



# CASTLE CORNER

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## Featured City: *Chesaning*

*Chi-asin: Indian Spelling for Chesaning meaning "Place of the Big Rock".*

The area of Chesaning was first set off as a township in 1847. It was named Northampton, after the old New Hampshire home of some of its leading citizens. In 1853, the name was changed to Chesaning, the Indian name for "Big Rock", bringing it back to its original name.

Chesaning has a current population

of 2,548.

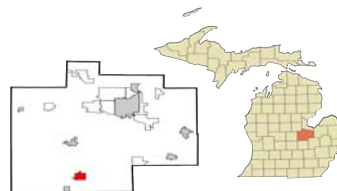
Many different community events take place: the Christmas Candlelight Walk held Thanksgiving weekend featuring horse and carriage rides, parade of trees, roasted chestnuts, cider, dough-



nuts, and more.

Chesaning is also known for the Show Boat and parade in July and the Saginaw County Fair held the same month. The business expo is scheduled for February 2009 at the fairgrounds as well.

Please visit [www.chesaningchamber.org](http://www.chesaningchamber.org)



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## Field Trip to the Museum and beyond

Field trips are always welcome at the Castle Museum. Please call Heather at 989-752-2861 ex. 311 to have a field trip packet sent directly to you. Tours are \$2.00 per student. A tour plus activity is \$3.00 per

student. Chaperons and teachers are free! All of our exhibits are up-to-date with the new Michigan standards and benchmarks. Are you looking to spend a whole day? Contact Heather

about our joint tours with other museums in the area, or we can add a trip to City Hall and Brady Hill Cemetery. As always, we can do a pre-trip visit to your classroom for FREE.



# This Month in Michigan History

1841 (Jan 19)- The "Western Farmer", Michigan's first journal for farmers began.

1879 (Jan 1)- The present state capitol building in Lansing was dedicated

1902- (Jan 2)- Michigan defeated Sanford, 49-0, in the first Rose Bowl game.

1904 (Jan 12)- Henry Ford set the world speed record at 91.37 MPH driving the "999" on ice covered Lake St. Clair.



1914 (Jan 5)- Henry Ford raised factory workers to five dollars per day so they could afford to buy the cars they were building.

1918 (Jan 4)- Production began at Ford's River Rouge plant.

1922 (Jan 4)- Henry Ford purchased the Lincoln Motor company from Henry and Wilfred Leland.

1948 (Jan 8)- WDTR-FM, Michigan's first educational FM radio station went on the air.

1970 (Jan 2)- Clifton Wharton became president of Michigan State University, the first black president of any major US college.

1971 (Jan 7)- An unarmed B-52 bomber crashed into Lake Michigan just

missing the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant near Charlevoix.

1972 (Jan 1)- The age of majority (adulthood) was lowered from 21 to 18.

\*Many more on [hsmichigan.org](http://hsmichigan.org)



## Famous People from Michigan with January/ February Birthdays

⇒ **Bob Bell**, actor from *Flint*, born January 18, 1922, Died December 8, 1997. Known best as Bozo the clown.

⇒ **Rupert Boneham**, reality star on "Survivor" from *Detroit*, born January 27, 1964.

⇒ **Salvatore Phillip "Sonny" Bono**, actor/singer, from *Detroit*, born February 16, 1935, Died January 5, 1998.

⇒ **Dick Enberg**. Sports announcer from *Mount Clemens*, born January 9, 1935 He is recognizable by his

trademark exclamation, "Oh, my!"

⇒ **Bob Eubanks**, game show host, from *Flint*, born January 8, 1938. He is best known for "The Newlywed Game".

⇒ **James Earl Jones** actor, *Arkabutla, Mississippi*, born January 17, 1931. He was raised in *Dublin (Michigan)* by his grandparents and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. His movie career includes "Field of Dreams", and the voice of Darth Vader in "Star Wars" as well as that of Mufasa in the "Lion King".

### Grant Opportunities....

The Michigan Humanities Council and the MCACA are offering grants of up to \$500.00 to any accredited Michigan K-12 public school. These grants are to help meet the cost for educational trips to art and cultural programs and venues

to give money to schools that are listed by teachers.

Local Wal-Mart stores give small amounts of money to schools for field trips. Contact your local Wal-Mart for more details.

[donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org) is another website in which sponsors can choose



## Ongoing Exhibits for the 2008-2009 School year

**"Revealing Our Buried Past: The Archaeological Story of the Saginaw Valley"**- Animal skulls, arrow and spearheads, vibrant photos, video explorations and a multitude of unearthed treasures spanning thousands of years are part of this exciting exhibit.



**"Lady Justice"**- Four ten-foot statues made of zinc were installed in

the mid 1800's on rooftop parapets of the old Saginaw County Courthouse. When the building was torn down in the 1970's, the statues went missing. Lady Justice has surfaced and her new home is in our museum. Stop by and read about her amazing past.

**"Riverside Park"**- in 1894 the Union Street Railway Co. organized the Riverside Park Electric Street Railway to establish an amusement area within a easy reach of Saginaw residents. Come take a trip back in time and see why some families spent many happy summer at the park.

**"Myer Bros."**- In cabinets from the original Myer Bros. jewelry store which was located @ 111 S. Jefferson Ave. Saginaw, MI. are examples of Bakelite, one of the earliest plastics. The traveling exhibit continues through February 15, 2009.



Visit our website for more information on our exhibits [www.castlemuseum.org](http://www.castlemuseum.org)

## Temporary Exhibits at the Castle Museum

\* **"A Hunting We Will Go"** open now through March. Come see guns that were used right here in Michigan. There are also pelts and mounts of indigenous woodland animals.



\* **Harry Browne Airport** was one of the first to service Saginaw County and for many of these early pilots and planes, it was home. This exhibit continues through January.

\* **"Capture The Moment: Pulitzer Prize Photography"** now open through March 21, 2009. This is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of Pulitzer Prize winning photographs ever shown in the United States. The

exhibit features 142 winning photographs, color and black white, representative of instantly recognizable historic moments from around the world, evoking a wide range of emotions in the visitor.



## FYI.....

We have staff members at the Castle who, from time to time could use some extra help. If you know of a student who is looking to **volunteer** or needs volunteer hours, have them contact Heather.

Interested in becoming a Member of the Saginaw County Historical Society? Please visit our website at [www.castlemuseum.org](http://www.castlemuseum.org).

The Yankee Air Force and Harry Browne Airport is doing a fundraiser

to restore a World War II plane here in Saginaw by selling personalized dog tags and silencers (to go around the tag to reduce noise). They are a nice way to make sure all kids have ID on them or, to identify their medical problems for emergency responders. Interested in offering **dog tags** to your students or their parents for only \$6.00? Please contact Heather for further details.



1000 visitors came to the Castle after the **PRIDE Parade** for cookies, pony rides, crafts and visits with Santa. Mark your calendars for November 21, 2009!

**Happy Holidays**



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*The Castle Museum of Saginaw County  
Hours of operation*

Tues-Sat: 10-4:30pm

Sun: 1-4:30pm

Closed Mondays, Christmas and New  
Year's Day

Cost:

Adult: \$1.00- Child: \$0.50

# Coming Soon!! Traveling Trunks..

## For School Newsletters

We have several up-coming  
events here at the Castle Mu-  
seum.

- ♦ January 3 (1:30pm)-  
American Girl party "Mom  
and Me", bring your daugh-  
ter or granddaughter, and  
her American Girl doll, for  
some fun. Reservations  
are required.
- ♦ January 24- Girl Scout and  
Boy Scout Event; Come join  
us for fun and badges at  
the Castle. Check out our  
website for more details.

- ♦ March 7 (1:30pm)- Our  
next American Girl Party  
is scheduled for this date.  
Please watch our website  
for more details.

- ♦ Please tell parents to con-  
sider the Castle Museum  
for their child's birthday  
party. Contact Heather  
for more details.

For any of these events contact  
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Check out  
[www.everythingtricity.com](http://www.everythingtricity.com)  
for a full listing of events in  
the area.