe our great grandkids will invent a time machine, and they will laugh at our smart phones.



~Bobbi McIntyre, Birthday Celebration Committee

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